

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 2007, like 2006 and the New Year 2008, was marked by change.

In March 2007, Town Meeting gave a fond farewell – and well-deserved standing ovation – to Doug Lyon, who had served the town as Selectman since August 1996, when he was appointed to the Board to fill Harold Buker’s seat. After three terms as Selectman, Doug lost reelection in 2007 to the strong campaign of Larry Ballin. We wish Doug all of the best, and we are sure that he is not disappointed by the opportunity to spend more time at Baker Hill. In the meantime, Larry Ballin, who had formerly served on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee and Zoning Board of Adjustment, is rapidly learning the ins and outs of the Selectman’s position (and wondering where all of his time went).

While there were fewer permits issued for new homes, there were still 162 building permits issued.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
New Buildings	9	12	20	43	33	28	17
Decks/Porches	22	23	19	21	19	26	26
Garages/Barns	16	14	20	22	18	14	9
Living Space Additions	34	28	31	36	31	33	20
Dormers/Windows	5	4	1	2	2	4	4
Interior Renovations	0	4	4	5	12	6	9
Demolition	3	5	5	15	7	4	8
Shed	14	16	12	12	8	5	10
Building Moved	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
Miscellaneous	26	26	33	19	23	15	18
Commercial	19	19	6	16	6	8	3
Excavation/Erosion Control	14	6	3	4	2	1	3
Total Permits	162	157	155	195	162	145	134

The numbers above do not reflect that the major building project in town is the \$21 million renovation and expansion of the New London Hospital, which started in the fall of 2007 and is scheduled for completion in June 2009. We are fortunate that New London Hospital’s construction coincides with the roundabout and water main project, as we will all see cost savings by combining our projects during the bidding process. As you may know, in early 2007 we went out to bid for the roundabout and sidewalks to be constructed at Newport and County Roads. While we were disappointed with the very high bids in May, we repeated the process in October with a much more satisfactory result. The project, which includes the replacement of the water main on County Road from Little Sunapee Road (Route 114) to the Hospital, is now scheduled for the spring of 2008 and completion in October of 2008.

This year was the last year for the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in New London. Early in 2008 the new Kearsarge Regional Middle school in Sutton will be opened. The absence of the middle school in town means change, with new traffic patterns in the morning and afternoon.

2007 also saw the end of our contract with NH/VT Solid Waste District and the Wheelabrator incinerator in Claremont, NH. New London has begun a multi-year contract with Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District in Berlin, New Hampshire, at a significant savings. With that change behind us, it is now time to focus on better ways to use energy more efficiently and to increase our ability to increase the collection of recyclables. As a result, an Energy Committee and a Solid Waste Committee have been established and are already making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

As a result of the positive vote at last year’s Town Meeting, the Town purchased the land between the Town Office building (Old Colby Academy building) and the New London Inn. This will keep the area surrounding the Town Offices as open space and insure there will be no building on that lot, thus preserving our rural look on Main Street. The skating rink remains a popular outdoor recreational attraction, and we hope to make improvements to the warming hut and lighting in 2008.

During 2007 the Town received a gift of 69 acres from David and Celeste Cook. This land is located on Whitney Brook Road, between Pleasant Lake and the Town of Wilmot. It has wonderful views and great walking and hiking trails, including an interpretive loop. Special thanks to David and Celeste for this exceptional gift.

With the dissolution of the Sewer Commission at the 2007 Town Meeting, the Selectmen acquired the oversight of the Sewer Department and delegated management to Richard Lee and the Public Works Department. We thank the outgoing

Sewer Commissioners for their hard work and for understanding the Town's desire to improve services and reduce costs. The Board of Selectmen now sets the sewer rates in New London and participates with the Sunapee Board in decision-making related to the wastewater treatment plant in Sunapee. We are encouraged by our dialogue with them. A comprehensive mapping of our entire existing system in New London is now complete, thanks to an intern from Colby-Sawyer College, and the Selectmen are committed to creating efficiencies that will result in long term savings to the users.

In the spring of 2007, the Board of Selectmen developed a new process to encourage broader participation at the volunteer level here in New London. Our outreach created a long list of interested citizens who volunteered for positions on our many boards and committees. We were able to fill many vacancies with new faces, as well as reappoint many veterans, all whose service is much appreciated.

Our annual Non-Resident Taxpayers' Meeting in the summer of 2007 filled the Syd Crook Conference Room with summer residents as well as a few snowbirds who missed the March Town Meeting. These taxpayers enjoy the opportunity to participate in the dialogue of our town government -- even if they are "short-timers." The concerns they share with us generally mirror the concerns we hear from year-round residents: traffic, growth, availability of services, taxes. In their comments they also tend to remind us that we are indeed lucky to live where we do.

As always, the Board of Selectmen is thankful for our dedicated town employees and the many volunteers who contribute their time and efforts towards keeping New London the fine town we have all come to enjoy. Please take the time to read the summaries of the various departments and committees for a "Bird's Eye View" of what is going on in our town.

The year ended as it began, with another change to the Board of Selectmen. As many of you know, Selectman Sue Clough became ill in November 2007, and although she will make a full recovery, it became clear that it was going to take some time and all of her effort to get well. With our support but with much regret, she resigned from the Board of Selectmen, effective January 2, 2008. The remaining two Selectmen appointed Brian Prescott to complete Sue's term, which ends in March 2008. As of this writing, Sue is improving each day.

The Board of Selectmen meets most Monday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Syd Crook Conference Room. A current public meeting schedule and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town's website at www.nl-nh.com. In addition, please sign up for e-mail updates from the Board of Selectmen's Office. A link to the subscription is also on the Town's home page.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clough

Mark Kaplan

Larry Ballin

A view of Mt. Kearsarge from the property donated by David and Celeste Cook to the Town of New London in 2007. David Cook is standing in front of one of the many glacial erratics on the property, which is located on Whitney Brook Road.



TOWN MODERATOR

Elections: New London residents voted by ballot once at Whipple Memorial Hall on March 13, 2007, an “off” election year. All Election Officials worked hard to anticipate the four election days, plus Town Meeting, in 2008, a “presidential” election year! Some of these preparatory actions included:

- ✓ Additional Ballot Clerks and Alternate Ballot Clerks to help run the 2008 election, bringing our total pool of talent to 23 volunteers!
- ✓ New Ballot Clerk Procedures Manual written: Many thanks to Thelma Kaplan and Jan Beardsley-Blanco! See www.nl-nh.com for details.
- ✓ Ballot Clerk training sessions now held each Monday prior to each Tuesday election day, plus special training session in November 2007 to introduce new manual.
- ✓ Ballot Clerk Schedulers: Thelma Kaplan and Pam Saunders organized shifts and assignments for Ballot Clerks... Thank you!
- ✓ Created pool of seven Assistant Moderators to help Moderator and Town Clerk.
- ✓ Developed Moderator/Assistant Moderator job descriptions; conducted training sessions for Assistant Moderators.
- ✓ Town Clerk, Moderator, Supervisors of the Checklist and others attended several training workshops during the year to keep us updated on changing election and town meeting regulations and procedures. Some of these sessions are put on by the Local Government Center and others by the Secretary of State in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General.

Town Moderator Guidelines for Elections: There are books filled with state statutes and election procedures for running each election. The following overall guidelines are used by the Town Moderator in New London:

- Assure an open, fair and accessible election process.
- Assure that all checks and balances for election procedures are in place and utilized correctly.
- Make sure that all state and federal election laws are followed to the spirit of the laws.
- Require a safe environment for voters and election officials.
- Make sure that voters feel welcome and thanked for voting.

Town Meeting: At the 2007 Town Meeting we had 388 voters participating. We had six secret paper ballot votes during the evening session. We received feedback during this session that some voters might not be able to distinguish the colors of the ballot slips, if they happen to be color blind. We agreed that in 2008 we would have color-coded and alpha-coded ballot slips to remedy this situation.

Bob MacMichael Retires: Upon announcement that Bob MacMichael was retiring after 56 years as Ballot Clerk for the Town of New London, the citizens gave him a standing ovation! Here is a copy of what was said to thank Bob for his amazing volunteerism:

Bob, on behalf of the Town of New London I would like to thank you for your many years of public service to the Town. Today you are officially retiring after 56 years as Ballot Clerk. We all know that you have been an outstanding Ballot Clerk and so much more: Selectman for nine years; moving force behind countless Memorial Day and Veterans Day services; longtime Mayor of Elkins; and on and on and on.

I asked my mother Hilary Cleveland former Town Moderator what she remembers about you as Ballot Clerk for the 18 years you both worked at the elections together. “Oh,” she said, “There are way too many stories! For instance, back when we were putting folded ballots into a wooden ballot box, for a long time we had a small wooden box. When the box was overstuffed, we would just dump the uncounted ballots into some empty boxes below the ballot table. Bob would always volunteer to carry the boxes into the ‘counting room’ in the back of the Town Hall. One year someone pointed out that Bob was using liquor boxes to carry the ballots in... luckily, all the town voters knew for sure that Bob was so upright



Ballot Clerks Bob MacMichael and Thelma Kaplan

and honest that there just couldn't be anything wrong with these highly unusual containers.... but next year we did have a much bigger wooden ballot box built!"

Hilary went on to say that back in the days of paper ballots and hand counting, the Ballot Clerks and Election Officials rarely got out before 2:00 am after long, tiring hours counting. Bob always stuck with it until the very end and then volunteered to drive people home.

But the quintessential "Bob MacMichael" role was, and still is, 'door watcher'. Bob could never bear the idea that someone might be walking towards the Town Hall right at 7:00 and have the door slammed in their face. Even last night on his last evening after 56 years as Ballot Clerk, Bob waited patiently by the Town Hall door at 7:00 pm, just to assure himself that no voter would be denied their vote.

Bob, you are unique: a tireless public servant who is beloved by all who know you! You have a special joy in helping others; you radiate a goodness and energy which make others feel affirmed and included in our community. You honor us by letting us honor you with our thanks and appreciation!

Moderator Rules in New London: As in previous reports, I am including New London Town Moderator Rules for your interest and convenience:

- Please state your name clearly into the microphone before making your statement.
- No non-voters to participate, except police chief or similar resource person, who may speak only to offer information.
- All substantive motions and amendments in writing. In all motions or amendments, try to avoid situations where a negative vote is needed to express a positive intent.
- Only one amendment at a time.
- No amendments to amendments.
- Voice vote, show of hands (holding colored card for visibility) or secret ("yes/no") paper ballot, which will be both color-coded and alpha-coded for voter clarity.
- Any request for secret ballot must come with five (5) signatures of voters registered in New London, and be handed to the moderator prior to voice vote on the article. The Moderator may initiate a secret ballot at any time.
- Any ruling by the moderator may be challenged by a qualified voter. The moderator will then poll the house. A simple majority controls.
- Try to avoid shutting off debate prematurely. A 2/3 vote is necessary to call the question and a call itself is not debatable.
- Give all the opportunity to speak once, beginning with the presenter of the motion, then recognize speakers giving a second chance after all have spoken at least once.
- All speakers should direct their remarks to the Moderator. In case of questions, the moderator shall call upon the appropriate person to respond.
- Each article remains open for further action until the moderator moves to the next article. After that, the meeting must vote to reconsider a previous article.
- No substantive actions may be taken under the "any other business" article. Votes of appreciation or recognition may be taken, and the moderator will only call for ayes.

The Town Meeting is a forum at which to ask questions, but more important, it is a place for debate. Proper respect and decorum will be expected of all. I look forward to seeing you all at the 2008 Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in New London.

Respectfully submitted,

Cotton M. Cleveland, Town Moderator

SUPERVISORS OF THE (VOTER) CHECKLIST

By state law, the elected Supervisors of the (Voter) Checklist determine whether a Town resident seeking to vote is eligible, and if not yet registered, to register the voter (RSA 652:15). The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk also are authorized by State Law to register the resident.

Voter registration takes place daily during office hours at the Town Office building with the Town or Assistant Town Clerk, at any session publicly advertised by the Supervisors or at the polling place (Whipple Town Hall) on Election Day. Applicants are required to present proof of citizenship, age and domicile in New London.

During the year 2007, the Supervisors attended many training sessions for HAVA (the Help America Vote Act of 2002) trainings on ElectioNet (the Statewide Voter Registration System). Due to State-mandated changes in voter registration procedures and associated computer software, many hours were spent correcting and maintaining the Checklist. In January the Supervisors were present to make changes and corrections to the Checklist at the KRSD Deliberative session as well as at the Town Election in March.

New London has a population of approximately 4,400 persons. As of December 2007 there were 3,273 (74%) registered voters. Of these 1,409 (43%) were registered as Undeclared, 1,203 (37%) as Republicans and 661 (20%) as Democrats.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Cavanaugh Cook

Elizabeth Klingler

Arlene Marshall



Foreground: Election workers Peg Theroux and Linda Jackman and Town Clerk Linda Hardy
Background: Supervisors of the Checklist Arlene Marshall and Celeste Cook

BUDGET COMMITTEE

About 28% of your total property tax is allocated to the operation of the town. The remainder goes to county taxes, and to state and local school taxes.

The Budget Committee has studied all budget requests very carefully, first as specialized sub-committees and then as the entire committee. The Budget Committee has strived to make decisions which address the needs of the most people, maintain and improve the town's infrastructure and properties, and preserve the wonderful New London lifestyle. We continually anguish over the balance of funding these needs and the cost to us all, the taxpayers.

During the last two years, the Budget Committee has become more involved in its oversight of the Sewer Department, the Library, and the Capital Improvements Program. With wages and wage-related expenses accounting for 48% of the cost of operating the town, we have worked with the Board of Selectmen to formulate an equitable and properly rewarding wage policy.

A number of the town's buildings are long overdue for maintenance and improvements. Many requests have been made for road paving and upgrades. The Budget Committee has worked with the Town Administrator and Department Heads to produce a schedule which will address these items, but which will also moderate their tax impact.

This budget has been carefully scrutinized by a very involved Budget Committee. My sincere thanks go to the Committee's diligent members.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Wilson, Chair



Kathy Tracy leads pre-school Story Time at Tracy Memorial Library.

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

As our District's charter requires, the Municipal Budget Committee held an extensive review of each area of the School District's proposed 2008-09 budget.

The MBC, comprised of elected representatives from Warner, New London, Newbury, Bradford, Springfield, Wilmot and Sutton and one school board representative, began its review on October 2, 2007. Publicly announced meetings were held each Tuesday evening at the High School in Sutton during the months of October, November and December. The MBC began with an overview of the budget followed by detailed reviews by each principal and department head, including Special Education, Technology, Food Services and the SAU administrative budget itself. This year the Committee also undertook a review of anticipated revenues through federal and state sources. During the month of December the MBC also reviewed and discussed all proposed warrant articles being brought forth by the School Board.

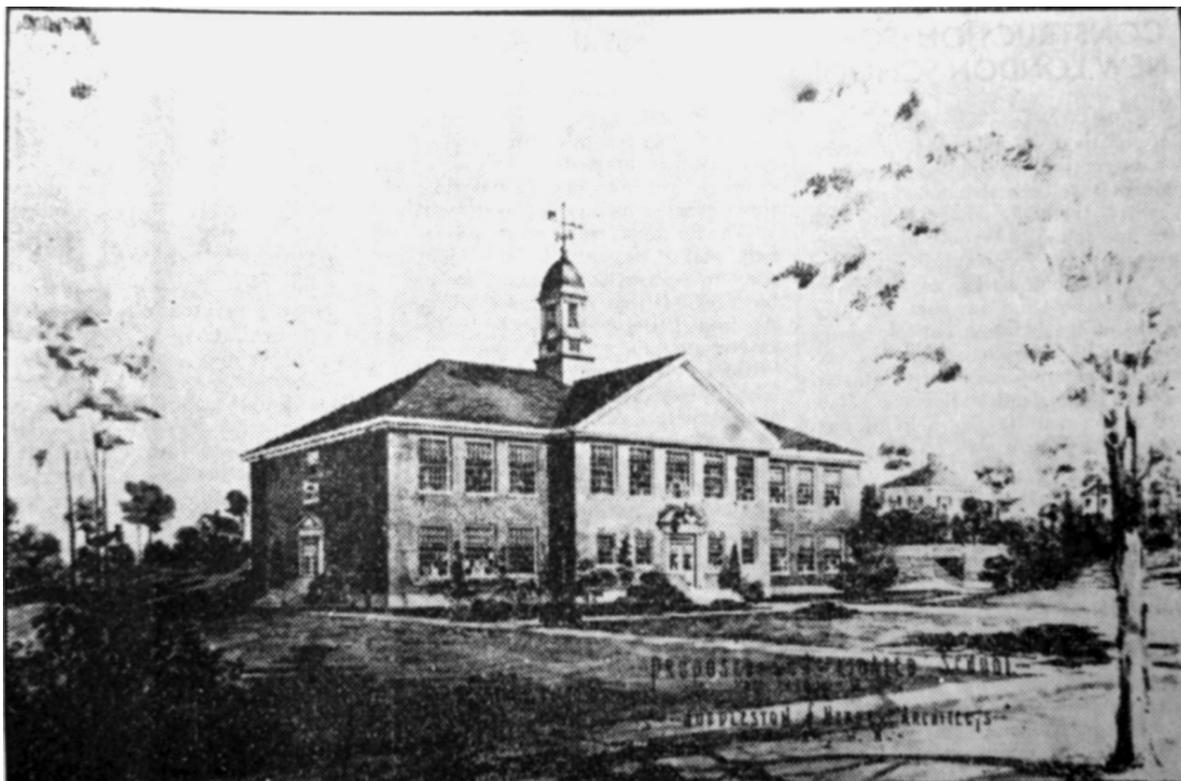
In summary, the MBC voted to support the proposed budget and warrant articles recommended by the School Board. It was clear that this year's increase in the budget was mostly influenced by two major cost factors: the implementation of the teacher's collective bargaining contract approved by voters last year and the debt service associated with the new middle school and the recent addition to the high school. In the Committee's view, the school administration took obvious care to minimize or reduce other expenses in the budget as a means to mitigate the upward impact of these two factors. Another key new expense was the addition of a facilities director. This received enthusiastic support from the MBC because we have long felt that properly managing the maintenance and servicing of our aging school facilities is a necessity and that failure to do has and will continue to contribute to greater costs to taxpayers over time.

I would like to commend the elected members of the MBC for the many hours they have spent in reviewing this proposed budget. Thanks are also extended to the District's leadership team for the job done preparing, explaining and defending each of their respective budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Snyder

New London representative to and chair of Municipal Budget Committee



New London Archives

1941 image of proposed New London Central School.

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

What a great year the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office had in 2007!

Our long-awaited connection to the State of New Hampshire for vehicle registrations finally went live in March of 2007, and after some start-up glitches (and misgivings) we are running motor vehicle and boat transactions smoothly and efficiently. As most of you are aware, we are able to complete many more types of transactions in our office, thus saving you a trip to another office.

We are now able to accept online property tax payments by credit card or ACH debit. This service was somewhat delayed but is now available for those who are looking to use their card and willing to pay additional fees to the third-party processing company. Fees for processing any of these payments are the responsibility of the residents using the system. *Residents should be aware that we still will not be able to accept credit or debit cards in person.* This is strictly an online service, initiated through the Town of New London website. No one chose this option during the December tax cycle, but we will continue to offer this service if there is any interest within the next year.

We were fortunate to have only had the traditional ballot voting and Town Meeting in March as our only elections of the year. In 2008, we will once again see a Presidential election, as well as the first in the nation Presidential Primary and a State Primary! We spent many hours working on the Statewide Voter System, removing duplicate voter names and correcting addresses. This effort continues in all towns and cities as we try to make our checklists as accurate as possible.

We continued to process a large number of passport applications, as citizens prepared to meet deadlines set by the U.S. Department of State regarding who must present passports for travel. At this time, the final deadline is mid-2008 for travelers by land crossing into Mexico or Canada. We expect a surge in applications as that deadline approaches. We will keep our residents informed of any changes or updates, as new proposals may change or delay the deadline originally imposed.

It is a pleasure for me and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joan Pankhurst to serve you all. Whether we do your transactions by mail, over the phone, or in person we enjoy our interactions. It is also a pleasure to work with such a great group of Town employees. All residents can be assured of efficient, friendly service from all our Departments!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hardy

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

DOG OWNERS must register all dogs over three months of age. Rabies certificates are required for registration. Dog license renewals are due by April 30. Owners are liable for dogs running at large. License Fees: \$6.50 new puppy; adult dogs: \$6.50 altered, \$9.00 not altered. If owner is over 65 years of age, fee for license is \$2.00 for first dog in household. A late fee of \$1.00 per month is charged beginning June 1. Civil Forfeiture for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13) in addition to registration fees.

VEHICLE OWNERS must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk. Renewals, decals, transfers and plates are available. Consider registering your boats in our office as well! The Town is allowed to keep certain fees that would otherwise go directly to the State of New Hampshire.

THOSE WORKING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS must file a Dredge and Fill application with the Town Clerk before beginning work (RSA 483-A). Fines may be assessed for non-compliance.

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS: We process applications for first-time passports:

- Applicants for first-time passport must appear in person. Required documentation at time of application includes application, passport photos, certified copy of birth certificate, and back-up identification.
- For children under the age of 14, **both** parents must appear. Children's renewals are treated the same as first-time passport applications.
- *Signatures must be witnessed by the passport agent*, so do not sign applications in advance of your visit.
- Total fees for standard processing are \$97.00 (adults) and \$82.00 (children under the age of 16). Please bring checks for payment, as fees are divided between two payees, and passport application fees must accompany paperwork to Passport Processing Office.
- Passport renewals for adults are done by mail directly with the Passport Office and require completed application, new photos, old passport and check.

TOWN HISTORY BOOKS: We sell copies of the Mirror to America, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1900-1950, for \$20.00 and Our Voices, Our Town, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1950-2000, for \$30.00.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I am privileged to once again submit this annual report to the citizens of New London. Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who bring such life, joy, and pride to the townspeople. The year 2007 seemed to pass quickly, almost too quickly to take note of all of the activities and accomplishments of our town departments and volunteer boards and committees. Here are some highlights and updates from the year behind us:

Community Partnership Award: As you may know, in 2005 the towns of New London, Newbury, and Sunapee New Hampshire created a joint assessing department to share the cost of a professional assessing program, to improve customer service, and to provide more effective and efficient services. We were quite pleased in July 2007 when the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) awarded the towns with the 2007 Community Partnership Program Excellence Award. ICMA, based in Washington, DC, is a world-wide organization with more than 7,000 members, and this is the first time a New Hampshire municipality has been selected for this award, which recognizes “programs that demonstrate innovative, multi-participant involvement between or among a local government and other governmental entities, businesses, individuals, or nonprofit agencies to improve the quality of life for residents or provide more efficient and effective services.”

More importantly, the program remains successful, thanks to the work of Assessor Norm Bernaiche and Assistant Assessor Kris McAllister, and the familiar face of Amy Rankins, Land Use & Assessing Coordinator. The three lakefront towns continue to explore ways in which we can work together to save money and create efficiencies, and we welcome ideas from users of our local government services.

Recreation Department Award: In 2007 the New London Recreation Department received the Shelnutt/Perkins Award for Programming Excellence from the New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Association. The award recognized the “Dinner with Jack Frost” progressive ski dinner held on January 19, 2007, one of the coldest (if not the coldest) nights of the winter. Despite the cold, over 200 people showed up, going from campfire to campfire at the New London Outing Club, and partaking of a different food item (donated by local restaurants) at each campfire. The second annual dinner in January 2008 was even more successful, with over 350 participants. Nice job!

Additional kudos go out to Recreation Director Chad Denning and his hearty band of volunteers, who have created a new venue for winter recreation in New London. With the assistance of John Clough, John Kiernan, Greg Berger, Bob Messer, and Richard Lee, Chad improved the public trail behind the Middle School that crosses property owned by Spring Ledge Farm and the Messer family and ends at Morgan Hill Road (or connects to additional trail systems). Many people have taken advantage of the free snowshoeing and skiing available right in our downtown back yard!

Town-Gown Award: In May 2007, our Police Chief David Seastrand was presented with the “Gown Award” from Colby-Sawyer College in recognition of Chief’s Seastrand’s leadership and the cooperative relationship between the New London Police Department and the Colby-Sawyer College Campus Safety Office. The “Town Award” went to the Director of Campus Safety, Peter Berthiaume, who is also the Town’s volunteer Emergency Management Director (see Emergency Management Committee report). This joint award is covered further in the Colby-Sawyer College report, but I did not want to miss this opportunity to recognize yet another award-winning Town department!

Town Report Award: The Town of New London received first place among towns in the 3001-5000 population category in the Local Government Center’s 2007 Excellence in Annual Reports Awards contest. According to LGC, “the Excellence in Annual Report Awards serve to recognize municipalities that have produced exceptional annual reports that are both informational and citizen-friendly communication vehicles.”

Public Works: In 2007, Town Meeting approved the consolidation of the Highway and Wastewater Departments, and the Board of Selectmen shortly thereafter created the Town of New London’s first Public Works Department, handling not only highway and sewer, but cemeteries, parks, beaches, and the transfer station. The transition went smoothly and in our



Land Use & Assessing Coordinator Amy Rankins accepts the Town Report award from David Caron, Chair of the Board of the Local Government Center and Londonderry Town Manager (photo courtesy of the Local Government Center).

first year we oversaw an inflow study of the wastewater system required by the Town's settlement with the Attorney General's office over the sewer spill in 2004. Unfortunately (or fortunately), the inflow study did not discover a major contributor of storm water into the sewer system, so the large inflow of water during storm events remains somewhat of a mystery. The study did reveal numerous manhole defects and 13 sump pumps that were illegally connected to the sewer system, and those deficiencies will be addressed in 2008.

Colby-Sawyer College interns: In the past, students from Colby-Sawyer College have successfully partnered with the Conservation Commission and Recreation Department (see Recreation Commission report), and we are always looking for ways to expand these mutually beneficial relationships.

As part of the above-mentioned inflow study, we realized that the maps of the sewer system were outdated and inaccurate and provided little guidance to field workers. The Public Works Department was fortunate to find a senior intern from Colby-Sawyer College with GPS experience, who spent the fall semester mapping the sewer lines and manholes and cataloging the size, type, and condition of every manhole and connecting pipes. Intern Geoff Pushee's work resulted in a comprehensive digital map of the wastewater system that will be overlaid on the Town's existing digital maps, helping us monitor performance and respond to Dig Safe requests and emergencies. Even though we provided the student with an hourly stipend, we saved thousands of dollars through the use of the College's internship program. The student will continue work with the Public Works Department during the spring 2008 semester, as he completes his senior Capstone Project on the effects of stormwater contribution to the wastewater system.

In the spring of 2008, the Energy Committee (see Energy Committee report) will also have the benefit of working with a senior Colby-Sawyer student, Sarah Jean Champagne, whose internship will include research and public education (including website development) on energy conservation. Sarah's senior Capstone Project will also relate to the Energy Committee, as Sarah will investigate the economic, procedural, and practical aspects of constructing one or more wind turbines in New London.

Employee Wages & Benefits: In 2006, the Town completed a wage and classification study that compared the salaries paid to New London's full-time and permanent part-time employees to similar positions in comparable towns. The goals of the study were two-fold: 1) to ensure that New London remained an employer of choice by providing competitive pay and benefits; and 2) to ensure internal equity among positions in New London. Going into 2007 Town Meeting, the Selectmen proposed changes in salaries to meet the guidelines of the study, which also recommended a formal grade and step process. A year later, during the preparation of the 2007 budget, Budget Committee members raised concerns that the wage study created an unsustainable annual wage increase of 3% between steps, plus a recommended annual cost-of-living adjustment. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen formed a Personnel Subcommittee that met numerous times in 2007 and ultimately made two recommendations for the 2008 budget process: 1) reduce the leave time accrual for employees by 15 days, thereby removing over \$100,000 in future liability; and 2) budget a 4.5% average raise in 2008, which includes a cost-of-living adjustment and a modest merit incentive.

As the economy slows and expenses increase, I appreciate the ability of employees and elected officials to work together to minimize budgetary impact. This recent resolution was win-win: employees can be gratified that their contributions to the town are valued, and taxpayers can be satisfied that the Budget Committee has given thorough consideration to the balance between employee benefits and taxpayer dollars.

WCNH.net: The multi-town fiber optic project continues to make slow progress, as we wade through state and local regulations affecting the towns' desire to construct a municipal fiber optic network. In fact, progress is so slow that I will just refer you back to my statements in last year's Town Report on the same subject.

Gravel Roads: New London has over 41 gravel roads totaling 16 miles, and periodically residents of one or more of these roads ask the Board of Selectmen to pave their roads. In the summer of 2007, residents of Pine Hill Road, Laurel Lane, and Hemlock Lane wrote to the Selectmen asking for their roads to be paved, and both groups indicated that, although it would not be their first choice, they were prepared to bring a petition to Town Meeting to ask voters to approve the paving of their roads. In response, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting for all gravel road residents on August 27, 2007, and with residents of Laurel and Hemlock Lanes on September 10, 2007, at which the Board of Selectmen and those present discussed the philosophical, financial, and procedural aspects of paving gravel roads. Ultimately, the Selectmen and Budget Committee asked the Director of Public Works to review the list of gravel roads, prepare a paving schedule that addresses the Town's concerns for safety, traffic and maintenance, and develop that schedule into a long-range capital plan that spreads out the cost of paving and minimizes the impact on the tax rate.

The Director of Public Works prepared a short list of three categories of roads -- low, medium and high priority -- and we worked that list into a ten-year paving program that will go to Town Meeting in 2008. In this proposal, the Town would make annual deposits into a capital reserve fund and pave one or two roads per year. The following roads would be paved over the first five years of the program (in sequence): 1) Quail Run; 2) Rowell Hill & Ridge Roads; 3) Quarry Road and Old Coach Road; 4) Pine Hill Road; and 5) Laurel & Hemlock Lanes. The current plan envisions the first ten years of a paving program, during which the Town would pave 18 roads. As with all of our capital plans, the Town revisits the plan every year so that the ten-year cost projection will remain as current as possible. As roads on this list are completed (or removed by property owner consensus), we anticipate adding additional roads in the Town's order of priority.

In the works for 2008: The Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, and I are working on the following projects for the coming year:

- **Elkins:** We continue to envision a re-energized Elkins Village, with a full Mill Pond, a busy commercial district, and a vibrant recreational area. In 2008, we will ask our engineers from Clough, Harbour & Associates to perform a community "charette" to identify the community's desires for this special place. We hope to put together a mix of public and private funding to revitalize Elkins, including grants and economic development investment.
- **Roundabout & Sidewalks:** In the spring of 2008, construction of the Newport & County Road roundabout and sidewalk project will begin. The completion date is October 15, 2008, so we are preparing for a summer of dust and inconvenience that will be rewarded in the end!
- **Sewer Lagoons:** When the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant was constructed in the early 1970s and the New London plant at the end of Frothingham Road was no longer used for treatment, there remained behind three lagoons on Town property near Lyon Brook. Under federal law, these lagoons are supposed to be closed within a certain time period following termination, though neither the federal government nor state government is enforcing the requirement. At the 2007 Town Meeting, voters approved placing the lagoon property under a permanent conservation easement, which will require formal closure of the lagoons. We are working closely with representatives from the State Department of Environmental Services to finalize a plan to remove the sludge from the bottom of the lagoons, fill the lagoons with material stockpiled from Town construction projects, and restore the property to a clean state that will require no ongoing environmental monitoring.

I am entering my eighth year as your Town Administrator, and I feel very fortunate to work with such wonderful staff and Department Heads and the many volunteers who are so engaged in their community. I would like to extend my personal gratitude and best wishes to Doug Lyon and Sue Clough, whom I worked with from August 2000 until they left the Board of Selectmen in March 2007 and January 2008, respectively. Together and in their separate ways, Doug and Sue taught me a great deal about partnership, leadership, and friendship and I will miss the regular interaction with them.

That is not to say that change is bad; I have enjoyed the short time that I have worked with Larry Ballin and Brian Prescott, and look forward to the exchange of new ideas and the setting of new priorities. The Board of Selectmen is almost entirely new, but the good humor and respectful dialogue continues. Mark Kaplan is as impassioned as ever about the well-being of the town, and will provide compassionate and engaging leadership as chair in 2008. The Board of Selectmen's job is not an easy one, nor does it pay well (Doug Lyon once calculated that the Selectmen's stipend amounts to 12 cents an hour), and we staff appreciate their leadership and commitment, and it is a pleasure working with all three.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers serving on our boards and committees and to those who volunteer for the Town's non-profit and service organizations. This Town would not be what it is without your contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie W. Levine

Town Administrator

ASSESSING OFFICE

2007 was a busy year. We inspected or reviewed about 586 properties. This included building permits, full interior and exterior inspections, exterior measures and data error corrections. A significant portion of the work was the complete measuring and data collection of two large condominium projects: Hilltop Place and the Seasons. 2008 appears to be similar in that we have 132 new permits to look at and 80 properties to visit that were incomplete as of April 1, 2007. We will continue with our re-inspection program, attempting to visit another 300 properties to verify the existing data and make any corrections. We also re-visited Colby-Sawyer College properties at the request of the College to make sure that their properties and respective uses (exempt/non-exempt) were being treated consistently. It resulted in an increase in the taxable value of their property which we believe they intend to challenge. We continue to have very few tax appeals at both the local and state level.

This past year saw a change in personnel. Dan Fitzgerald, Assistant Assessor, left to start his own appraisal business and we hired Kris McAllister. Kris comes to us with six years of experience in the assessment field and has attained the Certified Assessor designation from the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials and is certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) as an Appraisal Supervisor.

We are scheduled to go through assessment review in 2010. The DRA's Property Appraisal Division is charged with monitoring our assessment program following state law, administrative rules and guidelines established by the Assessing Standards Board. This review will be the most comprehensive to date. In my opinion, the most significant change will be the writing of an industry compliant report by us explaining the thought process and corresponding data used to arrive at new values. The goal is to make the process more transparent to property owners.

We are in the process of delineating neighborhoods -- which has not been done since the 2003 revaluation -- grouping them by age of home, size of lot, size of house, location and other factors that share similar characteristics. This will allow us to fine tune our data and produce more fair and equitable assessments. Preliminarily, the median ratio (assessed value compared to sale price) is 89.6%, when last year it was 88.5%. This means that if a property sold for \$300,000, on the average the assessment would be \$268,800 or 89.6% of sales price. Please note that the 89.6% is an average number made up of the all sale prices in New London compared to their corresponding assessments.

The slightly higher ratio this year means there has been a slight downturn in the New London market. I'm sure this comes as no surprise. We are constantly monitoring market conditions as they relate to the different classes and sub-classes of property to determine if inequity exists among these classes. Of particular interest at this time is vacant land. This segment appears to be under-assessed in relation to the overall assessment level of the community. We are watching this segment closely over the next several months to determine if adjustments need to be made for the 2008 tax year.

There has been a lot of publicity surrounding the so-called "view tax." There is no such thing. View is simply a component part of the value of your property. There are varying degrees of view which we as professional assessors have been quantifying for years. Yes, view can be somewhat subjective, but the fact is, as long as the factors are being applied consistently across an entire community by a trained professional, it is fair. That is the ultimate goal of an assessing program: to be fair. Much of the recent talk about view stems from the fact that these communities never used view as a component of value. This tended to make their assessments unfair. In New London, view has been a component of value back to at least 1987, and the NH Assessing Standards Board recently stated that view is a component of a property's value. Opponents have stated the Board should better define a view. I believe guidelines and standards established by the Board will help in this area, but it will take some time to work itself through.

I would also like to remind taxpayers to regularly review their property record file to make sure their records are accurate. The office is open daily from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM with assistance available, or you can view your property record card on line at <http://data.visionappraisal.com/NewLondonNH/>. Please do not hesitate to call our office at 526-4821, ext. 17 or 20, with any inquiries relating to your property assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

Normand G. Bernaiche

Assessor

TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The following tax relief programs are permitted by state law and were adopted by Town Meeting. Applications for these programs are available at the Selectmen's Office and, *unless otherwise stated*, are due by March 1 following the final tax bill.

Abatements: Per RSA 76:16, property owners who believe that their property is assessed incorrectly or that the assessment is disproportionate to other similar properties may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an abatement. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office and on line at: www.nh.gov/btla/forms.html. *March 1 deadline.*

Blind Exemption: Per RSA 72:37, residents who are legally blind, as determined by the Administrator of Blind Services of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department, may qualify for a \$15,000 exemption off the property value. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office. *March 1 deadline.*

Tax Deferral Lien: Per RSA 72:38-a, a disabled resident or resident over 65 may apply for a tax deferral lien. This program allows a resident to defer payment of their residential property taxes, plus annual interest of 5%, until the transfer of their property. *March 1 deadline.*

Elderly Exemption: Residents over 65 years of age who meet income and asset limits may apply for an exemption off the assessment of their property: a single resident must have a net income under \$26,800 and married residents a combined net income under \$40,800, and cannot own assets in excess of \$150,000 (*excluding the value of the residence and up to two acres of residential land*). Applicants must be a resident of New London and must have lived in the State of New Hampshire for at least three years, as of April 1st. Approved applicants will receive the following exemptions: ages 65-74, \$35,000; ages 75-79, \$50,000; and over 80 years old, \$70,000. *Applications are due by April 15 for the current tax year.*

Veteran's Tax Credit: Per RSA 72:28, a resident who has served in the armed forces in qualifying wars or armed conflicts and was honorably discharged; a resident who served in any war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975 in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, may qualify for a \$500 tax credit. The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry, may qualify for a \$2,000 tax credit. Applicants must be a resident of New London and must have lived in the State of New Hampshire for at least one year, as of April 1st. Any person who has a total and permanent service connected disability or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service connected injury, and has been honorably discharged, may qualify for a \$2,000 tax credit. *Applications are due by April 15 for the current tax year.*

Low & Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief: The State of New Hampshire's Low and Moderate Property Tax Relief Program runs annually from May 1 - June 30. In the past, the State has made applications available at the Selectmen's Office by April 15 and required them to be filed directly with the state between May 1 - June 30. Those interested in learning more about this program should visit the Department of Revenue Administration website at www.nh.gov/revenue/forms/low_mod_program.htm or contact the DRA at (603)271-2191. This is a state run program authorized by RSA 198:57 and eligibility is determined at the state level. You may be eligible for this program if you are single with an adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; married or filing head of a NH household with an adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$40,000; own a home subject to the State Education Property Tax; and resided in that home on April 1 of the tax year.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Amy Rankins, Land Use and Assessing Coordinator, at 526-4821, ext. 20 or by email at landuse@nl-nh.com.

POLICE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENTS

This year the Police Department continued to focus on training. More emphasis was put on working with the other area departments and the Colby-Sawyer College safety department and, for the first time, we were able to offer training to the area residents in self-defense.

In the spring of 2007, just after the students had left for the year, the entire Colby Sawyer College staff, their safety department and the Town's Emergency Management team and adjoining police departments worked together to evaluate the preparedness of the emergency response plan the campus safety department had put together. This collaborative exercise assisted us in identifying areas that need improvement, and what worked well, while demonstrating the need to continue to train together in the wake of the Virginia Tech shooting. This fall we continued our training with Campus Safety, and with the assistance from our Town's Insurance carrier, developed several real life scenarios that challenged our officers to handle situations incorporating communications and a multiple officer response.

This year Officer Thorp and Detective Anderson presented classes to the public. One was self-defense, given by our self-defense instructor, and the other was informational on how firearms possession and handling work within the laws in New Hampshire. These classes received great reviews, along with our internet safety class that has been provided now for a couple of years. We look forward to seeing them offered again this year.

For the second year in a row the Police Department promoted bicycle safety by providing free helmets to anyone who requested one. They were offered at the Hospital Days Fair, and also at the First Baptist Church safety fair, with over 300 helmets provided to those who needed one, this past year alone.

This year we again provided free fingerprinting to anyone who needed this service. And as you will observe in our numbers, we handled over 150 prints again this year.

2008 will mark the second year that Officer Bailey will be in the classroom teaching the D.A.R.E. program, while this program enters into its 17th year here in our school system.

Once again this department applied for and received Highway Safety grants in fighting D.W.I offenders and speeders. These enforcement patrols pay for an extra officer to go out into the community and look specifically at these issues, while the town is still covered by the duty officer. Once again, these programs resulted in slowing traffic and removing impaired drivers from our streets.

The process continues in updating and maintaining our policies and procedures to get them in line with the national standards and State recognition. This is done by reviewing each standard, making, or developing a policy and making changes if needed, along with the training that comes from these changes.

In 2007 the Department completed changes to the patrol cars that allow officers to communicate silently to the dispatcher and to make inquiries to the state and national data bases in real time, making it safer for the officers to do their jobs.

Our Police Department joined the Central New Hampshire special operations team this year. Officer Thorp was assigned to this unit which specializes in high risk law enforcement procedures. The team also provides manpower for events that may require additional resources to complete the project safely.

Our Communications Department also went through some changes. In 2007 the department was remodeled so that it could accommodate two dispatchers working independently, yet together, if the situation was needed. Once again the department found itself looking for and training additional part-time help. This position, especially part-time, has proven very hard to keep staffed.

Our dispatchers received training in mock casualties, Simunitions, and fire dispatch this year. They look forward to the challenges that the next call may provide. The Communications Department received 18,695 calls for service in 2007.

I would like to thank all of the state, local, and campus departments once again for their assistance this year, and would encourage all of you to get to know this department more by stopping by, asking questions and finding out how we can serve you better.

Sincerely,

David Seastrand

Chief of Police

Police Department Incident Counts

Incident Type	2007	2006	Incident Type	2007	2006
911 Hangups	94	79	Log Notes	375	272
Abandoned Vehicle	81	113	Lost Property	68	48
Alarm	353	404	Medical Call	117	110
Animal Complaint	264	233	Missing Person	11	12
Arrest	208	293	MV Complaints	178	149
Assist Citizen	142	81	MV Unlocks	81	61
Assist Motorist	278	273	Noise Disturbance	30	52
Assault	9	12	OHRV Complaints	3	3
Assist Other Agency	225	189	Open Container	12	2
Bad Check	13	8	Open Door/Window	8	22
Be on Lookout	55	69	Other	16	28
Burglary	6	13	Paperwork Service	66	99
Burn Permits issued	131	42	Parking Violation	204	165
Business Check	387	1174	Passing a School Bus	7	1
Business Check Requests	4	6	Pistol Permit	25	12
Civil Issue/Stand-by	54	35	Police Information	67	39
Computer related	2	2	Property-Stolen	2	1
Counterfeiting	1	1	Property-Found	58	54
Criminal Threats	12	16	Protective Custody	5	4
Criminal Trespass	6	8	Protective Order	6	3
Criminal Mischief	35	42	Reckless Conduct	0	0
Death/Suicide	2	2	Residential Lockout	52	6
Directed Patrol	754	564	Road Complaints	154	127
Disorderly Conduct	4	4	MV Repossession	4	4
Domestic Dispute	24	24	Sexual Assault	0	4
Drug Related	12	16	Shoplifting/Willful Concealment	2	3
Escort	1	0	Shots Fired	6	3
Facility Used	25	25	Stalking	2	4
Fingerprints	174	262	Subject Stop	12	13
Fire Call		15	Suicide-Attempted	1	2
Forgery	1	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	290	343
Fraud	25	26	Theft	75	87
Fireworks Violation	10	3	Unwanted Subject	31	23
Harassment	44	26	Traffic Accident	185	152
House Check	1179	1123	Traffic Stops	2089	3183
House Check Request	137	103	VIN Inspection	42	36
Internet Crimes -Children	5	1	Vehicle off road-no damage	34	19
Indecent Exposure	1	2	Welfare Check	83	30
Juvenile Complaints	69	35	Wires Down	27	50
Liquor Law Violations	16	8			
Littering	20	10	TOTAL INCIDENTS	9608	10570

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

As I sit here writing this report it is snowing outside and another year is coming to an end. We had a busy year with snow, rain, washouts and regular planned work. As we look back on this past year, we will also look ahead to next year in each division of the New London Public Works Department.

Highway Division: Last winter, we didn't get any amount of snow until late January. This in itself causes problems with the ditches that have a little water running in them because they freeze up and culverts freeze. We used salt and calcium chloride to keep some of them open but not all of them. When we did get snow it covered the ice and all looked good. The rest of the winter we had some snow but not a lot; we finished the winter with 86" of snow. Then came April 15th, when we had about 9" of heavy wet snow followed by about 3" of rain. We had plowed the snow into the ditches that were still mostly frozen with ice and the water had no place to run except in the roads, which caused many washouts. This storm did get declared as a disaster by President Bush and we were approved for FEMA funds that reimbursed the town \$84,014.15 for road repairs. This put us back about a month getting work done due to the amount of repairs we had to do. We were lucky in some respects that it wasn't any worse in town. Some towns lost a lot more roads and some even lost bridges.

Our large construction project was to finish grinding and paving Lakeshore Drive. This meant we had to remove rocks, replace culverts, install catch basins in a couple of places, clean ditches and slope off banks. We contracted to have the road ground, graded and paved; in conjunction with this project we added material in places to help the grades and drainage. After the contractor was done paving we went back and sloped off all the gravel driveways and the banks where we needed to. We still have a little work to finish in the spring of 2008. We did find that one of the old culverts under the road was an original old stone culvert which we did leave in place. This culvert has some historical value -- as far as we know it is the only one left in New London.

We reshaped and cleaned ditches on many roads this past summer and fall, including Pleasant Street, Davis Hill Road, Littlefield Road, Bunker Road, County Road, Knights Hill Road, and Fairway Lane.

On gravel roads this summer we replaced culverts, applied magnesium chloride for dust control and compaction, and applied about 700 yards of crushed gravel and 1,000 tons of ¾-inch knit pack to the surface. Some of the roads that got knit pack were Forest Acres Road, Old Main Street, Pine Hill Road, Lamson Lane, Laurel Lane, Rowell Hill Road, and Hemlock Lane. We also installed about 1,200 feet of drainage on both sides of the hill on Old Coach Road, an area where we have had washout problems and soft roads in the spring and that washed out during the April storm.

Over the past summer we had meetings with residents who live on certain gravel roads that would like to have their roads paved. The Public Works Director, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have put together a proposal for residents to vote on at Town Meeting to address this issue over the long-term and start to pave some of the gravel roads in town. We propose to open a capital reserve fund with annual deposits towards paving gravel roads, and every year we will pave one or two roads in order of priority determined by the Town.

We were able to build 440 feet of sidewalk on Main Street this fall. This project was planned for awhile and we have some more to do in the spring of 2008. Also in 2008 we plan to grind and pave the section of County Road from the Hilltop Place driveway to Route 114 (in conjunction with the roundabout), install drainage along side of Page Road (and if we have funds enough we will grind and pave Page Road). We plan to shim Hastings Landing and part of Shaker Street.

We have been at full staff all year and it was greatly needed to accomplish all the work we wanted to plus repair the spring washouts. The staff has continued to go to training classes. We constantly strive to keep up with changing materials, equipment and ways to do our jobs better, more efficiently and environmentally friendly.

Transfer Station: We have not made many changes in the Transfer Station during the past year, although we did change where our trash is disposed. We now take our trash to the Mount Carberry Landfill in Berlin, NH. Our staff hauls it to Meredith and then we contract a hauler to take it the rest of the way to Berlin. This is working out well. We also took delivery of our new trash trailer which helps us keep the facility running efficiently.

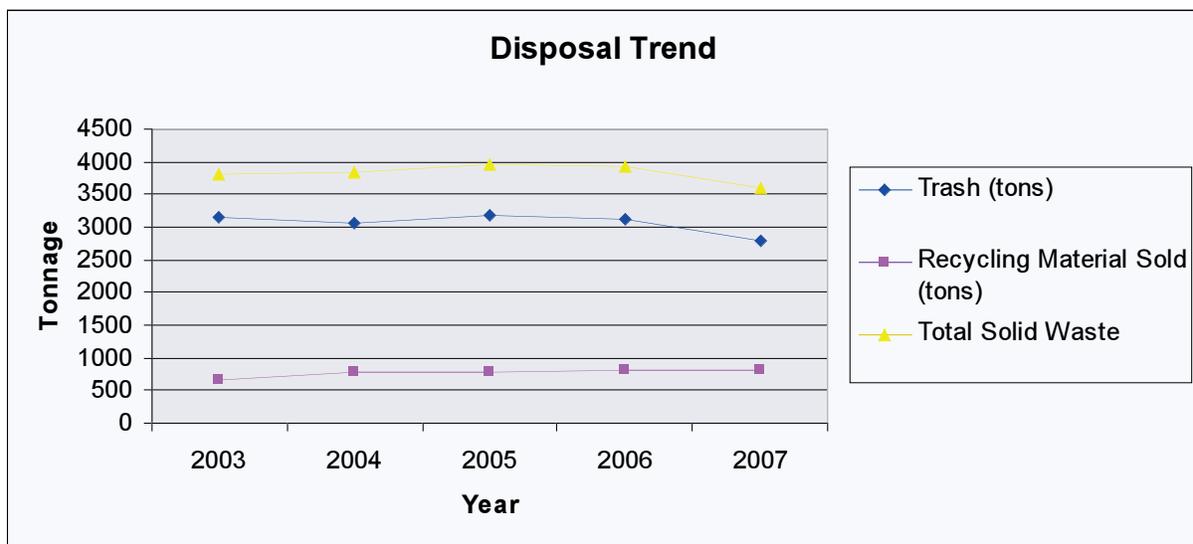
The Transfer Station staff is doing a great job at promoting recycling, and we hope to do more in 2008. Our recycling figures showed an increase from last year, which is good. Along those same lines the price we are getting paid for our recyclables has stayed up all year. Without counting scrap metal, the Town of New London recycled 47 more tons of material in 2007 than it did in 2006! Using our current disposal costs of approximately \$70 per ton and average recyclable sale price of \$62 per ton, that increase in recycling brought a net benefit to the Town of over \$6000! We can't remember a time when we have been paid so much for paper and cardboard. In July, we started to take electronic waste at the Public

Works garage on South Pleasant Street. We do charge to take computers, TVs and other electronic equipment, since there are costs to dispose of the equipment.

We have also had a Solid Waste Committee start looking at the whole solid waste issue and plan for New London's future. For those who continue to recycle we say THANK YOU. For those thinking about it please join in and help keep the costs of trash disposal down and generate some revenue along the way.

Recycling and Disposal Report

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Trash (tons)	2,799.19	3122.11	3181.24	3049.10	3150.40
Recycling Material Sold (tons)	<u>812.44</u>	<u>799.12</u>	<u>787.99</u>	<u>782.32</u>	<u>660.15</u>
<i>Total Solid Waste</i>	3,611.63	3921.23	3969.23	3831.42	3810.54
Revenue from Material Sold	\$50,496.97	\$27,208.64	\$25,602.03	\$30,711.84	\$8,401.29
Cost Avoidance (\$91/ton Jan-Jun & \$68/ton July-Dec)	<u>\$61,288.32</u>	<u>\$72,719.92</u>	<u>\$71,707.09</u>	<u>\$61,466.23</u>	<u>\$57,432.83</u>
<i>Total Benefit from Recycling</i>	\$111,785.29	\$99,928.56	\$97,309.12	\$92,178.07	\$65,833.47



Material Sold	2007		2006		2005		2004	
	Weight	Revenue	Weight	Revenue	Weight	Revenue	Weight	Revenue
Paper	312.45	\$14,445.90	297.5	\$3,044.20	294.71	\$4,544.50	247.00	\$7,221.09
Cardboard	223.18	\$16,902.35	222.5	\$7,479.00	224.57	\$6,463.78	293.15	\$10,967.93
Glass ¹	162.98	\$1,906.20	136.3	0*	150.04	0*	136.99	0*
Light Metal (Scrap)	64.32	\$3,953.88	97.37	\$5,823.77	84.13	\$3,928.70	152.50	\$5,579.26
Steel Cans (Tin)	21.57	\$672.59	25.5	\$465.71	18.60	\$277.77	16.04	\$286.63
Aluminum Cans	2.80	\$5,188.58	4.6	\$5,789.66	2.61	\$1,751.35	2.83	\$2,897.29
Batteries (Home)	1.08	\$212		\$84.00	0.22		1.25	\$18.40
Plastic Bottles (HDPE)	8.39	\$2,663.82	8.18	\$1,534.40	7.55	\$3,251.35	6.72	\$364.00
Plastic (PETE)	8.33	\$4,551.65	7.32	\$2,987.50	5.56	\$1,412.70	3.78	\$154.80
Electronic Waste ²	7.33	\$0						
TOTAL:	812.44	\$50,496.97	799.27	\$27,208.24	787.99	\$25,602.03	782.32	\$30,711.84

¹ We continue to recycle our own glass, which is crushed at the pit on Mountain Road and mixed with gravel into a product that we use for road repairs. Although we derive no revenue from the sale of glass, we save money by mixing glass with gravel and using it for road construction projects.

² There is no revenue for electronic waste, since the payment received for disposal covers the cost of disposal.

We received the following summary of New London's recycling activity with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), a recycling cooperative of which New London is an active member.³

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled in 2007	Environmental Impact
Aluminum Cans	3,380 pounds	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 343,949 hours!
Paper	440 tons	Saved 7,474 trees!
Plastics	16 tons	Conserved 23,475 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	57 tons	Conserved 56,598 pounds of coal!
Steel	19,040 pounds	Conserved enough energy to run a 60-watt light bulb for 495,040 hours

Wastewater Division: This division was somewhat busy this year. We contracted with a company to conduct an inflow study on all the lines in town. This turned out to be approximately 98,000 feet. They first conducted smoke tests, and then looked for sump pumps hooked up to the wastewater lines and finally they dye-tested to check roof drains and catch basins. We have started to repair items that were found to need it in the testing. We did find some problems in each one of the different test cycles. We had to repair some pumps this past year and we had to rebuild some of the manholes on our force main in Sunapee due to road construction. When we conducted the testing it became very clear we didn't have a good map of the entire system in one place. What we had was multiple maps in different sizes that wouldn't match up. So we have shared the cost of software with the Highway Division to do GPS locations, manhole condition and pipe size so when we get done we will have a complete map of the system, its location and condition. This map will also have all the private systems such as Hilltop, Fenwood, and Highland Ridge. We were fortunate to have a student from Colby-Sawyer College doing his senior project, collecting all of this data and working to get it into the maps. The Highway Division will also be able to use the software to map out locations of storm drainage catch basins, culvert locations and sign locations.

Cemetery Division: We have been busy in this division also this year. John Wiltshire came back in Old Main Street this year. We were down one person in Elkins some of the summer. We continue to mow, trim, fix stones and trim shrubs along with spread loam, seed and pick up leaves. This fall we took out the old fence along side of Bog Road at Old Main Street and we had a new vinyl fence installed. The new fence looks very good and if you didn't know you would think it is wood. The old fence was going to need a lot of repairs and painting again which was going to cost a lot of money. Please take a look and see if you like it we may want to continue with this type of replacement as the rest of the fence may need it. It is planned in 2008 to clear the next section of land at the West Part Cemetery and have the stumps removed. You may have noticed this cemetery is getting closer to being full.

As you can see we have had a very busy year in all the different divisions. We would like to thank the residents, Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee for providing us with the funds and equipment to be able to do all that we do during the year. I would also like to thank the New London Town Office staff, Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation Department and Water Department for all the help they provide us during the year. It is great to see how we work together to accomplish many things for the Town of New London.

I also want to give the staff of the Public Works Department a BIG THANK YOU. Without a very dedicated and professional staff we would not get as much done. These people put in long hard hours when it storms during the year. We would like to ask people to please drive with caution during the winter, clean your windows and give plow trucks as much room as possible. During the summer please respect work zones and drive slowly. Our jobs make us work in the road; please keep us safe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard E. Lee
 Public Works Director

³ Not all of our material is marketed through NRRA, which is the primary reason for any discrepancy between our figures and NRRA's figures.

TRIAL BY FIRE

This is my first letter to be published in the Town Report and writing this is more intimidating than coordinating the 75 firefighters needed to burn down the Seamans House. The 2007 calendar year was a very busy one for the New London Fire Department with a new record of 638 total calls, 41 more than 2005. Once again, there is a direct correlation relating the high number of calls with inclement weather events and an increasing population. The spring Nor-Easter kept the department especially busy pumping basements, closing roads and evacuating citizens, responding to multiple fire alarm activations from power related issues, and responding to carbon monoxide calls.

As most people know, Peter Stanley retired in May and the chief's part-time position was expanded to full-time. I was promoted to the full-time chief and the Board of Firewards hired Karl Bjorklund to fill the new full-time line firefighter position. One of Karl's main duties is making sure that all apparatus will be ready to go at a moment's notice. This includes filling tanks with gas, checking air packs and radio batteries, starting all gas powered equipment and testing pumps on a weekly basis. Karl is also responsible for maintaining the firehouse, training personnel, and completing NFRIS reports (National Fire Reporting Incident System), which is a federal requirement.

Completing accurate reports is vital to the Department's success in receiving state and federal grant monies. Within the last four years, the Department has been awarded \$49,000 for a state-of-the-art automatic air filling station used to fill our SCBA cylinders as well as a mobile air trailer; \$29,000 was awarded for personal protective equipment; \$10,000 for a thermal imaging camera; and over \$62,000 for various radio equipment. We currently have a pending application for a fire extinguisher training simulator. One of my goals as chief is to continue to apply for and take advantage of grants as they become available in order to limit the funding that is requested from you, the tax payers.

Recently, the Fire Department acquired a 16-foot inflatable boat with a 40hp outboard engine to enhance our water rescue capabilities. This \$25,500 boat was gifted to the Firefighters Association by an anonymous donor. In the past we have relied on private citizens around the five major bodies of water in town to supply a water craft in order to perform rescues or provide assistance when needed. Now, we are able to trailer our versatile rescue boat as soon as the call for service is received regardless of the time of year. Thanks to all who have donated boats or offered theirs for our use in the past.

October 2007 was another successful Fire Prevention month. Over 500 children, from pre-schoolers to 5th graders, attended classes at the Fire Department. This year's theme was "Test your smoke alarms." Smoke detectors should be installed in every level of your house and a detector should be installed inside and outside of every bedroom. Smoke detectors are crucial for the early notification of fire, especially at night when people are sleeping and unaware of any problems that might occur.



Using inflatable boat donated to the Fire Department, firefighters Brian Campbell (seated) and Ethan Ballin (standing) conduct water search & rescue training with Eli and his trainer Donna Larson of New England K-9 Search & Rescue.

If you attended the live fire training at Colby Sawyer College's Seamans House in January 2008, you would have seen how quickly fire develops and spreads. In addition to our Department, this drill included the towns of Sutton, Sunapee, Springfield, Newbury, and Wilmot. This was invaluable training that benefited all of the mutual aid towns. Members were able to incorporate what they learned in classrooms and apply it during the practical evolutions. Area firefighters had hands-on training in forcible entry, ventilation, hose & streams, ladders, fire behavior, search & rescue and combined operations. This was a win-win situation in that those mutual aid towns were able to train with us, and we needed all of them in order to successfully burn a building of that size while protecting the rest of the surrounding exposures.

In closing, the members of the New London Fire Department and I wish to express our appreciation for your continued good will. We are not only thankful for your financial support, but for your smiles, waves, and good words when we are out and about.

Finally, this is my opportunity to formally thank the members of the Fire Department for helping make my transition to the Chief's position a smooth one and for supporting me as I stepped into this role. The Town of New London is very lucky to have these dedicated men and women who are willing to belong to this vital organization.

As always if you have any fire safety questions or concerns, stop by or call the firehouse at 526-6073.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Lyon,
Fire Chief

Fire Department Calls	2007	2006	2005	2004
Alarm Response	45	25	47	25
Bomb Threat	1	0	0	1
Brush Fire	5	5	8	2
Carbon Monoxide Detector	21	13	14	14
Chimney Fire	3	4	5	6
DHART Transfer	1	0	1	0
Electrical Fire	8	9	7	5
Extrication	6	2	5	1
False Alarm	107	65	93	91
Flood Control	18	17	22	3
Furnace Malfunction	2	1	8	10
Gas Leak/LP	17	15	15	8
Hazardous Condition (BIO)	0	0	2	0
Hazardous Material Spill	11	5	7	7
Illegal Burn	8	8	11	11
Kitchen Fire	2	0	7	5
Medical Assist	41	31	32	24
Mutual Aid – Structure Fire	21	6	21	12
Mutual Aid - Other	10	10	3	7
Public Assistance	52	43	49	39
Rescue	7	5	5	4
Search	0	1	2	0
Smoke Report	26	21	15	17
Sprinkler Malfunction	6	1	10	10
Structure Fire	6	1	7	2
Vehicle Accident	136	90	136	106
Vehicle Fire	9	6	13	4
Wire Down – tree on the line	32	59	26	18
Wood Stove Malfunction	0	2	0	2
Other	38	18	21	21
TOTAL	638	463	597	457

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In 2007, the New London Recreation Department became an award winning department with recognition from the New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Association. The department was the recipient of the Shelnuitt Perkins Programming Excellence Award for the "Dinner with Jack Frost" progressive ski dinner. The event featured 200 people from our region that braved the coldest night of the 2007 winter. Participants snowshoed from campfire to campfire enjoying a fabulous meal prepared by many local establishments here in New London. The event has now turned into the "Cabin Fever" series in our region collaborating with three other local recreation departments.

This event really kicked off a great and busy year for the department. New programming included a new revamped and state certified Summer Camp Program and a very popular summer middle school program that included Newport and Sunapee Recreation Departments. There were a total of 10 different offerings that traveled all over New England.

Developing life long skills remains the main focus of the New London Recreation Department and is reflected in new offerings this year. We offered two week long sailing and kayaking programs; both classes sold out and we look forward to adding more classes in 2008. We introduced a new summer swim team that really got a lot of our local youth involved with 80 participants in its first year, thanks to the vision of local parents and coaches. We also were able to integrate a running program within the swim team curriculum, and next summer a youth triathlon training program is in the works.

Elkins and Bucklin beaches saw their busiest swim programs to date. The programs taught 195 children from our region various levels of the American Red Cross swim programs. Thank you to all of the amazing beach staff -- we are lucky to have such talented instructors that make our swim classes so successful!

A large majority of the fall was spent planning and clearing a trail system that links the New London Middle School with Morgan Hill Road via Kidder/Cleveland, Spring Ledge Farm and Messer properties. The kick off of this trail system was this winter for free snowshoeing and XC skiing. The trails are seeing a lot of activity due to the fabulous snow conditions that we experienced this winter. We look to improve these trails in the spring for an excellent in town recreation corridor.

The Bob Andrews Memorial Ice Rink has been very busy. We have been blessed with excellent temperatures to keep a nice sheet of ice for the town. A new learn-to-skate program is going to be launched this winter.

The New London Recreation Department has also spearheaded efforts to start a new trail running series next year. The Western New Hampshire Trail Running Series will include five races in five different towns in the region. The series finale will take place in New London in October of 2008.

During the fall semester a Colby-Sawyer Sports Management class focused on the New London Recreation Department to develop a Master Plan for the department. A New London Recreation Survey was launched in August/September and over 400 recreation users in the region responded to the survey giving the class and the department some very useful data for the future. Stay tuned for more on this project!

Collaboration with Colby-Sawyer College, the Outing Club, Newport Recreation, Sunapee Recreation, Lebanon Recreation, Eastman Recreation, Spring Ledge Farm, New London Conservation Commission, New London Hospital, Jack's of New London, Millstone, Flying Goose, New London Inn, Pizza Chef, Arctic Dreams, Peter Christians, Kearsarge Regional School District, Pine Hill Ski Area, Village Sports and many other local establishments are what allows our department to offer such diverse programming and we thank you!

Our website traffic continued to increase both in distribution of our newsletter and the number of hits. We continue to have active community participation and encourage residents to visit our website at: www.nlrec.com.

I would like to thank the Recreation Commission and all the great residents and volunteers of the region for the support that they have extended the Recreation Department during the 2007 year.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions on any matter at 526-6401, or by email at: recreation@nl-nh.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Denning
Recreation Director

JOINT LOSS/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

2007 was a year of transition for the New London Joint Loss Management Committee. Following suit with many towns, New London has now become a Joint Loss/Wellness Committee, focusing equally on health awareness as well as safety.

In January, I was elected chair and our committee began collaborating on ways to revitalize our group. An idea that made a lot of sense was the implementation of an employee newsletter, which I began working on in January and have published on a quarterly basis. The newsletter has provided the committee with great ways to emphasize the importance of health and safety, and in addition, has provided an opportunity for employees to get to know one another through an “employee spotlight” section. I am very proud of the committee’s employee newsletters and would like to thank those who have offered ideas on making it better each and every time.

In the hopes of coming up with even more ways to improve our Joint Loss/Wellness Committee, in May I joined the Town’s Finance Officer and fellow committee member Carol Fraley at a workshop offered through the Local Government Center that focused incorporating wellness into municipal safety committees. This session proved invaluable as it not only provided suggestions for keeping safety in mind, but also shared great ideas on emphasizing to employees the importance of staying healthy at work and at home. The workshop sparked the idea to hold an employee health challenge that our Recreation Director and committee member Chad Denning happily spear-headed. Chad worked closely with New London Hospital and arranged to have a doctor work with the employees throughout the challenge to evaluate improvement in health, all at no cost to the Town or the participants. The challenge took place for one month and the top three winners with the most overall improved health were awarded gift certificates to Eastern Mountain Sports. Ten employees participated in the challenge and all ten saw an overall improvement in their health at the conclusion of the challenge. Thank you to Chad Denning and New London Hospital for this health-promoting program!

On the more standardized side of things, the committee has maintained its regular quarterly meeting schedule, conducted annual safety inspections of town facilities, and reviewed worker’s compensation claims in the hopes of preventing similar future claims. 2007 was an uneventful year with regard to safety mishaps and for that, the committee is grateful.

Many thanks go out to my fellow Joint Loss/Wellness Committee members for helping to make 2007 a great year. We will continue to brainstorm on ways to improve safety and wellness for the employees of New London and will do our best to keep our town a safe place to work and live.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy A. Rankins, Chair

CEMETERY COMMISSION

There are three active cemeteries in the Town of New London: Elkins, Old Main Street and West Part. There are lots available in each for the current price of \$300/grave. The cemeteries are well maintained under the direction of the Public Works Director Richard Lee, the Public Works personnel, and sexton John Wiltshire.

Improvement projects have included repair of the old tomb and replacement of part of the fence in Old Main Street. The remainder of the fence is scheduled to be done over the next three years. Expansion of West Part Cemetery is planned starting this winter with hopes of being completed in the summer of 2008.

An appropriate piece of property for a new cemetery is still welcome. What a wonderful gift it would be to the Town and fellow citizens!

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ginter

Charles Hafner

Marion Chadwick Hafner

TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thanks to the generous support we received at last year's Town Meeting, the Library undertook a construction project that featured new roofing and mechanical upgrades, including boilers and air conditioning. As this work progressed we uncovered additional issues, and with the help of donations, notably a large bequest from the Eleanor McKay Norris Trust, we were able to defray expenses.

More work lies ahead to prepare our facility for the future and the Library's Board of Trustees is gathering information to prioritize needs. Thank you to Bob Bowers, Charlie Dean, Nancy Donnelly, Emily Jones, Liz Meller, Judy Wallace, and Lisa Ensign Wood for tackling our capital improvements with diligence and humor.

Of particular note in 2007 is the outstanding job performance of our Head of Youth Services, Kathy Tracy, whom we have nominated for the New Hampshire Children's Librarian of the Year Award. Over the past few years Kathy has developed an outstanding collection of children's literature supported by innovative programs. Recently Kathy spearheaded the renovation of the children's area complete with new carpeting, fresh paint and systems for better air quality. In 2008 her department offers staffing on Saturdays for children and their families.

The Library welcomed four new staff members in 2007. Meghan Clark McDaniel, our Head of Adult Services, leads the way in programming, collection maintenance, interlibrary loan and website design. Judy Fech and Caren Swanson exemplify public service at the circulation desk. And Pauline Lizotte, a previous contributor to the Summer Reading Program, now assists in the children's area year-round. We are so pleased that they have joined our team!

Our Library would be a shadow of itself, if not for our amazing volunteers. They graciously contribute their time to deliver books to the homebound, assist with interlibrary loan, annotate lists of new materials, process magazines, complete carpentry projects, tidy the shelves, cover books, file newspapers, weed the front walkway, repair books and audiovisual materials, greet patrons at the desk, coordinate our network of generous Friends, manage our ongoing book sale, and beautify the Community Garden.

Tracy Memorial Library is a treasure in the community and its value far surpasses dollars and cents. However, consider that our patrons checked out books and movies 80,000 times in 2007, and if they had purchased each item, the cost would have exceeded \$1.5 million. Similar calculations could be made for the entertainment dollars saved by patrons who attend our programs (author visits, story times, Great Decisions lectures, movie screenings, book groups, etc.) and for money saved by people who use our public access computers.

In the coming years, our Library will continue to prioritize education and lifelong learning as well as personal and social enrichment. I am sincerely grateful to the New London officials and citizens who enable us to provide excellent service. See you at the Library!

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Licks

Library Director

Annual Number of Library Patrons by Type

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Resident adults	2,729	2,519	2,668	2,823	2,726	2,672
Resident youth	712	688	716	798	818	623
Non-resident adults	527	298	332	371	379	466
Non-resident youth	447	419	461	492	492	486
Short-term	364	--	--	--	--	--
Total patrons	4,779	4,780	4,985	5,101	4,922	4,529

Annual Circulation Statistics by Material Type

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non-Fiction	Youth Fiction	Youth Non-Fiction	Magazines	Audio-books	Movies	Total
2007	24,852	9,390	17,723	3,678	2,787	8,059	18,022	84,511

Tracy Library Construction Zone

At left: Scaffolding is set up for the removal of the flat roof and installation of new high slope roof.



At right: Gena Edmunds and students pack up books in anticipation of new carpeting and fresh paint in the Children's Department.



At left: Old boilers are removed to make way for high efficiency units.

NEW LONDON GARDEN CLUB

The New London Garden Club has been an active service organization since its founding in 1928. At that time the purpose of the 24 club members was to maintain the garden at Tracy Library designed by the renowned landscape architectural firm of the Olmsted brothers. In the 79 years since, the membership of the club has expanded to include 130 active participants, and the public gardens tended by its members now total 15. These pocket gardens, created and maintained by the Garden Club, extend from Crockett's Corner to the Transfer Station and include the perennial and herb gardens at the Historical Society, Norris Corner, the intersection of Old Main Street, Pleasant Street and Knight's Hill Road, Bucklin Beach, and the Elkins Post Office and Beach, as well as Whipple Hall and the Academy Building, the Bandstand and the Sargent stone on the Town Common, the Information Booth, the Fire Station, the New London Post Office, the Elementary and Middle schools and the Superintendent's Building. Over 100 Club volunteers work on these gardens. Many of the members also assist in tending the gardens at the Fells and the Community Garden at Tracy Library.

The New London Garden Club creates the wreaths and swags displayed on local public buildings during the holiday season and weekly flower arrangements at New London Hospital. The Garden Club also awards scholarships annually to students at the University of New Hampshire College of Life Sciences and Agriculture and the Thompson School of Applied Science. The annual public program this year was a Standard Flower Show held in Whipple Hall. In addition to the design classes, members displayed horticultural samples, an educational exhibit on New London's Cricenti Bog, and a step-by-step demonstration of creating a free style flower arrangement. Girl Scout Troops 2579 and 2121 exhibited in the Show as well.

This year the Garden Club held its 41st Annual Antique Show on the Town Common, one of the few remaining outdoor shows in New England. The proceeds from the Show support the variety of community service projects undertaken by the Garden Club.

The Club meets monthly for programs related to gardening, flower arranging, nature and conservation. While the membership is limited to 150 active members, anyone interested in supporting the activities of the club is welcome to join as membership openings occur. An informational brochure about the Garden Club including a map locating the public gardens is available at the information Booth as well as Tracy Library. All requests for information should be addressed to PO Box 1772, New London, NH 03257.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Bergquist

Virginia Callahan

Co-Presidents, New London Garden Club

COMMUNITY GARDEN AT TRACY LIBRARY

The garden at the library, known for its beauty by residents and visitors, is always a favorite place for quiet reading, reading aloud to a child and strolling to look at the ever-changing colors and blooms. Garden strolling in 2008 will include reading the new plant labels—one for every variety of plant and shrub in the garden.

We were saddened this year by the death of Robert Anthonyson, who with his family gave the Gerakaris fountain in memory of his wife Aenid Dottin Anthonyson. And by the death of Bob Wallace whose grandmother, Jane Tracy, gave the library and the garden to the town. Both families have been devoted supporters of the garden and Bob Wallace's wife Janis has volunteered in the library garden since 1955.

Guests at the annual garden party on June 24th were entertained by speaker Edie Clark, Yankee Magazine essayist and author of *The View from Mary's Farm*. Sue Ellen Weed-Parkes, familiar to many at Spring Ledge Farm, directed the garden volunteers as she worked with them every Monday morning from mid-April to mid-November keeping the garden planted, trimmed, pruned and fed. The Community Garden Committee raised funds to maintain the garden, gave the annual garden party with the help of the garden volunteers, prepared the garden budget and kept all lists and records. The committee is most grateful to the town and to the individual donors who supported the garden and its work so generously in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Little, Chair

HEALTH OFFICER

Public Health is a 24 hour per day, 365 days per year activity. Whether it is prevention of food borne diseases; assurance of safe septic system construction; or preventing disease through immunizations, these and a myriad of other functions aim to maintain the highest possible level of wellness in our population. A great many of public health activities aimed at prevention of accidents and diseases are not recognized by the public and are therefore one of the first functions of government, at all levels, to suffer from lack of, or reduction of, financial support by our governing bodies. When the cycle of disease incidence is at a low point it is difficult to maintain a high level of financial support especially when it requires increasing taxes.

We are fortunate in this area of New Hampshire that in 2007 there was little evidence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or West Nile Virus (WNV) infection in mosquitoes, birds or animals (including humans). There was only one dead bird reported to me in New London this past year and no indication of virus infected mosquitoes. Because the incidence of these diseases was low in New Hampshire in 2007, we are faced with the question of whether to continue with our mosquito surveillance program. Despite the lack of finding infected mosquitoes, it is my hope that we can maintain at least a modest mosquito surveillance program to give us warning that the diseases are again threatening. In this regard, it is most important that the public continue to report dead birds so that we may detect increasing bird infections that presage human cases. Your health officer will pick up reported dead birds and submit them to the New Hampshire Public Health Laboratory for detection of EEE or WNV viruses.

As usual considerable attention is given by your health officer to the witnessing and recording of the geologic features of test pits upon which the design of septic systems is based. The primary reason for observing and recording test pit soil characteristics and reviewing septic system plans is to insure the reliability of plans reflecting actual conditions observed and to assure adherence to all local septic systems regulations.

It should be noted that parties planning to increase the number of bedrooms in a house or who are converting a seasonal residence to full time occupancy must have approved plans for a new larger septic system which must be built if the old system should fail under the new increased loading. Shown below is a summary of New London septic system oversight performed in 2007. The year's summaries for the most part are somewhat lower than recent years, which is a reflection of decreases in new housing construction in New London as well as the whole country.

Function	2007	2006	2005	2004
Sites visited	25	43	37	45
Test pits witnessed and recorded	35	59	34	55
Total number of plans reviewed before state submission	48	81	57	69
Systems in failure	3	4	2	2
Systems for new housing construction	13	19	27	40
Replacement systems	26	19	24	12
Septic loading increase (for expansion or increased use)	7	4	5	4

I also reviewed plans for two subdivisions, six "as built" systems, one privy and a number of revised plans.

I want to strongly urge all of our citizenry -- young, adult and elderly -- to maintain their highest possible level of immunity by vaccinations and revaccination (booster) shots to all of our common immunizable diseases. These include childhood disease inoculations, yearly age-appropriate flu vaccinations, age-appropriate pneumonia immunizations (especially for the elderly and the very young), the recommended meningitis vaccination (especially for college-bound youth), and the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccination for all females from ages 11-12 up to age 26 for the prevention of cervical cancer. Immunization is not just a means of preventing disease in the immunized but is a civic duty to help prevent epidemics of disease in the whole population and to minimize the high economic and social costs of disease to our society.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Bent, Ph.D.

Health Officer

WELFARE OFFICER

As I write this report, I am finishing my second year as Welfare Officer for the Town of New London. I continue to rely on the guidance of Jessie Levine, Town Administrator, and Carol Fraley, Finance Officer, to ensure that the town's money is spent fairly and to make sure that all those seeking help are advised of and take advantage of all state, federal, and private assistance. In this regard, I have worked closely with the local church assistance programs as well as the Community Action Program.

Most often immediate help with a specific housing and or utility payment is sought. In only one case this year did we make multiple payments for rental assistance after negotiating reduced payment with the landlord. We also helped to pay for the installation of a new hot water heater in a client's home.

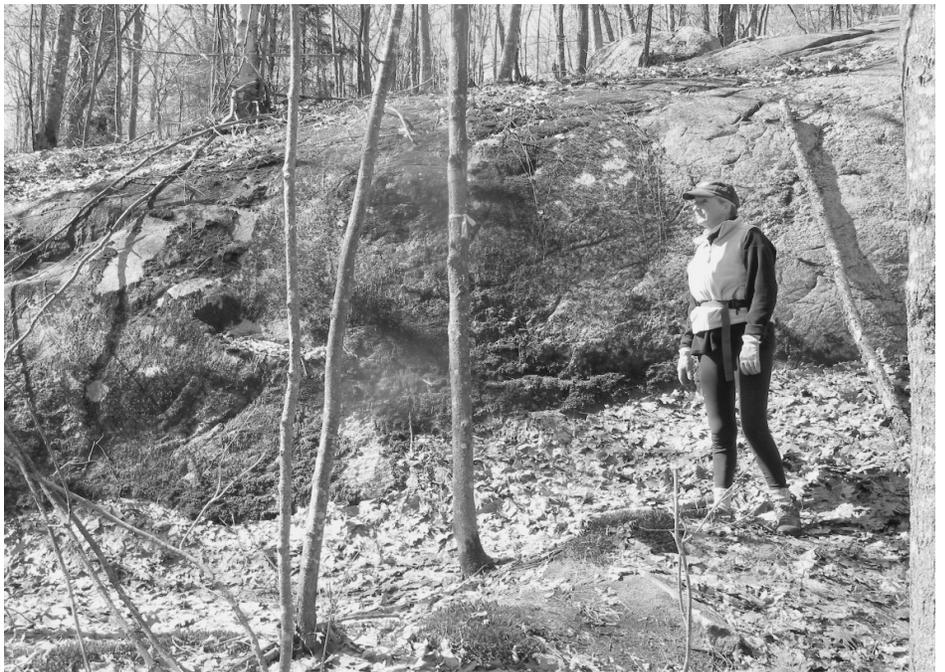
The budget for the town welfare for the year 2007 was \$6000. This was exceeded this by \$707. All those receiving assistance are residents of New London. Each is notified that they may be asked to reimburse the town when they financially able to do so. All assistance provided is in response to immediate demonstrable need. For this, your support is vital and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Cavanaugh Cook

Welfare Officer

At right, Celeste Cook stands near the mossy cliff on the Cook Interpretive Trail off Whitney Brook Road (photo by David Cook).



KEARSARGE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Over the past number of years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large. As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for this local area center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley CAP to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs that meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wishes to thank you and the Town of New London for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to members of our community.

Sincerely,

Laura Hall

Area Director, Kearsarge Valley Area Center

ENERGY COMMITTEE

In 2007, efforts of the Carbon Coalition (www.carboncoalition.org) to bring global warming and energy conservation into the forefront of local politics did not go unnoticed by New London residents. Inspired by an Adventures in Learning course called “Climate and Civilization” taught by New London resident Jim Moore, and with the assistance of many other committed New London residents, I brought a petitioned warrant article to the 2007 Town Meeting that was passed with overwhelming approval. Similar warrant articles passed in 164 of New Hampshire’s 234 municipalities, all calling for the towns to “go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change,” encouraging citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and asking Boards of Selectmen to appoint voluntary energy committees to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

Prior to the Energy Committee’s formation, the Town of New London had already taken steps to conserve energy: it reduced the number of street lights by one-third and converted the remaining lights to high pressure sodium lamps, which are more energy efficient and cost less to operate; and it converted all Town diesel vehicles and equipment to biodiesel, joining a very small number of New Hampshire municipalities to do so.

The Energy Committee first met in July 2007 and its ten active members meet monthly. The Committee agreed that its mandate is two-pronged: 1) to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee for measures that could reduce and conserve the Town’s energy and fuel consumption and save money; and 2) to educate citizens on energy-saving measures in the hopes of raising awareness and reducing New London’s contribution to greenhouse gases. The Committee further separated these categories into two more: low-hanging fruit and long-term goals. *Importantly, the Committee also concluded that its members and the members of the community do not have to agree that there is a threat of global warming; regardless of one’s position on the subject, the reduction of energy consumption is good for the environment and for our budgets.*

In 2007, we made headway on the following projects:

- We established a popular display of reading material and other information at Tracy Library.
- We recommended an Idling Policy for Town vehicles that was passed by the Board of Selectmen on January 2, 2008.
- We organized a “Lights Out New London” event for February 21, 2008, asking New London residents to eliminate their use of electricity for 1.5 hours that evening (coinciding with the full moon and total lunar eclipse).
- We met with the Jordan Institute and plan to audit Town buildings to evaluate the need for energy-saving improvements such as insulation, windows, and lighting. Surprisingly, 48% of energy consumption (of which 30-50% is wasted) comes from buildings, while transportation and industrial sources account for only 25% each.
- We engaged a Colby-Sawyer student who will serve as an Energy Committee intern this spring while at the same time perform her Capstone project on evaluating the potential local use of wind turbines for alternative energy production.
- We encouraged the Planning Board to include energy consumption as a subject of critical importance in revising the Town’s 10-year Master Plan;
- We attended training sessions, workshops, and conferences related to global warming and energy conservation; and
- We asked the Argus Champion for the space to have a monthly column called “Energy Matters,” which will feature a different Energy Committee member on a new subject every month.

For the coming years, the Energy Committee hopes to pursue the following endeavors:

- Develop envelope analysis for municipal and residential buildings.
- Sponsor educational lectures at Tracy Library on building envelopes and alternative energy sources for residential use.
- Monitor projects in New London and surrounding areas involving alternative energy to assess these approaches to energy savings. This includes geothermal heating and cooling, wood burning furnaces, and solar installations.
- Promote ways to conserve energy beyond compact fluorescent lights and participate in University of New Hampshire’s Carbon Challenge.

- Investigate a plan to reduce energy consumption by 10% as advanced by the EPA and supported by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association, and others.
- In consideration of interest shown by participants in the Master Planning meetings, we will:
 1. Explore creation of incentives on a state and local level for the installation of alternative energy sources and make recommendations; and
 2. Work with the Town administration, Colby-Sawyer College, and NH Office of Energy and Planning to develop regulations and requirements for the use and installation of residential wind turbines.

This is an ambitious but fascinating undertaking and there is always an opportunity for other interested volunteers to join. The emphasis at the moment is to conserve energy rather than promote emission control, which can really best be done at a national level. It is our hope that through new technologies we can come to rely on energy that is more sustainable and less polluting. By addressing the extravagant over-use on the one hand and improving our buildings' efficiency on the other hand, we will reduce the need for as much as 20-30% of our fuel requirements. At a time when the demand is increasing geometrically and the reserves are reaching a peak, the significance of this savings is astounding.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Reynolds, Chair

Mark Vernon, Vice Chair

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

At the end of 2006, 43 of the Town's 150 street lights were removed, and the remaining lights (with the exception of Main Street) were converted to high pressure sodium lamps with full cut-off lenses. The new lights direct the beam more downwards than outwards, thus reducing glare and light trespass. Due to improved energy efficiency, payback for the conversion will be four years. The Main Street lights were converted at the end of 2007, so all public street lights in New London are now energy efficient. The Street Light Committee has completed its mission but has advised on an ad hoc basis for occasional light removal or addition requests.

The committee thanks the citizens of New London for their feedback and funding approval for the conversion. We also thank the Board of Selectmen, Jessie Levine and the Public Works and Police Departments for their support and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Vernon, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In the course of this past year, the town received a gift of land from David and Celeste Cook. This land, off Whitney Brook Road, provides a variety of trails and also gives access to the Pleasant Lake High Trail and thence to the SRK Greenway. One of the finest features of our town's land conservation is that it provides continuity of access, both for humans and wildlife. We hope to be able to maintain this continuity while accepting the inevitable pressures of development.

We are hopeful of making another land acquisition in 2008. A warrant article calling for purchase of land adjacent to Clark Pond will be on the Town Meeting warrant. This 60-acre property is presently part of the Schultz property fronting Old Main Street. If Town Meeting agrees to the purchase, at the appraised valuation, this will give the town a combined property stretching from I-89 and Bog Road to the largely undeveloped shore of Clark Pond.

Work has continued on various aspects of maintenance of other town properties. Town Meeting in 2007 agreed to a land swap at Low Plain which rectifies a problem with free access from Mountain Road. Davis Path is now town property from beginning to end. On the Phillips Preserve, a small field had been created to provide improved wildlife habitat. The ground finally hardened enough to permit the field to be cleared of stumps, and seeding will take place shortly. All town conservation properties are monitored annually, thanks to Bob and Emma Crane.

Work continued throughout the year to maintain the town trail network, which this year included a significant improvement of the boardwalk at the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog. A major portion of the left loop was improved by placement of an elevated walk. In all, 450 feet of boardwalk were installed with the assistance of volunteers from many surrounding towns. This coming summer the right loop will be improved. Our new member, Bob Brown, is working with Dan Allen to manage our trail work. As always, we can use more volunteers to keep the trails in good condition.

Much of the Commission's work is concerned in one way or another with water: the effects of development on ground water, the flow of ground water and its consequences, and the quality of lake water. We monitor applications for crossing of wetlands and, where appropriate, make recommendations for changes. When the New London Hospital consulted us on its plans for expansion we suggested that this might be a suitable occasion for minimizing the area of impervious surface. The Hospital followed through on our suggestion and will be making use of porous concrete in the parking area.

The quality of lake water is an ongoing concern. The State has recognized this and is instituting more stringent rules for lakeshore work. Town ordinances will be modified to reflect these new rules. As part of our efforts we have representation on the Lake Sunapee Watershed Coalition. These links allow us to coordinate our efforts and processes with those of other towns.

Much of our work is governed by the parameters set out in the Town's Master Plan. The plan is now in process of being updated. As part of this task, we are creating a natural resource inventory of the town, beginning with vernal pools. All our members are active in developing the Master Plan, helping to make it a document that will guide the town in ensuring a healthy balance between necessary development and the preservation of the town's vital character.

The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 1:00 PM. For meeting minutes and further information on the work of the Commission, look at our website, www.nl-nhcc.com. This will also give you news of upcoming events, such as the spring and winter nature walks, which take place each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Norman, Chair



Conservation Commission member Ruth White spotted this bobcat in her back yard off King Hill Road.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board completed the two-year project of rewriting the Town land use regulations in November 2007, a labor intensive job that was long past due. Beginning in January 2006, the Town Planner, Town departments and the Planning Board began rewriting the Site Plan Review Regulations and amending the Driveway Regulations and Subdivision Regulations, which last had major amendments in 1990, 1994 and 1994 respectively. Copies of the new regulations are available in hard copy in the Town Offices (at cost) or free on the Town website (www.nl-nh.com/permits).

In January 2007, the Planning Board adopted the new Driveway Regulations to regulate the design and construction of a driveway for its entire length, including provisions regarding sight distance, grade and width, erosion control, setbacks, base and surface and curves. The Public Works Director still issues the permits after review by the Fire Chief and Zoning Administrator. In January 2008, the Board of Selectmen increased the fee for new driveway permits from \$10 to \$50 to cover the cost of additional requirements and inspections.

In October 2007, the Planning Board adopted revised Subdivision Regulations. Among other things, the revisions emphasized innovative Low Impact Development (“LID”) measures for managing stormwater runoff and designing erosion control measures to protect the town’s invaluable surface waters and groundwater supplies. These progressive regulations received considerable attention from the state’s environmental community, as well as New Hampshire Public Radio and other media. State legislation has been introduced to create a study commission for stormwater treatment. LID techniques are designed to maximize onsite stormwater infiltration to minimize runoff which can cause erosion, flooding and pollution. This is accomplished by using landscape features to treat stormwater at its source trying to mimic natural conditions. The many updates to the Subdivision Regulations include requiring preliminary subdivision applications for major subdivisions; outlining landscape design standards for stormwater treatment; adding a new section on environmental measures governing development of new lots in the shore land overlay district; adding a new section regarding building permit issuance; and improving the standard on scattered and premature subdivision development, impact fees and off-site improvements.

The Planning Board completely rewrote the Town’s outdated Site Plan Review Regulations and adopted the new version in November 2007. Major changes include preliminary site plan review and post-approval requirements for multi-family residential and non-residential uses and standards for outdoor lighting, snow removal and storage, and stormwater drainage and erosion control.

The Planning Board addressed a wide variety of current planning activities during its 20 meetings in 2007, many of which required the review of final site plans for a number of different projects. The most significant site plan project was the expansion of the New London Hospital and reconstruction of a major portion of its campus. Hospital staff worked closely with Town departments, the Planning Board and interested citizens to develop acceptable plans. The Planning Board especially appreciated the Hospital’s willingness to construct an employee parking lot with porous concrete, an LID technique that infiltrates and cleanses stormwater directly through the concrete onsite, recharging groundwater supplies and protecting adjacent wetlands that historically have not been buffered.

The Planning Board also reviewed final site plans for the following projects: an office addition to the commercial building on Pleasant Street purchased by Gavin Campbell; commercial parking lot, adding the New London Inn property to the town green and two projects for filling land.

During 2007, the Planning Board approved 20 new subdivision lots: two major subdivisions creating three lots and seven lots, and five minor subdivisions of two lots each.

The annual update of the Capital Improvement Program (“CIP”) began a month earlier this year in June and ended in October with the Planning Board approving the updated plan for 2008 through 2017. The Planning Board once again appointed a CIP Committee to draft a report for its consideration. The Committee consisted of two Planning Board members, three Budget Committee members and one Selectman, as well as the Town Administrator, Finance Officer and Town Planner. The CIP Committee met with the Department Heads and, with the Town Planner assistance, it developed a draft CIP for the Planning Board’s review and adoption. Upon adoption by the Planning Board, the CIP was submitted to the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen to use in developing annual budget. Copies of the CIP are available at the Town Office.

The Planning Board conducted in the series of public Master Plan Workshops this fall and winter to create a vision for the future growth and development of our community. These workshops were the initial step in updating the 1998 Master

Plan. The Planning Board will now craft, conduct and analyze a community survey. After gathering public input on the key growth-related issues, the Planning Board will update the chapters and associated recommendations from the 1998 Master Plan. This work will take place in the Board's monthly work sessions devoted to the Master Plan update, typically the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Town Offices. The agendas for the work sessions will be posted at the Town Offices and on the Town Website (www.nl-nh.com). Eventually, a draft updated Master Plan will be presented to the community in one or more public hearings. After incorporating the public comments, the Planning Board will adopt the updated Town Master Plan. Citizens are invited to participate in the Planning Board's sessions on chapters of interest, as well as the community survey. Please contact Ken McWilliams, Town Planner, or Jessie Levine, Town Administrator, to volunteer.

As usual, the planning year began and ended working proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Zoning amendments presented at the public hearings in January 2008 for ballot vote at the 2008 Town Meeting are the end result of a planning process that began in September. The Planning Board selected, reviewed and revised draft amendments over a series of work sessions in the fall to present at the January public hearings. Many zoning amendments presented for ballot vote at the 2008 Town Meeting are "housekeeping" in nature intended to clarify the ordinance. The most significant amendments include permitting agriculture in all districts and instituting related restrictions regarding livestock; redefining the upper buffer limits for protected wetland tributaries; conforming town floodplain regulations to federal requirements; and conforming the Town's Shore Land Overlay District to comply with stricter provisions of the state's revised Comprehensive Shore Land Protection Act.

The Planning Board greatly appreciates the continuing dependable and committed service provided by the staff including Jessie Levine, Town Administrator, Peter Stanley, Zoning Administrator, Judy Condict, Recording Secretary, and Ken McWilliams, Town Planner. The Planning Board also recognizes the valuable input from our professional and knowledgeable Department Heads. The Planning Board continues to be very thankful for assistance of the many people in the performance of its duties. Your participation, inquiries and insights are invaluable and most appreciated.

The Planning Board generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month as well as conducting noticed public meetings or work sessions throughout the year working on various Planning Board initiatives. As noted above, the Planning Board is reserving the meeting on the second Tuesday of each month for work sessions on the Master Plan. All of the Planning Board meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation and input in the process of guiding the future growth of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen E. Ebel, Chair

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The New London Archives committee is comprised of Vernon Barrett, Doris Cutter, Nancy Dutton, Hope Howard, Constance Granger, Robert MacMichael, Margaret Moreland, Constance Reece and Arrolyn Vernon. Arrolyn is in charge of maps and is making order out of chaos. She is interested in this so it is natural for her. Doris, Connie and I have been clipping obituaries of New Londoners or anyone who had a connection to New London. Each obituary is labeled with the full date and name of the newspaper it was clipped from. Doris keeps these obituaries in alphabetical order. They have been clipped from the Concord Monitor, Argus Champion and the Intertown Record. This process has been carried on for a number of years and has the making of a good collection. Soon we will copy these obituaries and put them into a notebook, as newspaper is known to dry out and become brittle. We must do this soon to preserve for future research.

Plenty of work to be done! You will find someone willing to show you around on Wednesday mornings between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The New London Archives office is located on the lower level of the Town Offices (Old Academy Building).

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Moreland, Archivist

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met 9 times during the year 2007. The following reflects a summary of the cases heard.

January 29, 2007

Hodan Properties, represented by Daniel Wolf for a variance to the terms of Article V §A of the New London Zoning Ordinance, in order to allow a commercial parking lot within the residential district. The property is located at 125 Newport Road (Tax Map 59, Lot 1) in the Commercial/R-1 zones. **Granted.**

Barton Condominiums, represented by Benjamin Barton for a variance to the terms of Article XX, §B, 2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance, in order to remove an existing, non-conforming set of steps on the front of the building and add a new set of covered steps and landing that are more non-conforming. The property is located at 89 Main Street (Tax Map 73, Lot 56) in the R-1 zone. **Granted.**

March 19, 2007

Jennifer Paul, represented Pelletieri Associates, Inc. for a special exception as permitted by Article XIII, §E, 1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to allow a proposed road to cross a wetland at the narrowest point, and to replace an existing culvert. The property is located at 9 & 192 Sunset Shores Road (Tax Map 91, Lot 8 & 14) in the R2 zone. **Granted.**

Robert & Laurie Durkin for a variance to the terms of Article II, §5 of the New London Zoning Ordinance, in order to construct a cupola that exceeds the height limitation of 35'. **Granted.**

April 9, 2007

New London Hospital for two variances to the terms of Article II, §5 and Article V, §A of the New London Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a building that exceeds the height limitation of 35' and to allow parking in an R-1 zone. The property is located at 273 County Road (Tax Map 72, Lot 16 & 17) in the Hospital Institutional/R-1 zone. **Granted.**

June 11, 2007

Harry M. Snow, represented by Blakeman Engineering for two special exceptions as permitted by Article XIII, §E. (1) and Article XIII, §E. (3) for the construction of two new driveways in a proposed 7-lot subdivision that cross intermittent streams and wetlands in 4 separate locations; and proposing to reduce the 100' wetland buffer of forested wetlands on a 41.4 acre parcel, thereby allowing a more orderly development of the parcel into seven lots. **Granted.**

July 2, 2007

Paul & Joanne Lazdowski for a variance to the terms of Article V, §C,2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit a side yard less than what has been established by the primary dwelling. **Granted.**

Alan & Priscilla West for a variance to the terms of Article V, §C,2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit a side yard less than 15 feet for an addition to the existing structure. **Denied.**

August 20, 2007

Harry M. Snow, represented by Blakeman Engineering for a special exception as permitted by Article XIII, §E. (1) of the New London Zoning Ordinance for the construction of a new driveway in an approved subdivision that will cross wetlands in two separate locations. The property is located at Wilder Lane (Tax Map 111, Lot 8) in the ARR zone. **Granted.**

Robert Schoff for a variance to the terms of Article XX, §B,3,b of the New London **October 16, 2006:** Jesseman Associates P.C., represented Colby Sawyer College for a variance to the terms of Article XX §A-2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit the modification of the existing nonconforming cottage to add a partial second story and an unheated entryway on the first floor. The building is nonconforming because it has less side yard than is required by Article V, §C.2. The property is located at 1781 Little Sunapee Road (Tax Map 43, Lot 20) in the R-2 zone. **Granted.**

September 17, 2007

Peter Moore for a variance to the terms of Article IX, §D, 1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit the creation of a new lot in the Forest Conservation District with less than the 25 acre minimum lot size. The property is located at 719 & 750 Little Sunapee Road (Tax Map 33, Lot 15 & Map 21, Lot 1) in the R-2 and Forest Conservation zones. **Granted.**

October 1, 2007

Townsend & Ann-Marie Thomas and John & Michaela McSheffrey for a special exception as permitted by Article XIII, §E. (1) of the New London Zoning Ordinance for the construction of a new driveway crossing a stream in two separate locations and impacting an adjacent forested wetland. The property is located at 838 Route 103A (Tax Map 103, Lots 17, 18, and 20). **Granted.**

November 5, 2007

Walter & Rebecca Partridge for a variance to the terms of Article V, §C2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit a side yard less than the minimum requirement for a proposed garage. The property is located at 385 County Road (Tax Map 72, Lot 12). **Granted.**

Nancy Constable Stratton, represented by Gavin Campbell for a variance to the terms of Article XX, §B, 3, b of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit the substantial improvement of an existing, nonconforming home and demolition of a garage, with the reconstruction of the garage to include space above. The existing property is nonconforming because it has less than the required waterfront setback. The property is located at 471 Forest Acres Road (Tax Map 119, 15). **Granted.**

We thank Amy Rankins and Peter Stanley for their assistance in properly preparing applicants to come before the ZBA's and for coordinating the ZBA's activities. We also thank Sarah Denz for her excellent minutes of the ZBA meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Green, Chair

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New London Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of historical information, artifacts, and "live" programs to bring back this history. We are particularly proud of our fourth grade class day spent on our campus recreating a day in the 1800s for children. This past year we had not only the Kearsarge Region fourth grade, but also the whole school of Mount Royal Academy. We would encourage other fourth grades in this area to participate in the future. We are also in the process of developing programs about New London in the mid-1800s, focused on issues in the Franklin Pierce presidency which we plan to offer to and collaborate with our middle and high school students in the Kearsarge region.

This past year we collaborated with the Sunapee Historical Society, the Fells, the Barn Playhouse, and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association with PASTIMES AND AMUSEMENTS AROUND LAKE SUNAPEE, programs and exhibits. We began the year with the history of NH skiing, and included hiking, fishing, and golfing in this area in subsequent programs and included two exhibits: fishing in the 1930s and golfing in the 1920s. In addition, we had programs on mud and black flies, the fifth season; barn stories; a 1930s dance: Anything Goes; an antique auto show and race to Sunapee Harbor with a number of local autos; Old Home Day fun and activities; sunken treasures, the Weetamo; and the history of Corbin Park.

For 2008 we have added another collaborator: the Newbury Historical Society. Our theme for 2008 is HOSTING OUR SUMMER GUESTS: THE 1880's THROUGH THE 1930's which will include Women Tavern Keepers in the 19th century in NH; Summer Stock in New England; Entertaining Visitors: Boarding Houses, Hotels, Cottages, and Fishing Camps on Lake Sunapee; Carriages and Horses plus a driving clinic on the grounds of the New London Historical Society, and a surprise loan exhibit of a 19th century vehicle, one of the first used by tourists in New Hampshire plus much more.

The New London Historical Society is staffed by enthusiastic volunteers. We have no paid staff. We welcome our neighbors to join us as fellow volunteers and as visitors/participants in our many programs, activities, and events throughout the year. We also welcome AIL classes at our Meetinghouse and other groups too. After all, New London, we are your historical society!

Respectfully submitted,

J.L. Tonner

President

BANDSTAND COMMITTEE

The summer of 2007 was a mixture of highs and lows. On the high side we were forced inside for only one concert (the first one). The other seven concerts were on the Green, although one concert presented a real challenge to the musicians who had to deal with wind and a short rain shower. There were a number of Fridays with threatening weather, but we gambled and won. It is such a pleasure to have members of the audience come with picnic suppers. Also, it is joyous to have children in attendance not only playing but also enjoying the concerts, especially when some of the groups include the children by having them march and play drums.

The band concerts are successful because of the dedication of the Committee members: Frank Sherman, Vice President; Barbara Green, Treasurer; Nancy Snow, Secretary; Missy Owen, Program Chair; Marge Sherman, Publicity; Bob Lull, Sponsors and Buntings; Bill Green, chairs; Jody Arnold; Michael Meller; Margaret Moreland and William Sloan. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Additional thanks go to the Public Works Department for keeping the Common in good shape and taking care of the trash. We are grateful to Lee Morrill of On Track Design for designing and printing our posters and placing weekly ads, Clayton Miller, Inc. for making sure the lights work, the New London Garden Club for the beautiful plantings, the Chamber of Commerce for displaying the sandwich board each week, the Town Office staff, friends who assist us in many ways, and last but by no means least our generous sponsors who year after year make it possible to provide a variety of musical programs for our concertgoers.

On the low side we missed Marge and Frank Sherman. Marge suffered from failing health all summer and died in October. She was our splendid, dynamic publicity chair. Frank wore many hats on this committee: VP, former program chair, sound person, announcer, and all-round wonderful committee member. Bob Wallace, an honorary member and friendly generous neighbor on the Common, died in July. Bob and his wife, Janis, were staunch supporters of the Bandstand Committee. Losing Marge and Bob left a big hole in our hearts.

A second high point came at the end of the season when the “old and tired” New London Bandstand Committee, Inc. felt it was time for a major change. The newspaper headline read, “New London Bandstand Committee Wants Out.” Jessie Levine, Town Administrator, brought Bill Dowd of the Kearsarge Community Center and me together to discuss possibilities. On September 28, 2007, the New London Bandstand Committee, Inc. met with Bill Dowd, David Cleveland, David Kidder, and Joseph Cardillo representing the Kearsarge Community Center. Bill explained KCC’s interest in the bandstand as a means of expanding their interest in promoting the goal of providing cultural arts for local individuals. He also stated the Bandstand concerts are key to the New London summer tradition. The following were named as board members and officers:

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| • Bill Dowd, President and Chair | 3 years | • Bridget LeRoy, Secretary | 2 years |
| • David Cleveland, First VP | 3 years | • Joseph Cardillo | 1 year |
| • Missy Owen | 2 years | • Debora Barton | 1 year |

Resignations from the New London Bandstand Committee, Inc. were accepted. Barbara Green agreed to serve as Treasurer until January 2008 at which time Mary Campe was elected as Treasurer for a 3-year term, and Mike Meller expressed interest in working with David Cleveland’s Operations Committee.

For 18 years the Bandstand Committee has had the privilege of providing Friday night concerts in the Mary Haddad Bandstand on the Ausbon Sargent Common. These concerts have become a family summer tradition, and I hope you will continue to support the new committee with the same enthusiasm that you showed us. I am sure the new Board will be happy to receive your suggestions and comments.

I deeply appreciate all of you who worked to make the concerts successful and particularly all who attended the concerts. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois E. Marshall
President Emeritus

2008 BANDSTAND CONCERT SCHEDULE

Friday, June 20, 2008	The Flames
Friday, June 27, 2008	The Fondtones
Friday, July 4, 2008	Quintessential Brass
Friday, July 11, 2008	Granite State Stompers
Friday, July 18, 2008	Brass Connection
Friday, August 8, 2008	East Bay Jazz
Friday, August 15, 2008	Bean Hill Bluegrass
Friday, August 22, 2008	High Ground

All concerts start at 6:30 PM. In the event of rain, concerts will be held indoors at Whipple Memorial Town Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

As of May 12, 2003, it is illegal to possess, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages in or on any Town building, cemetery, park, common, library, beach, skating rink or other town facility. This includes the Town Commons and Town beaches, as well as any public roads, sidewalks, or parking areas. The fine for violations of this Town ordinance is \$1,000.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As a long time member of the New London Emergency Management Committee I was honored to be asked to serve as the town's Emergency Management Director, a position which I accepted in March 2007. Since then I continue to be impressed by our committee members' professionalism and dedication to identify, evaluate, plan, and prepare for major emergencies that could occur in New London. To that end, the EMC was able to accomplish the following in 2007:

We hit the ground running in April with several administrative successes as well as some challenges presented by a fast moving storm.

During the first week of April, through Kelsie Lee's excellent work, the New London Emergency Preparedness website went live. The creation of this website is one component of an ongoing effort to enhance emergency preparedness within New London through education. With the information and links provided, community members can learn what to do before, during and after an emergency. Thank you Kelsie for making this project a reality.

On April 17 a Nor'easter brought high winds and dumped heavy rains causing flooding and road closings. While the storm damage was not severe enough to cause us to open the emergency operations center, four New London families were evacuated from their homes and temporarily relocated. Information for FEMA assistance was made available to the community via the town's website and WNTK radio.

Not to be slowed down by the storm, later in April after much deliberation and input from our membership we approved the following mission statement:

The Town of New London Emergency Management Committee's mission is to identify, evaluate, plan, and prepare for major emergencies that could occur in New London, NH. This is accomplished by teaming actively with various departments and organizations in supporting an effective response, mitigating further hazards, and assisting in recovery. This further includes educating and informing the community of issues and actions to be taken on their behalf as well as actions to be taken by the public for their own protection and survival in emergencies.

On May 30, the EMC, in concert with Colby-Sawyer College, held its first combined full scale, multi-agency emergency drill with many of its community partners, including New London Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, New London Hospital and Emergency Medical Services, and Town administration. The exercise was a great success in that it provided us with valuable insights that will improve our future preparation and planning for real emergencies. Helping to guide us through the exercise were Gregg Champlin from the New Hampshire Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, former Sutton Police Chief Tighe, and Lieutenant Collins of the Sunapee Police Department. The exercise was made more realistic through the involvement of talented actors Dan Wolf and Bonnie Lewis, students from Kearsarge Regional High School and dozens of Colby-Sawyer College faculty and staff who volunteered as role players. Special thanks to David Seastrand for coordinating the tactical portion of the exercise, Jessie Levine and Jay Lyon for their work in the hot and crowded EOC, and for Pam Drewniak's and Ben Coon's early arrival to moulage prep the actors.

On June 2 & 9 a number of our residents participated in 20 hours of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. CERT is a group of volunteer residents from Newport, Sunapee, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Goshen, Grantham and Croydon, organized under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines. During emergencies such as natural disasters or widespread power outages that block roads or overwhelm public safety services, CERT team members gather at local staging points within their communities and perform light fire suppression, damage assessment, triage and first aid, search and rescue, until the usual first responders are able to get through. Thanks to all of you who successfully completed this important training.

On June 21 Don Bent, Kent Wheeler and I attended a simulated public health emergency tabletop exercise at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont. The exercise was facilitated by Jane Hubbard of Hubbard Consulting LLC with participation from members of the Greater Sullivan County All Hazards Health Region. Some participants represented the various towns throughout the region while others served as representatives of state agencies, county officials, area hospitals, etc. each responding respectively to the exercise narrative. Additional elements were added to the exercise storyline to provide opportunities for participants to more fully demonstrate their response capabilities in accordance with the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. The exercise provided a great opportunity for emergency management personnel to network while also identifying strengths and challenges within the plan. A follow-up table top exercise held on November 29 which Kent Wheeler and I attended addressed some of the aforementioned challenges.

In August the EMC received a donation from a community member of Datacard ID Works electronic imaging software with printer. This has allowed us to produce identification cards for town employees and emergency responders, providing important credentialing tools in the event of an emergency.

While we're proud of what we've been able to accomplish in such a short time, we want to encourage New London residents to continue to take an active role in emergency readiness by staying updated on issues of preparedness, creating their own family emergency plans and putting together personal disaster kits. If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact us at 526-4821 or emd@nl-nh.com.

I would like to thank our Committee members: Jessie Levine, Donald Bent, Kent Wheeler, Don West, Richard Lee, Jason Lyon, David Seastrand, and Heather Cusanelli, as well as our volunteers, Pam Drewniak and Susie Burmann, for all of their assistance throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Berthiaume

Emergency Management Director

NEW LONDON OUTING CLUB

Explosive Growth Seen in 2007 Programs! As the New London Outing Club ends its 60th year of operation, let us again express our greatest appreciation for the support this community has shown through your ever growing participation in our recreational programs! Children's soccer experienced amazing growth in 2007, lacrosse once again set new registration records and baseball continues a huge expansion, interest again spurred by our World Series Champs Red Sox!

NLOC expands to all season programming! Many new recreational programs are in the planning stage as this is written thanks to a special 10 year lease negotiated with the Kearsarge Regional School District. It provides the NLOC exclusive after school use of the "old" middle school gym, stage, music room and fields commencing with the children's move to the new middle school, currently scheduled for March, 2008.

The lease required the NLOC to substantially improve the facilities in three ways:

1. Replace the old damaged gym floor with new state of the art flooring
2. Fix the long standing, severe drainage issues along the entire length of the building
3. Restore the playing field and fencing behind the school to usable condition

All of these improvements have been successfully achieved, including the discovery of an old, abandoned second playing field in the northwest corner of the property which has now been completely restored and made usable again. Thanks go to the Lake Sunapee Bank for granting the NLOC a special \$200,000 line of credit used to accomplish these much needed improvements. Our capital campaign to repay this loan is already underway with great progress...thanks again to the wonderful folks in this community!

FINALLY....a website that has it all.... theoutingclub.net. You can very easily access all the information you want on new and planned recreational opportunities for your family with one simple website...please check it out! All programs, registration information, easy online registration and simple credit card payment (for those who would like this convenience) is right at your fingertips. We also include an important link to the New London Recreation Department website.

Director Joe Cardillo leads our Membership drive! Joe Cardillo, former owner of Flash Photo, has taken the lead in helping increase NLOC membership. Joe is quick to point out that the NLOC could not exist without this vital support and he's particularly hopeful that everyone in our community -- not just those with children in our different programs -- will see that the New London Outing Club plays a vital role in delivering recreation to our community and is worth supporting.

The Outing Club owns and operates most of the recreational facilities, including Knight's Hill Nature Park in New London and does this through membership, private donations and a huge, non-paid volunteer force. He also thinks it is important to clarify that these facilities and programs are delivered without any direct tax dollar support other than the tax exemption status we receive as a charitable non-profit organization. So please lend an ear to Joe's message in 2008...we'll all appreciate it!

On behalf of the NLOC Board of Directors...thank you for a great 2007!

Dan Snyder

President, NLOC

THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

For over 20 years the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) has been a leader in the conservation of our natural resources in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region. This non-profit, citizen-based group's mission is to protect the rural landscape of this region. Operated by a volunteer board of 14 trustees, the ASLPT has grown from an all volunteer organization with an initial charter membership of 475 into an organization of over 1,100 memberships with a full-time executive director, a full-time land protection specialist and three part-time office assistants. We are pleased to have 75+ volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. We are especially thankful for their support and the countless hours that they give us during the year. Our members are the lifeblood of the ASLPT and if you are not already a member, I urge you to become one.

Since our founding in 1987, the ASLPT has completed 92 projects and protected a total of 5,388 acres. All of our conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of our properties offer public access. Land conservation is a partnership and often involves not only the landowner and ASLPT, but other conservation organizations and local conservation commissions.

It has been two and a half years since the ASLPT welcomed Beth McGuinn as our fulltime Land Protection Specialist. When we hired Beth, we had a backlog of projects, and although more land is now being protected, we continue to have a growing backlog. In order to continue our work, we intend to hire a second Land Protection Specialist in the spring of 2008, a year earlier than we had initially planned. Aside from working on conservation projects, our new employee will also use approximately one-fourth of his/her time overseeing the ASLPT stewardship program.

As a consequence of our growth, we have found it necessary to relocate to fulfill the need for larger office space. In the spring of 2008, we are planning to move to a new office rental located at 71 Pleasant Street and owned by builder Gavin Campbell. By moving, we will gain at least two additional work stations, larger meeting space and adequate storage for our ever increasing files and permanent records.

In 2006 we launched the ASLPT Annual Preservation Fund which proved to be a huge success. The Fund is intended to build our financial resources devoted to land conservation in perpetuity.

As in prior years, our two "progressive" dinner fundraisers held in July proved to be extremely popular and everyone involved had a wonderful time. I am grateful to the hosts that make these events so successful. In September, the fourth annual Growers' Dinner was sponsored by Jack's of New London and in December we held our fifth annual Holiday Party at Foxstand in Springfield. Again, thanks to our special hosts Hilary Cleveland and Sandy Rowse. We very much look forward to seeing our members at these events in 2008.

In October our Outreach Committee held its first ever Land Summit that was well supported by our area towns and attended by 75 participants. The Summit brought officials from our 12-town region together for to learn from each other and from experts in the fields of land conservation and planning.

I am very pleased to announce that the ASLPT is one of 80 land trusts selected by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission to apply for the 2008 accreditation. We are the only NH land trust applying in the inaugural year of accreditation. Our board feels that is important that we apply for accreditation because land trusts are increasingly called upon to demonstrate their accountability to the public. Accreditation will provide the public with the assurance that a land trust displaying the accreditation seal meets established standards for organizational quality and permanent land conservation.

Projects completed in 2007 include the following:

- 470-acre Woods Without Gile property adjacent to the Gile Forest in Springfield managed by Ann and Marc Davis;
- 16.4 acres in Newbury located on Route 103A, owned by Dan Wolf and important to the Lake Sunapee Watershed;
- 9.6 acres in Newbury off Route 103A owned by Suzanne Levine and located on Cunningham Brook;
- 268 acre Hersey Family Farm located on Route 11 in East Andover; and

- 9.71 acres owned by the Town of Sutton (formerly the Enroth/Lefferts properties) located adjacent to Kezar Lake, Kezar St. and Route 114.

For further information, please take a look at it at our website www.ausbonsargent.org.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the ASLPT either as an easement donor, a member or as one who contributes many volunteer hours to the organization. All of you play a key role in the success of ASLPT.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Stanley
 Executive Director

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 Bookkeeper: Wendy Johnson

PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

The Pleasant Lake Protective Association is sincerely thankful to the Town of New London for continuing to help support our Lake Host Program in the form of a grant of \$7,000 from the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund. Together with a grant of \$4,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the continuing generosity of PLPA members, we were once again able to fund this important program. Each year the Pleasant Lake Lake Hosts inspect almost 1,000 vessels entering our waters. In addition, volunteer Weed Watchers patrol our underwater environment. Due to these extensive efforts, we are pleased to report that Pleasant Lake remains free of invasive exotic weeds.

Sadly, in the spring of 2007, significant failure of the culverts along Lamson Lane once again washed a great deal of sediment into Pleasant Lake. PLPA appreciates the efforts of the Town to correct this recurring problem.

History was made during the summer of 2007, as two chicks were born to the pair of loons that live on Pleasant Lake. For the first time, the loons used a floating loon raft complete with avian guard, which provided extra safety and protection for the eggs. Both chicks spent a happy summer on the lake and flew off to their ocean home in November. The community of Pleasant Lake can be very proud of this significant accomplishment.

In the fall of 2008 there will be a major drawdown of Pleasant Lake for the purpose of upgrading the Pleasant Lake Dam. Homeowners who wish to accomplish lakeside projects during that time should check with the Town now to be sure the necessary permits are in order.

The 225-plus members of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association are passionate about preserving and protecting Pleasant Lake. Our President is Dick Clayton, Vice President Doug Baxter, Treasurer Tom Stark, Secretary Kittie Wilson and Membership Secretary Sue Andrews. PLPA is classified as a 501c(3) organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. We have a very active and informative email communications called "All Things Pleasant on the Lake" which you can join by visiting plpa.net.

Join us as we work to preserve and protect one of New London's greatest natural treasures, Pleasant Lake!

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Wilson
 Secretary

SUNAPEE AREA WATERSHED COALITION

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In January 2005, Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) supported by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) was selected by NH DES to receive grants to participate in the NH DES Watershed Pilot Program. SAWC is made up of Sunapee watershed (Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton) town representatives, residents, lake associations, non-profits, and other interested parties and is currently working with Granite State Rural Water Association to write a Watershed Management Plan for the Lake Sunapee Watershed. Coalition members have identified the major threats to the local water bodies, and are currently working on recommendations. A Watershed Plan draft will be available for review early in 2008.

Three reports have been completed this year:

- An updated study of the watershed on maximum buildings and population
- A comparison of regulations of the six watershed Towns and assessment by UVLSRPC;
- A water quality computer model which uses inputs such as storm data and predicts total phosphorus.

In 2007, a mid-year report was issued and distributed at town offices; reports were presented to several watershed towns' selectmen. In 2008, SAWC is planning to select a demonstration project relative to the pilot grant.

This year a SAWC subcommittee (called the Watershed Advisory Committee) has been working on the Watershed Plan. This subcommittee toured important sites in the watershed, from stormwater handling examples, to the state's salt barn, from a managed forest to a problematic grandfathered subdivision, and water supply infrastructure.

Five areas of focus resulted:

1. Erosion Control: Requirements for slopes greater than 15% should be considered and soil type criteria should be included. Sediment should always be retained in the development area.
2. Storm Water: Requirements for handling run-off as a result of development can be better covered. Criteria should be adopted to control flow by use of level-spreaders or vegetated buffers before run-off enters ditches or streams. Regulations should include long term maintenance of stormwater controls and should be included in Town property records.
3. Waste Disposal: State regulations apply to septic system design and site selection. Criteria should be introduced for inspection and maintenance. Town records should include location, design and maintenance history.
4. Buffer Zones: In view of the critical role played in preserving water quality, definition and criteria for structure maintenance should be required and in town property records. Width, clearing limitations, soil type and slope must be considered.
5. Water Supply: High quality water supply is a basic need. While surface water quality is monitored and public supplies are covered by State regulations, no comprehensive data on location, type, depth, and flow are available on private wells. Such information could be developed and a program of testing be instituted so that long term trends can be followed and threats identified.

The SAWC Watershed Plan draft will be submitted to the Town Boards for review in early 2008. It is intended that recommendations should be incorporated into Master Plans and be a guide for Planning and Zoning Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dancy

New London representative to SAWC

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

In 2007, Colby-Sawyer College celebrated milestones with some of its most important and influential community partnerships. These enduring relationships -- created and nurtured by members of the college and area communities -- provide inspiring examples of how people with shared interests, passions and resources can enhance the quality of life in the New London area.

Adventures in Learning: Adventures in Learning (AIL), the lifelong learning program sponsored by Colby-Sawyer, marks its 10th anniversary in the 2007-2008 academic year. For the last decade, AIL has provided educational enrichment courses for adults in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Region, offering three terms with 12 different courses each year. Today AIL attracts more than 700 participants each year to its wide range of informal and intellectually stimulating courses, which are led by study group leaders from the community. Colby-Sawyer College provides administrative support for all aspects of the AIL program.

For New London resident Betsy Boege, AIL's current president, the program makes living here "even more enjoyable." She has taken courses in stem cell research and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as other courses in economics, history and science. "I'm a firm believer in keeping your mind active," she said. "Mental fitness is as important as physical fitness for a good quality of life."

AIL has presented special events and courses to celebrate its anniversary this year, which will culminate with a community-wide reception and celebration at the college's Ware Campus Center on May 15, 2008. AIL Vice President Art Rosen says the events and activities honor the organization's association with Colby-Sawyer and commemorate its founding ten years ago "in a way that embraces and enriches the entire community."

The Chargers Club: This year the Chargers Club, a community-based organization founded to support athletics and student-athletes at the college, marked its 25th anniversary. The club began in January 1982, when a small group of local women gathered on campus to meet with Colby-Sawyer's athletic director to discuss how they could help to gain recognition and financial support for the college's athletic teams. The club's original members, which included Pat Kelsey, Gusta Teach, Emily Weathers Campbell and Janet Kidder, launched an organization that has raised more than \$340,000 for athletics in its 25-year history.

The club's first president, Gusta Teach, recalled that in the early- to mid-1980s, when Colby-Sawyer was a women's college, the teams received little attention. "In those days, women's athletics wasn't high on anyone's agenda," she said. "We thought it would be helpful to have someone behind them—not just financially, but also there cheering them on."

The Chargers Club asked community members and business leaders to donate items for auction, which they held on campus during Parents Weekends. Club members also initiated an annual awards ceremony and banquet, a tradition that continues today.

"The teams needed basic things such as uniforms and warm up suits, and large ticket items such as tennis courts," said Janet Kidder, then the club's treasurer. "We didn't have any trouble getting people interested in donating and supporting the club. It wasn't grand—just people in the community who wanted to help out." The club was another way for the community to get involved in and support the college, according to Kidder. "The college is important to the community, just as the community is important to the college. It's as true today as it was 25 years ago," she says.

Today the college fields 16 men's and women's intercollegiate varsity teams, and the Chargers Club, now led by alumna Jen Ellis, continues the tradition while changing with the times. Through its annual tennis tournament and other fund-raisers, the club "goes above and beyond the basics to make our athletic program stand out among others in our conference," according to Ellis.

The Carter Partnership Award: In November 2007, Colby-Sawyer College and the Kearsarge Regional School District were recognized with a Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration. The award honors a strong partnership that for four decades has directly benefitted students from kindergarten through high school, and provided college students with professional development experiences and community service opportunities.

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter presented the partnership award to Colby-Sawyer President Tom Galligan and KRSD Superintendent Tom Brennan. The award was created by the Carter Foundation to recognize exemplary collaboration by colleges and universities, in partnership with community groups, to address critical public needs.



Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter presented the Carter College-Community Partnership Award to KRSD Superintendent Tom Brennan (left) and Colby-Sawyer College President Tom Galligan in November 2007 (photo courtesy of Colby-Sawyer College).

“The college’s dynamic and enduring partnership with the Kearsarge Regional School District has been great for the college and our students,” said President Galligan. “It has enriched the lives of many—from the first-grader who gets extra attention from a college student in the classroom to our future teachers and nurses, who gain real world professional skills by working alongside experienced mentors across the district. The partnership instills in everyone who participates a deep sense of what it means to contribute to and benefit from being part of a strong and caring community.”

Town-Gown Awards: Finally, Colby-Sawyer’s Town-Gown Awards, presented at Commencement in May 2007, honored a vital partnership between the college’s Campus Safety Office and the New London Police Department. The awards, which each year recognize college-community collaborations, were given to Chief of Police David J. Seastrand and Campus Safety Director Peter L. Berthiaume. Chief Seastrand and Director Berthiaume have built an unusually strong and cooperative relationship between the town and the college, and each ably leads a dedicated staff of officers committed to ensuring our community’s safety and well-being.

Chief Seastrand and his officers work closely with Campus Safety to facilitate the police department’s understanding of the distinctive nature of the Colby-Sawyer campus and our students’ needs. The chief attends training sessions with Campus Safety professional organizations to ensure that he and his staff serve the campus constituencies sensitively and effectively. “The attitude of the chief, and consequently of his officers on the front line, is that we are in this together to create a safer community for all,” said Director Berthiaume. “It’s this attitude that makes the relationship between the town of New London and Colby-Sawyer College a model for other college towns across the country.”

Director Berthiaume has taken a leading role in developing all-hazards emergency plans to prepare the college and local communities for emergencies. He has served on the town’s Emergency Management Committee since 2001 and was recently appointed as its director, leading the planning and coordination of medical, police, fire, public health and other services during major emergencies. “Given his strong working relationship and established level of trust with the town’s public safety officials, Peter was a natural for the leadership role on the committee,” said New London Town Administrator Jessie Levine.

In this last year, many of the people who participate in and benefit from these partnerships have had an opportunity to gain recognition, take pride in these efforts, and reflect on the value of collaboration for individuals and communities. For all these reasons, these partnerships and the many others that bring the college and community together are likely to flourish well into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Swick Slover

Director of Communications
Colby-Sawyer College

NEW LONDON INFORMATION BOOTH & LAKE SUNAPEE REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Past Year's Events/Changes: The New London Information Booth operates as the primary office for the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. From the New London booth location, the Chamber serves 12 regional towns. The central New London location is critical in promoting and facilitating commerce, which enhances the quality of life of communities in the entire region. The Chamber collaborates with the Towns of Sunapee and Newbury in the operation of their respective seasonal information booths.

The Chamber was involved in sponsoring several special community events in New London during 2007:

- The Chocolate Fest at the New London Inn in March attracted more than 250 attendees to sample the delicious products of a dozen chocolate presenters, including four local ones;
- Chamber volunteers collaborated with local residents to sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile in June and assisted New London Hospital with a power location for the town-provided audio during Hospital Days;
- The Chamber works with numerous local organizations in advertising and promoting local events and activities. Such organizations include the New London Barn Playhouse, the New London Historical Society, Summer Music Associates, KAT Theatre, the Bandstand Committee, New London Hospital, COA, the Red Cross and many others. The Chamber distributed biking and hiking locations, including selling New London trail maps to benefit the Conservation Commission, and provided information or referrals of Town services and events.
- The Chamber's ever-improving web site -- www.lakesunapeenh.org -- lists all local Chamber members including retail, dining and lodging choices and local services as well as a community calendar. This was a new addition in 2007. More frequent newsletters for the benefit of members and other web site links also were added in 2007.
- Spring Ledge Farm donated the holiday tree to the Chamber which was set up in the Town bandstand. We worked with Chamber members to provide the Santa visit at the tree lighting and asked local banks and others to offer additional holiday events and photos. Chamber members provided carolers and worked with members and non-members alike in participating in New London's "Christmas Party," during which retailers welcomed visitors with later hours, refreshments and shopping enticements.
- The Chamber continued to raise funds toward replacing the existing Information Booth on town land in order to offer a handicapped-accessible restroom and heated year-round information center. While it was disappointing that this was not completed during 2007, local organizations such as the New London Rotary Club, businesses, non-profits and residents continued to contribute toward the goal. The traditional Tomie Di Paola Santa's Village was not put up in 2007 because of the booth replacement. Town officials were very helpful in providing advice and guidance as we proceed. Our thanks again to the New London Garden Club for offering and maintaining attractive plantings.

Staffing changes and training events: Several local residents volunteered or were paid to help the director in ensuring that the Information Booth was open to assist both residents and visitors. The Chamber will repeat the 2007 participation as an at-large board member of the NH Association of Chambers of Commerce. The Chamber took advantage of several economic development and visitor-oriented seminars in 2007 in order to advocate for our members and the overall stability of the region. A volunteer Board of Directors representing a cross-section of members and participating town govern the Chamber and meet monthly. Many of the directors as well as Chamber members are New London-based.

Benefit/value to the Town of New London: The Chamber is open year-round. The New London Information Booth at 328 Main Street was open from May through November in 2007. It could not have been possible without the continued support of the budgeted \$10,000 as evidence of the support from the Town and its citizens. The Newbury and Sunapee seasonal information booth operating and personnel expenses are supported entirely by those respective towns. In November, we moved to temporary offices provided through the generosity of the Angeli Real Estate offices until we can establish year-around occupancy in the planned new building. During the course of 2007:

- The Chamber responded to more than 3700 requests for local and regional information this year from visitors to the booth and in response to requests via phone, email or mail-in requests.
- The Chamber continues to provide Transfer Station hours and requirements, recycling and outing club information, brochures on places to go or things to do, and calendars of events, and gives out information on shopping, lodging and

dining options. We respond to inquiries to new and potential residents on a number of topics and advocate for New London and the surrounding area.

- The value of buying locally continues to be of primary value. The concept of “Think Local First” and the Chamber’s existing Community Investment Program are ways to support the local economy. Many New London businesses participate in the Chamber and community activities and continue to contribute to the quality and diversity of the Town. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 526-6575 (1-877-526-6575).

Effect of local and regional growth: Residents and tourism both greatly benefit New London. Research continues to demonstrate that travel and tourism is one of this area’s leading industries in terms of jobs and attracting dollars from out-of state and in-state visitors. Our regional chamber applied for Joint Promotional Program (JPP) matching reimbursement from the New Hampshire Department of Travel & Tourism for the production and development of our annual Map & Guide and Information Guide publications. The Chamber received more than \$13,000 FY 2006-07, will apply for approximately \$7000 of similar reimbursement for 2007 and a greater amount in 2008.

JPP funds supplement the Town support, member dues and modest fundraising efforts to meet our budget requirements for marketing and operating expenses. The above publications are distributed at corporate locations in Boston Metro and Connecticut and a portion of the New York area, the Manchester Airport, at state Welcome & Information Centers in both NH and VT and at member businesses and organizations throughout the region. We provide the publications to visitors’ at all three town information booths and include them in informational packets distributed. The Chamber participated as a potential resource for economic and housing concerns during the recent Town Master Planning process.

New programs/Vision for 2008: The Chamber will be setting strategic goals for this year in late January 2008. The replacement building, continual growth in our web site access and listings, and further support of our overall goal of improved organization and increasing services and communications to members and residents will again be included. We are trying to improve on what we already provide rather than introducing any substantial new programs or events in 2008. A more extensive community calendar remains as a goal as well so that members and others may make informed decisions as they establish schedules.

All organizations and residents are encouraged to call on us at 526-6575 or email at chamberinfo@nhvt.net with their planned events or to receive information available.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Bryant
Executive Director

New London saw a parade of presidential candidates pass through town leading up to the Presidential Primary in January 2008, with many stopping at Jack’s of New London, including Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Below, John McCain speaks to a full house at Whipple Memorial Town Hall (photos courtesy of Marty McAuliff, Argus Champion).



NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

We are pleased to share these notable achievements of our recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2007. With over 450 employees and an operating budget of \$43.5 million, New London Hospital is one of the Town's largest employers and economic cornerstones.

- The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) recognized our patient care quality in the areas of Community Acquired Pneumonia and Surgical Care. New London Hospital was the only hospital in New Hampshire visited on a recent tour of a team from IHI and one of the few Critical Access Hospitals nationally to be included.
- New London Hospital has been named to the Harvard Pilgrim Honor Roll for 2007 in recognition of our standing in the top 25% of hospitals nationally for the results of our quality measures as reported by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services. We are one of only 35 hospitals in the northeast to receive this honor.
- The volume of our clinical services grew over 8% in FY 2007, with increases in patient visits to lab and radiology and patients per provider. The number of inpatient and same day surgery cases performed in our operating rooms increased, as well as visits to the Emergency Room. The Clough Extended Care Center also cared for an increased number of residents this year.
- We continue to ensure that we have quality providers to meet the primary care needs of our patients and we strive to provide the specialty services appropriate for our hospital:
 - Our primary care providers were joined by four new colleagues: Denise Weber, M.D., Internal Medicine in New London; Carrie Webber, M.D., Family Medicine at Newport Health Center; Maud Abess, PA-C in New London and the New London Family Care Center at Grantham; and Laura Kaitz, PA-C at Newport Health Center.
 - Jack Kirk, M.D., Internal Medicine, returned to practice primary care full-time in New London.
 - Daniel McGinley-Smith, M.D., Dermatology, joined New London Hospital Practices and sees patients in New London.
 - Alyssa Pearl, PA-C joined New London Surgical Services.
 - Joseph Phillips, M.D., Neurosurgeon with Upper Valley Neurology Neurosurgery, sees patients and performs procedures in New London.
 - Women's Health Services began offering pre- and postnatal care in our community through a collaboration with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.
- The Clough Center initiated a Hospitalist program, providing increased physician access for residents and their families.
- We celebrated our second year as a member of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Alliance.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with generous support from the Town and on November 30, 2007 we celebrated the arrival of a new state-of-the-art ambulance to meet the emergency needs of our residents.
- We held our 5th annual Emergency Services Conference at Mount Sunapee Resort, attracting over 400 participants. Our Emergency Medical Services staff provided over 500 hours of classes for the community ranging from CPR to specialized paramedic training. In addition, our Emergency Department is a partner with the Town on all emergency preparedness trainings and drills.
- The Hospital and Clough Center implemented a new Healthcare Information System in November 2006 and will soon deploy a new electronic medical records system throughout our physician practices, funded by a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services Program.
- New London Hospital embarked upon a \$21 million expansion and renovation project in July after successfully obtaining a Certificate of Need from the state. The Building Towards the Future project has been granted all required permits from the Town of New London the Hospital held a groundbreaking ceremony on August 30 attended by Governor John Lynch and Dr. Susan Lynch, as well as over 200 community members.



New London Hospital Groundbreaking Ceremony, August 30, 2007

From left to right: Bob Odell, State Senator and New London Hospital Trustee; Governor John Lynch and Dr. Susan Lynch; William Helm, Chair of the Board of Trustees; Bruce King, President & CEO; and Thomas Lucas, MD, President, Medical Staff

- We announced a capital campaign goal of \$7.2 million in support of the Building Towards the Future project.
- The Hospital is very appreciative of the Town's support for the building project and its assistance in providing solutions to our off-site parking needs.
- Community support for New London Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful Annual Fund, our second Grand Gala, record attendance and proceeds from our fourth annual golf tournament and our 83rd Hospital Days.
- The New London Hospital Art Program continues to showcase the works of local artists over the year with quarterly exhibits, bringing the art of healing to our walls for patients, visitors and staff. We are very grateful that the artists donate a percentage of all their sales to New London Hospital.
- Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 14,000 hours, with a value of over \$253,000. The Friends of New London Hospital also contributed countless hours supporting a variety of community-based programs.

2008 will bring many changes to the Hospital campus as we move towards completion of the building project in spring 2009. The Hospital will continue to offer uninterrupted primary and secondary healthcare services while also planning and building for the future needs of the community. We will continue very thoughtful deliberation of the opportunity to create a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) on Hospital land. We are researching a variety of options and speaking with several experts in the field. We plan to make important decisions about a CCRC project in late 2008.

New London Hospital expresses its deep appreciation to the community for its support and interest in the Hospital's future.

G. William Helm, Jr.
Chairman, New London Hospital Board of Trustees

Bruce P. King
President & CEO, New London Hospital

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VNA & HOSPICE

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice and community services for residents of New London. Each year our focus is to provide the kinds of services that people in the community need in order to recover from an illness or injury, cope with chronic illnesses or deal with life events including births and deaths.

We invest in technology and training for staff to ensure the highest level of competence; and hire staff who go about their work with a high degree of caring and compassion. We continually seek feedback from patients, families, other health care providers and the community to help us improve our services.

During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice increased our volume of services in all programs by more than 10%. In addition, the following accomplishments will help the organization remain a provider of choice in this region:

- Achieved a patient satisfaction rate at the 94th percentile.
- Eliminated all long-term debt except the building mortgage.
- Improved nursing productivity by .5 visits per day.
- Implemented an electronic newsletter for Friends of the VNA.
- Hired a Hospice Facilities Coordinator to improve communication, satisfaction and consistency in our work with nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- Exceeded our annual fundraising goal by 16%.
- Launched the “Good to Go” emergency planning initiative with staff, volunteers and trustees to encourage personal readiness in the event of an emergency of any kind. Without personal readiness, we will not be able to assist the community.
- Initiated discussions with New London Hospital to contract for increased Hospice Medical Director time to improve staff support, communication with primary physicians and improve patient care
- Implemented specific care plans for certain chronic illnesses with associated patient education to improve communication and consistency with patients and help achieve positive patient goals

These actions and many more were undertaken so that Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice will be in the best position to provide the kind of care you expect and deserve.

More than 1100 residents of New London received care and services through one or more programs of Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice. More than 786 residents participated in our community clinics including influenza, pneumonia, foot care and blood pressure. Fifty-seven adults and 29 children attended support groups during the year, including caregiver, bereavement and parent-child support. In addition, 334 residents received 2807 home care visits and 2612 hospice visits. Families of hospice patients will receive bereavement support over the next year and beyond. Finally, over 8,000 hours of personal support services were provided for those needing long-term care at home.

The more than 120 staff and 100 active volunteers at LSRVNA are proud to provide care and services to promote a healthy community. Thank you to each and every one of you for the many ways in which you support Lake Sunapee Region VNA and HOSPICE.

Sincerely,

Andrea Steel

President and CEO

CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (COA) is a service organization for senior citizens that serves the nine towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Sunapee and Wilmot. In 2007 COA celebrated its 15th anniversary! We continue to grow and services below show the increase in our participation levels and transportation provided to area seniors:

- 628 members in 1996 ⇒ 2,452 members in 2006
- 4,900 people participated in programs in 1996 ⇒ 10,000 people participated in programs in 2006
- 4,000 volunteer hours contributed in 1996 ⇒ 11,600 volunteer hours contributed in 2006
- 16,000 miles of transportation were given in 1996 ⇒ 60,000 miles of transportation were given in 2006

Our mobility lending program of walkers, canes, wheelchairs and other equipment is used almost daily. Programs of education, exercise, culture and sociability are available through the Chapin Senior Center every day. All these services continue to be free of charge to our members and we hope to keep it that way. It is through the generosity of the towns serviced, the business sponsors and individual contributions that we are able to do this. Our annual budget of \$100,000 is possible only because of the excellent volunteer support that COA receives from hundreds of people in all towns.

COA has a paid staff of one Executive Director and one part time Administrative Assistant. Volunteers do the rest, sharing their talents and time to COA.

COA is most grateful for all donations. Without them, we would not have the vibrant organization that we have. We look forward to seeing you at the Center.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Kay Butler, Chair 2007



KCOA volunteers provide rides to seniors in nine towns.



Kayaking with KCOA

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department [note: in New London, contact Police Dispatch at 526-2626] to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L: 17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local Fire Department or DES at 800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May.

Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials.

Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 8, 2007)

<u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u>			<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>		
Belknap	30	95	Arson	5
Carroll	11	53	Campfire	38
Cheshire	44	36	Children	22
Coos	6	15	Smoking	41
Grafton	4	30	Debris	197
Hillsborough	61	71	Railroad	5
Merrimack	16	73	Lightning	7
Rockingham	16	22	Equipment	3
Strafford	19	32	Misc*	119
Sullivan	5	10		

*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - MERRIMACK COUNTY

For 93 years, UNH Cooperative Extension, the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, has engaged New Hampshire residents with a broad variety of non-formal educational offerings. One in four Merrimack County residents took advantage of at least one Extension program last year.

We offer programs in parenting, family finances, food safety, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps, special interest programs and after school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low-income families, and acculturation for refugee families. We respond to the needs of forest landowners, commercial farmers, niche growers, farmers' markets, and many other groups.

Merrimack County Extension educators also work extensively with towns and school districts, organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields, landscaped areas, and town forests. We provide guidance to community boards on current use, timber tax law, and other land use issues. We also help social service agencies plan programs and stay current with the latest research and best practices.

Our county staff participate—and sometimes take leadership roles—in many state and local coalitions, among them the Franklin Asset Building Coalition, Concord Asset Building Coalition, the Concord Substance Abuse Coalition, the Timberland Owners Association, N.H. Farm and Forest Exposition board, Ausbon Sargent Land Trust outreach committee, N.H. Association for Infant Mental Health, the state Marriage and Family Advisory Board, and the N.H. Volunteer Administrators Association.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact-sheet notebooks to all town libraries and our educators are often a guest of WPTL Radio (107.7 FM), which offers information to residents throughout the station's listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The number for the Info Line is 1-877-398-4769. Last year, the Info Line handled more than 684 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Finally, UNH Extension trains and supports over 4,300 volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors and others, who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension Office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: www.extension.unh.edu.



The hay ride is part of Family Fun Night, an annual tradition during Hospital Days where children enjoy face-painting, bean bag toss, pie-eating contest and other games. New London residents Ellie and Dan Snyder run Family Fun Night and Selectman Larry Ballin has volunteered as hay truck driver for many years (photo courtesy of New London Hospital).

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the Region does not lower our quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Here is a summary of our work during the past year:

- Completed Phase I of the Route 120 Corridor Management Plan in Hanover and Lebanon, and began transit plans with Community Transportation Services in Sullivan County and Advance Transit in Grafton County.
- Continued to participate and facilitate the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.
- Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County through the North Country CEDS Committee.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association and Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition to help communities collaborate on watershed management planning.
- Completed the Route 4 Corridor Management Plan to balance growth of Canaan and Enfield village centers with needs of commuters.
- Obtained funding for Source Water Protection inventories, planning and outreach for Claremont and Croydon.
- Promoted our Region's priorities for federal and state transportation funding including Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grants. Served on NH Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Advisory Committee (CMAQ).
- Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies with NH Association of Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Policy Committee, NH GIS Advisory Committee, and Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee.
- Co-wrote innovative zoning guidebook with NHDES and NHARPC.
- Began updating the Land Use Chapter of the Regional Plan.
- Participated in the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning's fall conference.
- Assisted Connecticut River Joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Participated in Sullivan County Community Mobility Project to begin identifying and addressing unmet transportation needs.
- Performed over 100 traffic counts in 13 communities throughout the Region to provide data for state and regional transportation plans.
- Continued to participate with Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Connecticut River
- Byway Council, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Upper Valley Housing Coalition, North Country Resource Conservation & Development, and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.
- Organized 4 hazardous waste collections in which over 1,100 households participated to keep approximately 11,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the Region's groundwater.
- Organized, facilitated and participated in a panel discussion for local officials regarding solid waste disposal issues in Sullivan County.

- Assisted 7 communities with updates of local master plans, 2 with zoning amendments, 1 with a Natural Resource Inventory, 1 with starting a capital improvement program and 3 with other regulations.
- Completed road inventories in 5 member communities and processed inventories in an additional 3 communities, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 6 communities to enable them to be eligible for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 2 communities with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Assisted Sullivan County communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted communities with review of proposed developments.
- Published Elevate the Creative Economy: a planning guide for communities interested in enhancing their "creative economy" as an economic development tool.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including Law Lecture Series and programs including: People Power: How to get Citizens to Turn Out, Tune in, and Stay Tuned, How to Combat Sprawl with Simple Zoning Techniques, and Context Sensitive Solutions: What This New Approach to Transportation Planning Means For Your Community.
- Began the CSS (Context Sensitive Solutions) Process with Charlestown and Walpole for Route 12.
- Responded to numerous day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance, data and GIS maps.
- Continued to update our website - www.uvlsrpc.org – with information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations. Provided information to businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other area organizations.
- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up-to-date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS, and changes in NH land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.
- Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of the Region, while balancing the varied concerns of both the larger and smaller communities within our area.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the Region in addressing the issues above and others that arise in the future. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program continues to focus on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you.

Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at cwalker@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Walker

Executive Director

2007 RESIDENT MARRIAGES

Date	Groom's Name/Residence	Bride's Name/Residence
June 23, 2007	Troy D. Densmore New London, NH	Nicole L. Fenton New London, NH
June 23, 2007	Daniel W. Noyes New London, NH	Erin L. Donabedian New London, NH
August 19, 2007	Michael J. Loomis New London, NH	Megan A. Orton New London, NH
August 31, 2007	Richard S. Proulx New London, NH	Jill S. Freethey New London, NH
September 2, 2007	Aristotle J. Souliotis New London, NH	Emily F. Lehan New London, NH
September 15, 2007	Robert K. Morrissette New London, NH	Marian A. Grover Bethlehem, NH
September 15, 2007	Dylan E. Wilks New London, NH	Stephanie M. McArdle Gilmanton, NH
October 15, 2007	Kenneth E. Preston New London, NH	Frances A. Kallgren New London, NH
October 20, 2007	George A. Dick New London, NH	Wally D. Borgen New London, NH
November 1, 2007	James L. Snyder Wilmot, NH	Marianna C. Wolny New London, NH

2007 RESIDENT DEATHS

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
January 5, 2007	Virginia McCann	Charles Pecan	Mary Hoffman
January 8, 2007	James Messer	Elmer Messer	Gustie Todd
February 5, 2007	George Beck	George Beck	Margaret Igo
February 11, 2007	Walter Gregory	Charles Gregory	Stella Xuerb
February 19, 2007	Anne Murchie	Malcolm Wilkins	Eunice McGillivray
February 25, 2007	Audrey Weathers	John Strassenburgh	Margaret Beaver
March 5, 2007	Robert Vernon	Percival Vernon	Ethel Thomas
March 15, 2007	Mary Longnecker	Charles Laymon	Sarah Hinkle
March 18, 2007	Mary Finamore	Unknown Miller	Unknown Unknown
March 29, 2007	Barbara Merritt	Thomas Kiefty	Mary Waldron
April 2, 2007	John Williamson	Robert Williamson	Sarah Streeter
April 4, 2007	Janet Thiesmeyer	Alfred Stratton	Gertrude Curtiss
April 14, 2007	Eleanor Ewing	Peleg Chandler	Eleanor Williams
May 4, 2007	Josephine Morse	Harry Pfaltz	Phyllis Perrine
May 4, 2007	Donald Radasch	Edmund Radasch	Mary Hitchcock
May 4, 2007	Richard Baldwin	Frank Baldwin	Elizabeth Wood
May 10, 2007	David Davidson	Earl Davidson	Flora Hammett
May 15, 2007	Martin Johnson	Laurence Johnson	Blanche Martin
May 16, 2007	Ruth Anderson	Charles Neeld	Alice McNeilly
May 19, 2007	Robert Carter	Herbert Carter	Marrian Hoar
May 28, 2007	Andrew Jarrell	John Jarrell	Lois Stephens
June 1, 2007	Pamela Low	Kneeland Low	Pauline Smith
June 10, 2007	Mary Flynn	Albert Simmons	Frances Banks
June 11, 2007	Anna Parks	Charles Feeley	Sarah O'Day
July 6, 2007	Ernest Welch, Jr.	Ernest Welch, Sr.	Phebe McClure
July 8, 2007	Sally Haering	Verton Staub	Esther Hungerford
July 11, 2007	Priscilla Moore	Arthur Marple	Agnes Jurentkuff
July 24, 2007	Joyce McCormick	William Hambley	Blanche Dillon
July 26, 2007	Robert Wallace	Lindsay Wallace	Catherine Tracy
July 29, 2007	Janet Prohl	Ralph Benson	Ethel Bonus
July 29, 2007	Leo Stanley	Thomas Stanley	Margaret Reagan
July 31, 2007	Everett Woodman	James Woodman	Ethel Everett
August 10, 2007	Barbara Gibbs	George Beals	Barbara Beals
August 17, 2007	Dorothy Riley	Joseph Riley	Alma Shoaff
August 21, 2007	Robert Healy	James Healy	Catherine Denehy
August 31, 2007	Ann Caemmerer	Charles Slater	Grace Tate
September 8, 2007	George Tracy	Albert Tracy	Ida Spruin
September 26, 2007	Allan Trevaskis	Richard Trevaskis	Grace Curnow
September 27, 2007	Margaret Damon	Edward Neilson	Mildred Buck
September 30, 2007	Harriet Avery	Orrin Amsden	Elsie Clark
October 8, 2007	David Nuttelman	Arthur Nuttelman	Edith Hodge
October 15, 2007	James Abbott	Edward Abbott	Dorothy Delano
October 26, 2007	Helen Enman	Albert Merrill	Gertrude Pillsbury
October 30, 2007	Marjorie Sherman	Ray Mering	Clara Vollmer
November 7, 2007	Louise Danforth	Simeon Sprague	Eva Emons
November 17, 2007	Natalie Stanley	William Ferrin	Elizabeth Nash
November 23, 2007	Irene Osgood	Frank Laro	Eva Sylvester
December 11, 2007	Thais Dechant	Paul Traver	Doris Gates
December 11, 2007	Harriet Buker	Louis Chapin	Emma Brightman
December 17, 2007	Sydney Ward	Sydney Ward	Mary Finnie
December 19, 2007	Fogeline Veenema	John Kole	Jennie Meenen
December 19, 2007	Althea Johnson	Joseph Wilber	Edna Hanscom
December 21, 2007	Lorellie Durocher	Alan Stubbs	Shirley Copeland
December 21, 2007	Cynthia Lamy	William Jordan	Clara Osgood

2007 RESIDENT BIRTHS

Date	Child's Name	Parents' Names
March 5, 2007	Isabelle Daisy Radkewich	Nicholas Radkewich & Susan Fitzgerald
March 31, 2007	Abigail Marie Griswold	Scott & Jenna Griswold
April 19, 2007	Andrew James Brahan	Peter & Amy Brahan
May 23, 2007	Margaret Phyllis Laska	Michael & Barbara Laska
July 5, 2007	Arthur Finnegan Kennedy	Arthur & Sonya Kennedy
July 16, 2007	Giacobbi Gabriel Lambert	Nathaniel & Mary Lambert
August 4, 2007	Bragen Lloyd Kinzer	Edward & Tamra Kinzer
August 16, 2007	Owen James Dulac	Benjamin & Kate Dulac
August 29, 2007	Leia Ione Branham	Christopher & Kate Branham

KEARSARGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 2007 NEW LONDON GRADUATES

Jeffrey Andrews	Nathan Eberly	Mamie Nixon
Maureen Barry	Jonathan Edmunds	Drew Parsons
Tyler Bascom	Marilyn Ferreira	Eian Prohl
Thomas Bloch	Lauren Heffron	Brittany Ross
Grant Broom	Nyle Howell	Tania Ross
Sam Cahan	Evan Lakeman	Ashley Shute
John Carroll	Douglas Lantz	Alexandra Steverson
Josiah Cooper	Zachary Lindamood	Chantille Turmelle
Zach Cutts	Derek Lohmann	Abigail West
John Donaghy	Nicholas Lohmann	Annaliese Westerberg
Jeremiah Dubie	Elizabeth Morono	