



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

March 2017

Town Meeting 2017

Town of New London It's Town Meeting Season! Please plan to attend!!

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Pre-Town Meeting Potluck

Bring a dish to share!

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

Multi-purpose room at the

Kearsarge Regional Elementary School

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

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Town Meeting

Town Warrant Articles

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Kearsarge Learning Campus/Outing Club

Gymnasium - 114 Cougar Court

**Town Reports will be available for
pick-up after 3/7/17 at the following
locations:**

New London Town Offices

Tracy Memorial Library

New London Transfer Station

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

**The Planning Board asks for voter support of its
zoning amendments related to Signs and
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)**

Paul Gorman, Chair

Bill Dietrich, Vice Chair

Michele Holton

Jeremy Bonin

Tim Paradis

Liz Meller

Casey Biuso

Joseph Kubit

Marianne McEnrue

Janet Kidder, Selectmen's Representative

Funding for several projects before town meeting voters

- ◆ **Sidewalks:** Many residents have expressed a desire to have sidewalks constructed for the safety of pedestrians. Voters will consider funding for sidewalks on Parkside Road and Seamans Road.
- ◆ **Pleasant Lake Dam:** If approved by voters, this project will be completed and the town will be in compliance with State rules.
- ◆ **Sewer Lagoons:** Funding requested will finish this project, officially closing lagoons that have not been used since 1980.
- ◆ **Paving gravel roads:** Laurel & Hemlock Lanes, Kearsarge, Queenswood, Summit View, Heath Lane, Fox Run & Birch Acres are slated to be paved, dependent on bids received and funds available.
- ◆ **The Academy Building:** following the major repairs completed last year, this work will concentrate on the attic insulation and heat exchangers.
- ◆ **A study on the future use of the Harold W. Buker, Jr. Municipal Building,** or other sites, for police and recreation departments.
- ◆ **A study of the transfer station** and its viability for the town's solid waste disposal needs into the future.

Street Sweeper Purchase Before Voters

At Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 15th

Public Works Director Richard Lee is recommending that the town replace its 20-year old sweeper. Last year town meeting voters approved \$60,000 for a sweeper—the plan was to replace the town’s 1996 sweeper with a used sweeper. However, a good used sweeper could not be located in that price range, so the sweeper was not replaced. This year, \$210,000 is being requested to purchase a new sweeper. The picture on the right is an example of what a new sweeper might look like. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee agree with Richard that purchasing a new sweeper is the way to go. To buy or not to buy a sweeper? There are good points on both sides of this question—ultimately town meeting voters will decide.



Not to buy: The town might spend less money by contracting out the sweeping service. Since the town has not contracted this service for several years, plus the fact that it now sweeps more roads, it is impossible to say with certainty how much it would cost to hire out this service but \$15,000-\$20,000 per year is probably a reasonable estimate. The additional roads the town now sweeps are the result of state cutbacks that eliminated sweeping of Main Street and Newport Road (so the town now does it) plus the newly paved town roads that must be swept. By contracting the service, the town would also be able to avoid the costs to maintain the equipment. Sweepers are high maintenance pieces of equipment due to the nature of their work— sand is extremely abrasive and is hard on sensitive motors and worn out brooms must be replaced regularly. Additionally, the public works staff person who currently does the sweeping would then be available to be assigned to other tasks. Not owning a sweeper allows the town to avoid maintenance costs and frees up a staff person to complete other tasks.

To buy: Probably the main point supporting the purchase of a sweeper is that owning a sweeper means the town gets its roads swept of winter sand as early in the spring as the weather will allow as the equipment is in town and ready to go. Without a sweeper, the town will join all of the surrounding towns in getting on the list to hire a company to do the sweeping. The town will have to wait until hired equipment can fit the town in. A point raised during the budget process in favor of purchasing a sweeper is that getting the sand off the roads as quickly as possible is critically important to the lakes and ponds of New London— road sand presents a danger to the health of the town’s water bodies, to the town’s air quality and is also a safety hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists as well as cars, trucks and motorcycles. Richard Lee also points out that owning a sweeper means that when the road crew works to clean ditches, the sweeper can be utilized to remove the sand, ensuring it does not make its way into the streams and ultimately to the water bodies. New London’s elevation means precipitation quickly turns to ice—safety demands systematic treatment with sand and salt—town residents prefer that it be removed as early in the spring as possible. Owning a sweeper gives the town the best chance to remove the sand as early in the season as the weather allows and when needed throughout the summer.

Voters will decide: This issue will be debated on the floor of town meeting on Wednesday, March 15th beginning at 7:00pm. Voters can ask questions and give their opinions—all are encouraged to attend and make their views known.

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: \$875,000 bond for: upgrades to the Pleasant Lake Dam; sewer lagoon closure; repairs to the Academy building; study on the Harold W Buker, Jr. Municipal Building, and other sites, to determine future viability for police and recreation, or some other uses; and to pave some of the town's gravel roads.

Article 4: Preparation of an asset management plan for the town's wastewater collection system.

Article 5: Establishment of a revolving fund for police special details.

Article 6: 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 7: This article seeks funding for Public Safety: police, fire, emergency management and communications (dispatching).

Article 8: This article seeks funding for Highways, Streets & Sanitation: public works personnel, street maintenance, street lighting, transfer station and sewer department.

Article 9: 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 10: 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 11: This article includes funds to make the principal & interest payments on the town's outstanding debt.

Article 12: This article seeks funding for payments into various capital reserve accounts. These are the town's "savings accounts" for future purchases.

Article 13: Use of capital reserve funds to purchase a street sweeper, sidewalk tractor and a mower for use by the public works department.

Article 14: Use of capital reserve funds for the Tracy Library foundation drainage project.

Article 15: Use of capital reserve funds for the purchase of a fire department tanker truck.

Article 16: Use of capital reserve funds to pave some of the town's gravel roads.

Article 17: Use of capital reserve funds to purchase fire department radios.

Article 18: Use of capital reserve funds for the purchase of a backup generator at the Job Seamans wastewater pump station.

Article 19: This article will authorize the use of existing town funds to construct sidewalks on Parkside Road and on Seamans Road and to replace a guardrail on Elkins Road.

Article 20: This article seeks use of capital reserve funds to conduct a study of the transfer station to determine its viability into the future.

Article 21: This article will change the purpose of the capital reserve fund for the master plan so that it can be used for any master plan, not to any specific year, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from it. Being named agents to expend means the Selectmen will be able to spend funds from the capital reserve funds, but only for the purposes of the fund (the master plan, in this case).

Article 22: This article will appoint the selectmen as agents to expend the recreation facilities capital reserve fund.

Article 23: 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 24: This petitioned article asks voters to consider the issue of nuclear weapons and to petition the US government to take certain actions related to nuclear weapons.

Article 25: 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

Construction season is coming!

Construction season is coming! If you are dreaming of a change to your home in the future and have an individual septic system, please be aware of new requirements from the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Any expansion of use, including any alteration to a home's footprint, requires a new septic design if the current system is greater than 20 years old and the property is less than 5 acres in size. This new system must be designed to show that: (a) the lot will accommodate any expanded capacity; and (b) all required setbacks to the system are maintained by the new structure. The new design usually does not have to be constructed unless or until the existing system fails.

If your project may require new septic plans, please start thinking about this soon. It can take several weeks to get plans designed and approved, and a building permit will not be issued without this information. Even if you are not planning an immediate renovation, it is wise for homeowners to know the details of their septic system. State records date back approximately 30 years, and plans can be requested through the DES archives service if needed. Please contact Amy at landuse@nl-nh.com or Deb at health@nl-nh.com if you have any questions.

Chief Andersen presents recently sworn -in Lieutenant Emily Cobb at a Selectmen's Meeting



Photo by Leigh Bosse, *The Messenger*



Swearing-in performed by Town Clerk Linda Nicklos

Photo by Donna Larrow

Mark Your Calendar



- Monday, March 6th at 6:00PM—Board of Selectmen
 - Tuesday, March 7th at 5:00PM—Recreation Commission at Whipple Hall
 - Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30PM—Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - Wednesday, March 8th at 7:45AM—Solid Waste Committee at Public Works
 - Tuesday, March 14th from 7AM to 7PM—Town Election at Whipple Hall**
 - Wednesday, March 15th—Pre-Town Meeting Potluck**
 - Wednesday, March 15th—7PM TOWN MEETING—Kearsarge Learning Campus/
Outing Club Gymnasium on Cougar Court**
 - Wednesday, March 15th at 8:30AM—Conservation Commission
 - Monday, March 20th at 6PM—Board of Selectmen
 - Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00PM—Springfield Water Precinct Annual Meeting at Whipple Hall
 - Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30PM—Planning Board
- Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Town Offices, 2nd floor. For a complete list of meetings go to the town website: www.nl-nh.com

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SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

Linda Nicklos
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 more than ONE (for 3 Years)</p> <p>NANCY L. ROLLINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than ONE (for 3 Years)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than TWO (for 3 Years)</p> <p>FRANK ANZALONE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN GARVEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>TOWN CLERK Vote for not more than ONE (for 1 Year)</p> <p>LINDA C. NICKLOS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER Vote for not more than THREE (for 3 Years)</p> <p>JOSEPH CARDILLO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GERALD COOGAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUZANNE S. JESSEMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>THEA LAHTI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHRISTOPHER LORIO <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER Vote for not more than ONE (for 3 Years)</p> <p>MARION CHADWICK HAFNER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</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?

Amendment # 1: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article II, General Provisions, # 18- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Article III, Definition # 3, Accessory Dwelling Unit. The proposed amendment would permit an attached ADUs per a Conditional Use Permit subject to review and approval by the Planning Board. Detached ADUs will not be permitted, and are not included in the amendment language. The current language on ADUs will be replaced with the proposed amendment language.

YES

NO

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?

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article II, General Provisions, # 10 Sign Regulations to include provisions for content-neutral signs per the US Supreme Court decision Reed vs. Town of Gilbert and make the ordinance more user friendly. The current language of Article II, Signs will be replaced with the proposed amendment language and other sections of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs will also be amended.

YES

NO

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? The Planning Board approves this petition.

The Planning Board received a Petitioned Zoning Amendment to change the zoning district boundaries for several properties located on the Northerly end of Main Street which are currently zoned R-1, Urban Residential. The petition amendment is to change the lots (or portions thereof) of 1.98 acres to the Commercial District. The lots and area requested for the proposed zoning district change include: Tax Map 073-045-000 Barton Insurance Agency; Tax Map 073-047-000 Frank Anzalone Et Al; Tax Map 073-046-00 Frank Anzalone Et Al; and Tax Map 073-048-000 Donna Richards.

YES

NO

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

The Planning Board proposes to amend the Zoning Ordinance by addressing a general housekeeping measure with no substantive changes to the Ordinance: Article II, #8 Sanitary Protection, renaming it to: Individual Sewage Disposal System.

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT