

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
October 5, 2021

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Christy Starnes and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Commissioner Johnny Chestnut was participating via phone. Commissioner Marcus Mullis was absent from the meeting. Visitors present at the meeting were Bill Rogers, Tim Swaringen, John & Cathy Kimmer, and Charles Curcio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bill Peak. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the September meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried.

**Planning Board Recommendation-** The Planning Board met on September 28<sup>th</sup> to review a request from Fiberon and Mr. Joe Frank Harris to re-zone 1.8 acres of property owned by Mr. Harris at 839 Austin Road from R-20 to M-1. Fiberon's property surrounds this parcel of land, and they would like to purchase this property and have the zoning match the rest of their operations at 181 Random Drive.

The Planning Board recommended this parcel be re-zoned from R-20 to M-1 and for this recommendation to be sent to the Town Board for their review. Following discussion, Commissioner Peak made a motion to call for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to consider this zoning request, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried. The Public Hearing will be advertised and adjoining property owners will be notified.

**Bill Roger's Request-** Mr. Rogers has requested the Town Board consider closing a portion of East Depot Street which runs from the east end of E. Depot Street where the pavement stops continuing in an easterly direction. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to table this issue pending further review, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer Report by Commissioner Peak-**

- The Inspector from the NC Division of Water Resources conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of our sewer pump stations today. Everything was in compliance and he was very pleased with the operation and noted that the pump stations are well maintained.
- Reviewed a quote for 3 new sewer pumps totaling \$37,321. Purchasing these spare pumps would save approximately \$3,000 - \$3,500 each time a damaged pump is changed. A portion of ARP Funding may be used if the board decides to purchase new pumps.
- LT Electric is installing an automatic transfer switch at the Fiberon Pump Station for a cost of \$3,100.

- We have been in discussions with Tarheel Generator on the life expectancy of the generators at the sewer pump stations. The generators are 20 years old and replacement parts may be hard to acquire when the need arises. A portion of ARP Funding may be earmarked for new generators.

**Code Enforcement-** Mr. Tim Swaringen gave an update on the current cases. A new code enforcement case will be started regarding a violation with junk cars on Eudy Street.

**Street Update:**

- Street Lights- Commissioner Kimmer noted that he canvassed the town and reported the street light outages to Mrs. Almond who will notify Duke Energy.
- Longview Drive- Mr. Rusty Russell will provide a quote to repair the 15' x 20' area near 1050 Autumn Lane where the asphalt is crumbling.
- East Depot Street- Mr. Rusty Russell will also look at the damaged asphalt near 116 E. Depot Street.

**Mrs. Almond reported on the following:**

- Local Church's Trunk or Treat Event at the Park- Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dusty Laney is in charge of this event.
- Santa in the Park- tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mayor Daniels reported on the following:**

- Park Update:
  - Dedication service was well attended & we received many nice compliments
  - Neutron Carousel has been repaired
  - Gutters may be installed to direct the flow of water away from the storage room
- Stanly County Park Grant- Opportunity for up to a \$10,000 grant received from the county that would be matched by the town. Applications are accepted through January 31, 2022.
- American Rescue (ARP) Funds- The Town of New London received \$115,368.48 in the first allotment of ARP Funding. We are still awaiting the final expenditure guidance from the US Treasury on the spending requirements and will provide an outline of potential expenditures at the next meeting.
- Town Emails- Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to set up a yearly budget item for town email accounts, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator