



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire November 2018

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS HAMPERED BY EXCESSIVE RAIN

The Public Works Department has been stymied in getting some projects done this fall, most notably the Pleasant Lake Dam repairs and paving of two gravel roads. The Pleasant Lake Dam (pictured below) was opened on September 13th to allow the lake to drawdown so that repairs could be made. It generally takes two weeks to lower to a level where workers can make repairs. The picture below was taken on November 7th, clearly showing that the lake is still draining. In order to make repairs the flow of water at the outlet should be more of a trickle, not the rushing volume of water pictured. The last drawdown was in 2013—that year the repairs were completed and the gate shut on October 11—we are nearly a month past that now, and we continue to wait until the lake is completely drawn down. We are hopeful that we will be able to get the work done this year so that another drawdown is not necessary next year. Fingers crossed!

Paving activities are also impacted by rain. While some of the town's paving has been completed, the gravel roads scheduled for paving: Wilder Lane and Wellswood Road are yet to be completed. If work is not completed by the time the asphalt plants close for the season, the roads will be on the list to be completed in the Spring.

Public Works staff appreciate the patience and understanding of those impacted by these delays.



Rushing water at Great Brook. Photo by Bob Brown and Ace.

2018 Tax Rate Set—Down 30¢

The 2018 Tax Rate, which includes Municipal, County, State School and Local School rates combined for a rate of \$15.71, 30¢ lower than the 2017 rate of \$16.01. Properties in the New London—Springfield Water Precinct will see a rate of \$1.11, unchanged from 2017. On a home valued at \$300,000, the tax rate reduction means \$90.00 less over the previous year's tax bill. The 3rd and 4th quarter property tax bills will be in the mail soon and will reflect the new tax rate. As a reminder, the next property tax due date is January 2, 2019 (this is the 3rd quarterly payment).

Preparation of the **fiscal year 2020 budget** continues on November 19th at 6:30PM when the Selectmen and Budget Committee will meet jointly to hear from the Library, New London Hospital Ambulance Service, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Finance, Planning & Zoning, and others. Once the budget is completed by the Budget Committee, a public hearing will be held; it's tentatively scheduled for Feb. 6, 2019. The last step in the budget process is action by the voters at Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Adoption of the budget by voters in March will be reflected in the municipal portion of the 2019 tax rate that will be announced this time next year.

Voter participation is critical, please attend Town Meeting on March 13th.



Doug Lyon, New London resident and Chairman of the New London Hospital Board of Trustees, speaks at the October 25th ceremony to bury a time capsule to commemorate the hospital's 100th anniversary. The time capsule will be opened in 2068 as part of the hospital's 150th anniversary.

Fire Prevention Week October 7 -13

**“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.”**



The NLFD had several hundred students visit the Fire Station in the month of October. It's great that the Elementary School is so close, as students from preschool to the 5th grader were able to walk to the firehouse to learn about fire safety. They talked about the importance of having multiple smoke detectors, how to test them monthly, having two ways out, stop drop and roll, having a meeting place outside, and calling 911 if the police, fire, or ambulance is needed. The older students witnessed the extrication tools being used, the ladder in operation, and the 5th graders crawled through a smoke filled room, and practiced getting out a window.

**Remember as we turned back our clocks, it a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Photo below: Firefighter Ralph Tingley dresses up in his gear to show the Kindergarten class that firefighter aren't scary...



Conservation Commission teams up with volunteers to tackle another trail project



The Dura Crockett bridge was becoming a safety concern due to decay and deterioration, so the Conservation Commission scheduled its replacement. Due to the rough and steep terrain leading to the bridge, plans were made for an aluminum truss bridge which would be easier to transport to the site and would last far longer than a wooden bridge. High Country Aluminum Products helped design the bridge, did the fabrication, and delivered the parts to the trail head. A crew of volunteers took the parts to the bridge site, removed the old bridge, then installed the new one.



Our thanks go out to Bob Brown, Mark Vernon, Jeff Troxell, Mike Tedeshi, Colby Reardon, Mike Kennedy and Seamus Forest for all their hard work. A special thanks goes to CC Trail Master Mark Vernon for organizing the volunteers.



11/6/18 Results

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
NEW LONDON
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2018



Wesley Barber
SECRETARY OF STATE

1. **To Vote.** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

2. **To Vote by Write-In.** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice.

Offices	Republican Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Libertarian and Other Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Chris Sununu <input type="radio"/> 1189	Molly Kelly <input type="radio"/> 1364	Jillette Jarvis <input type="radio"/> 25	Governor <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Steven Negron <input type="radio"/> 916	Ann McLane Kuster <input type="radio"/> 1631	Justin O'Donnell <input type="radio"/> 28	Representative in Congress <input type="radio"/>
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1	Joseph D. Kenney <input type="radio"/> 1005	Michael J. Cryan <input type="radio"/> 1449	Tobin Menard <input type="radio"/> 31	Executive Council <input type="radio"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Ruth Ward <input type="radio"/> 1018	Jenn Alford-Teaster <input type="radio"/> 1522		State Senator <input type="radio"/>
For State Representatives Vote for not more than 2	Dan Wolf <input type="radio"/> 1287	Karen E. Ebel <input type="radio"/> 1610 Andy Schmidt <input type="radio"/> 1092		State Representatives <input type="radio"/> State Representatives <input type="radio"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Scott E. Hilliard <input type="radio"/> 1238	Ricardo Rodriguez <input type="radio"/> 1213		Sheriff <input type="radio"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	Paul Halvorsen <input type="radio"/> 1041	Robin Davis <input type="radio"/> 1392		County Attorney <input type="radio"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	David H. Kidder <input type="radio"/> 1411	Leo R. Bernier <input type="radio"/> 1070		County Treasurer <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	Charlene A. Brack <input type="radio"/> 1008	Susan Cragin <input type="radio"/> 1397		Register of Deeds <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1	Jane Bradstreet <input type="radio"/> 1073	Erica S. Davis <input type="radio"/> 1332		Register of Probate <input type="radio"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Peter J. Spaulding <input type="radio"/> 1136	Jerome Duval <input type="radio"/> 1295		County Commissioner <input type="radio"/>

2018 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the 2018 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending article 8 of the first part of the constitution to read as follows:

[Art.] 8. [Accountability of Magistrates and Officers; Public's Right to Know.] All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive. To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted. The public also has a right to an orderly, lawful, and accountable government. Therefore, any individual taxpayer eligible to vote in the State, shall have standing to petition the Superior Court to declare whether the State or political subdivision in which the taxpayer resides has spent, or has approved spending, public funds in violation of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision. In such a case, the taxpayer shall not have to demonstrate that his or her personal rights were impaired or prejudiced beyond his or her status as a taxpayer. However, this right shall not apply when the challenged governmental action is the subject of a judicial or administrative decision from which there is a right of appeal by statute or otherwise by the parties to that proceeding."

(Passed by the N.H. House 309 Yes 9 No; Passed by State Senate 22 Yes 2 No) CACR 15

Yes 1893 No 373

2. "Are you in favor of amending the first part of the constitution by inserting after article 2-a a new article to read as follows:

[Art.] 2-b. [Right to Privacy.] An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent."

(Passed by the N.H. House 235 Yes 96 No; Passed by State Senate 15 Yes 9 No) CACR 16

Yes 1827 No 466

Ballots Cast = 2619

PUBLIC NOTICE



In observance of Veterans' Day

**The Transfer Station &
Brush / Metal Disposal Center
Will be CLOSED on
Sunday, November 11**

**The Town Offices & Public Works
Will be CLOSED on
Monday, November 12**

PUBLIC NOTICE



In observance of Thanksgiving Day

**The Town Offices & Public Works
Will be CLOSED on
Thursday & Friday
November 22 & 23**

PUBLIC NOTICE



*For the
Annual Employee
Holiday Party*

**the Town Offices & Public Works
Will be CLOSED**

from 12:30 PM to 3 PM

On Friday, December 7th

We apologize for any inconvenience.

MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- Sun, Nov 11th — Veterans Day – Transfer Station & Brush/Metal Ctr. **CLOSED**
- Mon, Nov 12th — Veterans Holiday – Town Offices **CLOSED**
- Tues., Nov 13 @ 6:30 PM — Planning Board
- Wed., Nov 14 @ 6:30 PM — Zoning Board of Adjmt.
- Mon., Nov 19 @ 6:00 PM — Board of Selectmen
- Mon., Nov 19 @ 6:30 PM — Selectmen/Budget Com.
- Wed., Nov 21 @ 8:30 AM — Conservation Com.
- Thurs, Nov 22nd — Thanksgiving Day – Town Offices **CLOSED**
- Fri, Nov 23rd — Thanksgiving Holiday – Town Offices **CLOSED**
- Tues., Nov 27 @ 6:30 PM — Planning Board

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Town Offices, 375 Main Street, 2nd floor, Conference Rm.

For a complete calendar list of meetings go to the town website: www.nl-nh.com

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