



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

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New London Planning Board

The Planning Board has established two subcommittees to work on potential zoning amendments; a Sign Subcommittee and an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) subcommittee. The Sign Subcommittee is considering amendments to address the U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding the need for content neutral regulations and to make the sign regulations simpler. The ADU Subcommittee is considering amendments to address the New Hampshire law which will go into effect on June 1, 2017. Under the new law, an “accessory dwelling unit” is defined as a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. The new ADU law requires municipalities to allow internal or attached accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts where single-family dwellings are permitted. It establishes in state law that an internal or attached ADU is part of single-family use of a parcel, not a separate use. The law also gives municipalities the option of permitting detached ADUs. The subcommittee meetings are public meetings and all are encouraged to attend, and or submit comments and ideas for consideration. With Town Meeting in March, the Planning Board will be busy in the coming months preparing potential zoning amendments, and addressing applications that come before them. Over the last several months the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Planning Board Subcommittee has been meeting to prepare a CIP document for the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to use as they prepare the budget. Richard Lee, Director of Public Works, led a site tour of several municipal facilities and project areas for the CIP Subcommittee. The CIP tour was quite informative. The Planning Board will be finalizing their CIP document shortly and continues to be busy with applications in addition to the work of the various subcommittees. Additional information, including the agenda and agenda attachment list prepared for each meeting are posted on the Town’s website. All citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.

— Lucy St. John, Planning and Zoning Administrator

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Highway Department

The Highway Division of Public Works has just completed two drainage projects, the first is on County Road near Fieldstone Lane. This ditch was reshaped going uphill from Fieldstone Lane and trap rock has been installed to prevent the ditch from washing out. In addition, a large pine tree was removed to allow the directing of water away from the edge of County Road. This work will also stop some silt and sand from washing into Messer Pond.



The second project was at the intersection of Seamans Road and Main Street. This project involved cooperation with two other agencies to complete. The New London-Springfield Water Precinct went in first to remove and replace valves in the main water line in the intersection. The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation then replaced two catch basins and 45 feet of culvert under Seamans Road. This is what was causing the bump in the road. When that work was completed, our crew installed 400 feet of 12 inch pipe, 5 new catch basins and paved the ditch along Seamans Road to collect the runoff. This should prevent most of the water from running down Seamans Road in the spring. All this work was completed in preparation for the paving of Seamans Road this fall. —Richard Lee, Public Works

Transfer Station Division

Please be advised that Transfer Station attendants must abide by a set of rules and regulations as to what can be accepted at the facility along with proof of residency. Please do not ask the attendants to accept items that are not allowed. **Mark your calendar for the LAST Hazardous Waste & Unwanted Medicine Collection Day**, on October 15, 2016 at the Lebanon Solid Waste Facility, 370 Plainfield Road (Route 12A South) from 9am to 12pm. For more details see front page of the Town of New London web site and click on link at bottom left.

Wastewater Division

Please be mindful of the amount of grease you dispose of down your kitchen drain. This will clog pipes and create problems at the wastewater treatment plant. In addition, please do not flush unused medication down the drain. Please take to the New London Police Station for safe proper disposal. For more information regarding proper disposal of Hazardous Waste Materials, visit:

<http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>

Tracy Memorial Library

A fun-filled performance by "Mike the Bubble Man" served as the final event in our youth Summer Reading Program. Nearly 200 children registered for "On Your Mark, Get Set ... READ!" and during the final week collected their reading rewards sponsored by Friends of Tracy Library.

This summer dozens of adults participated in the "Exercise Your Mind" BINGO challenge. Prizes included Fitbit Zips and gift certificates to Morgan Hill Bookstore and Spring Ledge Farm. Each entrant with at least one completed Bingo row received free ice cream at Arctic Dreams.

Over 150 adults attended Library programs this summer. During the "Happiness Is a Muscle" presentation, audience members learned tips for practicing positive thinking and saw how thinking positively affects health and longevity. Additional programs for adults included learning about tiny-house living and movie matinees featuring sports-related films.

What was the top book among our patrons this summer? For fiction it was *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo; for nonfiction it was *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. The top movie was *In the Heart of the Sea*, based on the book by Nathaniel Philbrick, recounting the maritime disaster that inspired *Moby Dick*. Top summer audiobooks were *Breaking Wild* by Diane Les Becquets (fiction) and *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson (nonfiction).

— Sandra Licks, Director



Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15

As the leaves change, it's a great time to talk about fire safety. Fire Prevention week is October 9 - 15, and this year the National Fire Prevention Association is spotlighting the "Don't Wait, Check the Date!" campaign which focuses on smoke detectors that are greater than 10 years old. Out of date detectors present a greater chance of false alarms and may not work as well as originally designed.

Every year the New London Fire Department invites over 500 students from area day-care facilities and students through 5th grade from the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at New London for a firehouse visit. Just a few things that we teach the kids about are checking and changing smoke detector batteries, having an escape plan with a meeting location, never playing with matches and lighters, and calling 911 in the event of an emergency. They typically receive a tour of the station and grade specific demonstrations.

It is important that we all assist in preventing fires and if you would like any literature on fire extinguishers or general fire safety, please stop by or call the NLFD at (603) 526-6073.

— Chief Jason Lyon, NLFD

New London Recreation Department Presents :



THE RETURN OF THE PUMPKIN PEOPLE!

Contest begins October 1st

Judging on October 22nd

Business, Organizations & Residential Categories

Electric Vehicle Expo Draws Hundreds!



Hundreds gathered at the NL Historical Village on Sunday, September 11th to see how electric vehicles from Teslas to motorized bicycles are starting to transform how we get around. The New London Energy Commission and Andover Energy Group organized this event which drew more than 250 people and brought together vehicle owners, dealers and people curious to kick the tires on all-electric vehicles. Owners gave rides in vehicles from BMW, Chevrolet, Nissan, Tesla as well as China's BYD. The expo is part of National Drive Electric Week.

— Tim Paradis, NL Energy Commission