



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire July 2019

Public hearings to consider conservation land purchase and parking on Main St, Pressey Court, Sawyer Lane and Everett Park.



Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Whipple Memorial Hall

The Selectmen and Conservation Commission will present plans to purchase land abutting the town-owned Low Plain conservation area. The parcel is located on Route 11 and Shaker Street, Map 098-014, approximately 30 acres. Funds from the Mary D. Haddad Trust will be used for the purchase.

The Selectmen will then open a public hearing to discuss parking on Main Street and parking in the area of the Barn Playhouse. During some performances of the iconic summer theatre, parking is a challenge as ticket holders try to find parking before the curtain goes up. The fire department has reported instances of cars parked on both sides of roads, making passage by emergency vehicles impossible. On Main Street, safety issues related to parking spaces in front of hydrants and sight lines for cars attempting to get onto Main Street will be considered.

The availability of safe adequate public parking is important to Main Street businesses and to customers who come to Main Street for the variety of retail and professional businesses. The Selectmen and public safety personnel will be present to discuss this important issue. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator, at 526-1240 or by e-mail at townadmin@nl-nh.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In observance of Independence Day:

New London Town Offices,
The Public Works & Transfer Station
Will be **CLOSED Thursday, July 4th**

In addition:

Public Works is **CLOSED Friday, July 5th**
Transfer Station will be **OPEN Saturday, July 6th**

The Messer Pond Trail

Have you ever walked the Messer Pond Trail? Enjoy a lovely .3 mile flat stroll along a woods road to the shore of Messer Pond. The trail skirts the inlet to Messer Pond, passes through a wetland and ends on a bluff with a picnic table and view of the pond. The trail is entirely on town-owned land.

Parking is on the east side of County Road, 1/4 mile north of the intersection with Forest Acres Road. This is one of the trails required to earn your hiking patch—so make plans to hike it today!



Invasive Plants in New London

Non-native invasive plant species are a real problem in most of the United States and New Hampshire is no exception. According to the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service, "Non-native invasive plants crowd out natives in natural and managed landscapes. They cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year from lost agricultural and forest crops, decreased biodiversity, impacts to natural resources and the environment, and the cost to control and eradicate them."

Here in New London we have our share of such species on private and public property. Examples of such plants are Japanese knotweed, burning bush, multiflora rose, and Norway maple. These invasives can be found anywhere there is a patch of dirt, including in gardens and fields and along roadways. They can crowd out native species because invasives are so prolific, hardy and fast growing. Our most noticeable invasive problem is probably with Japanese knotweed. Plants can reach more than ten feet in height and width and grow very quickly. Leaves are oval in shape, and 3 to 7 inches long. Knotweed spreads easily from fragments of the plants or its roots and by seeds carried by wind, birds, animals, and humans. Mowing these plants acts as a tonic for growth. Instead, for control of small areas cut stems at the base then smother by covering the area with mulch or wood chips and top with heavy duty black fabric/plastic. The cuttings should be thoroughly dried out and bagged. Herbicides are a more effective treatment, but that is expensive and requires permitting. Left unchecked, invasive plants can become more than an uninvited guest in your garden.

For more information visit:

<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/invasive-plants.htm>



Check out **Tracy Memorial Library**

- ◆ **Stop into the library and sign up for your youth, teen or adult summer reading programs.**

- ◆ **THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019 AT 3 PM
BLAST OFF WITH BOOKS MAGIC SHOW**

www.tracylibrary.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 2019 Meetings

- MON., JULY 1 @ 6:00 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- TUES., JULY 2 @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- TUES., JULY 2 @ 6:30 PM - ZONING BOARD OF ADJ.
- WED., JULY 3 @ 5 PM - RECREATION COMMISSION
@ WHIPPLE HALL
- **THURSDAY, JULY 4TH — INDEPENDENCE DAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED**
- JULY 6 - CITIZENS ADVISORY COMM. – CANCELLED
- **MON., JULY 8 @ 6:00 PM - PUBLIC HEARING WITH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN @ WHIPPLE HALL**
- TUES., JULY 9 @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD
@ WHIPPLE HALL
- WED., JULY 10 @ 7 PM - ENERGY COMMITTEE
- THURS, JULY 11 @ 6:30 PM - BUILDINGS & FACILITY
@ TRACY LIBRARY
- WED., JULY 17 @ 8:30 AM - CONSERVATION COMM.
- THURS, JULY 18 @ 6:30 PM - BUILDINGS & FACILITY
@ TRACY LIBRARY
- MON., JULY 22 @ 6:00 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Town Offices, 375 Main Street, 2nd floor, Conf. Room
For a complete calendar list of meetings go to the town website: www.nl-nh.com

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