Citing future facility needs of the town, the Selectmen will ask Town Meeting voters to approve a bond issue in the amount of $500,000. The Selectmen will also seek authority to purchase land that will be suitable for a future town facility. The vote will take place at Town Meeting, Wednesday, March 14th.

While the Library, Public Works and Fire departments are currently in facilities that meet their needs, the Police and Recreation departments will likely need new facilities in the coming years. Approval by Town Meeting voters of this bond issue will make the funds available should the Selectmen identify a piece of land that they believe will fit the needs of the town. At this time, the Selectmen feel that the most likely use of land purchased with these funds will be for a police station.

Having the funds and authority to acquire land should a suitable parcel become available, will allow the Selectmen to take a more proactive approach to the town’s facility needs. It is important to note that the vote will authorize the purchase of land; any future building to be constructed will come before the voters for the funds needed.

“Buy Land, they’re not making it anymore”

Mark Twain

The Budget process started in September 2017 when the town’s department heads submitted their budget recommendations for the next fiscal year, in this case, FY2019 which begins on July 1, 2018 and ends on June 30, 2019.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee used a new process to prepare the town’s budget FY2019—both bodies met together to hear the presentations by the department heads, health agencies, town boards and committees and social service agencies. In this way, presentations were made only once, saving time on the part of the presenters and selectmen and budget committee members. Once the selectmen concluded its work, they transferred their completed budget to the budget committee. Both bodies had the opportunity to call in department heads and others to answer additional questions. It appears that the joint meetings worked well.

On Wednesday, February 7th, the Budget Committee will present its proposed budget and will seek comment from the public. New London residents are encouraged to attend. The meeting starts at 7PM and will be held at Whipple Memorial Town Hall. Budget materials are available on the town website: www.nl-nh.com or by coming in to the Selectmen’s Office.
Historic New London

Looking west, this image of the Sargent Common area (perhaps taken from the First Baptist Church belfry) comes from a glass negative recently acquired by the Town Archives. The obscured building in the right foreground is the 1853 Town Hall, which was demolished in 1917 to make room for Whipple Memorial Town Hall. With the exception of the Old Academy Building (now the Town Office), all other structures on Colby Academy’s lower campus were removed in the early 1930s. This image dates from around 1912.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2018 COLLECTION DAYS

May 12—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120
June 16—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview St (off North St)
August 18—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 route 11
October 13—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120

For more information call Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission at 603-448-1680 or vdamas@uvlsrpc.org or visit NI-NH.com

BUDGET COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please join the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen & Department Heads at a public hearing to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Whipple Memorial Town Hall

If needed, an additional meeting will be held on

Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM

For more information, contact:
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Budget information can be viewed on-line at www.nl-nh.com.

MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

• Wed, Feb 7 — Budget Committee Public Hearing/ FY2019
  Budget—Whipple Hall @ 7:00 PM
• Wed, Feb 7 — Energy Committee -Tracy Library @ 7:00PM
• Thurs, Feb 8—Budget Committee—Public Hearing—
  Continuance @ 7:00 PM (if needed)
• Mon, Feb 12—Conservation Commission Permit Review
  Subcommittee @ 9:00 AM
• Tues, Feb 13 — Planning Board @ 6:30 PM
• Wed, Feb 14 — Public Bond Hearing @ 6:00 PM
• Mon, Feb 19 — CLOSED — President’s Day
• Wed, Feb 21— Zoning Board of Adjustment @ 6:30 PM
  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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