

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MAY 14 AND 15, 2013

BALLOT VOTING MAY 14, 2013
WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL AT 8:00 AM

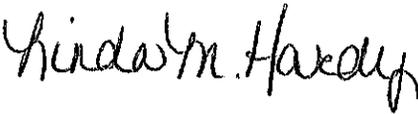
Moderator W. Michael Todd called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were to be called at 1:00 P.M. Upon closing of the polls, Moderator Todd announced that the Town Meeting would reconvene at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at the Kearsarge Learning Campus to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 15.

A motion was made and seconded to act on Article 1:

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

VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

Moderator Todd closed the polls at 7:00 P.M., and the results were called at 7:05 P.M.

Attest: 

Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 1A: Results of Non Partisan Balloting for Town Officials

722 Ballots were cast, including 46 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3675

Selectman (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

John G. Lewis	75
R. Peter Bianchi	392
Write-Ins	226

Trustee of Trust Funds (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Allan Whatley	591
Write-Ins	14

Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Two

Francine McColgan	303
Fiona Mills	392
Kristina Regan	421
Write-Ins	3

Budget Committee Member (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Three

John B. Wilson	411
Patricia H. Blanchard	390
William Fellerman	213
Bruce Hudson	364
Phyllis Tilson Piotrow	389
Write-Ins	5

Cemetery Commissioner (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Charles M. Hafner	660
Write-Ins	2

CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING MAY 15, 2013 AT 7:00 PM
KEARSARGE LEARNING CAMPUS

At 7:00 P.M., Kearsarge Regional Elementary School students, led by Nicole Densmore, opened Town Meeting by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Selectmen Chairman Peter Bianchi recognized all Volunteers and Employees for their outstanding service. He thanked those employees and volunteers who are leaving service to the Town this year. Moderator W. Michael Todd then read the election results from Tuesday, May 14, 2013, and gave recognition to all those who arranged the Pot Luck Supper preceding Town Meeting.

Chairman Bianchi then gave special recognition to Dr. Donald Bent for his over 30 years of service as the Town of New London's Health Officer. His knowledge and dedication were highly praised. A hearty standing ovation by all assembled followed.

Moderator Todd reviewed the Moderator rules, and the meeting was then called to order. There were 250 registered voters who attended the 2013 Town Meeting.

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** to be placed in the previously established Conservation Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund.

Article by petition. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) **Five registered voters signed a request for this article to be voted upon by secret paper ballots.**

YES 108 NO 142

ARTICLE DOES NOT PASS

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be turned over to the Kearsarge Regional School District in return for an option to enter into a mutually agreeable long-term lease for the 1941 School Building. This option will allow the Town the time necessary to fully explore the advisability of entering into a long-term lease to take control of the building for use by the Town. No additional town funds will be spent on the project without voter approval at the May 2014 Town Meeting. The Town must exercise this option on or before May 30, 2014.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Five registered voters signed a request for this article to be voted up by secret paper ballots.

YES 215 NO 31

ARTICLE PASSES

ARTICLE 5

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Executive	280,731	293,026
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	82,700	82,145
Financial Administration	260,725	263,616
Reassessment of Property	81,812	82,900
Legal	25,200	20,200
Personnel Administration	94,397	85,582
Planning and Zoning	84,918	85,955
Cemeteries	23,242	30,436
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	82,003	76,274
Advertising & Regional Associations	15,092	17,690
General Government Buildings	<u>181,391</u>	<u>196,146</u>
TOTAL	\$1,212,211	\$1,233,970

ARTICLE 6

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).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Police Department	888,856	947,690
Fire Department	294,672	299,189
Firewards	594	593
Emergency Management	5,851	5,850
Communications Department	<u>324,766</u>	<u>339,983</u>
TOTAL	\$1,514,739	\$1,593,305

ARTICLE 7

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Highway Administration	801,005	846,925
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	518,100	499,700
Street Lighting	14,000	16,000
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	373,488	386,977
Solid Waste Cleanup	21,400	25,500
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>598,901</u>	<u>608,394</u>
TOTAL	\$2,326,894	\$2,383,496

ARTICLE 8

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	7,906	5,436
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,299	12,299
Kearsarge Council on Aging	20,000	35,000
New London Ambulance	121,393	123,821
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	1,865	2,697
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,809	3,809
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL	\$183,272	\$199,062

ARTICLE 9

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Recreation Department	155,129	162,205
Tracy Memorial Library	433,420	455,550
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	15,748	15,830
Energy Committee	989	539
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>25,525</u>	<u>25,525</u>
TOTAL	\$632,111	\$660,949

ARTICLE 10

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	247,514	247,514
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>76,334</u>	<u>66,260</u>
TOTAL	\$323,848	\$313,774

ARTICLE 11

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Sidewalk Project	0	20,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000
Computer Replacement	0	10,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000
Fire Vehicle Refurbish & Maintenance CRF	13,000	16,500
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	25,000	25,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	150,000	150,000
Highway Building CRF	21,500	21,500
Pleasant Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	10,000
Tracy Library Improvements	0	30,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	31,000	31,000
Sewer Lagoon Cleanup CRF	20,000	10,000
Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	20,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund	30,000	30,000
TOTAL FY2014		\$489,000

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred sixty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$165,500)** 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) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Fire Apparatus Repair Fund	30,500
<i>Purpose: Refurbish the Rescue Engine</i>	
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Replace 2010 Police Cruiser</i>	30,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Replace Transfer Station Refuse Tractor</i>	85,000
Sewer Waste Water Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Replace two Muffin Monsters</i>	20,000
TOTAL	\$165,500

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** 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) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund	
<i>Purpose: Repair Tracy Library stonewall</i>	\$20,000

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred seventy-five thousand one hundred dollars (\$175,100)** 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) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Municipal & Regional Transportation Fund	9,000
<i>Purpose: Sidewalk improvements</i>	
Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Elkins Sidewalk Project</i>	80,000
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Paving</i>	86,100
TOTAL	\$175,100

ARTICLE 15

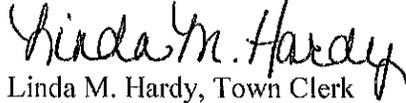
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

Joe Cardillo addressed the meeting to suggest that some thought be given to the impact of having Town elections in May when the School District elections are held in March. Mr. Cardillo pointed to voting attendance results over the past few years, both before the Town Meeting change to May, and after, to illustrate the point that fewer people seem to be voting on school business in March, which lessens the Town's influence on school district matters. He asked those present to consider whether the Town should vote to switch back to March at some point in the future. There was no show of hands and there were no comments from the floor.

There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk


A True Copy Attest: Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk