



# Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire January 2020

## Housing Commission in New London

The Selectmen may seek Town Meeting voter approval to establish a Housing Commission in New London as allowed by RSA 674:44-h. The purpose of a housing commission is *“for the proper recognition, promotion, enhancement, encouragement, and development of a balanced and diverse supply of housing to meet the economic, social, and physical needs of the municipality and its residents, viewed in the context of the region within which the municipality is situated.”* This action comes as the result of Master Plan survey results that identified housing as an important topic for the town to consider, Citizen Advisory Committee interest and state-wide discussions on the need for affordable housing. If approved, the Selectmen will appoint New London residents who have an interest in housing as well as expertise that will assist the commission in its work.

## Notes from the Citizen’s Advisory Committee

In its first meeting of 2020, the Citizens’ Advisory Committee addressed two topics: Workforce Housing and Master Plan Survey results. The group reflected on the November CAC meeting when the Twin Pine Housing Authority gave a presentation on Workforce Housing. This presentation was very favorably received and attendees learned of workforce housing initiatives in surrounding towns, such as Hanover, NH. The CAC reviewed a description of a “Housing Commission” and accompanying RSA’s. (see the article above for more). Mr. Paul Gorman, Chair of the Planning Board, gave a very informative presentation on the role of the Planning Board, the extent of its authority, and the process of creating a Master Plan. He dispelled several misconceptions about the authority of the Planning Board. For example, some of the CAC were surprised to learn that the Planning Board has no power over single family or two-family dwellings, other than that such residences are situated on the minimum acreage. Additionally, the Planning Board does not have an architectural review component for commercial or residential buildings, so they do not have oversight in this

area. Mr. Gorman listed the top six areas of concern derived from the survey; these will be presented in a report at the town meeting. Some of the areas addressed in the Master Plan Survey are not under the purview of the Planning Board. These will go to the Board of Selectmen who will give the issues to the appropriate town agencies and/or volunteer groups to address. Several members of the CAC urged that action be taken on these top issues, and not just be written into the Master Plan document.

— Maureen Prohl & Thelma Kaplan, Co-Chairs



## Police K9 Vilo Needs your help!

Voters at the 2016 Town Meeting were enthusiastic in their approval to add a K9 to the Police Department. As soon as this approval was given, efforts were undertaken to secure the donations needed to purchase Vilo and to train him and the police officer assigned as his handler, currently Officer Geoffrey Daley. Many citizens and businesses have been generous in their financial support since the start of the K9 program and because of that support, it has been a resounding success! The citizens of New London have benefitted from the services of K9 Vilo since he went on duty in 2017. Upcoming issues of *Municipal Matters* will highlight some of the cases that Officer Daley and Vilo have worked on to benefit the citizens they serve.

If you would like to be a part of the support team for Vilo, please send your donation to the Town Office, 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03575, or you can drop it off at the Police Station. Checks can be made payable to the Town of New London K9 Fund.

## Town of New London Public Notices

### Supervisors of the Checklist

**Tuesday, January 21**

**7:00 - 7:30 pm**

Town Office, 375 Main Street

Last day to register before the

**Presidential Election on Tuesday, February 11**

Will be held at the Whipple Town Hall

### Filing period for 2020 Elected Officials

**Wednesday, January 22 - Friday, January 31**

1	3-year term	Board of Selectman
1	2-year term	Town Moderator
1	3-year term	Trustees of the Trust Funds
3	3-year term	Budget Committee
1	3-year term	Cemetery Commission
1	6-year term	Supervisor of the Checklist
2	3-year term	Tracy Library Trustees

\*\*Any candidate filing on last day must file in person.  
Clerks office will be open until 5pm on last day of filing.

### Kearsarge Regional School District

#### Filing period for 2020 Elected Officials

**Wednesday, January 22 - Friday, January 31**

3-year term	Municipal Budget Comm. Seats Warner, New London & Bradford
3-year term	School Board Seats Warner, New London, Bradford & Newbury
1-year term	School District Moderator

Contact District Clerk, Doreen Salera  
526-2051 x 223  
SAU # 65 Office, 114 Cougar Court, New London

### New London Recreation Department Sponsored Trip:

#### Iceland's Magical Northern Lights Discovery

Travel to Iceland and experience the breath taking northern lights. Departing 10/18 Returning 10/24

**Special travel presentation January 30th @ 5:30pm**

**Whipple Town Hall, 25 Seamans Road**

## Hayes Place

"A new historic marker along the Great Brook Trail tells the story of the site's 19th century settlement. Overlooking stone foundations of the old Hayes Place, the sign was created by the Town Archives and the Vernon family as a memorial to Arrolyn Hayes Vernon, a lifelong resident of New London and longtime volunteer at the archives. It is located 200 yards north of the intersection of the Dura Crockett and Great Brook Trails."



MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING JR.

Day

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

**ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED**



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Tues., Jan 14 @ 8:30 AM — Master Plan Committee
- Tues., Jan 14 @ 6:30 PM — Planning Board
- Wed., Jan 15 @ 8:30 AM — Conservation Comm.
- Wed., Jan 15 @ 5:00 PM — Recreation Commission  
Whipple Town Hall
- Wed., Jan 15 @ 7:00 PM — Selectmen & Budget Com
- Thurs., Jan 16 @ 6:30 PM — Buildings & Facilities Com
- **Mon., Jan 20 — MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY  
ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED**
- Tues., Jan 21 @ 7-7:30 PM — Sups. of the Checklist  
**last day to register before elections**
- Mon., Jan 27 @ 4:00 PM — Listening Sessions with  
State Reps. Karen Ebel & Dan Wolf
- Mon., Jan 27 @ 6:00 PM — Board of Selectmen

**Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the  
Town Offices, 375 Main Street, 2nd floor.**

**For a complete list of meetings go to the town website:  
[www.nl-nh.com](http://www.nl-nh.com)**

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