

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MARCH 14TH AND MARCH 15TH, 2017

BALLOT VOTING MARCH 14, 2017
WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL AT 7:00 AM

Moderator W. Michael Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 am and swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were to be called at 1:00 pm. Upon closing of the polls, Moderator Todd announced that the Town Meeting would reconvene at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at the Kearsarge Learning Campus to act upon Warrant Articles 2 – 25.

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.

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

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




Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk

Attest:

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

824 Ballots were cast, including 37 Absentee Ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3891

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

Nancy Rollins	366
Write-Ins	10

Town Clerk (For 1 Year) – Vote for not more than One

Linda Nicklos	363
Write-Ins	9

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

Write-Ins	Joe Kubit
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Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 Year) - Vote for not more than Two

Frank Anzalone	330
John Garvey	355

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

Joseph Cardillo	235
Suzanne Jesseman	255
Christopher Lorio	212

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

Marion Hafner	385
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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 328 NO 62**

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article II, General Provisions, # 18- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Article III, Definition # 3, Accessory Dwelling Unit. The proposed amendment would permit an attached ADUs per a Conditional Use Permit subject to review and approval by the Planning Board. Detached ADUs will not be permitted, and are not included in the amendment language. The current language on ADUs will be replaced with the proposed amendment language.

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 343 NO 46**

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article II, General Provisions, # 10 Sign Regulations to include provisions for content- neutral signs per the US Supreme Court decision Reed vs. Town of Gilbert and make the ordinance more user friendly. The current language of Article II, Signs will be replaced with the proposed amendment language and other sections of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs will also be amended.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Petition Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? The Planning Board approves this petition.
YES 313 NO 75

The Planning Board received a Petitioned Zoning Amendment to change the zoning district boundaries for several properties located on the Northerly end of Main Street which are currently zoned R-1, Urban Residential. The petition amendment is to change the lots (or portions thereof) of 1.98 acres to the Commercial District. The lots and area requested for the proposed zoning district change include: Tax Map 073-045-000 Barton Insurance Agency; Tax Map 073-047-000 Frank Anzalone Et Al; Tax Map 073-046-00 Frank Anzalone Et Al; and Tax Map 073-048-000 Donna Richards.

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 375 NO 18**

The Planning Board proposes to amend the Zoning Ordinance by addressing a general housekeeping measure with no substantive changes to the Ordinance: Article II, #8 Sanitary Protection, renaming it to: Individual Sewage Disposal System.

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 eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$875,000) for the purpose of the following projects: (a) upgrades to the Pleasant Lake Dam; (b) final sewer lagoons closure; (c) to make repairs to the Academy Building; (d) to conduct a study of the Harold W. Buker, Jr. Municipal Building, and other sites, to determine their future viability for police and recreation, or some other use(s); and (e) to pave some of the town's gravel roads, and further to authorize the issuance of eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$875,000) of bonds or

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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)

Ballot Boxes were open at 7:42 PM and closed at 8:42 PM **Yes 166** **No 2**

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the wastewater collection system that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sums to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) 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, and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid by \$30,000 and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) established for this purpose, the balance of twenty thousand (\$20,000) to come from the sewer department special revenue fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (2/3 ballot vote required)

Yes 173 **No 2**

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Special Details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million two hundred seventy thousand seven hundred forty-two dollars (\$1,270,742)** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.** *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Executive	357,163	284,056
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	69,485	65,820
Financial Administration	258,243	267,243
Reassessment of Property	95,815	97,308
Legal	20,500	25,500
Personnel Administration	103,157	99,930
Planning and Zoning	93,427	99,469
Cemeteries	28,555	28,963
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	96,603	105,204
Advertising & Regional Associations	18,352	18,414
General Government Buildings	<u>174,870</u>	<u>178,835</u>
TOTAL	\$1,316,170	\$1,270,742

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ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million eight hundred ninety-nine thousand one hundred sixty-three dollars (\$1,899,163)** for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Police Department	1,007,601	1,112,221
Fire Department	362,700	393,154
Firewards	540	270
Emergency Management	6,300	10,040
Communications Department	371,213	383,478
TOTAL	\$1,748,354	\$1,899,163

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million four hundred ninety-five thousand ninety-nine dollars (\$2,495,099)** for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Highway Administration	878,995	907,845
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	492,000	494,100
Street Lighting	17,000	8,500
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	388,672	387,296
Solid Waste Cleanup	21,000	21,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	693,599	676,358
TOTAL	\$2,491,266	\$2,495,099

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred forty-three thousand nine hundred eighty-eight (\$243,988)** for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	5,349	5,332
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,556	12,566
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	35,000
New London Hospital Ambulance	210,174	165,264
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	500	500
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	3,345	3,326
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	6,000	6,000
Welfare/Vendor Payments	17,500	16,000
TOTAL	\$290,424	\$243,988

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred twenty-five thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$725,312)** for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Recreation Department	158,296	180,799
Tracy Memorial Library	472,825	501,900
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	15,897	15,663
Energy Committee	989	450
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>26,800</u>	<u>25,200</u>
TOTAL	\$676,107	\$725,312

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred ninety-one thousand seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$591,795)** 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>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	413,142	449,058
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>147,637</u>	<u>142,737</u>
TOTAL	\$560,779	\$591,795

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred fifty-five thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$655,510)** 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>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
Sidewalk Project	25,000	30,000
Fire Department Radios	15,000	0
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	0
Town Vehicles & Equipment CRF	12,000	12,000
Fire Vehicle CRF	105,000	150,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	50,000	50,000
Highway Equipment Replacement CRF	249,510	269,510
Master Plan Update CRF	0	5,000
Pleasant Lake Dam CRF	15,000	0
Tracy Library Improvements	35,000	35,000
Communications Equipment	34,000	34,000
Town Building Maintenance	20,000	50,000
Sewer Department CRF	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$590,510	\$655,510

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ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred sixty-five thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$265,154)** for the following highway department vehicle and equipment purchases: (a) sweeper; (b) sidewalk tractor and (c) mower, and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **two hundred sixty-five thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$265,154)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by Joseph Cardillo to amend the warrant article from \$265,154 to \$55,154. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Joe Cardillo explained that the reason for his motion was that he did not believe that the town should purchase a new sweeper at this time. Options discussed were contracting out this service or repairing the current sweeper. The Moderator asked Joe Cardillo if it was his intent to strike the sweeper and Joe agreed. Upon request of five voters, the Moderator declared voting on the amendment with secret yes/no ballot.

YES 32 NO 134

ARTICLE 13

The meeting voted on article as originally presented

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** for the Tracy Library foundation drainage replacement project and to authorize funding this amount by withdrawal of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** from the Tracy Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000)** for the purchase of a fire department tanker truck, and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000)** from the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-eight thousand eight-hundred ninety dollars (\$78,890)** for paving of gravel roads and to authorize funding this purchase by withdrawal of **seventy-eight thousand eight-hundred ninety dollars (\$78,890)** from the Gravel Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for fire department radios and to authorize funding this purchase by withdrawal of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Fire Radios Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

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ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000)** for a generator at the Job Seamans sewer pump station and to authorize the funding of this purchase by withdrawal of **twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000)** from the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000)** for the purpose of (a) construction of a sidewalk on Parkside Road from Main Street to the Outing Club, (b) construction of a sidewalk on Seamans Road from Main Street to Cottage Lane and (c) to replace the bridge railing on Elkins Road near the Wilmot town line and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000)** from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund established for these purposes. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for the purpose of conducting a study on the existing transfer station facility to determine its viability into the future and to authorize funding of the appropriation by withdrawal of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** from the Transfer Station Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the 1998 Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund to the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the newly purposed fund. (2/3 vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt RSA 72:28-b which extends the property tax credit to all veterans who have served a minimum of 90 days of active service in the United States armed forces and have been honorably discharged. The current tax credit under RSA 72:28 in New London is \$500.00 for veterans who have served during certain enumerated conflicts or wars. *Petitioned warrant article.* (Majority vote required)

YES 65 NO 66

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ARTICLE 24

WHEREAS, the United States government spends over \$2,000,000 per hour (over \$48,000,000 per day and \$336,000,000 per week) on nuclear weapons and their development,

WHEREAS, an entire new generation of nuclear weapons is under development, at a projected cost of \$1,000,000,000,000 (\$1 trillion),

WHEREAS, false alarms connected with hair trigger alert in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, and 1995 came within minutes of setting off full-scale nuclear warfare,

WHEREAS, Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, Secretaries of Defense Robert McNamara and William Perry, Admiral Stansfield Turner, Generals James Cartwright, William Odom, Eugene Habiger, and George Lee Butler, and Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and George Shultz have all recommended that nuclear weapons be taken off hair trigger alert

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower declared that every warship launched and every rocket fired is a theft from those without clothing, shelter, or food,

WHEREAS, one fifth of the nation's and one-eighth of New Hampshire's children lack an adequate diet,

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire division of family services lacks adequate material and personnel resources to fully administer to families and abused children in need,

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's state government lacks sufficient resources to overcome the state's opioid crisis,

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King warned that a nation which spends more on defense than on programs of social uplift is facing spiritual death,

WHEREAS, the nation's and state's roads, bridges, railways, culverts, and other public works are in acute need of repair and improvement,

WHEREAS, former Secretary of Defense William Perry has warned repeatedly that the nuclear arms race among Russia, China, and the U.S. is at its most dangerous point ever,

WHEREAS, bomber accidents in Palomares, Spain in 1966 in and Goldsboro, North Carolina during 1961 resulted in the near explosion of nuclear bombs,

WHEREAS, in 2007 and 2010, the U.S. Air Force lost track of live nuclear weapons,

WHEREAS, the United States and Russia each possess nuclear arsenals seven times more powerful than what is needed to wipe all life off the face of the earth,

WHEREAS, Gen. Cartwright recommends reducing our nuclear arsenal to 900 warheads,

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Non-Proliferation treaty of 1970 obliges its parties to negotiate in good faith to eliminate nuclear weapons.

AND WHEREAS, that obligation has been neglected for two generations,

We, the citizens of New London, New Hampshire, petition the US government to:

Cancel its nuclear weapons modernization program,

Take all nuclear weapons off hair trigger alert,

Implement Gen. Cartwright's recommendation to reduce our nuclear arsenal to 900 warheads,

Fully and actively honor its obligation under Article VI of the 1970 Non-Proliferation Treaty,

Apply the resulting financial savings to meeting human and infrastructure needs,

And further petition our state government to actively promote and support the above actions

Petitioned warrant article. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE

There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk



True Copy Attest: Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk