



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

March 2018

ELECTION/TOWN MEETING 2018

It's Town Meeting Season!

Please plan to attend!

Town & School Elections,
School Warrant Articles,
Town Zoning Amendments

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Pre-Town Meeting Potluck

Bring a dish to share!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

**Multi-purpose room at the
Kearsarge Regional Elementary School**

R.S.V.P. to Janet Roberts 526-4428

admin@springfieldnh.org

Town Meeting

Town Warrant Articles

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

**Kearsarge Learning Campus/Outing Club
Gymnasium - 114 Cougar Court**

**Please bring "can good donations" for the
KLS Community Food Pantry**

**Town Reports will be available for pick-up
after 3/5/18 at the following locations:**

New London Town Offices

Tracy Memorial Library

New London Transfer Station

Also available on line at www.nl-nh.com

(under Town Meeting Information)

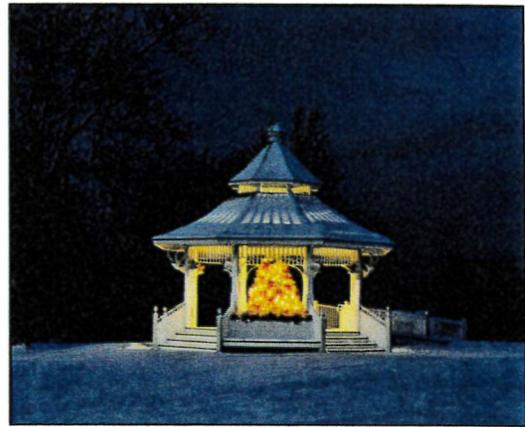
Town Reports are in!!!

Pick up your Town Report at the Town Office,
Library, Transfer Station or view on town website.

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2017



2018 MARCH TOWN MEETING



**Please bring can food donations for the
KLS Community Food Pantry to the
New London Town Meeting on
Wednesday, March 14th.**

Thank you!



Town Meeting Warrant Article Review

For the full text of each article, please refer to your town report or go to the town's website: www.nl-nh.com

Article 1: Election of officers and voting on zoning amendments is conducted on Tuesday. The remaining articles are addressed on Wednesday evening.

Article 2: To suspend the reading of individual articles. Since meeting voters have a copy of the warrant in their annual report, it is common to dispense with the reading aloud of each article.

Article 3: This article seeks \$500,000 bond and authority to purchase land that may be used in the future as a site for a municipal building(s), not to include a transfer station.

Article 4: This article seeks funding for General Government Operations: the selectmen's staff, legal expenses, property assessing, cemeteries, planning & zoning, elections and registrations, insurance and advertising and regional associations.

Article 5: This article seeks funding for Public Safety: police, fire, emergency management and communications (dispatching).

Article 6: This article seeks funding for Highways, Streets & Sanitation: public works personnel, street maintenance, street lighting, transfer station and sewer department.

Article 7: This article seeks funding for Health & Welfare which includes the health officer and welfare officer, funds to assist the needy, support of the ambulance, Kearsarge Council on Aging, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Assoc. and CASA.

Article 8: This article seeks funding for Recreation, Culture and Conservation, including the Recreation Department, Conservation Commission, Tracy Library, patriotic purposes, Energy Committee and funds for the various lake protective associations to prevent invasive species.

Article 9: This article includes funds to make the principal & interest payments on the town's outstanding debt.

Article 10: This article seeks funding for payments into various capital reserve accounts. These are the town's "savings accounts" for future purchases.

Article 11: This article seeks use of capital reserve funds to purchase an asphalt roller for use in the Public Works Department.

Article 12: This article seeks use of capital reserve funds for the purchase of mobile radios for the Fire Department.

Article 13: This article seeks use of capital reserve funds to pave some of the town's gravel roads.

Article 14: This article asks voters to discontinue (close out) capital reserve funds that are no longer needed. The funds will be transferred to the town's general fund.

Article 15: This article asks voters to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 16: This article will ask voters to go back to semi-annual tax billing, ending quarterly tax billing.

Use of capital reserve funds for the purchase of a backup generator at the Job Seamans wastewater pump station.

Article 17: This article will authorize the a permanent conservation easement on town-owned land on Pleasant Street (commonly referred to as the Kidder / Cleveland property, next to Bittersweet).

Article 18: This petitioned article will extend the veterans property tax credit of \$500 to all veterans who have served a minimum of 90 days and have been honorably discharged.

Article 19: This petitioned article asks voters to pledge itself to work towards 100% renewable sources of electricity and renewal fuel sources for heating and transportation.

Article 23: This is the final article, and it states that it is to hear the reports of agents, auditors and committees "heretofore chosen" ... and to transact "any other business that may legally come before said meeting".

Please bring your Town Report to the Town Meeting

**Can goods gratefully accepted for the KLS
Community Food Pantry at Town Meeting**

Help Protect Pleasant Lake with a Conservation Easement

The New London Conservation Commission is asking voters to support placing a conversation easement on a plot of town land acquired in 2016 that is part of the Pleasant Lake watershed.

The proposal for the property along the eastern side of Pleasant Street is one of several items up for vote at New London's annual town meeting on Wed., March 14. The meeting is set to take place a day after town elections.

The town purchased the property, which totals about 27 acres, in June 2016 using capital reserve funds set aside for protecting open space. The terrain is a mix of undeveloped forest and wetlands. It runs for about 550 feet along the east side of Pleasant Street and extends to properties on Seamans Road.

The Pleasant Street East parcel serves as a buffer for Pleasant Lake. An environmental survey last year confirmed there is a good deal of water on the site; about one quarter of the property is classified as wetland. The land drains into Red Brook and from there into the 602-acre lake.

"By protecting the land, we can help protect Pleasant Lake," said New London Conservation Commission Chairman Robert Brown. "Placing an easement on this property also makes good on the promise we made to voters when we sought their approval to purchase the land. We said we wanted to conserve it and this designation would help us do that."

A conservation easement wouldn't diminish New London's tax base because the town already owns the land. Adding the designation to the Pleasant Street East site would bring it more in line with that of a 19.2-acre property on the opposite side of Pleasant Street that the town also acquired in 2016. Of that, 16.2 acres are under a conservation easement. The remaining three acres are zoned commer-

cial. Brown said there are no plans for using that portion of the west parcel.

Preserving Pleasant Street East in its current state would advance the town and state's shared goal of safeguarding open space. Brown said the move also would help maintain the serenity of the popular Kidder-Cleveland-Clough trail system that cuts along the west side of Pleasant Street.

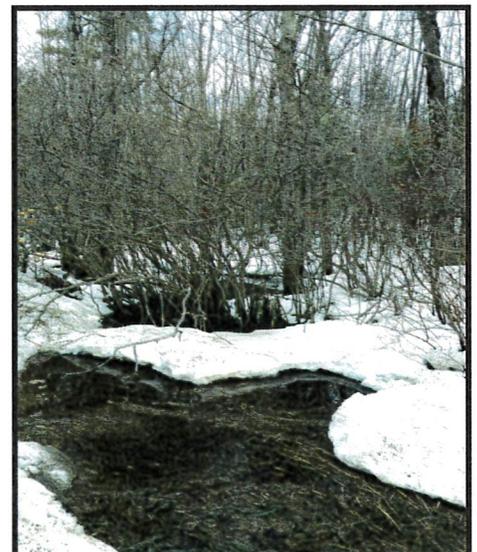
The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, which holds an easement on the west side of Pleasant Street, has agreed to accept a conservation easement on Pleasant Street East if voters approve the designation.

An easement would limit what could occur on the land though it wouldn't prevent the town from finding uses that carry a low environmental impact. Brown said, however, there are no plans for the land and that the foremost concern is protecting the area.

The conservation commission paid for the purchases of Pleasant Street East and Pleasant Street West using its land-acquisition funds. The intent was to preserve a natural setting close to Main Street and to manage the flow and quality of water bound for Pleasant Lake.

The Pleasant Street acquisitions were part of three purchases totaling more 55 acres that the New London Conservation Commission made in 2016 under its mission to secure areas with high environmental and recreational value. The third acquisition was of land adjacent to Clark Lookout on Davis Hill Road near the New London Park & Ride west of I-89 exit 12. The purchases, which voters approved in March 2016, were the first for the New London Conservation Commission in eight years.

Those interested in the N.L. Conservation Commission's work can visit its website at nl-nhcc.com.



New London's conservation commission is asking voters to support placing a conversation easement on town property along Pleasant Street that is part of the Pleasant Lake watershed. The Pleasant Street East property is part of the Pleasant Lake watershed. Photo by Stanley F. Morono, Conservation Board Member.

HISTORIC NEW LONDON TOWN HALL 1914

Postcard view showing the old Town Hall (built in 1853) between Colby Hall and the Baptist Church. This image was taken in 1914 as preparations were being made for installation of the Civil War monument. A tennis court appears in the foreground.

- Jim Perkins, Town Archivist



*If you have not already done so, please fill out the survey as prepared by Colby-Sawyer College students who are doing a phosphorus study on behalf of the town. The survey is available on the town website:
www.nl-nh.com*

Our new software to pay your bills online is up and running. It's as easy as 1,2,3 !! Just click on the icon of choice as shown below. Pay your bills online OR View tax history OR Receive email reminders. - Linda Nicklos, Town Clerk

The PLANNING BOARD asks for voter support of its ZONING AMENDMENTS:

- ◇ a new bike ordinance
- ◇ changes related to small wind energy systems
- ◇ combining the three institutional districts & adding a theater district.

See sample ballot on last page for more details.

Paul Gorman, Chair	Jeremy Bonin
Bill Dietrich, Vice Chair	Liz Meller
Michele Holton	Tim Paradis
Marianne McEnrue	Joseph Kubit
Janet Kidder, Selectmen's Representative	



Mark Your Calendar



Mon, March 12th at 6:00 PM — Board of Selectmen
Tues, March 13th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
2018 Town Election at Whipple
Wed, March 14th at 5:30 PM
Pre-Town Meeting Potluck
Wed, March 14th at 7:00 PM — Annual Town Mtg.
 Wed, March 15th at 7:00 PM — Energy Committee
 Wed, March 21st at 8:30 AM — Conservation Comm
 Tues, March 26th at 6:00 PM — Board of Selectmen
 Tues, March 27th at 6:30 PM — Planning Board

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

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



Peter Christian's Tavern continues to be the subject of speculation, discussion and anticipation, with many hoping that it will re-open soon. Tom Chadwick, one of the owners, reports that mid-June is the target date for re-opening of the restaurant. To those questioning whether the changes being made, especially the height, are within zoning regulations, rest assured that the town's zoning administrator has checked to ensure that the height is in conformance with zoning regulations.

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SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018**

Linda Nielsen
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>SELECTMAN Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>JANET R. KIDDER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than THREE</p> <p>MARK CHRISTENSEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KIM P. ILG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT PROHL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TACEE WALKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TYLER BECK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LAUREN S. CHADWICK, ESQ. <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than THREE</p> <p>GORDON TERWILLIGER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WENDY DUMAIS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>EULA L. KOZMA <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>TOWN CLERK Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>BARBARA VAUGHN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WILLIAM F. KIDDER III <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LINDA K. NICKLOS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER Vote for not (for 1 Year) more than ONE</p> <p>JOHN RABY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GERALD COOGAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BRUCE HUDSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>TREASURER Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>STEPHEN R. THEROUX <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>THOMAS A. GINTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST Vote for not (for 6 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>KRISTIN HUBBARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

ZONING AMENDMENTS

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

YES

NO

Amendment # 1: The Planning Board proposes to create a Bike Rack Ordinance. The ordinance adds bike racks to accessory structure in Article II, f. and provides governing language.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

YES

NO

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XXV, Section B. Procedures for Review Sections 1, 2 & 3, addition of Section C Definitions, amend Section C 1, 2 & 3, Section D, Section E and Section F. The current language on Small Wind Energy Systems will be replaced with the proposed amendment language and moved to Accessory Structures in Article II, f.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Petition Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

YES

NO

The Planning Board approves this petition.

The Planning Board proposes to combine the current three Institutional Districts (Articles X, XI & XII) into a single article, Article X. Additionally, the board proposes adding an Institutional Theater District to the article. The Theater District would include properties 073-042-000 & 073-040-000, owned by New London Barn Playhouse Inc.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT