



# Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

October 2016

## Selectmen Begin Preparation of the Town Budget—Participation by the Public is Encouraged

The New London Board of Selectmen began work on its FY2018 budget at their meeting on October 3rd. Once completed, it will be submitted to the Budget Committee and then finally to voters at Town Meeting on March 15, 2017.

The Selectmen start their budget preparation by gathering recommendations for funding from town department heads and requests from nonprofit organizations that provide services to the town. The next step is to meet with department heads and nonprofit groups to get more information on the requests. Public input is helpful throughout this process. The Selectmen must consider the individual requests for funding along with the overall needs of the town and the impact of the budget on the taxpayers.

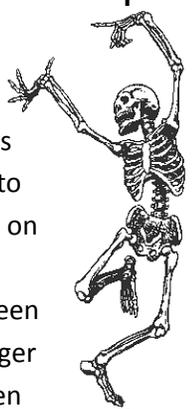
The Selectmen hope to complete their work and turn the budget over to the Budget Committee on November 30th. The Budget Committee will consider the recommendations of the Selectmen, hear from department heads and nonprofit groups, and then prepare a budget that will be voted on at Town Meeting, also keeping in mind the overall needs of the Town and the impact on the taxpayers. The Capital Reserve Fund subcommittee will meet on October 19th at 6:00pm to discuss potential capital projects that may need funding.

Upcoming editions of this newsletter will highlight the work of both boards but all members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings and offer thoughts and suggestions on what should be included, or excluded, from the budget.

## Trick-or-Treat

**Oct 31st: 5pm-8pm.** Main Street will be **CLOSED**

from **5PM to 8PM** from Newport Road to Seamans Road. Police Officers will direct the flow of traffic to be sure the goblins and ghosts have safe passage on the scariest of all nights. **The Haunted Walk** starts behind the old middle school; **5 PM to 6 PM** has been reserved for the little ones (not scary) and the bigger kids should come for a good scare anytime between **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.** **Bring a flashlight and watch for traffic on all other open streets!**



Auditors from the Concord accounting firm Plodzick & Sanderson, led by Tyler Paine, perform field work at the New London Town Office September 19-23. The Town engages an annual audit per RSA 41:31-c to gain reasonable assurance that our financial statements are fairly stated. The final FY2016 audit report will be provided to the public in early February 2017.



Finance Officer Wendy Johnson is the lead staff person with responsibility to present the town's financial information to the auditors for review and to answer the many questions for clarification and need for additional information that arise during the week-long field work. Wendy works with the Town Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Trustees, Town Clerk & Tax Collector, Town Administrator as well as state officials including the State Department of Revenue, to ensure that the records given to the auditors are accurate and complete.

# Patriot Day Ceremony 2016 New London Fire Department



We would like to thank all of the 5th graders from the New London and Sutton Elementary Schools for their participation in the Patriot Day Ceremony. This year, the students were tasked with looking up information about the United States flag. With service men and women in attendance, they talked about flag etiquette; how the famous 9/11 photo we displayed came to be; Betsy Ross, and how flags are used as a symbol of strength for our country. With this year being the 15th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, it is important for us to remember, and it is beneficial to have the next generation standing with us, participating in this tribute to our armed forces and first responders.

*—Jason B. Lyon, Fire Chief*



**Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
4 pm – 7 pm**

**New London Historical Village**

179 Little Lake Sunapee Road

\$10 per person

Kids 12 and under **Free!**

*Proceeds to benefit the competing organizations*

**Contestants:**

New London Recreation	New London Historical Society	NH Kittens
Elkins Fish & Game Club	NLPD – K9	KRES – NL PTO
New London Hospital	The Outing Club	Council on Aging
Lions Club	New London Rotary Club	Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce
	Center for the Arts	

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Contact Scott Blewitt at [recreation@nl-nh.com](mailto:recreation@nl-nh.com) or (603) 526-6401 with any questions you may have.

# Power Line Trail Proposal



## Legend

- Right of Way
- Power Line Trail
- Lyon Brook Trail
- Parcels

# Power Line Trail Project 2016

The Town of New London, New London Hospital and Eversource have partnered to create a walking trail that will connect Newport Road, Parkside Road and the Lyon Brook Trail. The trail will run from Newport Road near the WNTK building, along the utility right-of-way towards Parkside Road. Before reaching Parkside, it will enter the woods and run parallel to Parkside and then connect to the existing Lyon Brook Trail. The resulting one-mile loop, with connections to the hospital parking lot and Outing Club will provide in-town opportunities for walkers, joggers and commuters. The trail will be constructed by the Conservation Commission with assistance from the Highway Department and will be completed in about one year. —by Mark Vernon, Conservation Commission

## Stay Informed!

There are several ways to stay informed on what is happening in New London:

- ⇒ Visit the town’s website at [www.nl-nh.com](http://www.nl-nh.com). Meeting notices, meeting minutes and other information is posted there.
- ⇒ Sign up for **Citizen News** and **CodeRed** emergency notifications and **Recreation News** from the town website.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 17th:** Selectmen’s Meeting, 6pm: Budget review: Public Safety and Town Clerk/Tax Collector; also CIP presentation by the Planning Board

**October 19th:** Conservation Commission, 8:30am

**October 19th:** Capital Reserve Fund Subcommittee, 6pm

**October 31st:** Trick or Treating: 5pm-8pm. Haunted Walk 5pm-6pm for younger kids (less scary) and 7pm-8:30pm for the older kids (more frights!) Note that Main St—Newport Road will be CLOSED during Trick or Treat hours, detours will be marked.

**November 1st:** Recreation Commission, 5:00pm, Whipple Town Hall

**November 1st:** Planning Board, 6:30pm

Please check the town website for a full list of meetings!

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# Emergency Preparations should be part of Fall Activities

For most of us, Autumn is a time of beauty, joy and active living. Crisp mornings, sunny skies, the aroma of balsam fir, cinnamon and cider along with leaf raking and sprucing up the property. It is a wonderful time for hiking, walking and foliage tours. For many, it is the best season of the year. However, Fall is also the time where dangerous tropical storms track up the coast and into New England. And as well, it is a good time to extend the preparations to withstand dangerous winter weather.

As I write this, Hurricane Matthew's near catastrophic floods have resulted in thirty deaths in the United States, half of those in North Carolina. Cumberland County, NC is devastated and the city of Lumberton is under several feet of water. Closer to us, Hurricane Sandy struck New England on October 30, 2012, devastating the East Coast, with five dead in New England, \$50 Billion in damages, and up to four feet of snow in the Appalachians. The "Perfect Storm" in November 1991 damaged New Hampshire coastal areas. And winter ice storms can bring power outages and leave us stranded for days. The 1998 ice storm is still vivid in the memory of many residents.

The best way to withstand a natural emergency is through preparedness. And one of the most significant ways to prepare is through an emergency supply kit.

## Prepare a kit of emergency supplies

Be prepared to use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days (to be even more prepared, plan for 7-10 days). Think first about fresh water and food, and the possibility that you may not have access to a drugstore for a few days.

## Recommended supplies to include in a basic kit:

Water: at least 1 gallon, per person, per day

Manual can opener

Battery powered radio & extra batteries

ABC-type fire extinguisher

Prescription medications

Wired telephone (not cordless)

First aid kit

Flashlight & battery powered lantern

3-day supply of canned or dried foods

3-day supply of baby food and formula

3-day supply of pet food

Moist towelettes, garbage bags for sanitation

Sleeping bags or blankets

Whistle to signal for help

Matches in waterproof container

Personal hygiene items

Important family documents including ID, passport, driver's licenses, birth certificates etc.

Enough cash to last for an unforeseen emergency (ATMs may be out of service)

Learn the location of emergency utility shutoff valves for your home

For more information on emergency preparedness visit the State website:

**ReadyNH.gov**

Federal website:

**Ready.gov**

or e-mail Lou Botta, New London Emergency Management Director: **EMD@nl-nh.com**

