



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

July 2016

**Selectmen to Dedicate
Elkins Sidewalks to
Bob & Janet MacMichael
Sunday, July 31st 6:15pm
Ceremony at the Elkins Bandstand**

The New London Board of Selectmen invite all citizens to attend the dedication of the recently completed Elkins sidewalk project to well-known and long-time Elkins residents Robert “Bob” MacMichael and his wife Janet. Sadly both Bob and Janet passed away before the project was completed, but both were big supporters of the project during the years of planning as well as ardent supporters of all things Elkins. A memorial plaque will be affixed to the bridge parapet at the Mill Pond, a fitting location as this was the path that Bob and Janet would take to go to the Bandstand to enjoy the weekly summer concerts. The dedication plaque will read: *This sidewalk dedicated in the memory of Robert (Bob) and Janet MacMichael. Bob was known to all as the “MAYOR OF ELKINS” One of Bob’s favorite sayings: “Elkins has no boundaries, Elkins is a state of mind” Dedicated this 31st day of July 2016.*

Please plan to attend!



**Historical Marker at the Elkins pedestrian bridge.
Photo by Jim Perkins**

Severe weather event knocks out power to much of New London— 19 roads closed



County Road was closed for a time on Saturday evening. New London Fire Department photo

Thanks goes out to the personnel of the New London Police & Communications Departments, Public Works Department, Fire Department and Emergency Management for their quick and efficient response to the severe weather event of Saturday, July 23. High winds came in quickly, downing trees, many in the roadways and some on powerlines. Fire Chief Lyon reported that at the height of the storm, 19 roads were closed due to downed trees and powerlines. The picture above of Country Road is but one example. Some roads remained closed into Sunday as powerline crews worked to remove the downed lines.

Emergency responders greatly appreciate people staying off the roads during these events so that restoration efforts can be completed as quickly as possible.

Town Projects Updates

Sewer Lagoon Closure: State DES approved the town's closure plan and issued the necessary permits; one of three discontinued sewer lagoons is officially closed. Pending adequate funding, the remaining two lagoons will be closed in the spring of 2017.

Pleasant Lake Dam: The Selectmen continue to work towards full compliance with the State Dam Bureau letter of deficiency issued for the dam that requires the Town to bring the dam into compliance with the discharge requirements of High Hazard dams. Dubois & King Engineers have been engaged to prepare a plan for improvements to submit to the State for approval. The Selectmen will be discussing the options at their next meeting, Aug 1st. The plan and permits must be approved by May 1, 2017 and construction completed by November 30, 2018.

Whipple Memorial Town Hall Cupola: Painting and repair of the nearly 100 year old cupola should be completed by the end of July. Restoration of the windows is considerably more complex and will take several additional weeks to complete.

Academy Building parking: The Town Office parking lot has an additional 8 parking spots along the Town Common side. The entire lot was repaved. Vehicle access to the Town Common is via Gould Road.

Elkins Beach Bathhouse and parking: The bathhouse renovations are completed, including the addition of a unisex handicapped bathroom. The parking area will be paved in the coming weeks.

1941 Building: The Selectmen were successful in their efforts to delay School Board action to demolish the building this summer, before New London voters had an opportunity to decide if the building should be acquired by the Town. Watch for more on this topic in the coming weeks and months. All are encouraged to participate in this important discussion.

Salary and Compensation Study: The Selectmen adopted a compensation philosophy and continue to work on setting salary levels for the current budget year as well as establishing a compensation plan that will be followed in the future. The 2016 Wage & Compensation Study as prepared by Thornton & Assoc. and the compensation philosophy can be viewed on the Board of Selectmen section of the town website: www.nl-nh.com.

New London Hospital Days Road Closures

Friday, August 5: Main Street at the corner of Seamans Rd and in front of the Town Common, 5pm—10pm for Band Night, brief closure to the Fire Station at 5pm for the Stretcher Race.

Saturday, August 6: Main Street for the annual parade at 2PM

Sunday, August 7: The Triathlon Route: The following roads will be affected: Little Sunapee, County, Newport, Everett Park and Parkside from 7:30AM—12:00 noon.

For more details on events:

**www.nl-nh.com or
www.newlondonhospital.org**

Stay Informed!

There are several ways to stay informed on what is happening in New London:

- ⇒ Visit the town's website at www.nl-nh.com. Meeting notices, meeting minutes and other information is posted here.
- ⇒ Sign up for Citizen News, Recreation News and CodeRED emergency notifications from the town website: www.nl-nh.com

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