



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

April 13, 2020

State of the Town of New London

The Town of New London continues to serve the citizens of our community. All departments are functioning and meeting the challenges presented during this pandemic.

It is with sadness that Ed Andersen has retired as Chief of the New London Police Department. He served the community well, and, had the vision to hire a second in command who will lead the department into the future. Ed will be dearly missed. However, we are so pleased Emily Cobb is our new Chief of Police. Once we are no longer prohibited from seeing one another, we hope to host a retirement party for Ed and a welcoming party for Emily.

New London Dispatch continues to monitor emergencies for not only New London, but area towns. Heidi, Kim, Greg, BJ, Austin and Andy are making sure the town has coverage 24 hours a day.

Lou Botta, Emergency Management Director, has coordinated the effort to have the necessary supplies that departments require. Lou has been in constant contact with state and local agencies that provide assistance where needed. If you have a question or need help, please call Lou or Town Administrator Kim Hallquist.

The town offices are functioning and the staff is available to offer assistance. Telephone and email are the ideal way to contact the staff in a manner that will keep them safe.

Tracy Library offers many ways to read, watch or listen, just not in person. Check out their web-site and take advantage of offerings to pass the time.

Recreation Director Scott Blewitt has had to cancel some activities, but is planning a summer filled with numerous lessons and events.

Public Works and the Fire Department are involved with their usual spring duties (checking equipment, repairing roads and culverts, raking, etc.). Chief Lyon and Public

Works Director Harrington have full crews, and, all are busy.

The Town Staff that probably have the most contact with the public, are the men at the Transfer Station. John Early, Jeff, Kenny and CJ are on the front lines.

This community is so fortunate to have the staff and volunteers that work for the Town of New London. When you see a Town employee, keep a safe distance from them, but please thank them for all they are doing to keep our town running smoothly.

Stay well.

Warm Regards.

Janet R. Kidder,
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Police Department Update

I'd like to open this message by expressing my deep gratitude to the Board of Selectmen for selecting me as your new Chief of Police, following Ed Andersen's retirement. I am profoundly honored to be serving you, the citizens, in this capacity and I look forward to many years with you.



The New London Police Department has adapted to the current climate of COVID-19 in many ways. First, all of the police officers have been issued PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) which they have with them at all times when working. We work hard to clean and disinfect our work spaces multiple times a day, both inside the building and in the cruisers. We handle more requests over the phone, when practical. We receive daily updates from the State of NH on best practices for providing law enforcement services, which we implement accordingly. The guidance we receive comes primarily from New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Attorney General's Office.

As always, NLPD will respond to any and all emergencies as they arise. We stand ready to assist the citizens and

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we will continue to provide the law enforcement services that you expect, though with some modifications related to the pandemic.

We are still open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and our phone number is 526-2626. I strongly encourage every citizen to abide by the recommendations from the CDC and State of NH Dept. of Health and Human Services. For more information, you may call 2-1-1 or visit www.nh.gov/covid19/.

Slow the spread, stay at home, save lives.

Thank you –

Chief Cobb

Town Offices are **CLOSED** to public traffic.
Please go online to complete transactions like property taxes, vehicle registration & sewer bills: www.nl-nh.com/pay
You can get applications for permits, credits & exemptions: www.nl-nh.com/forms
Please call us for assistance
Monday - Friday, 8am –4pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 526-1244
Main number: 526-4821
Emergency information line: 526-9444

Planning Board Meeting to be held on April 14, 6:30 pm
The public will have access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting through video conferencing or calling in. Please see the meeting agenda for connection information.
www.nl-nh.com/planningboard

STAY AT HOME. SAVE LIVES.

DO:

- Stay at home, only leaving for the essentials
- Exercise outdoors, practicing social distancing
- Check in on your neighbors, bringing supplies like groceries to those who can't go out

OPEN:

- Grocery and convenience stores
- Pharmacies
- Doctor's offices and hospitals
- Gas stations
- Banks and credit unions
- Takeout & delivery from restaurants
- School lunch program deliveries
- Essential businesses

DON'T:

- Gather in large groups or get together with friends
- Have play dates for kids
- Travel unnecessarily
- Stop practicing healthy social distancing

CLOSED:

- Non-essential retail stores and malls
- Barbershops, hair salons, cosmetic stores, and tattoo parlors
- Movie theaters, bowling alleys, and arcades
- Concerts, sporting events, and festivals
- All State beaches along the Seacoast

@GOVCHRISUNUNU #GraniteTough



Dear New London Barn Family,

During this rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, all of us affiliated with the Barn would like to express our hope that you and your families, our beloved community of supporters, remain healthy and safe during this difficult time.

As we all focus on caring for ourselves and for loved ones, we are met with extreme challenges that have not been faced in our lifetime. While the Barn has seen many challenges over the years, never has it faced the uncertain implications surrounding the coronavirus' effect on our society and our community. During the past several weeks, the Board of Directors has looked carefully at the implications of staging our 2020 summer season. With many options and potential alternatives discussed, the health and safety of our patrons, staff, and artists has always remained the top priority.

It is with great sadness that we inform you that the Board of Directors has decided to cancel all scheduled in-person productions, programs and classes at the Barn for the 2020 Summer Season. Without knowing whether it will be safe, or even permissible for large groups of people to assemble, it was determined that we could not move forward while taking into account the safety of our patrons and staff. Such uncertainty also caused tremendous concern due to the preparations and significant financial commitments required to produce the season. This was an extremely difficult decision and was not taken lightly.

For those of us dedicated to producing entertaining productions and bringing the finest young talent from across the country to New London, this is a heart-breaking decision. But, the show will and must go on. Our team is already busy working on exciting and inventive video and streaming possibilities to bring remarkable young talent from our Barn family to your living rooms. In the weeks ahead, we hope to bring you some much-needed relief and joy during these challenging times. We are working on a number of creative ideas and will share them with you all very soon.

We do not yet know when we will be able to gather together again on the porch. However, the Barn will continue to stand. When the time is right, the Barn will once again be a place where we can all celebrate and come together. We look forward to a time when we can once again fill the Barn with the song, dance, and exceptional professionals and young artists that is our hallmark. Our lights will shine on.

This is a challenging time for all of us. As you can imagine, the inability to produce our regular season creates a significant financial hardship for our organization, a non-profit whose very existence is dependent on the loyalty and generosity of our patrons and supporters. We are appreciative and deeply thankful for your continued support.

For those who have already purchased tickets, we will contact you soon with specific information regarding your purchase.

Please stay healthy and safe.

Wishing you all the best,

Keith Coughlin
Executive Artistic Director

Pam Perkins
Board President

Spring is here...and burn permits are now required for all outside fires.

I hope you and your families are doing well. With the snow gone and an increased number of residents practicing social distancing and staying home, the New London Fire Department has been receiving an increased number of questions about burning brush. We have transitioned to online permits only. New London Communications Center will no longer be issuing permits in an effort to assist with the health of our dispatchers and provide the best possible service to our residents.

Below are some commonly asked questions and answers to hopefully clarify NH's requirements:

Q: Where do I go online to receive my permit?

A: You can acquire a permit at the Division of Forest & Lands website, which is <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/> however please call New London Dispatch to notify them at 526-2627, to let them know that you'll be burning.

Q: It's been dry out. How do I know when it's appropriate to burn?

A: The fire danger ranges from class 1 to class 5. Check the fire danger sign on the fire station or call us at 526-6073:

Class 1, (green) low fire danger - OK to burn

Class 2 (blue) Moderate fire danger – it might be OK if the wind isn't blowing

Class 3 (yellow) High fire danger – no burning

Class 4 (orange) Very high fire danger – absolutely no burning (red flag warning)

Class 5 (red) Extreme fire danger - absolutely no burning (red flag warning)

Q: Can I burn during the day time?

A: The State of NH only allows burning if it's actively raining or there is snow cover around the burn pile. Other wise, you can burn with a permit starting at 5:00pm. You must be with the fire until it is completely extinguished and there is no chance of a rekindle.

Q: Why does the State of NH only allow burning after 5:00pm?

A: During the daytime hours, when the sun is up, thermals are produced (higher winds). These winds, along with dry conditions, produce the ability for ground/brush fires to spread extremely quickly. Over the last couple of weeks, there have been multiple fires around the State.

NH State RSA 227-L:17 require that no person kindle a fire upon the land of another without written permission from the land owner. The fire must be at least 50' from a structure, the diameter of the brush shall not be greater than 5" and the person burning shall be able to extinguish the fire with garden hose or another source. Construction debris shall not be burned under any conditions, clean wood only.

Like you, the Fire Department is trying to follow the social distancing recommendations for keeping all our first responders healthy. Therefore we will limit the days that one can kindle a fire this time of year. If we can prevent a brush fire, or any other emergency call, it not only benefits you, but the health of our first responders.

If you have any questions, please call (603) 526-6073 and thanks for understanding.

Fire Chief Jay Lyon



Kristen McAllister Named Chief Assessor



The Tri-Town Assessing Board representing the towns of New London, Newbury, and Sunapee is pleased to announce the promotion of Kristen McAllister to the position of Chief Assessor. The former Chief Assessor, Norm Bernaiche, accepted a position with the Town of Hanover.

Kris began her career with Tri-Town Assessing in 2007 as Assistant Assessor and steadily added to her training and expertise in the assessing profession. Her familiarity with the properties of the three towns, and her high degree of knowledge in assessing principals and techniques, were major factors in the Tri-Town Board's unanimous decision to promote her to the position of Chief Assessor. Kris is a NH Certified Assessing Supervisor, the highest level of certification available, and has extensive experience in assessing unique properties in New London, Newbury and Sunapee including waterfront homes, golf course, ski area, hospital, college, commercial and residential properties.

"In times such as this, I feel extremely fortunate to have been promoted to the next level of my career as a Certified New Hampshire Assessor. Having been the assistant assessor here for 13 years, there is nowhere else I'd rather be."

- Kris McAllister

NOTICE

The May 2nd Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at Lebanon High School has been cancelled.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of New London has several boards and committees that depend on volunteers to do important work of the town. If you are thinking of ways that you could contribute your time and talents to the town, you are urged to consider submitting a volunteer interest form to the Selectmen. Forms are on the town's website: www.nl-nh.com (Forms & Permits tab) or on page 102 of your town report. Please note that most appointments require the person to be a resident of the town.

During this coronavirus emergency, it is not possible to attend a meeting of these boards and committees to observe what they do, but you can review their past meeting minutes to get a good idea of what they do. Please spend some time on the town's website to investigate the various groups to see which might spark an interest in you.

Archives Committee

Ballot Workers

Board of Firewards

Building & Facilities Committee

Citizens Advisory Committee

Conservation Commission

Energy Committee

Housing Commission—* **N E W** *

Planning Board

Recreation Commission

Regional Planning Commission Representatives

Solid Waste Management Committee

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Completed volunteer interest forms can be mailed:

Selectmen's Office, 375 Main Street or e-mailed:

townadmin@nl-nh.com

April 13, 1743: Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia; he is known as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence.

Tracy Memorial Library

The Library building is closed,
but the virtual Library is open!

Visit us at tracylibrary.org and
follow us on facebook.com/tracylibrary

Download Ebooks
and Audiobooks

Story Time with
Ben
on Facebook Live

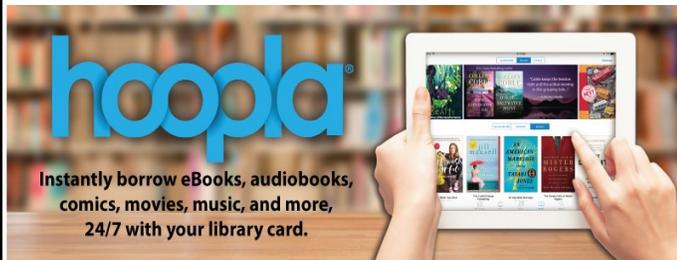
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Have questions about the digital services
or need help finding information?

Email info@tracylibrary.org or leave a message at
603-526-4656 x1 and someone will get back to you.

Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry

The food pantry is open at the First Baptist Church,
New London, Wednesdays 5:30 PM—7:00 PM and
Saturdays, 10:00 AM—11:30AM

For more information: For information: Marilyn
Paradis: mdparadis@icloud.com or
Clara Sheehy: clarabema@comcast.net

Monetary donations gratefully
accepted: P.O. Box 356, New London,
NH 03257



ATTENTION NEW CAR OWNERS!!

It is now possible to process some new car transactions
through the mail.

You might be eligible if you can provide all of the
following documents:

- Title Application from a dealer or the fully executed Title;
- Legible copy of driver's licenses for all parties on the new Title;
- If you are transferring plates, the current registration for the old vehicle;
- Proof of residency in New London IF you have not previously registered cars here.

**DO NOT SEND THE DOCUMENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE
CONTACTED US: 526-1244**

Transfer Station News

- ◇ Yard cleanup materials: sand, grass clippings, brush should NOT be disposed of at the Transfer Station—please take it to the Brush & Metal disposal site on Old Dump Road
- ◇ Spring cleaning: please don't bring all of your spring cleaning materials to the transfer station now—the facility is experiencing a big increase in volume from the large number of people staying home—the additional spring cleaning of homes, while necessary, is putting pressure on the system. Please help by saving these items for after this emergency.

Thank you for your help!

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