

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW LONDON
2015 TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of New London in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Whipple Memorial Town Hall in New London on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 8:00 in the forenoon to act upon the subjects below. By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 AM for the consideration of Article 1. At 12:00 noon, the meeting will recess and the polls will remain open until 7:00 PM. The meeting will reconvene at the Kearsarge Learning Campus Gymnasium in New London on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM to act upon Articles 2-22.

ARTICLE 1

A. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year:

1 Selectman	(3-year term)	3 Budget Committee Members	(3-year term)
1 Town Treasurer	(3-year term)	1 Budget Committee Member	(1-year term)
1 Town Clerk	(3-year term)	3 Tracy Library Trustees	(3-year term)
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	(3-year term)	1 Cemetery Commissioner	(3-year term)

B. To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES NO

Rationale:

The Planning Board proposes to delete the current definition of Family and replace it with a new definition of Family, per Article III, Definition: # 49. The purpose is to broaden the current definition of “legally related” to include accepted forms of committed relationships and nuclear households and to delete consideration of domestic servants as an additional occupant. No such family shall contain over five (5) person.

Definition to be deleted: #49. Family: One or more persons occupying a single Dwelling Unit, provided that unless all members are legally related, no such Family shall contain over five persons, but further provided that domestic servants employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a Family or families.

Proposed new definition: # 49. Family: One or more persons occupying a single Dwelling Unit, provided that unless all persons are related by blood, marriage, civil union, adoption or guardianship, no such family shall contain more than five (5) persons. In determining the maximum number of persons allowed, children (under the age 18) of any of the residents shall not be counted. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term “family” and the term “household” shall be synonymous and interchangeable.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES NO

Rationale:

The Planning Board proposes to delete the entire section of the current provisions of Article II, General Provisions, # 10 Sign Regulation and the sign table titled: Quick Reference to Sign Size and Number by Zone District located in the back of the Zoning Ordinance and replace it with the new language and a new Sign Table which is incorporated into

the sign regulations. The complete text is available on the Town’s website and copies can be obtained at the Town Office.

The purpose is to clarify and make the ordinance more user friendly, outline what signs require or do not require a sign permit, outline which types of signs require review and approval by the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen and specify other provisions related to signs including signs which may or may not be allowed, and the size and types of signs. This is a complete revision of the sign language and sign table. The complete text is available on the Town’s website and copies can be obtained at the Town Office.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$350,000 (three hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of repairs to the Academy Building, and if funds allow, repairs to Whipple Memorial Town Hall, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 (three hundred fifty thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (2/3 ballot vote required)*

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Executive	271,981	274,538
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	66,339	70,219
Financial Administration	251,414	255,680
Reassessment of Property	88,300	92,200
Legal	25,200	20,200
Personnel Administration	96,888	92,640
Planning and Zoning	84,939	88,742
Cemeteries	23,902	24,837
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	66,989	91,122
Advertising & Regional Associations	17,785	18,296
General Government Buildings	<u>177,325</u>	<u>185,280</u>
TOTAL	\$1,171,062	\$1,213,754

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Police Department	963,553	963,735
Fire Department	312,399	334,723
Firewards	541	541
Emergency Management	14,100	5,900
Communications Department	<u>361,006</u>	<u>377,119</u>
TOTAL	\$1,651,599	\$1,682,018

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Highway Administration	845,069	869,227
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	494,000	494,000
Street Lighting	16,000	16,000
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	411,993	385,668
Solid Waste Cleanup	22,000	18,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>592,278</u>	<u>700,935</u>
TOTAL	\$2,381,340	\$2,483,830

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	5,436	5,329
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,276	12,277
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	35,000
New London Hospital Ambulance	126,297	128,823
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	0	500
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	2,697	2,822
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,809	3,809
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL	\$201,515	\$204,560

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Recreation Department	143,338	148,431
Tracy Memorial Library	453,250	460,800
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	15,847	15,847
Energy Committee	989	989
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>25,800</u>	<u>25,800</u>
TOTAL	\$640,524	\$653,167

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	233,264	404,148
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>49,643</u>	<u>179,095</u>
TOTAL	\$282,907	\$583,243

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)**, as follows. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
Sidewalk Project	20,000	30,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000
Computer Replacement	10,000	0
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000
Fire Vehicle Refurbish & Maintenance CRF	16,500	12,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	100,000	105,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	50,000	50,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	115,000	249,510
Highway Building CRF	21,500	0
Pleasant Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Tracy Library Improvements	30,000	35,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	31,000	35,000
GIS Update	5,000	20,000
Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	0
Town Building Maintenance Fund	<u>60,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$504,000	\$561,510

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred seven dollars (\$313,907)** for the vehicle and equipment purchases listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal of the amounts below from the listed capital reserve funds. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Fire Vehicle Fund	\$54,000
<i>Purpose: Replace fire utility vehicle</i>	
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Replace 2009 Police SUV & 2006 Detective Vehicle</i>	\$70,907
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$159,000
<i>Purpose: Replace Pickup Truck (\$41,000); Bobcat (\$38,000); One-ton plow truck (\$80,000)</i>	
Sewer Waste Water Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Replace Pick-up truck</i>	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$313,907

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000)** for the Building maintenance project listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal of the amounts below from the listed capital reserve fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund **\$55,000**
Purpose: Completion of Upgrade to Mechanical Systems

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for the Improvements listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal of the amounts below from the listed capital reserve funds. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

Recreation Facility Upgrades **\$25,000**
Purpose: Elkins Bathhouse improvements and dock replacements

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000)** for the purchase and installation of two communications consoles to be used in dispatching. The sum of **forty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$48,500)** to come from fund balance and the balance of **eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$86,500)** to come from general taxation. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Fund with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.*** (Majority vote required)

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2015</u>
Copier Replacement CRF	1999	\$ 2,047
Insurance Expendable Trust Fund	2013	\$ 30,190
Lamson Lane CRF	2011	\$ 30,195
Milfoil Prevent. & Treatment CRF	2002	\$ 7,982
New London Wastewater Facilities/ Sunapee WTF CRF	1994	\$115,209
Rebuild Main Street CRF	2003	<u>\$ 58,672</u>
TOTAL		\$244,295

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Department Radios and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Communications Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Maintenance CRF previously established in 1997. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 39:1, to adopt a March Town meeting, to be held annually on the second Tuesday in March, for the choice of town officers and the transaction of all other town business. If adopted, the Town will go back to holding its annual meeting in March instead of holding it in May. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, II, to ratify the renewal of the lease of the Elkins Post Office to the United States Postal Service for a period of five years, beginning on January 1, 2015, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems prudent and in the best interests of the Town. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a K9 unit within the New London Police Department. The committee shall be known as the “New London K9 Study Committee” and shall consist of six (6) members as follows: one person representing the Police Department: Joshua Fisher; one person with expertise in dog care and handling: Penny Murano; two citizens from the Town of New London: Gena Edmunds, Marcia and Lester Goldberg and one New London Department Head to be selected by the Board of Selectmen. If any named member is unwilling or unable to serve on the committee, the remaining members will vote to fill the vacant position. Once established, this committee will investigate K9 units within police departments, including, but not limited to: initial cost of the dog, cost of training for the officer and dog, on-going cost of the dog including food and medical, insurance issues, effectiveness of using a K9, impact on the community and will offer a recommendation on whether such a unit should be established within the New London Police Department. The committee will submit a report to the Selectmen no later than January 4, 2016. *Petitioned warrant article.* (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 22

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of April, two thousand and fifteen.

New London Board of Selectmen
Janet R. Kidder, Chair
R. Peter Bianchi
Nancy L. Rollins

**A true Copy of Warrant - Attest
New London Board of Selectmen**

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