

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MAY 12 AND 13, 2015

BALLOT VOTING MAY 12, 2015
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 13, 2015, at the Kearsarge Learning Campus to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 22.

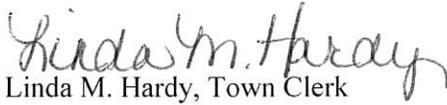
A motion was made and seconded to act on Article 1:

- A. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- B. To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance.

VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

Moderator Todd closed the polls at 7:00 P.M., and the results were called at 7:02 P.M.

Attest:


Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk

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

1003 Ballots were cast, including 90 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3636

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

John B. Wilson	436
Janet R. Kidder	561
Write-Ins	0

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

Stephen R. Theroux	889
Write-Ins	2

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

Linda M. Hardy	920
Write-Ins	3

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

Malcolm K. Wain	838
Write-Ins	4

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

Gordon Terwilliger	514
Wendy Dumais	661
Matthew J. Hubbard	511
W. Lansing Reed	422
Write-Ins	6

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

Robert B. (Rob) Prohl	787
Tyler Beck	712
Bruce Hudson	720
Write-Ins	18

Budget Committee Member (For 1 Year) – Vote for not more than One

Joseph (Joe) Cardillo	812
Write-Ins	15

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

Thomas A. Ginter 852
Write-Ins 5

ARTICLE 1B: Results of Ballot Voting for the 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 772 NO 167

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 424 NO 519

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.

CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING MAY 13, 2015 AT 7:00 PM
KEARSARGE LEARNING CAMPUS

At 7:00 P.M., Kearsarge Regional Elementary School students, led by Nicole Densmore, opened the 237th Annual Town Meeting by singing “The Star Spangled Banner” and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Selectmen Chairman Janet Kidder recognized all Volunteers and Employees for their outstanding service. She 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 12, 2015, and gave recognition to all those who arranged the Pot Luck Supper preceding Town Meeting.

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

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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

AN AMENDMENT WAS OFFERED BY SELECTMAN ROLLINS TO INCREASE THE ARTICLE BY \$78,775 FOR THE New London Hospital Ambulance LINE, BRINGING THAT LINE TO \$207,598. VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE AMENDMENT

AMENDED TOTAL OF ARTICLE 7 IS \$283,335

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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
Purpose: Completion of Upgrade to Mechanical Systems **\$55,000**
VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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
VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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	\$ 58,672
TOTAL		\$244,295

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

PAPER BALLOT VOTE PER THE MODERATOR’S REQUEST

YES 155 NO 35

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).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 22

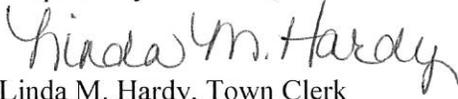
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk



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