

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON**  
**TOWN MEETING – MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AND MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

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**BALLOT VOTING MARCH 12, 2019**  
**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 13, 2019, 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 7:05 PM.

**Attest:**



Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk

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

687 Ballots were cast, including 71 Absentee Ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3676

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

John A. Canon	417
Vahan Sarkisian	236

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

James G. Steproe	581
Write-Ins	1

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

Gerald Coogan	533
John Raby	490
Michael O. Williams	479
Write-Ins	6

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

Kimberly Bonin	433
Nancy Mahar	400
Andrew Schmidt	241

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

Thomas Ginter	605
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**Supervisor of the Checklist (For 5 Years) – Vote for not more than ONE**

Linda J. Jackman	625
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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 - 515 NO - 133**

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XVI, Section F, Waterfront Buffer. The amendment is proposed to align with the recently adopted State regulations for tree cutting within the waterfront buffer. The cells are proposed to be amended from 50 foot by 50-foot cells, to cells of 25 feet along the reference line of the lake by 50 foot inland, as the state regulations now require. The proposed amended reduces the area of each cell by 50%, thus, the points of trees required in each cell has been reduced by 50% to reflect the smaller area.

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 - 552 NO - 100**

The Planning Board proposes to adopt a Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. The ordinance will govern the installation of commercial solar operations and ground mounted solar panels. The ordinance will be inserted to the New London Zoning Ordinance as article XXVIII with the remaining six articles each being renumbered in succession.

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## **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 AFFIRMATIVE**

## **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)** for renovations and repair of the Harold W. Buker, Jr. Municipal Building and further to authorize the issuance of **six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)** of bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) 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)  
**YES 207 NO 8**

## **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000)** for the purpose of the following projects: (a) Brookside Drive culvert replacement; (b) Pingree Road culvert replacement; and (c) Goose Hole Bridge repair, and further to authorize the issuance of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) of bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) 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)  
**YES 217 NO 3**

**ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the stormwater system, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed **thirty thousand dollars \$30,000** under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, additionally to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486.14 established for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (2/3 ballot vote required) **YES 206 NO 2**

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million four hundred two thousand eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$1,402,819)** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Executive	296,998	299,415
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	69,823	152,029
Financial Administration	275,486	248,569
Reassessment of Property	99,214	98,962
Legal	25,500	20,500
Personnel Administration	103,766	84,090
Planning and Zoning	140,615	152,066
Cemeteries	31,886	33,108
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	104,419	102,793
Advertising & Regional Associations	18,473	18,537
General Government Buildings	<u>176,240</u>	<u>192,750</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,342,420</b>	<b>\$1,402,819</b>

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million fifty-four thousand one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$2,054,129)** for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Police Department	1,168,621	1,181,739
Fire Department	407,138	418,949
Firewards	270	270
Emergency Management	5,040	23,595
Communications Department	<u>412,855</u>	<u>429,576</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,993,924</b>	<b>\$2,054,129</b>

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million five hundred three thousand one hundred forty-six dollars (\$2,503,146)** for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Highway Administration	917,978	875,975
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	495,600	497,300
Street Lighting	8,500	9,300
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	397,010	413,763
Solid Waste Cleanup	18,000	18,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	679,006	688,808
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,516,094</b>	<b>\$2,503,146</b>

#### ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred fifty-eight thousand two hundred twelve dollars (\$258,212)** for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		
Health Administration	5,337	7,313
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,566	12,566
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	35,000
New London Hospital Ambulance	170,222	175,329
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	500	500
<b>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</b>		
Welfare Administration	3,349	5,504
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	6,000	6,000
Welfare/Vendor Payments	16,000	16,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$248,964</b>	<b>\$258,212</b>

#### ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred ninety-five thousand seven hundred ninety dollars (\$795,790)** for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Recreation Department	184,412	192,035
Tracy Memorial Library	540,670	557,900
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	16,306	18,705
Energy Committee	450	450
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	24,400	25,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$767,538</b>	<b>\$795,790</b>

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred ten thousand eight hundred four dollars (\$610,804)** 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 AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	457,981	456,991
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>138,538</u>	<u>153,813</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$596,519</b>	<b>\$610,804</b>

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred sixty-three thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$663,510)** from the following sources: **six hundred forty-three thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$643,510)** from general taxation and **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** from the sewer fund, 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 AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Sidewalk Project	30,000	30,000
Fire Department Radios	30,000	15,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	20,000	10,000
Conservation Land Purchase CRF	0	10,000
Fire Vehicle CRF	75,000	130,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	50,000	50,000
Highway Equipment Replacement CRF	269,510	269,510
Master Plan Update CRF	10,000	10,000
Tracy Library Improvements	35,000	35,000
Communications Equipment	34,000	34,000
Town Building Maintenance	50,000	50,000
Sewer Department CRF	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$623,510</b>	<b>\$663,510</b>

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$104,800)** for the purchase a dump truck with sander, and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **one hundred four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$104,800)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** for the Tracy Memorial Library Stack Room project involving roofing, flooring and lighting, and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** from the Tracy Memorial Library 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 **one hundred ten thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$110,375)** for paving of gravel roads and to authorize funding this purchase by withdrawal of **one hundred ten thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$110,375)** 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 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500)** for the purpose of a guardrail on Bunker Road and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500)** 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 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum **six thousand dollars(\$6,000)**, or 50% of the net proceeds of the timber harvest project on conservation land known as the Shepard Spring – Shepard Pit on Mountain Road, whichever is less, and place such funds in the Conservation Fund, previously established under the provisions of RSA 36-A, and to authorize funding of this appropriation from proceeds of the timber harvest project on conservation land known as the Shepard Spring – Shepard Pit on Mountain Road, the remainder of the timber harvest proceeds to be placed into the town's general fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the GIS Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Energy Conservation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of energy conservation improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *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, 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, 2020, 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 AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of property known as the Elkins Bandstand property, Map 077/029/000, consisting of approximately .20 acres of land and a bandstand.

**VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** to purchase historical items and other ephemera by the Archives Committee, and to authorize the withdrawal of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** from the previously established non-lapsing appropriation for this purpose, which lapses on June 30, 2019, for this amount. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until June 30, 2024.

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

**VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE** 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement for up to 25 years for the purchase of all the energy produced by the solar energy facilities to be located on certain Town-owned land leased for this purpose at a per kWh energy rate equal to or below the Town's annual energy rate as obtained through the Town's existing and normal energy contract and procurement practices, with such funds to come from amounts appropriated for payment of electricity in the Town's operating budget, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and take any and all actions necessary to facilitate the Power Purchase Agreement.

**VOTE IN AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 25**

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 AFFIRMATIVE**

**There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM.**

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk



True Copy Attest: Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk