



# Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

April 24, 2020

## Selectmen Discuss Town Finances

The Selectmen held their first ever electronic Selectmen’s meeting on Monday using the Zoom platform. Governor Sununu issued Executive Order #12 that allows the Selectmen to meet electronically so long as the public can access the meeting by phone (and video, if available) to listen to the proceedings.

At the meeting, the Board discussed a forecast of cash flow for the coming months as prepared by Finance Officer Wendy Johnson and Treasurer Steve Theroux. The forecast anticipates a decrease in motor vehicle revenues because with car dealerships closed, there will be fewer new car registrations. Motor vehicle fees are the largest non-property tax revenue the town receives. The forecast also anticipates less state revenue sharing from rooms and meals taxes and gas taxes. Lastly, there may be less on-time property tax payments in July and October as a result of property owners whose income has been reduced due to job loss or other income reductions.

All of these revenue sources, if negatively impacted because of the coronavirus, will affect the town’s cash flow.

The estimate for shortfall of cash in December, if the estimates of revenues is realized, is between \$1.5 and \$2.5 million dollars, when the County bill of \$3.3 million is due. The town will address any such short fall by getting a tax anticipated note (TAN) from its bank, allowing the town to meet its obligations in a timely manner. Prior to semi-annual tax billing, towns often secured TANs to meet their obligations before annual tax bills were paid in December; New London hasn’t taken out a TAN since the 1990’s.

The Selectmen discussed various options to help alleviate the cash flow shortage including delaying paving and delaying new hires included in the FY2021 budget. The Selectmen asked for information on the cost of employee COLAs scheduled for July 1 and the cost of step increases that are awarded on the employee anniversary date to see if delaying these programs is necessary.

The Selectmen will be meeting with the Library Trustees to discuss possible delays in library expenditures to assist with the town’s cash flow should it become necessary and will also seek input from the Budget Committee at a future meeting.

*“While it is impossible to know if these scenarios will materialize we wanted to present what these reductions in revenue would do to our cash flow and ability to continue normal operations. Starting immediately, we will be tracking revenues as compared to last year. The payment trend leading up to the July 1 property tax due date will be very important. Any actual data we get will help to adjust the assumptions we have made.”*

*Finance Officer Wendy Johnson & Treasurer Steve Theroux.*



If you need help, the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry, located in the First Baptist Church in New London (pictured above), is ready to assist — please see page 3 for more information.



# Officer Daley and K9 Vilo

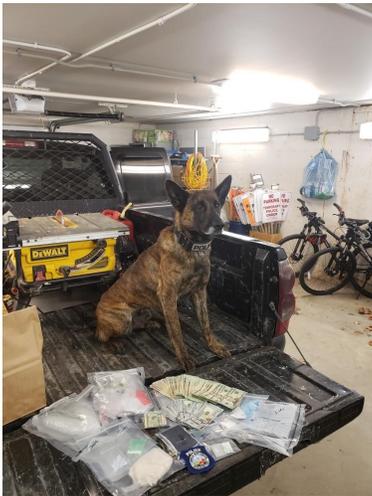


Hello, my name is Officer Geoff Daley of the New London Police Department and my partner is K9 Vilo. K9 Vilo is a four-year-old male Dutch Shepherd who was born in Slovakia. We are currently certified as a Patrol Canine Team through the Boston, MA Police Department. This training covered topics such as: obedience; agility; tracking of criminals, as well as, lost or missing people; area searches; building searches; evidence recovery; criminal apprehension; and handler protection. We are also certified as a Narcotic Detection Team through the Boston Police Department and the United States Police Canine Association.

We have been certified for seven months and already have 33 deployments. This means on average, we have at least one deployment each week. To date, we have been able to locate and return home two missing juveniles and locate then arrest a person wanted on multiple felony and misdemeanor warrants. We have also been able to locate an illegal firearm and on multiple occasions found illegal drugs, large amounts of money, and other drug paraphernalia during the execution of search warrants. We have also been able to arrest a person suspected of stalking during a building search.

One statistic that is nearly impossible to keep track of is the added level of safety that comes with having a canine for both the officers and the general public. K9 Vilo and I have many years of service left and we thank you for your continued support of the program.

*Officer Geoff Daley & K9 Vilo*



## I want to be a K9 Vilo Supporter!

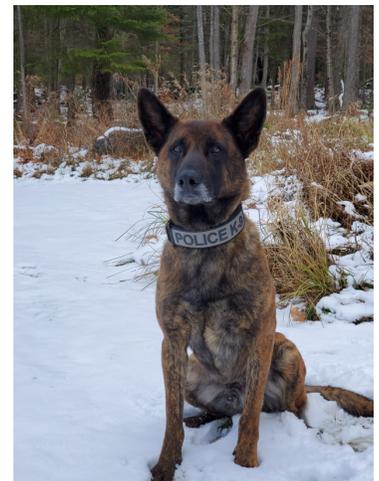
Here is my donation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to help support the New London Police Department K9 Program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:  
Town of New London K9 Fund  
and mail to: 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Thank you for your support!!



## Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry is OPEN



The volunteers of the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry are ready to assist you. They have a varied selection of items including: milk, butter, eggs, paper towels, toilet paper, meat, chicken, bread, baked goods, fresh veggies, canned goods, and cereal.



The entrance to the food pantry (pictured above) is located at the rear of the church. Please stay in your car—staff will come outside to assist you. Please stop by: **Wednesdays 5:30 PM—7:00 PM**  
**& Saturdays, 10:00 AM—11:30AM**

For more information:  
Marilyn Paradis: [mdparadis@icloud.com](mailto:mdparadis@icloud.com) or  
Clara Sheehy: [clarabema@comcast.net](mailto:clarabema@comcast.net)

[www.kcpcnlh.com](http://www.kcpcnlh.com)

**If you are in a position to help, monetary  
donations are gratefully accepted:  
P.O. Box 536, New London, NH 03257**

Photos courtesy of Tim Paradis



### New London Recreation Department and the Easter Bunny

The Bunny made home deliveries of Easter eggs filled with candy, tiny toys, airplanes and sports cards to over 125 families.

Instead of hopping around town, the Bunny was driven house-to-house in the New London Recreation van.

It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces!!

*Scott Blewitt, Recreation Commission*

Town Offices are **CLOSED** to public traffic.

Please go online to complete transactions like property taxes, vehicle registration & sewer bills:  
[www.nl-nh.com/pay](http://www.nl-nh.com/pay)

You can get applications for permits, credits & exemptions: [www.nl-nh.com/forms](http://www.nl-nh.com/forms)

Please call us for assistance  
Monday - Friday, 8am –4pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 526-1244

Main number: 526-4821

Emergency information line: 526-9444

### TRANSFER STATION NEWS

Please help the staff at the Transfer Station by **NOT** bringing your spring cleaning items to the facility at this time—the significant increase in trash is putting a strain on the facility. Please bring the items once the emergency is over.  
Your cooperation is appreciated.

### From the desk of the Health Officer...

We continue to be monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and encourage people to follow the NH State and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines for physical distancing and wearing face masks in public. If you have been to town to pick up groceries, or stopped in to pick up supplies at the hardware store you have seen our community working to try and beat this virus. Stores are encouraging people to give each other more distance while doing their errands. I have also witnessed neighbors looking out for one another by picking up groceries, checking in on one another, or helping with spring clean up around the house. While the data does look like physical distancing is working to slow the spread, we are still a ways off from having no new cases. Please continue to help do your part in curbing the spread of this virus.

For more information please visit the State website or the CDC website for updates and good information about staying safe.

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

*Nick Baer, New London Health Officer*

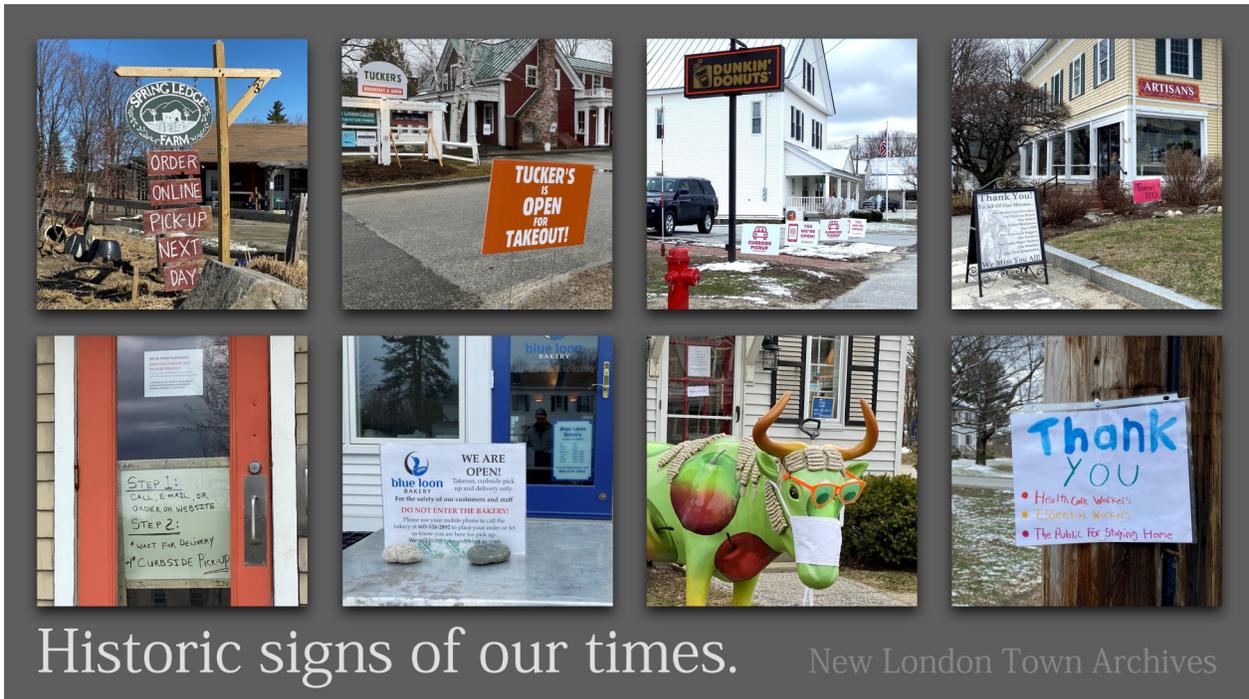
### News from the Fire Chief:

Statistically, NLF D's number of calls for service decreases when the temperatures start to warm in the spring. We have, in fact, responded to fewer calls, however I'm not sure the temps have warmed very much. Our members are still staying busy preparing for the spring brush fire season, and performing routine maintenance around the station and on the town's water supplies. For instance, in this photo, our firefighters are flushing dry hydrants to make sure they're dependable in the event they are needed.

We encourage everyone to enjoy the warmer temps, but to remember the importance of social distancing and staying safe while hiking or recreating in the area. The department was called upon to assist with an injured hiker in the Cricenti Bog last week. Fortunately, with some assistance, the subject was able to walk out with only a minor injury.

Stay healthy and please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

*Fire Chief Jay Lyon*



## Historic signs of our times.

New London Town Archives

These extraordinary times will be remembered not only in our memories but in history. Those who would like to contribute photos to become part of the town's collection of historical photos are encouraged to send them to the Town Office. Your photos can be emailed to: [office@nl-nh.com](mailto:office@nl-nh.com). Please include a description of the photo. By sending your photo, you consent to the town's publication of your photo in *Municipal Matters*, the annual town report, on various town websites, New London Town Archives or other town use. Thank you for contributing to the historical records of New London.

*Photos courtesy of Jim Perkins, Archivist*

## New London's pledge to achieve renewable sources of electricity is making progress

There has been major progress on our municipal solar project, which will eventually supply 40% of the electricity used by all municipal buildings and facilities.

We now have more than 200 solar panels on the roof of the large Public Works Garage. These panels will produce a peak output 50 kilowatts of power during the sunniest part of the day, and over 50,000 kilowatt-hours over the course of a year.

Behind the Sewer Department, contractors are preparing the site for an even larger solar array, with 400 panels producing up to 100 kilowatts of peak power, and over 100,000 kilowatt-hours on an annual basis. Some if not all of the panels should be connected to the grid and producing electric power within the next month. This will put us well on our way toward our municipal goal, approved by Town Meeting in 2018, of achieving 100% renewable electricity by the year 2030.

Anyone looking for regular updates can visit and 'like' the New London Energy Committee's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NLECNH>

— Jamie Hess, Energy Committee, Chair



200 new solar panels on the Public Works garage roof.

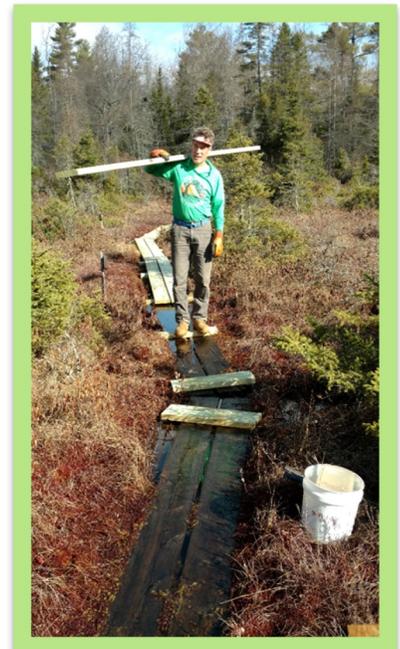
## New London Conservation Commission members hard at work...

During this cold and unpredictable spring weather, Mark Vernon & Stanley Morono, members of the NLCC, have been working at the Cricenti Bog Trail to replace many boards that have broken, rotted, or generally need replacement.



This is an ongoing trail maintenance that the NLCC members conduct each year with every trail in the New London system. This particular trail has seen heavy usage so many boards needed to be replaced. Walkers should be confident that all the boards will support them as they venture out into this unique trail system.

There were many days, while out in the bog, Mark & Stanley encountered people out exploring what the Cricenti Bog has to offer.



## Tracy Memorial Library

### Getting a Tracy Memorial Library Card

While the Library is closed during the COVID-19 pandemic we are offering temporary library cards to New London residents and students of the Kearsarge Regional School District who do not yet have a card. This will allow usage of our expanding digital resources! Once the Library reopens you'll need to come into the Library with proof of residency to keep using the card. Please fill out the form to apply for a temporary library card on our website <https://tracylibrary.org/> and a staff member will get back to you.

### Virtual Tour of Tracy Memorial Library

Check out our new Virtual Tour! We started with the youth services section and will be adding other areas of the library. There are lots of resources and interactive content.

Find the link on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tracylibrary/>

### Have questions about the digital services or need help finding information?

Email [info@tracylibrary.org](mailto:info@tracylibrary.org) or leave a message at 603-526-4656 x 1 and we will get back to you.

### New London/Springfield Water Precinct Spring 2020 Water Bills

will be mailed on May 1st with a due date of June 1st. If you have any questions regarding your bill please contact Tamara Butcher NLSWP  
Administrative Assistant.

Monday - Thursday 7 am - 12 noon  
526-4441 or email at [nlswp.admin@tds.net](mailto:nlswp.admin@tds.net)

## BOAT REGISTRATION

You can renew your boat registration through the mail if you have the paperwork from the state. Sign the DMV copy, include a check for the amount due plus a \$5.00 agent fee, provide a copy of your driver's license, and mail to 375 Main Street. We will mail the decal and registration back to you.

## BRUSH & METAL DISPOSAL CENTER

74 Old Dump Road. Hours of Operation:

### APRIL

Tuesday, 8 am – 3:30 pm

Sunday, Noon – 4 pm

### MAY

Tuesday, 8 am – 3:30 pm

Thursday, 8 am – 3:30 pm

Sunday, Noon – 4 pm

**TRANSFER STATION STICKERS REQUIRED**

## Planning Board Meeting to be held on April 28, 6:30 pm via ZOOM

The public will have access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting through video conferencing or calling in. Please see the meeting agenda for connection information.

[www.nl-nh.com/planningboard](http://www.nl-nh.com/planningboard)

## Mud Season Notice

Weight limits have been lifted on town roads **EXCEPT** for Davis Hill and Putney Road—6 ton limit on those roads is still in force

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