



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire August 22, 2020

Face Masks Required

Health & Safety Concerns Cited

Selectmen voted to issue a Resolution requiring face coverings (masks) in New London. The Resolution requires everyone over the age of 2 years old, and not otherwise exempted by CDC guidelines, to wear a mask. The Town Administrator, joined by the Health Officer, Emergency Management Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief, recommended the Resolution has the best way to encourage citizens to wear a mask and decrease the chance of spreading the coronavirus in the community.

Many people in New London are already wearing masks on a regular basis and it's through those efforts that the numbers of infections have remained low; this Resolution reinforces those efforts and aims to encourage those who are not currently wearing masks on a regular basis to do so.

Upon hearing about the new requirement, some questioned the need for such a Resolution given the low number of infections in the community so far. Others suggest that it is an infringement on their right to choose not to wear a mask while others feel that mask wearing has no effect on containing the spread of the virus. In the coming months, these viewpoints, and others, — can be discussed more fully, however for now, the Selectmen determined that for the safety of all, wearing face coverings must be required for both citizens and visitors to the town.

The Selectmen, along with the town officials who recommended the Resolution, hope that a sense of cooperation and community prevails and even those who disagree with the need to wear masks will nevertheless wear a mask when in New London.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

Resolution Requiring Face Coverings
Is on the last two pages.



Attention New London Voters

Absentee Ballots must be returned through the mail or handed in to someone from the Town Clerk's office to be valid.

Do NOT put in drop box at the Town Office.

Please request absentee ballots **NOW** for the September 8 and November 3 elections.

Download and print request form from town website: www.nl-nh.com/voting

Please print double sided (if you have the ability)

Or email: tctc@nl-nh.com

For more information call 603-526-1244

State Primary Elections Tuesday, September 8 7AM – 7PM

Voting will take place at the
Public Works Garage
184 South Pleasant Street

Absentee Ballot questions call
Will Kidder: 603-526-1244

PLEASE

Keep our streets safe
for pedestrians, bikers and other drivers
and observe the posted speed limits and
NO Through Trucks designations.

Please slow down and take in the
gorgeous views as you drive.

Thank you.

News from the New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Watershed Assistance Grant Will Help Protect Messer Pond

New London, N.H. – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is pleased to announce that the Messer Pond Protective Association (MPPA) has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$36,750 to implement stormwater improvements and best management practices that will help improve the water quality of Messer Pond. Following a competitive application process, the Messer Pond Protective Association (MPPA) was one of five successful applicants that will be receiving funding this year to protect and restore New Hampshire's lakes and ponds. The Association will work with the New London Public Works Department (DPW) to mitigate erosion in areas that are resulting in sediments and excessive nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, entering the Pond. As noted in the plan, the key pollution sources around the lake is erosion control on dirt roads and loss of buffers around tributary streams. This grant will fund improvement actions on both the road and buffers. "As a small non-profit, the MPPA would not be able to undertake and be successful at a long, complicated effort like this without great partners." Said John Doyle, president of the MPPA. "We would like to thank the NHDES and the SCC for their continued guidance on acquiring these grants to help fund our efforts and the Town of New London - especially the DPW - for the ongoing support implementing these recommendations to improve the health of Messer Pond and its watershed." For further information regarding this project or the efforts of the MPPA contact John Doyle at johndoyle@messerpond.org.

TRAIL CLOSURE NOTICE

Due to logging activities in the Webb Forest, the following trails are closed:

1. Great Brook Trail from Dura Crockett Trail intersection to Devil's Half-Acre Pond
2. Morgan Hill Trail from Dura Crockett Trail intersection to Great Brook Trail

Trails are expected to re-open Fall of 2020.

NL Conservation
Commission



GNOME DOORS MISSING

Children in the New London area have been walking the trails in town, finding the Gnome doors to earn free ice cream. This is a fun way to get children outside to enjoy the lovely trails and get some sunshine and exercise. The creation and placement of the Gnome doors was a joint project of the New London Conservation Commission and the Windy Hill Nursery Class.

Full information on the Gnome doors and the ice cream contest can be found on the NLCC web site:

http://www.nl-nhcc.com/trails/gnome_doors.htm.

Currently, to win the free ice cream, it is only necessary to find 11 of the 13 doors (a few are missing).

Recently we have had vandalism at the Knight Hill Nature Park trail. **Gnome doors are missing.** The children of the Windy Hill Nursery Class worked very hard on decorating the doors. They collected all the natural materials used on the doors and spent hours making them attractive. They look forward to going on the trails to see the door they've made.



We ask for your help. Please notify the Police Department if you know or see anyone who might be disturbing or trying to remove any of the Gnome doors or other trail signage. Any signs found can be left by the trail head or brought to the Town Office, 375 Main Street.

We thank you very much for helping us out with this issue. We hope everyone will respect the Gnome doors, signage and other items that are placed on the trails. We also hope everyone will work to keep all of our trails clear of litter.



Children are our most precious commodity. Help us to teach them to enjoy the conserved lands and the beauty of wildlife. Help us to teach them that everyone should respect and protect the property of others.

NL Conservation Commission

Like sharing your photography skills?

Submit your photos of New London town events, buildings, scenery, animals, etc. to be included in the town's annual report or website with a photo credit.

No hard copies or watermarks.

Forward photos to Dianne via email: office@nl-nh.com



ATTENTION

TOWN OF NEW LONDON VOTERS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session for additions and corrections to the checklist on

Wednesday, August 26, 2020
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
at the Town Office, 375 Main Street

Due to COVID-19 we will offer drive thru registration. There will be no need to leave your car. We suggest you wear a mask, gloves and bring your own pen.

In order to register as a new voter you will need to bring **two forms of ID to satisfy proof of identity, age and domicile.**

To be sure you are registered and to check your party affiliation visit: www.nl-nh.com/voting Or you may visit <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx>.

NO ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CHECKLIST AFTER THIS SESSION.

Supervisors:

Celeste Cook, Carolyn Fraley, Linda Jackman

Town Clerk will also attend to collect ballot requests & absentee ballots.

WE ARE VILO SUPPORTERS!

Vilo and Officer Daley thank the following new members to the Vilo Support Team:

- ◆ Shirley & Bruce Avery
- ◆ Mary Battey
- ◆ Theresa & Gordon Bingham
- ◆ Janet Beardsley-Blanco
- ◆ David Click & Kathleen Bollard
- ◆ Robert & Sandra Brown
- ◆ Rob & Linda Teach
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Teele
- ◆ Todd Westward
- ◆ New London Rotary
- ◆ Unleashed



PLEASE JOIN

OUR TEAM!

I want to be a K9 Vilo Supporter!

Here is my donation in the amount of: _____

to help support the New London Police Department K9 Program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please make check payable to:

Town of New London K9 Fund

Mail to: 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Thank you for your support!!



Meeting Calendar

The Selectmen will once again hold meetings in person; meetings will be held at Whipple Memorial Town Hall to ensure adequate social distancing. *Please check the town's web calendar to see if other board and committee meetings will be held at Whipple Hall or via the Zoom.com platform.*

- **TUE, AUG 25** @ 8:30 AM - ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE
- **THURS, AUG 27** @ 10 AM - TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
- **THURS, AUG 27** @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMM.
- **MON, AUG 31** @ 4:30 PM - BOARD OF FIREWARDS
@ FIRE STATION
- **WED, SEPT 3** @ 7 PM - ENERGY COMMITTEE
- **WED, SEPT 7 - LABOR DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED**
- **TUE, SEPT 8** @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD
- **WED, SEPT 9** @ 11 AM - RECREATION COMMITTEE
- **WED, SEPT 9** @ 6 PM - BUDGET COMMITTEE
- **SAT, SEPT 12** @ 7:30 AM - CITIZENS ADVISORY COMM.
- **MON, SEPT 14** @ 6 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- **TUE, SEPT 15** @ 6:30 PM - ZONING BOARD OF ADJ.
- **WED, SEPT 16** @ 8:30 AM - CONSERVATION COMM.

For a complete list of meetings go to the town website:

www.nl-nh.com



In observance of Labor Day
The New London Town Offices
& Public Works Department
Will be CLOSED on
Monday, September 7, 2020

Notice for people interested in serving
on the newly established

HOUSING COMMISSION

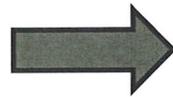
Visit town website: nl-nh.com/service

Fill out committee volunteer form & email to:

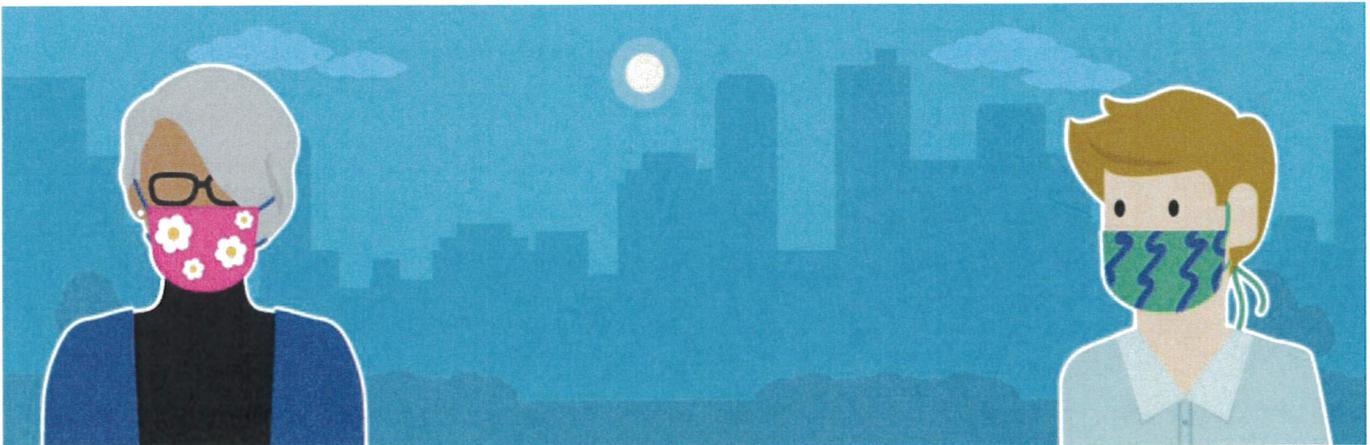
office@nl-nh.com or

drop off or mail to: 375 Main Street

Brush/Metal Disposal Center



AUG & SEPT.	Hours
TUESDAYS 8 AM - 3:30 PM	SUNDAYS NOON - 4 PM



Your mask may protect them. Their mask may protect you.

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A Resolution Requiring Face Coverings Be Worn Within the Town of New London

In our fight against the ongoing COVID-19 threat, this Resolution is issued in consideration of the health and safety of the residents of the Town of New London, the visitors and employees of the public and private sectors, and the success, economic stability, and well-being of the businesses of our community.

Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New London recognizes that additional measures are necessary to prevent or reduce activities that increase the likelihood of the spread of the highly contagious and potentially life-threatening virus known as COVID-19;

That the best means of slowing the spread of the virus is through minimizing close personal contact with individuals in a public environment, social/physical distancing by keeping a distance of six feet between yourself and others, covering your mouth and nose by wearing a face covering, and proper hand washing;

That the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has concluded that the wearing of face coverings by all persons under certain circumstances is an effective method to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus, by providing a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the face covering coughs, sneezes, talks or raises their voice;

And that COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms (asymptomatic carriers) and therefore are unaware they are infected. It is therefore important that everyone wear face coverings in public settings, whether or not they are feeling ill;

Therefore, we, as the Board of Selectmen acting on behalf of the Town of New London, require that face coverings made of cloth fabric, or other soft material, that covers the nose and mouth of the person wearing the face covering. The face covering may be factory-made or homemade as long as it covers the nose, mouth, and surrounding areas of the lower face.

These requirements shall apply to any individual who is age two (2) or older, and not otherwise exempt per CDC guidelines. A face covering is also not required to be worn by any person if said person has been advised by a medical professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to said person for health-related reasons.

Nor will these requirements apply to persons walking, biking, or exercising so long as physical separation of at least six feet is maintained or when persons are members of the same household;

All businesses, healthcare facilities and any other establishment, including government facilities, which are open to the public, shall require all those entering the business including, without limitation any outdoor area where business of any sort is conducted or work site, to wear a mouth and nose covering mask and may refuse entry and service to anyone who refuses to wear a mask.

All employees of all businesses must wear a mouth and nose covering mask when interacting with the public and when within six feet of a co-worker.

Members of the public entering or queued to enter any restaurant for the purpose of picking up food for take-out or an alcohol-serving business or any other purpose must wear a mouth and nose covering mask. Members of the public dining at a restaurant may remove masks while seated at their table but must wear a mask when entering and exiting the restaurant or moving around the interior or exterior of the restaurant.

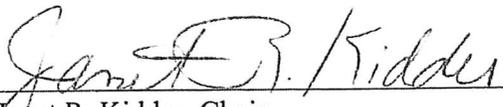
All such businesses, restaurants, government facilities shall post the requirement for a mask.

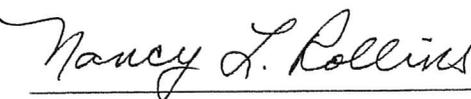
This Resolution is a good-faith effort to encourage the New London community, that includes residents, visitors, shoppers, diners, and employees to wear a face covering whenever they are inside a building and whenever they are outside and social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained.

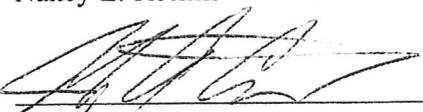
This Resolution will remain in effect until it is no longer necessary either because the New London Board of Selectmen declares that COVID-19 no longer poses a threat to New London citizens or when it is replaced by an Ordinance that will impose fines for violations.

Issued this 17th day of August 2020.

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**


Janet R. Kidder, Chair


Nancy L. Rollins


John A. Cannon