



# Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

July 31, 2020

## New Kiosk at Pleasant Lake

The public boat ramp area at Pleasant Lake received a facelift recently. Through a joint project of the Elkins Fish and Game Club (EFGC) and the Pleasant Lake Protective Association (PLPA), a new kiosk and lake signage were installed, welcoming residents and visitors to this beautiful lake.

The old lake signage had been there for many years and was in disrepair. In 2019, members of the PLPA felt it would be a good time for an upgrade. They were celebrating their 50th anniversary and wanted to commemorate the event. They reached out to the EFGC, celebrating their 125th anniversary, to see if they would like to help. Representatives of both groups discussed ways to improve the look and functionality of the signage and presented a plan to the Town of New London. After receiving approvals from the Selectmen and the New Hampshire DES, representatives of the EFGC and PLPA finalized the design and material details for a new and more permanent structure.

The new kiosk is constructed of weather resistant materials, which provide durability and stability while also providing an aesthetically pleasing look. The kiosk has a map of and information about Pleasant Lake and also includes sections for boating and fishing information. Included are informational panels for each of the organizations. All the labor and material costs for the removal of the old signage, and the fabrication and installation of the new kiosk were paid for by the PLPA and EFGC. The old sign was saved and can be seen at the Ice House Museum on Pleasant Street.

The Elkins Fish & Game Club, the oldest, continuously operating fish and game club in New Hampshire, once owned the property, formerly known as Melendy Park, where the dam and public boat ramp stand today. Members were responsible for controlling the water flow at the dam and rebuilt the dam several times. They also stocked fish into Pleasant Lake for many years. The club turned over ownership of the property to the Town of New London in 1974.

The Pleasant Lake Protective Association, made up of dedicated New London residents, performs many functions and organizes many activities for the betterment of Pleasant Lake. The group activities include watershed conservation, fish conservation, wild-

life conservation, improved water quality, prevention of invasive species, boating safety, and many other lake-related projects and programs.

The PLPA and EFGC are proud to have made this donation to the Town of New London. It is their hope that visitors to Pleasant Lake will stop by the kiosk and take time to read about the lake and about these two civic minded organizations.



## Attention New London Voters

**Absentee Ballots must be returned through the mail 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](http://www.nl-nh.com/voting)

Please print double sided and fill out one request form for each election.

Or email: [tctc@nl-nh.com](mailto:tctc@nl-nh.com)

For more information call 603-526-1244

## Eversource Transmission Line Project Update

The Eversource pole replacement project is well under way across New London this summer. This project involves upgrades and maintenance to the Eversource M127 transmission line that runs from the North Road Substation in Sunapee to the Webster Lake Substation in Franklin, replacing wood structures with new self-weathering steel structures, and upgrading existing static wire with new optical ground wire. Fourteen poles are slated to be replaced in New London. In order to replace the poles, site work including construction of access ways, tree removal and installation of earthen pads to allow necessary equipment (like cranes) to safely remove and replace the poles is necessary. Some of the wire replacement work will be done via helicopter later this fall. Helicopters used for wire replacement later this fall will hover over the poles and lines as the wires are attached and then brought to the next pole.

Eversource reports:

**Current status of work:** Over the last few months, Eversource and their contractors have been working to replace select wood structures with steel structures of a similar height and design. This work has taken place within the transmission power line corridor between the North Road Substation in Sunapee to Webster Lake Road in Franklin. Eversource's contractor, Michel's, is hard at work on the transmission maintenance effort required for this project. As work is completed, the crews are restoring each location. The project construction and restoration, related to the structure replacements, is expected to be complete in the fall of this year. Following that work, the final phase of this project is to replace one wire on the poles with an updated communication wire. The installation of this communication wire will further improve the reliability of the electric system by enabling communications between substations. Work activities will take place within the transmission power line corridor between the North Road Substation in Sunapee and Webster Lake Road in Franklin. This work will be performed mostly by helicopter, with some work to be performed from the ground. We will provide an update of the schedule and ground locations when the contractor has completed their review of the work.

**New London Locations:** Wilmot Center Road, Whitney Brook Road, Lakeshore Drive, Morgan Hill Road. In addition to the locations listed, there will be an aerial component of the wire replacement, including all cross streets along the M127 corridor in New London.

Eversource states that this work will not impact the service to homes, businesses, or municipal buildings and they will keep all stakeholders updated throughout construction and will track any project commitments throughout the life span of the project. Residents who have questions can email [NHProjectsinfo@eversource.com](mailto:NHProjectsinfo@eversource.com) or call 1-888-926-5334 for or more information.

The town wishes to thank Mag Francis of Wilmot Center Road, whose property is impacted by the project, for alerting the town to lapses in communication between Eversource and New London property owners. As a result, the Town Administrator, Zoning Administrator and Planner have visited the site and met with Eversource officials to discuss the project and discuss communication issues. Ms. Francis is advocating for improved communications and better state legislation regarding utility maintenance projects that effect property owners with Eversource easements.

- Nicole Gage, Zoning Administrator

**Right:** Project site on Wilmot Center Road: temporary bridge and access road leading to the poles have been constructed to facilitate pole replacing equipment.



## Beach Pass Program 2020

To better serve the residents of New London, we are implementing a “Beach Pass” program for Bucklin & Elkins Beaches to ensure attendance is limited to “Residents and their guests.” This program will verify proof of residency needed to enter the town beaches. Once this card is issued it can be used to verify residency to the beach staff upon entry.

Those residents who prefer not to get a beach pass can continue to use their driver's license and proof of property ownership to enter the beach.

**To receive your Beach Pass card** simply bring your residency documentation and all eligible family pass holders to: New London Recreation Department, Whipple Town Hall, 25 Seamans Road , Monday – Friday, 9:00 am -1:00 pm. To coordinate a time call 526-6401.



Example of beach pass.

**Cost:** The Beach Pass program is free and cards will be valid until September 30, 2023. (Replacement cards are \$20 each)

### Who is eligible for a New London Recreation Beach Pass?

All New London residents (year-round and seasonal) ages 12 and older that can provide proof of residency as follows:

- Driver's license (or other government ID) w/ physical New London address or
- New London tax or utility bill with supporting photo identification (for those who are seasonal residents)

Each person (ages 12 & up) listed on the application must attend to have their picture taken at the New London Recreation Department office. Each beach pass will be issued at that time with photo.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian when entering the beach and thus do not need a Beach Pass. Visitors must be accompanied by a New London resident to enter the beach. Proof of residency, using the beach pass or other acceptable form, must be presented at each visit to the town beaches.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
*Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director*

## E WASTE UPDATE

WE WILL RESUME ACCEPTING  
E-WASTE AT THE HIGHWAY DEPT  
ON AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, MON-FRI

7:30-3:00

\$5.00 - CPUs, phones,  
radios & other electronics w/plugs

\$10.00 – up to 25" computer monitors  
& T.V.'s Sm Microwaves & Printers

\$15.00 & up –Lg microwaves &  
printers, and 26" or larger T.V's



Thank you for your patience  
during this time.  
Feel free to call 603-526-6337  
with any questions.





## Tracy Memorial Library

For Library news and updates, please check our website, follow us on Facebook, and sign up for our email newsletter.

### Porch Pickup Service

1. Place a hold in our online catalog, email us, or call.
  2. We'll call you when your items are ready for pickup.
  3. At your scheduled pickup time, pick up your bag of already checked-out items under the main entry porch.
- RETURNS: Book drop is open during Porch Pickup hours.

(603) 526-4656  
 info@tracylibrary.org  
 www.tracylibrary.org

### Summer Reading Program

Adults: Book BINGO! - Final day to return BINGO board (via book drop or mail) is Aug. 14.

Kids and Teens: Last day to log into the app and participate is Aug. 7.

### Book Bike

Please contact us if you live near the Library and are interested in a delivery.



## 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 to: [office@nl-nh.com](mailto:office@nl-nh.com)

## WE ARE VILO SUPPORTERS!

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

- ◆ David & Celeste Cook
- ◆ Pamela Drewniak
- ◆ Andrew & Gena Edmunds
- ◆ Stephen Ensign
- ◆ Marilyn Kidder
- ◆ Morgan Hill Bookstore
- ◆ Harold Oberkötter Jr.
- ◆ Sunapee Police Benevolent Assoc.
- ◆ Mark Wendling



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: \_\_\_\_\_

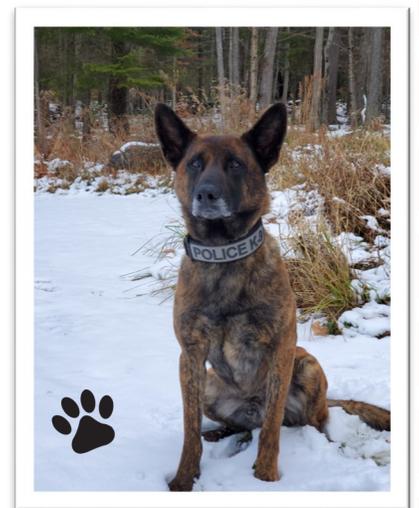
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

- **MON, AUG 3** @ 6 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- **TUE, AUG 4** @ 6:30 PM - BLDS & FACILITIES COM
- **WED, AUG 5** @ 7 PM - ENERGY COMMITTEE
- **TUE, AUG 11** @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD
- **WED, AUG 12** @ 11:00 AM - RECREATION COMM.
- **THURS, AUG 13** @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMM.
- **MON, AUG 17** @ 6 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- **TUE, AUG 18** @ 6:30 PM - ZONING BOARD OF ADJ.
- **WED, AUG 19** @ 8:30 AM - CONSERVATION COMM.
- **THURS, AUG 27** @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMM.
- **MON, AUG 31** @ 4:30 PM - BOARD OF FIREWARDS @ FIRE STATION

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

**Town Offices are CLOSED to public traffic**

**Call us for assistance**

**Monday - Friday, 8am – 4pm**

Transactions like property taxes, vehicle registration & sewer bills can be done online:

[www.nl-nh.com/pay](http://www.nl-nh.com/pay)

For vehicle registrations, property taxes, beach & transfer station passes, sewer payments, vital records, dog licenses, voter registration & absentee ballots.

Call Town Clerk/Tax Collectors:  
526-1244 or 1245

For building, sign & driveway permit applications  
Call zoning administrator: 526-1246

For property tax exemptions & credits:  
Call land use & assessing coordinator: 526-1243

Applications & forms can be found online:  
[www.nl-nh.com/forms](http://www.nl-nh.com/forms)

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# Household Hazardous Waste COLLECTION DAYS



For information contact the  
 Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
 Regional Planning Commission  
 at (603) 448-1680 or  
[vdavis@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:vdavis@uvlsrpc.org)

**9:00 - Noon**

**Saturday, August 8**

Newbury Hwy. Garage,  
50 South Road  
(Rt. 103 to Village Road  
to South Road)

Check out website for more info: <https://hww.uvlsrpc.org/>

## Brush & Metal Disposal Center Summer Hours

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
TUESDAYS 8 AM - 3:30 PM	TUESDAYS 8 AM - 3:30 PM
SUNDAYS NOON - 4 PM	SUNDAYS NOON - 4 PM

**KEEP YOUR  
TAGS VIRTUAL.  
WEAR A MASK.**



**STOP THE SPREAD  
OF COVID-19.**

Wear a mask. Some things aren't worth sharing. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 isn't just about you, it's about everyone around you. This is one time you don't want to go viral.

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services; State of New Hampshire

**#DON'T  
GO  
VIRAL**