

Reminder....Property tax bills due on October 1st!



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

September 2015

NEW LONDON UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Town Office, Bandstand, Cupola on Whipple Hall and Elkins sidewalk/
road construction projects all to begin in September.**



Trumbull-Nelson Construction will begin work during the first week of September to replace the siding and windows at the Town Office Building. As discussed at Town Meeting in May when the vote on the \$350,000 needed for the project was approved, the siding on the building is in obvious failure and needs to be replaced. In conjunction with that project, the cupola on Whipple Hall will be painted and repaired. Trumbull-Nelson will also repair the Mary D. Haddad Memorial Bandstand. These repairs are being financed by the New London Bandstand Committee, using funds left to it by former committee member Steve Mendelson.



Cupola on Whipple Memorial Town Hall slated for repair and painting

Work at the Town Office will require closing of the rear parking lot. Temporary parking will be available on the Town Common side of the building and the driveway will be changed from one-way to two-way.

All motorists and pedestrians using Elkins Road during construction are asked to use caution, slow down and be observant of flaggers and construction workers in the roadway. All services and businesses will remain open during construction.

L&M Service Contractors will begin the long-awaited Elkins sidewalk project on September 8th. In addition to sidewalks, Elkins Road from the Wilmot town line to the area near Elkins Beach and the Post Office will be reconstructed and new guardrails will be installed. This project will shut down sometime in November (weather permitting) and will resume in April (weather permitting) and will likely be completed in May. L&M will begin bringing equipment in during the first week of September.

**New London Recreation Department presents
"Touch-a-Truck" Event on Saturday,
September 12th, 10am-2pm
at the New London Shopping Plaza.
Bring the kids! Police, Fire, & Public Works
vehicles will be there for your kids to touch and
even sit in! Don't forget your camera!**



Elkins Road, near dam, prior to start of construction

Town Department Happenings

Tracy Library Director Sandra Licks...

Tracy Memorial Library welcomes three new members on the Board of Trustees: Wendy Dumais, Matt Hubbard and Gordon Terwilliger.

We also welcome part-time staff members Nancy Alibrandi and Bill Bastille who joined the circulation desk staff in June. Both hold master's degrees and enjoy working with the public.

Digital magazines have been added to Tracy Memorial Library's current collection of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks. Choose from over three dozen popular magazine titles!

A record-breaking 174 children registered for this year's Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero Has a Story." Thank you to the staff and many volunteers who made this so successful.



Children participating in Superhero Training Games during Tracy Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program

Finance Officer Wendy Johnson...

The Finance Officer has been working on completing DRA reports, MS-535 Financial Report of the Town for the period ending June 30, 2015 and MS-434 Revised Estimated Revenues. These reports are two pieces used by the State of NH to set the 2015 Town tax rate.

Public Works Director Richard Lee...

The Public Works Department has been busy this summer. We have mowed, cut brush, replaced culverts, ditched about 8 miles of roads, patched roads, done some hot topping, repaired wastewater manholes, finished the electrical work in High Pine pump station, done a lot of repairs and replacements on our facilities.

The Transfer Station has been busy this summer. Seems like the Sunday hours are catching on as more residents are showing up on Sundays.

Fall projects include patching roads, mowing road sides, cleaning culverts, blowing leaves out of ditches, monitoring the Elkins Project, monitoring the bandstand repairs, getting equipment ready for winter, and manhole repairs.

Please watch for workers in the road, give them room, remember that is our work place.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Lucy St John...

The Planning Board is in the process of reviewing provisions for possible zoning amendments including the sign provisions, tree cutting provisions and accessory dwelling units. The Planning Board is also reviewing the Site Plan Regulation parking requirements and possible exceptions to when Site Plan Review would not be required. For additional information refer to the Town's website or contact Lucy St. John, Planning and Zoning Administrator at 526-4821 ext. 16. The Planning Board agendas, minutes and other information for the meetings is posted on the Town's website: www.nl-nh.com.

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Town Administrator Kim Hallquist...

In addition to the exciting construction projects discussed on page 1, staff are gearing up to begin preparing budgets for FY2017. With the vote to return to a March Town meeting, budget preparation is moved up two months. Staff are now working on preparing budgets that cover expenditures from July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017. This budget will be considered at the next Town Meeting: March 9, 2016. Selectmen and Budget Committee meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Nobis Engineering is completing its report on closure options for the town's sewer lagoons. The sewer lagoons were discontinued in 1980 when the town closed its treatment plant and began using the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once Nobis completes its work, the town will have a better idea of what it will cost to close the lagoons and can budget accordingly.

The Selectmen's Subcommittee on Employee Compensation and Benefits held its first meeting and began its work on evaluating the town's employee compensation and benefit plans. The subcommittee includes Board Chair Nancy Rollins, Budget Committee Chair Rob Prohl, Human Resource professionals Aimee Giglio from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Heather Zahn from Colby Sawyer College, and Shari Bostwick from New London Hospital and Town Administrator Kim Hallquist. The subcommittee is expected to issue its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen before the end of the year.

There are two new faces in the Selectmen's Office: Jen Vitiello and Dianne Richtmyer, who replace Kristy Heath and Chris Work as Office Assistants. Jen & Dianne are fitting in well and learning fast!

Recreation Director Scott Blewitt...

The New London Recreation Department is just coming off a wonderful summer season. Our "Sun & Fun" eight week Day camp program had record numbers of campers and lots of fun too! The beautiful weather allowed the campers to enjoy many days at the beach, field trips to local state parks and water slides, but most important is trying new things and making friends! Bucklin & Elkins beaches also experienced record numbers this year with the help of the sunshine! Water testing of both beaches came back extremely low for bacteria counts, which is always good news with so many people in the water. Renovations on the Elkins bathrooms will begin after Labor Day and will be a beautiful sight as the beaches open in 2016! Thank you for supporting Recreation in New London and all its benefits!

September is **National Preparedness Month** so it's a great time to think about what you would do in the event of an emergency. If you had to leave your home with little or no notice, would you have the things you need, like important phone numbers, medications, phone and charger easily accessible? If you couldn't go out for several days, would you have batteries, flashlights, non-perishable food, bottled water? It is recommended that you have a 3 day supply of basic necessities in the event that you can't leave your home in an emergency. **Take the time to plan now—be ready.** For more information on emergency planning, go to www.ReadyNH.gov and sign up to receive public safety alerts issued by the State of NH. An emergency kit checklist is included on the next page. The emergency information line for New London residents is: **603-526-9444**. Emergency information is also available by calling the town office.

EMERGENCY KIT:

When disaster hits home, your family will depend on you. Take the first step towards getting ready to take care of yourself and your family: prepare an emergency kit. Plan to have at least a 3-day supply, especially food and water.



BOTTLED WATER



NON-PERISHABLE FOODS



NOAA RADIO



FLASHLIGHT & BATTERIES



PERSONAL HYGIENE



FIRST AID KIT



WHISTLE



MANUAL CAN OPENER



COPIES OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



BLANKET/ TOWEL



CHANGE OF CLOTHES



DURABLE WATERPROOF CONTAINER



GENERATOR



PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION



FOOD FOR YOUR PET

Congratulations!

You've taken the first step to help you respond to an emergency. Visit: ReadyNH.gov to learn more and to sign up for emergency alerts.



REMEMBER TO ACCOUNT FOR YOUR FAMILY'S SPECIAL NEEDS: CHILDREN, SENIORS, PETS, DISABILITIES, ETC. ALSO, FOOD CAN EXPIRE, SWAP IT OUT OVER TIME.

Please use this checklist to plan—be ready!!