

Town of New London  
Budget Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2010

Present: John Wilson (Chair), Bob Meck, Jim Wheeler, Celeste Cook, Kathy Bianchi, Jack Sheehan, Connie Appel, Mark Kaplan (Selectman), Tina Helm (Selectman), Larry Ballin (Selectman)

Absent: Ann Bedard, Doug Baxter

Staff Present: Jessie Levine (Town Administrator), Carol Fraley (Finance Officer), Sandra Licks (Library Director), Chad Denning (Recreation Director), Dave Seastrand (Police Chief), Richard Lee (Public Works Director), Linda Jackman (Administrative Assistant), Linda Hardy (Town Clerk/Tax Collector), Jay Lyon (Fire Chief), Amy Rankins (Land Use & Assessing Coordinator), Joan Pankhurst (Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector)

Public Present: Bob & DJ Lavoie, Dave Cook, Katherine Fischer, Judy Belden, Mary Lou Dufault, Larry Dufault, Barry Wright, Bill Clough, Ben Cushing, Joe Cardillo, Ed Kinzer, Kent Wheeler and Terry LeBlanc (New London Hospital), Bill Helm, Doug MacMichael, Renate Kannler, Erle Blanchard, Hardy Hasenfuss, R. Peter Bianchi, Tom Cottrill, Noel Weinstein, Randy Foose, Steve Ensign (Board of Firewards), Shelby Blunt (Library Trustee/Treasurer), Edward Johnson (Fire Department), Susie Burmann (Fire Department),

Chair Wilson called the **MEETING TO ORDER** at 7:00 PM. He said they would deviate slightly from the posted agenda. They will first open the regularly scheduled meeting and would go over any changes that had been made in the budget since the last meeting. They would then open the public hearing.

Changes since January 11: Chair Wilson asked Jessie Levine to review the changes made to the budget since the January 11 Budget Committee meeting. Ms. Levine said that some of the changes are the result of her final review of the budget after the full year had been closed, in which she found a few more line items where cuts could be made. These items included overtime for the Executive budget, reference materials (under-spent last year), telephone lines (under-spent last year at Town Office), and the Police Scholarship Fund (which they were recommending to close and turn the remaining money over to the Stu Sidmore Scholarship Fund). She added that the Health Officer salary would be increased at 1.5%, as all positions would be increased for 1010, and they have increased the Welfare Vendor line, as they went over their budgeted amount in 2009. Ms. Levine said that the Conservation Secretary salary was increased, and the Tracy Library Garden Fund (which they were recommending to close the account and donate the few dollars in it to the Garden Committee). She noted that the Gravel Road Improvement was in error in the last budget. Ms. Levine said that the Sidewalk budget was being reduced from \$20,000 – \$10,000, they would be adding \$1 to the Capital Reserves programs, the Intersection Budget was being reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000, sewer lines would be decreased, the cell phone and pager lines would decrease, and there was also the \$5.2 million dollar sewer bond that was to be included. The net change from before January 11<sup>th</sup> was \$5,181,547. Ms. Levine explained that in terms of revenue, they had under-budgeted for rooms and meals tax and had about \$9,000 more in revenue than what they had budgeted for. She added that dispatch services went up slightly, sewer user fees would be going up to offset the increases in the budget that were just listed, and they would also be entering into a \$5.2 million dollar revenue bond. The difference in the proposed tax rate compared with the one presented on January 11<sup>th</sup> was a decrease of \$.03. Ms. Levine noted that they had received two petition warrant articles; one from the Red Cross \$1,952 dollars and one for the Conservation Commission for \$25,000 dollars for their land acquisition fund. She said that with the addition of both articles, the tax rate would go up to \$4.35.

Chair Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding Ms. Levine's remarks about the changes in the budget. There were none. Chair Wilson announced that they would open the public hearing of the 2010 budget. He noted that any comments and questions taken from individuals would need to be recognized by the chairman. Each person would have a maximum of two minutes to talk on a particular subject unless the chairman rules otherwise. He asked that speakers identify themselves for the record. Chair Wilson said that specific suggestions on budget changes were appreciated. He explained that after the public hearing has been closed, the budget committee would return to their regular agenda to deliberate and vote on the 2010 budget and that all were welcome to stay for this portion of the meeting.

Chair Wilson began this portion of the meeting by explaining that the budget committee went for separate visitations to each of the Town's departments and met with the employees. They toured the facilities and discussed accomplishments and plans for the future. Subcommittees were formed for Capital Improvements Plans, which met several times with each department to understand their specific requirements. They reviewed, line by line, the budgets for all concerned parties. Chair Wilson went on to add that the financial turmoil that began in the fall of 2008 was far from over and many of the members of the Budget Committee felt that the budget must not increase by more than 2%. He said that it seemed impractical, given the increased revenues to the State and increases in the cost of employee benefits, to raise the budget any higher. The Town Administrator and Department Heads were given the first chance to reduce the budgets enough to meet the 2% maximum raise in the budget. When they were finished making further cuts, the budget had been reduced to a 3% budget raise. With further work, they were able to bring the budget down to 2.2%. Chair Wilson felt that by doing this, they would be requiring only a minimal increase in spending in taxes for New London's residents. He said that services in the Town will be unaffected and progress in some capital expenses would be slowed, but vehicle and equipment maintenance will remain on schedule. He explained that together, they have produced an operating budget of just 2.2% more than last year and that the town tax rate would increase \$.09 over last year's rate prior to using any surplus. The median tax payer's bill would increase from \$1,14.21 to \$1,16.64 per month, which is about \$5 less than it was two years ago. Chair Wilson went on to review the information presented on the first two pages of the budget hand-out that had been distributed.

Mr. Ed Kinzer wanted to make a comment regarding employee compensation. He asked if the Budget Committee had based the raises on the CPI. Chair Wilson said that they did not. Mr. Kinzer asked why this was the case, as it had been used in past years. Chair Wilson said that the raise percentage was a proposal given by the Selectmen and the Town Administrator to compensate for the extreme rise in healthcare insurance. Previously the budget committee has come up with a number for compensation increase on a merit base. Because of the way things went this year with the budget, they agreed to give the administration and department heads the flexibility of meeting their goal any way they could and this is what they arrived at. Mr. Kinzer asked if this issue of using the CPI for employee compensation could be revisited by the Board of Selectmen. He opined that if the employees are working hard and are doing a good job, he thought it was important to look at the current CPI of 2.5%. He understood that they were offering an increase of 1.5% to offset increased healthcare costs, but thought they should revisit the 2.5% CPI like they did last year. He asked them to look at that number, revisit it, and said he felt the employees were a very valued asset to the Town. If they lose employees it costs money to rehire and retrain and they are at a risk of not getting the level and skill-set that they have in the people they have now.

Chair Wilson said that when they go back to their regular meeting, he would bring the matter up to see if there was any continued conversation to be made.

Noel Weinstein asked about the sewer system upgrade. He asked if the 35% is not granted by the federal government, would the project be delayed. He wondered when they would have to make a decision to make the upgrades.

Mr. Kaplan said they would write the warrant article so that they would be able to get the project completed if they get the 35% from the ARA. If they don't get the money, they won't go forward with the project. He noted that they were not under the gun to do the project at any given time. If they delay the project they will lose the opportunity to use these funds from the government. Mr. Weinstein asked why there wasn't any discussion of cost sharing in the warrant article. Ms. Levine said that their attorney and bond counsel advised them that if they suggest that anyone but the tax payers are to pay for the bond it becomes a revenue bond, which is associated with a higher tax rate. Talking to the public as they did in the newsletter and town newsletter suggests the apportionment so they don't need to have it included in the warrant article.

Mr. Ballin explained that 2/3 of the cost would be borne by the sewer users and 1/3 would be borne by tax payers. He noted that the sewer system benefits the entire community and affords the Town the ability to have a vibrant hospital, business district, and college. He likened the scenario to how the entire Town funds the Milfoil program for the lakes. Even though many don't live on the lakes, they understand the value of the lakes to the community. Mr. Ballin opined that it is fair for the entire Town to pay for this project, but not more than 1/3.

Mr. Kaplan added that in 1974 when the entire system was put in, the Town paid 75% and the users paid 25%. He felt this proposed arrangement made sense, even though it was very different from how it was handled over 30 years ago.

Chair Wilson asked for any further comments. There were none.

Chair Wilson declared the public hearing closed and asked that the scheduled Budget Committee meeting be re-opened. He started the continuation of the Budget Committee meeting by asking for a review of the minutes from the previous meeting. He asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Mr. Sheehan asked that on page 5, the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph down, the sentence that begins with "Mr. Wheeler asked..." should be worded more clearly. On page 8 he explained that the motion he made should be written as reducing the sidewalk and intersection fund from \$20,000 to \$10,000 and reducing the Sidewalk fund from \$20,000 to \$10,000. He felt the resolution of the motion was accurate but it was not written correctly

**IT WAS MOVED (Jim Wheeler) AND SECONDED (Jack Sheehan) to accept the minutes of January 11, 2010, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chair Wheeler asked Mr. Kaplan for the Board of Selectmen's report.

- Statewide Property tax – Selectmen have been attending house and senate finance hearings regarding the expansion of the statewide property tax, which would bring back donor towns. The full house will be hearing one bill to extend the collar, HB1677, is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17. The House Finance Committee voted to kill the bill, with Rep. Foose among those voting against our request that he support the bill.
- Single stream recycling: Selectmen held an information session this morning regarding our proposal to move to single stream recycling in 2011. While we will seek town meeting approval of continuing to negotiate to this end, we will be doing further cost analysis and more public discussion.
- Cell tower lease: Selectmen heard the proposal from Tower Resource Management (TRM) at the meeting this morning. Placing a cell tower at the Transfer Station could bring in upwards of \$18,000 per year in revenue.

- Last weekend's Winter Carnival was very successful – the Dinner with Jack Frost and Ski Joring Competition each brought hundreds of people to town, and we heard positive feedback from businesses about the positive impact.
- Assessing Update: Every five years, towns have to certify to the State Department of Revenue Administration that their assessments are within certain parameters set by the state. This is our year – we last certified in 2005. In addition to reviewing all of the exemptions, veteran's credits, and current use properties, our assessors will be performing a statistical update of property. Although we do not anticipate much movement of property values town-wide, there are certain categories of property, such as Hilltop Place, that have been devalued and will need a closer look. New vales will be sent out in August and would be effective April 1, 2010.
- Election report: The following people have signed up to run for elected office at the March 9 elections:

**Selectman** (vote for one): Lawrence (Larry) Ballin, R. Peter Bianchi

**Trustee of Trust Funds:** Andrew W. Hager

**Tracy Memorial Library Trustee** (two seats): Robert Bowers, Phyllis Tilson Piotrow, Lisa Ensign Wood

**Budget Committee Member** (three seats): Bernard L. (Ben) Cushing II, Michael Doheny, Geoffrey W. (Bill) Helm, John Sheehan, James (Jim) Wheeler, John B. Wilson

**Supervisor of the Checklist:** Celeste C. Cook

**Cemetery Commissioner:** Charles M. Hafner

No one signed up to run for Moderator and no one signed up to run for New London's School Board seat. At this point, both seats are open for a write-in campaign. If no one wins a write-in race, then the Moderator would be appointed by the Supervisors of the Checklist and the School Board rep would be appointed by the School Board.

Mr. Kaplan also noted that he had a petition, which had been signed by the Board of Selectmen and by various members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and welcomed those in the audience to sign as well. He explained that the petition says that those who have signed hereby petition their elected representatives to extend the current transition formula for education funding for at least another two years to minimize the impact to our taxpayers under this economic climate and to keep donor town taxes away from NH.

Chair Wilson said that the next item on the agenda would be the final deliberation of the Budget Committee on the proposed 2010 budget.

Ms. Appel asked about the request from Mr. Kinzer regarding the employee compensation. Chair Wilson asked Ms. Appel if she had any comments about it. She asked if they could open the discussion. Chair Wilson answered in the affirmative. Ms. Appel admitted she wasn't sure how to proceed with this issue and felt it was too late in the process to do anything about it. She said that they have deliberated so thoroughly this point and seemed like it was something they'd have to take into consideration for next year's budget cycle. Chair Wilson added that they do look at the CPI but over the years have determined that they base the amount of money they allocate to the Town as a merit raise. However they want to divvy that out is up to the administration. He said that they didn't do it that way this year because of the sequence they went through to get to 2.2%.

Mr. Sheehan said he felt the salary increases were important and had given it a lot of serious thought. He fully supported the increases for the Town's employees and felt it important to recognize hard work and commitment. He remarked that some towns in the state have no salary increases at all. Mr. Sheehan added that in Vermont, employees were actually taking a 3% salary cut. He explained that they had heard some comments earlier on from taxpayers who felt there should be no salary increases at all. Mr. Sheehan said that he did not agree with this idea, but did not think the CPI was the right basis to judge the right salary increases for the staff. He didn't think that the salary increases distributed to the Town had to go along with the CPI. Mr. Sheehan thought that it was the least they could do to recognize the hard work of their people and would propose keeping the salary increase to 1.5%.

Linda Hardy, Town Clerk and Tax Collector shared that not only when talking about insurance and all those increases, prior to that insurance being presented to them, the employees volunteered to give up a more expensive health plan last year to bring the cost to the Town down. She felt that was not evident in the information that was handed out.

Ms. Appel said that of the 39 towns New London relates to, almost half of those towns had a zero increase in salary for 2010. The rest were increases of 1% - 3.5% and Henniker came in at a 5% raise. She felt the number they have settled on at 1.5% was skewed due to the fact that they've given a pay increase and taken money away by requiring employees to pay more for their health insurance. She said that they need to acknowledge this fact and understand what they have asked the Town employees to do.

Ms. Levine said that she wanted to correct something that Chair Wilson had said a bit earlier. She said that a year ago the Budget Committee said that they should use the October CPI to determine salary increases. When the CPI came in higher than what they thought was appropriate, they agreed to follow her own suggestion, which took the CPI from January of the previous year. That number happened to be 0.7% and so the Budget Committee gave a 0.7% cost of living adjustment and a ½% raise for merit. Ms. Levine explained that it was not true that historically they have been just merit raises. It was a cost of living increase and merit raise, as appropriate.

Ms. Levine noted that the health insurance rates went up 16.4% early in the year. Employees came together and understood that these increases would pose a \$90,000 increase to the Town. The employees choose a less costly health plan, which transferred out of pocket expenses to employees by doubling co-pays and offered higher prescription costs. This decision by the employees reduced the cost of insurance for the Town to pay by \$40,000. Ms. Levine added that when they talk about the 1.5% increase being in place to offset the higher insurance, the CPI was zero. In December it went a little over 2%, and in January it is 2.8%. While it is true that the 1.5% figure came from her, the CPI did increase and she felt that this was where Mr. Kinzer was coming from. Ms. Levine said that now they know something different than they knew a couple months ago. She felt that maybe it would be appropriate to change the salary increases upwards due to the CPI changing.

Mr. Kinzer came forward and said that Ms. Levine had a much more eloquent way to put his concerns. He elaborated, saying that in all fairness, the employee compensation percentage was figured using a particular method, and this year it is being done differently. He urged the Budget Committee to rethink the issue and felt that the employees were worth it.

Ben Cushing asked how a raise of 2.5% or 3.5 would affect the median taxes for a homeowner in the town of New London. Ms. Levine said that another 1.5% would represent about \$30,000. This would amount to about \$10,000 for every .5% which came out to be one penny on the tax rate. A median would be \$3.24/year.

Chair Wilson asked what the will of the committee was at this point.

**IT WAS MOVED (Connie Appel) AND SECONDED (Celeste Cook) to open discussion to reevaluate the employee increases. THOSE IN FAVOR: 5, THOSE OPPOSED: 3 THE MOTION PASSED.**

Chair Wilson felt that a change in the salary increases would foul up the arrangement they started with the Town administration where they said this year they can do what they want as long as they aim for a 2% budget increase. If they were going to go and change that relationship, this will change the 2.2% and will change what they asked of them. He was a little chagrined to have to look further into this and back off of the 2.2%.

Mr. Sheehan noted that there was \$25,000 encumbered from an ice storm payment from 2008, or perhaps it was money that was spent in budget year 2009. He wondered if it was possible that those funds could be made available for employee compensation. Ms. Levine answered that this was not possible. The money was for the specific purchase of a generator for emergencies. The unspent money from 2009 wasn't encumbered and the year closed.

Ms. Cook said if they look at another .5% would it be about \$15,000. Ms. Levine said it would.

Mr. Meck said they have a dilemma in that in the last few years they have used different benchmarks to figure out salary increases. This year, where he thought they had tried to stick with the October CPI, but because the October CPI was in the minus territory for this current year, they would push it forward. Ms. Levine said that was not what happened. Because there was a negative CPI and it would trend up, and there didn't seem to be a cost of living increase, the year before they had planned to use January from the year before.

Mr. Meck said that there were some of them on the committee who were part of a personnel subcommittee two years ago where they took a close look at the pay and allowances among each of the different positions within their workforce vs. similar positions across towns of similar size. He reported that New London pays almost in the average of the other towns, except for 5-6 positions, due to the longevity of incumbents in those particular positions. Mr. Meck opined that everyone on the committee and this Town thinks very highly of the department workers. He said he was having a hard time rationalizing at this point in their deliberations, that they should be looking at an additional 1% or .5% increase in employee salaries.

Mr. Meck noted that he volunteers at a food pantry at the Baptist church in New London. Most of the people thought the people coming to the pantry would be from out of Town. There were a lot of people (29%) who were coming on a weekly basis who have residences in New London. Some of them are not homeowners, however some do come and they are homeowners. Mr. Meck and his wife spent Saturday at the pantry and three new families came to sign up. He was explaining that this shows they are not out of the woods yet and reiterated that he has a hard time considering an increase when people are losing their jobs. Mr. Meck noted that he is behind all the employees of the Town.

Mr. Sheehan had a thought regarding the \$8,500 allocated for Code Red, which had been deferred for two years. He said that he was not 100% sure that this expense was necessary. He thought perhaps they could defer it for another year to help with employee compensation.

Ms. Levine said that 38% of the cost of Code Red is paid for by other partnering towns and so those towns were dependent on New London to complete the program. She also reminded Mr. Sheehan that the Budget Committee has reviewed the line items of this budget thourally and that at this point, trade-offs don't make sense. She suggested discussing the issue by itself.

Ms. Bianchi asked Ms. Levine if when the health insurance policy increased initially, the employees decided to take a less costly package for the savings of the Town and in doing so, they increased their co-payment and prescription drug costs. Ms. Levine said that drug costs went up last year. This year they

took on higher co-payments and reimbursements from some things went down as well. There was still a 12% increase which resulted from changing to lower plan. She noted that both choices offered to the employees did not reduce what employees paid. Ms. Bianchi asked if the 1.5% increase in salary was to offset those increased costs. Ms. Levine answered in the affirmative.

Ms. Bianchi asked, in terms of the percentage the Town pays for family benefits, what was the difference between last year's coverage to this year under the new plan. Ms. Levine said that the percentage did not change for the Blue Cross 2-Tier plan. The less costly Matthew Thornton plan was taken by two employees. Ms. Bianchi asked what percentages were paid by the Town for single and family plans. Ms. Levine said that for a single plan, the Town pays 97% of the premium. For a two person or family plan, the Town pays 89.5%. Ms. Bianchi opined that perhaps 89.5% was a fairly high percentage as opposed to other towns. Ms. Fraley said that actually other towns pay either the same or even up to 95% for family plans. Ms. Bianchi said that where she works they don't pay that much and felt it was still a wonderful package and in terms of looking at employee salaries, this should be factored in. She added that this is a very difficult issue to talk about. From her perspective, the issue is money and cost. It has nothing to do with saying that they don't think the employees are doing a good job. She felt that they do a good job and felt that she was also doing a good job at her work but wasn't getting these kinds of benefits. Ms. Bianchi explained that they are trying to keep the budget down and reasonable. She said that they've got to be able to look at it without feeling that if you want to cut it is because you don't like people and you don't think they are doing a good job. She said that this just wasn't true.

**IT WAS MOVED (Mark Kaplan) AND SECONDED (Connie Appel) to increase the 1.5% employee raise by .5% to equal 2%, which would add approximately \$.01 on to the tax rate.**

Discussion: Ms. Appel said that she wanted to reiterate about the subcommittees across the state. New London rates were in the middle with the exception of a few positions, due to longevity. She said that Sunapee has a 2.5% raise and Newbury has a 2% raise. She didn't think it was out of line to ask for another penny on the taxes. Ms. Appel opined that they have created a bare bones budget two years in a row and the cost of living is up 2.7%. She felt that taking all the personal stories and anecdotes out of the matter, that it was appropriate to give a 2% raise, given the increase in health insurance and the economic climate.

Chair Wilson called for a vote.

**IN FAVOR: 3                      OPPOSED: 5                      THE MOTION WAS NOT APPROVED.**

Chair Wilson explained that there were two items to appear on the warrant.

The first was Article 18, to vote to raise \$25,000 to put into the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund.

The second was Article 19, which was a request from the Red Cross to vote to raise \$1,962.

It was Chair Wilson's understanding that the Board of Selectmen had voted not to support either of the two articles and felt that the Budget Committee needed to decide if they would support them or not. He suggested starting with Article 18 for the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund.

**IT WAS MOVED (Jim Wheeler) AND SECONDED (Bob Meck) that the Budget Committee not support the petition warrant article with regards to Article 18 to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to go into the Land Acquisition Fund for the Conservation Commission.**

Mr. Sheehan felt that he needed to comment on this article. He said that anyone who knows him understands that he is very interested in conservation, but as he looks at it, he is tilted to not support the proposal because there is currently \$391,000 in the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund. If nothing is spent from the fund, it is going to rise to almost \$400,000 by the end of 2010. Mr. Sheehan explained that

they are not going to be able to spend any of this money without coming back to Town Meeting and he felt that there is almost \$400,000 available if a project comes along that the Conservation Commission wants to bring forward. If more money is needed it can be voted on at Town Meeting. Mr. Sheehan felt there was an adequate reserve there for the Town to carry for one year.

Ms. Appel said if they can't spend the money on their employees, they shouldn't spend it on savings for the Conservation Commission.

Chair Wilson called for a vote.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With regards to Article 19, Chair Wilson asked for a motion.

**IT WAS MOVED (Jim Wheeler), AND SECONDED (Bob Meck) to not support Article 19 to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,962 for the Granite Chapter of the Red Cross.**

Ms. Cook asked what the money was for. Ms. Levine said it was to help support disaster preparedness, emergency services, safety training, blood support, etc. Ms. Appel asked to hear the Selectmen's objections to supporting the article.

Mr. Ballin said they did not feel at this time adding to the budget they have trimmed at this point was prudent. Given the Town's prior experience with the ice storm and other incidences where people in the Town needed help, the Town was able to respond admirably felt they had a great infrastructure in place. Mr. Ballin said that they are basically under the belief that they do most of this sort of work in-house and that the citizens support the Red Cross on the private side and don't feel they need to support them on the public side. Mr. Wheeler said that it has been a practice of the Town to support local non-profits, but to open the door to National non-profits it puts them at a difficult position when the next one(s) come knocking.

Chair Wilson called for a vote.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Levine said that both articles will remain on the warrant but will not receive the support of the Budget Committee or the Board of Selectmen.

Chair Wilson said that it was now time to vote on their 2010 budget. He handed the floor over to Ms. Levine. Ms. Levine said that she would reads off the account name, proposed budget and would take a roll call vote of the Budget Committee at the end. She said that if anyone wanted her to stop at a certain line, they should say so and she would pause for their question or comment.

Ms. Levine read off the following accounts and figures:

Acct #	Account Title	Proposed
4130	Executive	\$ 370,017
4140	Election, Registration & Vital	\$ 86,870
4150	Financial Administration	\$ 275,764
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$ 79,500

4153	Legal Expense	\$ 20,300
4155	Personnel Administration	\$ 87,036
4191	Planning & Zoning Boards	\$ 36,425
4194	General Government Buildings	\$ 179,052
4195	Cemeteries	\$ 29,260
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$ 91,650
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc	\$ 15,373
4210	Police Department	\$ 917,212
4220	Fire Department	\$ 290,701
4221	Board of Firewards	\$ 594
4290	Emergency Management	\$ 5,619
4299	Police Dispatch	\$ 323,514
4311	Highway Administration	\$ 836,532
4312	Highways & Streets	\$ 544,400
4316	Street Lighting	\$ 12,750
4324	Transfer Station	\$ 362,418
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$ 18,901
4411	Health Department	\$ 8,421
4415	Health Agencies	\$ 125,815
4441	Welfare Administration	\$ 1,865
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare	\$ 3,809
4445	Welfare Vendor Payments	\$ 16,000
4520	Parks & Recreation	\$ 155,438
4550	Tracy Memorial Library	\$ 473,880
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$ 300
4589	Other Culture (Archives)	\$ 1,000
4611	Conservation Administration	\$ 15,971
	Energy Committee	\$ 1,439
4619	Other Conservation	\$ 5,000
4711	Principal-Long-term bonds & notes	\$ 168,597
4721	Interest-Long-term bonds & notes	\$ 79,561
	TANS	\$ 1,000
4902	Capital Out/ Veh, Mach, Equip	\$ 202,880
4903	Capital Outlay/ Buildings	\$ 97,000
4909	Capital Outlay/Improvements	\$ 18,629
4915	Transfers to Capital Reserve	\$ 398,006
02-4194 to 02-4915	Sewer Department	\$ 5,965,115
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 12,323,614</b>
	Petitioned Article - Conservation	\$ 25,000
	Petitioned Article - Red Cross	\$ 1,962

Ms. Levine then took a **ROLL CALL VOTE** of each member of the Budget Committee:

Connie Appel, Kathy Bianchi, Celeste Cook, Bob Meck, Jack Sheehan, Jim Wheeler, John Wilson, and Mark Kaplan **ALL VOTED YES**.

Ms. Fraley sent around the MS7 for all to sign.

Chair Wilson received the Appropriations Transfers.

Ms. Levine shared that the elevator at the Town Office had broken and will be repaired as soon as possible. Money had been set aside already for this repair and would be taken from the appropriate fund.

**IT WAS MOVED (Jim Wheeler) AND SECONDED (Bob Meck) to adjourn the Budget Committee Meeting of February 8, 2010. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London