



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

June 2018

Bob Harrington Appointed New London Public Works Director



After a search that spanned several months and drew applications from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Florida, Texas and New Hampshire, Bob Harrington was selected to serve as New London's second Public Works Director. Retiring Public Works Director Richard Lee was appointed as the first Director when the position was established in 2007.

Bob is the current Foreman in the department and has worked for the town since 1989. The Citizen Search Committee was impressed with Bob's knowledge of the town and his feeling that the department has run very well under the direction of Mr. Lee so he does not anticipate making any big changes in the operations of the department, observing that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Committee members agreed. The Selectmen were also impressed with Bob's dedication to the town over the years and appreciated his willingness to step up and take responsibility for such a large department that includes oversight of the town's roads, bridges and sidewalks, wastewater operations, transfer station, cemeteries and town buildings.

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Bob yet, feel free to stop by the Public Works Garage on South Pleasant Street and say hi.

PLANTING DAY AT THE WELCOME TO NEW LONDON SIGN



Planting crew: **Bonin Architects:** Kim & Jeremy Bonin, Greg Rusnica, Mike Pritchard, Ben Gedney, Jude Dallaire, Christopher Timberlake, Mike Purvis, Brittani Severance. Also pictured: Selectman Janet Kidder and sign maker Clark Roberge.

With the arrival of spring, the final phase of the Welcome to New London sign project was completed with the installation of landscaping. Greg Rusnica, landscape architect at Bonin Architects, created a landscaping plan for the sign located near the entrance to the Transfer Station that was implemented by the planting crew on May 24th. The New London Garden Club had installed plantings at the Transfer Station, and this area was expanded to include the sign. Clark Roberge of Roberge Signs in Bradford made the signs. Richard Lee, Public Works Director and Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator, coordinated the siting of the signs with the State of New Hampshire. Members of the Public Works Department installed the signs. Wildflower seeds will be planted at the sign located at the other end of town, on Main Street. Selectman Janet Kidder spearheaded the effort on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Jeremy Bonin donated his firm's time, the plants and the planting of the flowers by the signs. The Board of Selectmen are grateful to Bonin Architects for their very generous donation to make this project possible.

IMPORTANT ASSESSING NEWS

Dear Property Owners,

The New London Assessing Office, which includes Norm, Kris and Cary would like to prepare you for upcoming changes to the assessment software and property tax maps in 2019.

New London has been saving funds over the last several years to create new Tax Maps using the most up to date data and mapping tools available. Current tax maps were created using a "flat surface earth" rather than what the earth truly consists of; contours, this caused the maps to be inaccurate and not representative of what is actually there. To accomplish this work the Town has contracted with CAI Technologies out of Littleton NH, this is the same company that maintains the online tax maps and data. The Town should have the finished product by the end of 2018. We anticipate some changes to the boundary lines shown now on the tax maps, as well as possible acreage fluctuations. Tax map lots and numbers will also be changed to comply with modern cartography (mapping) standards. If you are in possession of a survey that has not been recorded at the Registry of Deeds, now would be an appropriate time to do so. All property owners will be afforded an opportunity to present information they have that contradicts our findings.

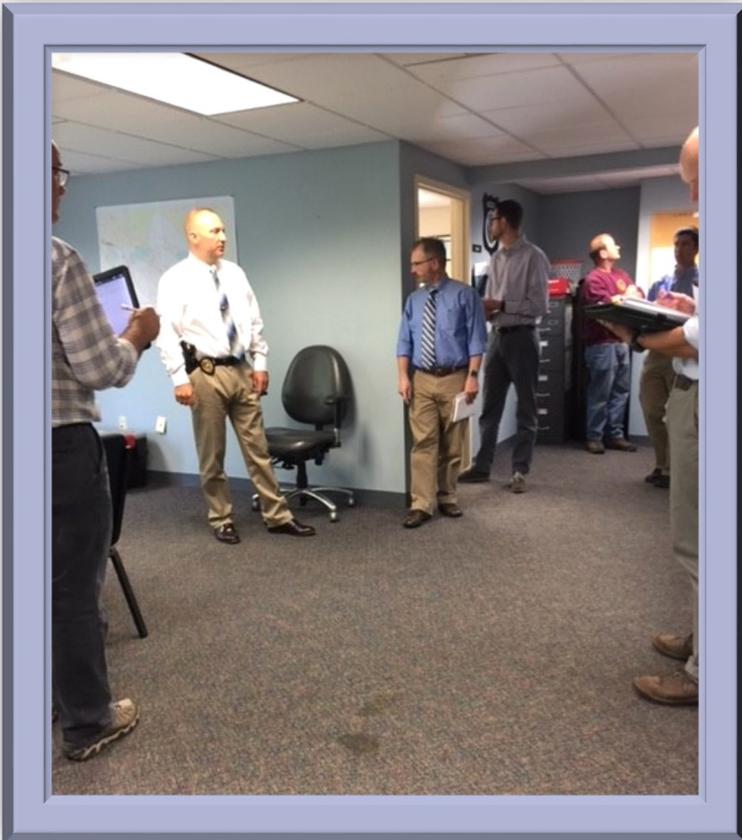
In addition, The Town of New London has been using the assessing software known as Vision since 1987. The version of software New London uses is being discontinued. The new version of Vision was very expensive so the assessing office researched other options. We concluded the best option and fit for New London is to use the New Hampshire owned and operated software known as Avitar which has been a proven entity here in New Hampshire. We are in the process of manually converting data over to Avitar, and will continue to use Vision to assess until we are fully confident with the values calculating using the Avitar assessing software.

New London is due for the five year revaluation in 2019 as dictated by the State Constitution. We will be analyzing all the sales data that transferred over the prior two years to develop our model for valuing all property. The expectation is there will be some tweaks and adjustments but no real wholesale changes to our methods and techniques.

Lastly, we take pride in being as transparent as possible by providing the mapping-assessment data on the town's website: www.nl-nh.com which includes many documents associated to a parcel. In the future the only real change to that site will be a different looking tax card. Thanks for your time and have a great Summer! Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

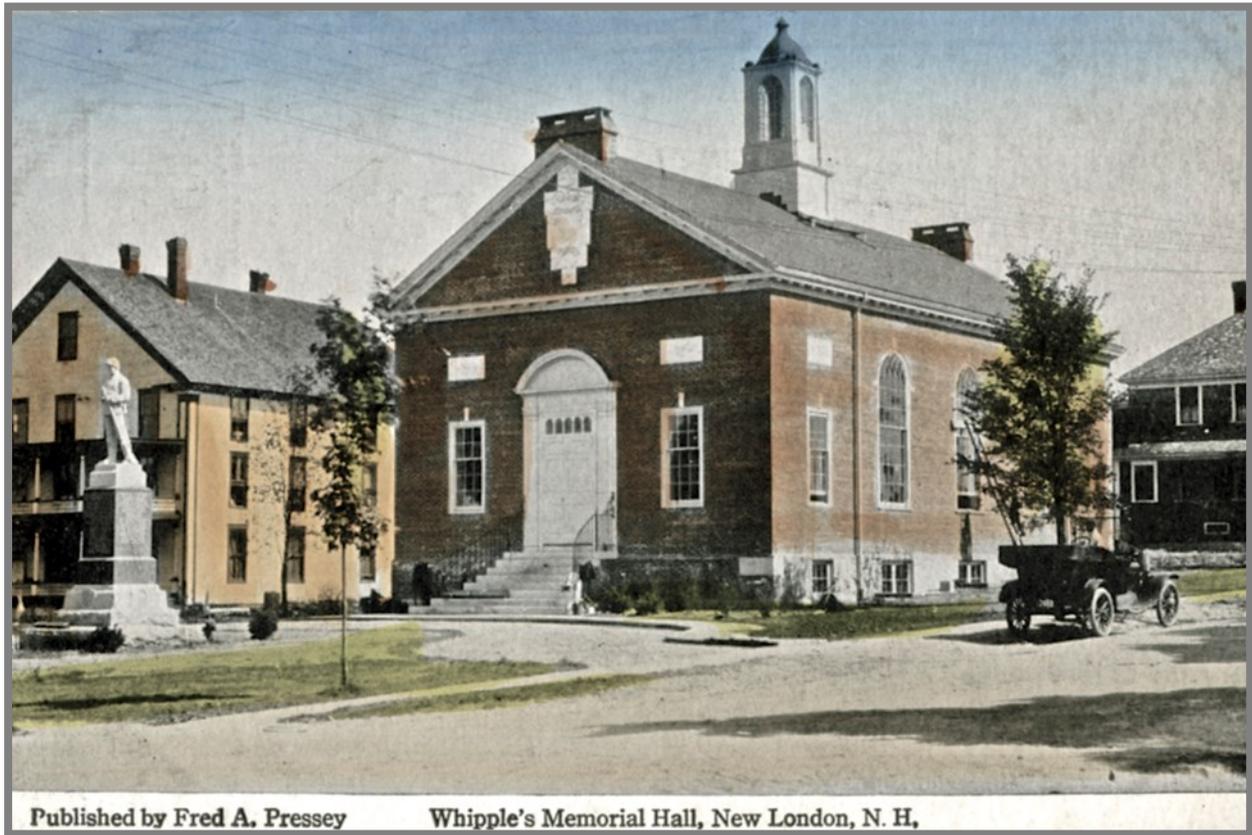
The New London Assessing Office

Study of the Buker Building Begins with a Tour



The study of the Harold W. Buker, Jr. Municipal Building (current location of Police, Dispatching and Recreation departments) began with a tour of the facility by nine consultants who may submit a proposal in response to the town's request for proposal (RFP). Chief Andersen (pictured) led the tour of the police and dispatching areas. Recreation Director Scott Blewitt led the tour of the recreation areas and Public Works Director Richard Lee gave an overview of the utilities and HVAC issues within the building. The consultants were enthusiastic about the project and we hope that we will get several proposals to choose from. The deadline for submission of a proposal is June 15th so it is expected that the Selectmen will review them at their meeting on June 18th. Funding for this study was approved by Town Meeting voters in 2017 and voters at the most recent Town Meeting expressed a desire to have a comprehensive study of the building completed prior to a discussion of potential new locations for departments or renovations of existing facilities. Results of the study are expected before the end of the year. The RFP can be reviewed on the town's website: www.nl-nh.com

New London History & Archives



Postcard view of Whipple Memorial Town Hall taken about the time of its completion in the late spring of 1918. (The town will celebrate its centennial on June 23.) To the left of Whipple Hall stands Colby Hall, a Colby Academy dormitory built around 1854 using the frame and materials of the Old Main Street meeting-house, purchased at auction by Gov. Anthony Colby for \$119.

- Jim Perkins, Town Archivist

WHIPPLE MEMORIAL HALL



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

AT WHIPPLE HALL, 25 SEAMANS ROAD

Living with Wildlife - Beaver Activity



Mark Vernon, Steve Root, and Stanley Morono, cleaning out debris that jammed the beaver castor so water can flow down into Red Brook which flows into Pleasant Lake.

THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

cordially invite all to attend a reception on
THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH FROM 6PM-8PM
AT WHIPPLE TOWN HALL, 25 SEAMANS RD.
TO HONOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
RICHARD LEE
on his retirement after **45 YEARS** with the
Town of New London. Please join the
Selectmen in wishing Richard a happy
and well-deserved retirement.

TOWN OF NEW LONDON VOTERS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session for additions & corrections to the checklist on :
Tuesday, June 5th from 7pm to 7:30pm
This is the last day to change party affiliations before the State Primary Election in September.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

NEW OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE June 15, 2018

Monday – Thursday
8 am – 4 pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS OPEN through lunchtime

OPEN the 2nd and
last Saturday of month
9 am – 11:30 am
(except on holiday weekend)

NEW ONLINE SOFTWARE



Go to our website: www.nl-nh.com

The icons are on the right column

FYI - you can renew and/or inspect your vehicles
3 months prior to your expiration month

Libraries Rock

June 26th Summer Reading Registration Begins
June 27th Story Time - 10am
June 28th Rock the Blocks Legos 1-4pm
July 5th Rock the Blocks Legos 1-4pm
July 6th Magician Peter Boie - 3pm
July 7th Story Time at Historical Society - 10am
July 11th Story Time - 10am
July 12th Lake Sunapee Protective Associates
presents "Nature Rock" - 10am
July 12th Rock the Blocks Legos 1-4pm
July 18th Story Time - 10am
July 19th Rock the Blocks Legos 1-4pm
July 25th Story Time - 10am
July 26th Rock the Blocks Legos 1-4pm
July 31st Singer/Songwriter Judy Pancoast 6:30pm
Aug 1st Story Time - 10am
Aug 2nd Rock the Blocks Legos 1-4pm
Aug 4th Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals - 10:30am
Aug 8th Story Time - 10am

MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

- Mon., June 4 @ 6:00 PM - Board of Selectmen
- Tues., June 5 @ 5:00 PM - Recreation Commission
Whipple Town Hall
- Tues., June 5 @ 7 to 7:30 PM - Supervisors of the
Checklist
- Wed., June 6 @ 7:00 PM - Energy Committee
- Mon, June 11 @ 6:30 PM - Zoning Board (ZBA)
- Thurs., June 14 @ 6:00 PM - Richard's Retirement
Whipple Town Hall
- Mon., June 18 @ 6:00 PM - Listening Sessions
- Mon., June 18 @ 6:00 PM - Board of Selectmen
- Wed., June 20 @ 8:30 AM - Conservation Comm.
- Sat., June 23 @ 3 to 5:00 PM - Whipple Town Hall
100th Celebration at Whipple Town Hall
- Tues., June 26 @ 6:30 PM - Planning Board
Whipple Town Hall

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

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