



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

December 2019

Selectmen Complete Their Budget Budget Committee Work Begins

The Selectmen completed their fiscal year 2021 budget and turned it over to the Budget Committee. The budget submitted to the Budget Committee represents a 4.3% increase in the operating budget and a 16.3% increase in transfers to capital reserve accounts for an overall budget increase of 5.4%

The Selectmen’s budget includes a 1.5% cost of living increase for town employees and funding for the pay scale that was established by the Board in 2016 that provides step increases of 2.5% step for employees that achieve an acceptable annual evaluation. The increase for employee health insurance was a modest 0.9%.

Other budget items of note:

- ⇒ A position in the public works department going from part-time to full-time
- ⇒ Part-time staff in the finance office
- ⇒ \$5,000 reduction in the legal budget
- ⇒ \$6,580 reduction in planner services
- ⇒ The addition of \$40,000 to fund a Building Inspector position
- ⇒ Removal of \$3,000 for the police department K-9 (expectation is for donations, and not tax dollars, to support the program)
- ⇒ \$6,000 for cleaning of the Elkins and Bucklin beach bathhouses
- ⇒ Removal of \$5,900 for software to track building permits
- ⇒ Reduction of the Conservation Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund from \$50,000 to \$10,000
- ⇒ Reduction of \$1,400 for Merrimack County Attorney services for the police department
- ⇒ Request for a full-time fire department training and code enforcement officer was not funded.

The Budget Committee will review the entire budget and may decide to fund items the Selectmen decided not to fund, or vice versa. These meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend to

learn about the various funding requests that will be considered at Town Meeting on March 11th. The budget is posted on the town’s website: nl-nh.com Meetings on the FY2021 budget will be held on December 4th, 11th, 18th, and January 8th beginning at 7PM. Additional meetings may be scheduled so please check the town website for updated information.

New London has an official budget committee, which means that Town Meeting voters vote on the Budget Committee’s budget, not the Selectmen’s budget. However, as you can see when you look at the Town Meeting Warrant (see pages W2-W6 in the 2018 Annual Report for the most recent example) the Selectmen’s recommendations are included so voters know where they stand as well.

Ultimately the voters at Town Meeting have the final say on the budget. They consider what the Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend and then they decide whether to adopt the recommendations as presented or amend the budget (increasing or decreasing) as they see fit. However, while Town Meeting voters may cut as much as they like from the budget as presented by the Budget Committee, they may only increase it by 10%. The 10% limitation at the 2019 Town Meeting was \$800,428.

Please make plans to attend Town Meeting 2020!

2020 Election Info

The Presidential Primary date
is February 11, 2020

New London Town Election
March 10, 2020
7am - 7pm @ Whipple Town Hall

Annual Town Meeting
March 11, 2020, 7pm

**New London Employees Recognized
for length of service to the town**

5 YEARS

Gary Faccone—Fire Department
Sonia Garre— Library
Megan Hunt-Stewart—Library
Greg Barthol—Police Department-Dispatch
Matt Grimes— Public Works Department
Linda Nicklos— Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office

10 YEARS

Kyla Pillsbury— Fire Department

15 YEARS

Ed Johnson— Fire Department
Mike Murphy— Public Works Department
Corey Oxland—Fire Department

20 YEARS

Tom Anderson— Police Department

25 YEARS

John Wiltshire— Public Works Department

30 YEARS

Pete Lewis— Fire Department
Bob Harrington— Public Works Department

**Thank you all for your dedicated service to
New London!**



**TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
DECEMBER EVENT**

Holiday Hoopla

Thursday December 19th from 6 - 7:30 PM

Join us for holiday stories, a sing along, a visit from Santa, cookie decorating and wrap it all up with a Christmas movie.

- ⇒ Mon, Dec. 16 @ 6:00 PM - Board of Selectmen
- ⇒ Tues, Dec 17 @6:30PM—Buildings & Facilities @Fire Station
- ⇒ Wed, Dec 18 @ 8:30 AM - Conservation Commission
- ⇒ Wed, Dec. 18 @ 7:00 PM - Budget Committee
- ⇒ Thurs, Dec 19 @8:30 AM—Master Plan Committee
- ⇒ Thurs, Dec 19 @6:30 PM—Buildings & Facilities @ Police Dept.
- ⇒ **Wed, Dec 25—Town Offices, Library & Transfer Station— CLOSED**
- ⇒ Thurs, Dec 26 @ 8:30 AM - Master Plan Committee
- ⇒ **Wed, Jan 1—Town Offices, Library & Transfer Station— CLOSED**
- ⇒ Thurs, Jan 2 @8:30 AM—Master Plan Committee
- ⇒ Sat, Jan 4@ 7:30 AM—Citizens Advisory Committee
- ⇒ Mon, Jan 6 @ 6:00 PM - Board of Selectmen
- ⇒ Wed, Jan 8 @ 7:00 PM - Budget Committee
- ⇒ Thurs, Jan 9 @6:30 PM—Buildings & Facilities
- ⇒ Tues, Jan 14 @ 6:30 PM—Planning Board
- ⇒ Wed, Jan 15 @ 8:30 AM—Conservation Commission
- ⇒ Wed, Jan 15 @5:00 PM—Recreation Commission @ Whipple Town Hall Conference Room

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Town Offices, 2nd floor. For a complete list of meetings go to the town website: www.nl-nh.com

Coming in the January Issue.....

*K9 Officer Geoffrey Daley and K-9 Vilo -
On duty in New London!*



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**THE NEW LONDON TOWN OFFICES,
LIBRARY AND TRANSFER STATION**

WILL BE CLOSED ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

&

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

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