

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MARCH 8 AND 9, 2016

BALLOT VOTING MARCH 8, 2016
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, March 9, 2016, at the Kearsarge Learning Campus to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 20.

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: 12 P.M.

Attest:

Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk

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

711 Ballots were cast, including 57 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3572

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

Bill Helm	624
Write-Ins	19

Town Moderator (For 2 Years) – Vote for not more than One

W. Michael Todd	605
Write-Ins	8

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

Meaghan Wilkie	7
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Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Three

Write-Ins

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

John Wilson	359
Colin Campbell	477
Lyndsay Lund	417
Phyllis Tilson Piotrow	456
Write-Ins	1

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

F. Augustus Seamans	270
Joseph Cardillo	371
Write-Ins	1

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

Andy Padden	227
Annie Beck	350
Nancy Mahar	248
Adrienne Neary	135

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

Charles M. Hafner	659
Write-Ins	1

Supervisor of the Checklist (For 6 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Celeste C. Cook	654
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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 552 NO 86

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XVI, Shore Land Overlay District. The major change is Sections J and Section K will be deleted and moved into Article XX, Legal Non-Conforming Uses, Legal Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Legal Non-conforming Lots for the purpose of placing all requirements related to non-conformity in one place, and includes replacing the words “Normal High Water” in Section J 2 (b) with the words “Reference Line”. Provisions to Section G, Waterfront Buffer will be changed to allow for the removal of diseased vegetation; to require replanting when dead, diseased or unsafe trees and saplings are removed and to provide for the use of points for shrubs and groundcover when replanting. Provisions to Section H, Natural Woodland Buffer will include percentage requirements exclusive of impervious surfaces. Provisions of Section E, Development with Waterfront Access will be changed pertaining to waterfront access and common areas. In addition other minor editorial changes such as removing references to previous amendment dates and renumbering are included.

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 556 NO 74

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XX, Legal Nonconforming Uses, Legal Non-conforming Buildings and Structures, and Legal Non-conforming Lots. Section C. Legal Nonconforming Lots will be revised to include a new item C (1), as the existing language of C 1 and C 3 are no longer needed.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES 571 NO 67

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article II, General Provisions, Section 5, Height Regulations. The proposed amendment is to delete the last sentence of # 5 Height Regulations and include it with the other nonconforming provisions of Article XX. This is intended to make the document more user friendly by having related provisions in the same Article.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES 560 NO 72

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XV, Floodplain Overlay District to delete Section (I), as Section (I) incorrectly references Section (H), Article XVI, the Shoreland Overlay District which pertains to the Natural Woodland Buffer. This provision pertains to nonconforming structures, and there are provisions in Article XX which already address the Floodplain Overlay District (current provisions B. (3) (b) (1).

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Petition **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? The Planning Board approves this petition. YES 515 NO 129

The Planning Board has received a Petition Zoning Amendment to rezone approximately 0.26 acres of land from Urban Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C) on the rear section of property located at 74 Pleasant Street, Tax Map 084-079-000.

CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 9, 2016 AT 7:00 PM
KEARSARGE LEARNING CAMPUS

At 7:00 P.M., Kearsarge Regional Elementary School students, led by Nicole Densmore, opened the 238th Annual Town Meeting by singing “The Star Spangled Banner” and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Selectmen Chairman Nancy Rollins recognized all Volunteers and Employees for their outstanding service. She thanked those employees and volunteers who were leaving service to the Town this year. Chairman Rollins recognized Selectman Bianchi’s six years of service with thanks and appreciation. Selectman Bianchi was gifted a colorful, framed 2016 cover of the town report.

Moderator W. Michael Todd then read the election results from Tuesday, March 8, 2016 and gave recognition to all those who served in the military.

Moderator Todd reviewed the Moderator rules, and the meeting was then called to order. There were 238 registered voters who attended the 2016 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 a sum of \$460,000 (four hundred sixty thousand dollars) for the purpose of the following projects: sewer lagoons closure, GIS mapping, Brookside Drive culvert replacement and a sand & salt shed at the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$460,000 (four hundred sixty 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 Moderator asked if there were questions or comments from the assembled voters. Hearing none, he declared the polls open and announced that the polls would remain open for one hour.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Ballot Boxes were opened at 7:28 pm and closed at 8:28 pm YES 230 NO 4

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in an amount up to \$42,500 (forty-two thousand five hundred dollars) payable over a term of 60 (sixty) months for a recreation van and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 (eight thousand five hundred dollars) for the first year’s payment for that purpose.

The Moderator asked if there were questions or comments from the assembled voters. Hearing none, he declared that the vote on the article would be conducted via a ‘yes – no’ ballot.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. (2/3 ballot vote required)

YES 221 NO 9

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Executive	274,538	357,163
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	70,219	69,485
Financial Administration	255,680	258,243
Reassessment of Property	92,200	95,815
Legal	20,200	20,500
Personnel Administration	92,640	103,157
Planning and Zoning	88,742	93,427
Cemeteries	24,837	28,555
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	91,122	96,603

Advertising & Regional Associations	18,296	18,352
General Government Buildings	<u>185,280</u>	<u>174,870</u>
TOTAL	\$1,213,754	\$1,316,170

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Police Department	963,735	1,007,601
Fire Department	334,723	362,700
Firewards	541	540
Emergency Management	5,900	6,300
Communications Department	<u>377,119</u>	<u>371,213</u>
TOTAL	\$1,682,018	\$1,748,354

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Highway Administration	869,227	878,995
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	494,000	492,000
Street Lighting	16,000	17,000
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	385,668	388,672
Solid Waste Cleanup	18,000	21,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>700,935</u>	<u>693,599</u>
TOTAL	\$2,483,830	\$2,491,266

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	5,329	5,349
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,277	12,556
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	35,000
New London Hospital Ambulance	207,598	210,174
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	500	500
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	2,822	3,345
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,809	6,000
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>17,500</u>
TOTAL	\$283,335	\$290,424

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Recreation Department	148,421	158,296
Tracy Memorial Library	460,800	472,825
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	15,847	15,897
Energy Committee	989	989
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>25,800</u>	<u>26,800</u>
TOTAL	\$653,167	\$676,107

VOTE IN THE AFFIRAMTIVE

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	404,148	413,142
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>179,095</u>	<u>147,637</u>
TOTAL	\$583,243	\$560,779

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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)

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>
Sidewalk Project	30,000	25,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	0
Fire Department Radios	15,000	15,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000
Fire Vehicle Refurbish & Maintenance CRF	12,000	W.A. 15
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	105,000	105,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	50,000	50,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	249,510	249,510
Police Cruiser	35,000	
Pleasant Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	15,000
Tracy Library Improvements	35,000	35,000
Communications Equipment	5,000	34,000
GIS Update	20,000	0
Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	0	20,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$581,510	\$578,510

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred fifty two thousand six hundred ninety-four dollars (\$252,694)** 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)

Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund **\$252,694**

Purpose: Replace Loader (\$192,694); Sweeper (\$60,000);

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000)** 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 **\$38,000**
Purpose: Foundation drainage replacement

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twelve thousand dollars five hundred (\$12,500)** 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 **\$12,500**
Purpose: Elkins dock replacement

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Fire Apparatus Repair Fund Capital Reserve Fund to the Town Vehicles and Equipment Repair Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen shall remain named agents to expend the newly purposed fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (2/3 vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 16

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

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen to accept ownership of certain property on behalf of the Town of New London, and to include any such land within the existing conservation easement held by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. The property is owned by Big Hilltop LLC and is more particularly described as approximately 9.5 acres to be subdivided from a 39.80 acre parcel on Davis Hill Road, Lot 068/010/000: the proposed subdivided property consisting of 8 acres on Davis Hill Road and 1.5 acres representing the existing trail to Clark Lookout. No appropriation of town funds is necessary for this purpose; funds from the Mary Haddad Trust in the amount of \$300,000 will be used for this purchase. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) for the purchase of two parcels of land located on the east and west sides of Pleasant Street commonly referred to as the Kidder/Cleveland properties, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) from the previously established Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund. Said land is further described as Lot 074/047/000; 26.38 acres (Pleasant Street East) and Lot 073/083/000; 19.2 acres (Pleasant Street West). The Conservation Commission recommends the acquisition of both parcels as they represent important lands for the protection of wetlands and the Pleasant Lake watershed as well as the ability to expand the trail system. ***Petitioned warrant article. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation; the Board of Selectmen voted one in favor, one opposed and one abstained.*** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to establish a K-9 unit within the New London Police Department if: (1) sufficient grants and donations can be secured to purchase a canine and to provide for the training necessary for the canine and handler to become certified as a K-9 team and (2) any other expenses needed for the K-9 unit can be met by the existing Police Department budget. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator recognized Joan Lamson who offered an amendment to the article: When the loyal canine reaches retirement age, they will be given free to the handler with whom it has bonded with.

The motion to amend was seconded, a discussion of the amendment ensued. A vote on the motion to amend Article 19 failed: Yes 120 No 102

A motion to amend the article was offered that would allow the students of the New London Elementary School to name the dog. Chief Andersen informed the legislative body that the dog is named during training so the students would not be able to name the dog. The voter offering the amendment withdrew his motion. A motion was made and seconded to re-call the question.

A vote on the main Article 19 was taken:

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 20

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 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk

True Copy Attest: Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk