



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New London Housing Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 7, 2026 Sydney Crook Room

Members Present: Peter Nichols (Chair), Marilyn Kidder, Amy Kaplan, Cathy Weber, Nancy Rollins

Staff Present: Vickie Stafford (Land Use & Assessing Coordinator)

Call to Order and Governance:

Chair Peter Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Chair Nichols adjusted the order of the agenda to review the Town Election and HOP Grant prior to Officer Nomination and Vote.

Town Election & HOP Grant Review:

Chair Nichols provided an update on the Town Election results related to the zoning amendments. He reported that the estimated total number of registered voters in New London is approximately 3,500, with a voter turnout of 19.9%.

Chair Nichols distributed a letter from the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority indicating that the grant has been fulfilled by the Town and that no unused funds remain.

Nomination & Vote:

Chair Nichols announced that he would not be seeking reappointment as Chair and proposed nominating Cathy Weber for the position. Mr. Nichols expressed that he would stay on for a year to help out as needed.

Cathy Weber expressed appreciation for the nomination and inquired if any other members were interested in serving as Chair. No additional nominations were made.

Chair Nichols made a motion to appoint Cathy Weber as Chair. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Kidder and was unanimously approved.

Membership Discussion:

The Commission held a lengthy discussion regarding potential members of the public who may add value to the Housing Commission. It was noted that there is currently one full-time opening and three alternate positions available. Amy Kaplan's term is up this year and she is willing to renew.

The Commission agreed to reach out to several community members to gauge their interest in serving. Members will follow up and revisit this matter in early May 2026.

Peter mentioned that Ashley Seybold has a few volunteer forms, and he can reach out to her and discuss.

Strategic Planning: Goals & Objectives:

Marilyn suggested that, now that certain items have been approved, the Commission may want to wait and see what results from the upcoming zoning amendments before moving forward.

Additional ideas discussed included:

1. Hosting a builders forum
2. Organizing fundraisers to help offset the costs of such forums
3. Inviting a representative from the Twin Pines project to discuss their strategy
4. Inviting the builder from the Enfield project to present as well
5. Compiling a list of developers in New Hampshire
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Kathy reviewed several potential dates for the next meeting and will confirm and distribute them to all members.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn and seconded by Nancy Rollins. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Stafford
Land Use & Assessing Coordinator