



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES May 22, 2014

### PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Chair  
Peter Bianchi, Selectman  
Nancy Rollins, Selectman  
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator  
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

### ALSO PRESENT:

Minette Sweeney, *Intertown Record*  
Bill Spear, Energy Committee  
Alison Seward, Energy Committee

Selectman Kidder called the meeting to order at 8:30am. She noted that the first order of business was to elect a new chairman. There was discussion as to the historical methods in which a chair was chosen, as well as how they decided who would sit on both Planning Board and Budget Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to nominate Janet Kidder as Chair. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was determined that Selectman Bianchi would remain on the Planning Board and Selectman Rollins would sit on the Budget Committee.

### Single Stream Recycling - Bill Spear and Alison Seward, Members of the Energy Committee

Ms. Seward met with the Board to express her interest in working on the Recycling Committee to be formed as a result of the passing of the Town Meeting warrant article. She thought this was a good assignment for the Energy Committee and anyone else who would like to join them. She said she spoke with Joan Lamson, who put the article forward, and Ms. Lamson is interested in working with them on the issue.

Selectman Bianchi appreciated the interest of the Energy Committee on this matter. He said a lot of interest has risen since Town Meeting and he didn't feel it appropriate to appoint a committee until they can gauge the interest from others in the community. The Selectmen need to consider details about the committee, including its size. He felt the Energy Committee would be a logical fit for the study but they need to iron out the details first. Ms. Seward noted that they have a November 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline to compile their research. Selectman Bianchi understood this fact but said they have to figure out the details of the committee first; there could be 15 people who want to serve on a committee of 7, for instance.

It was noted that a Streamsend email would be sent out advertising the Single Stream committee, as well as all the other committees and boards, where vacancies and positions need to be filled. Selectman Bianchi said they have to come up with a charge for this committee. He also pointed out this the committee would be subject to the Right to Know Law with regard to open meetings.

Mr. Spear explained that the Energy Committee is comprised of bright, energy-minded people who are focused on the single-stream issue, among others, noting that the Energy Committee has talked about approaching the Town for a while to reevaluate the recycling in New London. He noted that he has just finished his doctoral research on recycling. Selectman Kidder said this was great, and added that Bob Brown, Chair of the Conservation Commission, and Arne Vesiland, who has written a book about a related topic, among others, would also like to be involved in the group. She hoped the Board could discuss the makeup of the Committee in more detail at their next meeting. The Selectmen would keep the Energy Committee aware of what was going on.

#### Upcoming Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

It was noted there would be no June CAC meeting.

#### Town Administrator Report

Ms. Hallquist noted that the server at the Town Office crashed last week. A new server has been installed and she would bring the details to them about the cost at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. She explained that money had been set aside for the last several years to pay for this anticipated expense in a Capital Reserve Fund.

Ms. Hallquist added that the locks were being fixed at the Police Department. While doing this work, they have found a problem with the motherboard, which increase the cost 2,500-\$3,000.

#### Committee Meetings & Reports

Selectman Bianchi said Planning Board met this past Tuesday evening. Ed Canane was there to ask for clarification of the conditions of an approval found in his notice of decision from last May. Selectman Bianchi felt the changes being requested in the condition were enough to constitute a noticed hearing but this was not felt by the rest of the Planning Board.

Selectman Bianchi noted that the College came forward to discuss the use of Lethbridge Lodge; they would like to enlarge the dining facility and kitchen, add a patio, and serve alcohol in a pub. He said that Brad Cook, the lawyer representing the college, claimed a bar was included in the zoning language from years ago which referred to dining facilities. The pub will be intended for the college use and would encompass marketing and brewing courses offered at the college. They will be working in conjunction with the Flying Goose Pub on this project.

Selectman Bianchi added that a conceptual subdivision discussion for property on Owls Nest Road took place, as well as a tree-cutting of a dead tree. The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Review of Minutes from May 5, 2014.

After one grammatical error was identified, Chair Kidder called for a motion to approve.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014, as amended. THE MOTION PASSED.**

**Selectman Rollins did not vote, as she was not a member of the Board of Selectman on May 5, 2014.**

Other Business:

*Disptaching*

Selectman Bianchi said the dispatch issue will need to be discussed at the next meeting. Chair Kidder thought they should hire a firm to study the cost/benefit ratio of keeping dispatch in New London versus outsourcing. Selectman Bianchi disagreed and thought good information could be provided by the townspeople. He thought a small, appointed committee should do this research. Chair Kidder said even with all the information they have already gathered, she did not feel that the Board has adequate information to make an informed decision on what the future of dispatch should be in New London.

Selectman Rollins wondered if they should contact the other towns with regards to dispatch. Chair Kidder said there wasn't any new information to share with the other towns yet, so she felt that speaking with the towns at this point would not be helpful. Selectman Bianchi said they had originally tried to meet with other towns but a meeting hasn't been scheduled yet. Ms. Hallquist said all the towns are interested in meeting. Selectman Bianchi said this has been a confusing process and they still need to get more information. Ms. Hallquist said someone from the outside looking at this issue would be beneficial to them. There was a question as to whether there were any companies that could do this research. Selectman Rollins suggested contacting LGC as well as the Department of Safety.

*Tri-town Assessing Committee*

Chair Kidder said they need to appoint someone to the Tri-Town Assessors Committee. She noted that past Selectman, Tina Helm, was interested in being on the committee. Hearing of no others interested in serving in this capacity, Chair Kidder called for a motion.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to nominate Tina Helm to the Tri-Town Assessors Committee. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Warrant Article #19*

Chair Kidder asked Ms. Hallquist to create a letter to send to State and Federal legislatures to emphasize that the citizens are opposed to the US Supreme Court ruling in the *Citizens United* case. She noted that Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly to adopt a resolution supporting legislation to overturn the decision.

*Town's Insurance Renewals*

Ms. Johnson said two contracts regarding insurance were there for the Selectmen to sign. For Workers Compensation and Unemployment they have decided to go with Primex. Ms. Johnson noted that Ben Barton (Barton Insurance Agency) had asked to bid, but couldn't find a company willing to take on the town's insurance needs. She suggested going with Primex, which was down 5% from last year.

*Highway Department*

Selectman Rollins wondered if there was a schedule of paving that could be put on the Town's website as there seemed to be a lot of interest in the topic at Town Meeting and, unfortunately, Mr. Lee was not there to give details. This information will be posted to the town's website.

Selectman Bianchi was concerned that the Town hadn't bought the tractor yet, which they put \$85,000 in the budget for last year. Ms. Hallquist said Mr. Lee was having a hard time finding a good used vehicle. The one he wanted to purchase was purchased by someone else before he was able to. Selectman Bianchi said there were about five weeks left in the fiscal year and the funds will have to be encumbered. He found it hard to believe a suitable tractor couldn't have been found in over a year's time. Ms. Hallquist said Mr. Lee was having a hard time finding a trailer at the price range they have to stay within.

Selectman Bianchi thought they should be looking in other states and said there are resources out there that could be used to research these trailers.

Application for Building Permit:

- James Stanzler (062-019-000) – 331 Bunker Road – Interior Renovations – APPROVED
- Michael Doheny (057-001-000) – 166 Gay Farm Road – Install 12' x 20' shed – APPROVED
- Stanley & Pamela Bright (070-020-000) – 570 Burpee Hill Road – Construct 36' x 40' Barn – APPROVED
- JT & Lori Underwood (137-015-000) – 276 Stoney Brook Road – Construct 16' x 18' deck – APPROVED
- Jocelyn Bentfield Trust (065-020-000) – 86 Sparrowhawk Road – Garage addition, covered ramp and bump out – APPROVED
- Catherine Robjent (112-004-000) – 287 Mountain Road – Replace window with door and add siding – APPROVED
- Thomas & Jacquelyn Broom (112-005-000) – 371 Mountain Road – Interior updates to kitchen – APPROVED
- Daniel & Lisa Carlin (046-003-000) – 11 Morgan Hill Road – Interior renovations - APPROVED

Other Items to be signed:

- Jonathan Ohler (048-002-000) – 1442 King Hill Road – Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
- Edmunds Road – Property Tax 1<sup>st</sup> Levy – Sewer Betterment
- Warrant – Yield Tax Levy
- Statement of Appropriations Actually Voted – MS-2

Sign Permits:

- Summer Music Associates (Chamber Site) - 328 Main Street – Sign Permit – DENIED by Zoning Administrator. APPROVED by Board of Selectmen
- Wilmot Band Stand Committee (Chamber Site) – 46 Kearsarge Mountain Road – Sign Permit – DENIED by Zoning Administrator. APPROVED by Board of Selectmen
- Wilmot Learning Place (Kate Dulac) (Chamber Site) Wilmot, NH – Sign Permit – DENIED by Zoning Administrator. APPROVED by Board of Selectmen
- The Fells – (Chamber Site) – Newbury, New Hampshire – Sign Permit – DENIED by Zoning Administrator. APPROVED by Board of Selectmen

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to adjourn the meeting.  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.  
Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London