



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire April 2019

Two New Committees Established by Selectmen

There are now two more committees for citizens of New London to consider joining: the Buildings and Facilities Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. While both committees have existed in the past, these newly established committees will see differences in focus and goals.

The **Buildings and Facilities Committee** will be charged with completing a status assessment of all town owned buildings and facilities to help identify areas in need of immediate repairs, long range repairs and long-term efficacy and efficiency based on growth; to assess and make recommendations for future space needs for existing departments. The committee will also be asked to assess and make recommendations for a Town building inspector including an estimate of the time needed for such a position, and outline of the job duties to include the experience and skill set the position would require. Additional tasks may be assigned by the Selectmen as needed.

The former **Citizens Advisory Committee** was composed of about 30 citizens who met monthly, on a Saturday, from 7:30 AM-9:00 AM. Committee members would hear updates from the Selectmen, and sometimes department heads or "guest speakers" (like representatives from New London Hospital, Colby-Sawyer College, COA, etc) and then ask questions and give their thoughts to the Selectmen. Some on the committee observed that over time the committee listened more than they advised, a troubling trend to some. The Selectmen will hold an organizing meeting in May when the citizens who are selected to serve will have a say into how this new committee operates.

In addition to these two committees, there are other committees that citizens may consider:

- Archives Committee
- Ballot Clerks
- Board of Firewards
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Committee
- Planning Board
- Recreation Commission
- Regional Planning Commission
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

If you have an interest in joining a committee you are encouraged to fill out the volunteer interest form at the end of this newsletter, or that is posted on the town's website (nl-nh.com). The form allows space for you to include information on the experience, training or education that you will bring to the committee that will aid in the work of the committee. The Selectmen may invite you to meet with them to further discuss your interest in joining the committee you have selected.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." - Author Unknown

Planning Board Seeks Public Participation on Master Plan Update

Updating the New London Master Plan is an opportunity to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the community's needs and desires pertaining to anticipated growth over the next decade or more. The overall purpose of the Master Plan is to provide a framework for the future growth and development of the community. It is a consensus building, planning process which attempts to identify the guidelines for growth of the Town as preferred by the townspeople. - *Excerpted from the New London Master Plan, adopted December 27, 2011.* Robust public participation is vital to the success of this project, so the Planning Board will be asking citizens to answer a survey (watch for its release this month) and to participate in meetings starting in June where citizens will be asked to attend and share their thoughts.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Join the Master Plan Committee to begin creating a vision for the future of New London

JUNE 18TH @ 6:30 p.m.
or

JUNE 22ND @ 10 a.m.

Whipple Hall



COME SAY 'HELLO' TO LYNN LEWIS OUR NEW DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Recently relocated from Pennsylvania, Lynn has visited New London many times over the last 15 years with her husband, who grew up here. She has a diverse background in finance, office management, and administration with a little biotechnology thrown in for flavor. A nature enthusiast, she is looking forward to exploring the beautiful woods and lakes of the state.



Sponsor a child to go to Summer Day Camp!

Some New London parents are facing difficult choices in the coming months especially as they try to find a safe and affordable camp for their child(ren) during the summer months. The New London Recreation Department has received requests for partial or full scholarships to help defray the cost of camp for qualified families who may otherwise have to leave their child(ren) home alone or leave their place of employment.

We are asking you for your help in sending one or more children to our Sun N Fun Summer Day Camp. Donations may be made in any amount. Just \$125 will send one child to our Summer Day Camp program for one week. Camp includes: 5 days of arts & crafts, new friends, special trips, camp songs, caring counselors and lots of swimming.

Please make checks payable to "New London Recreation Department" and put in the memo "camp scholarship program." Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at:

New London Recreation Department
375 Main Street
New London, NH 03257

Thank you! Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director



At the Annual Town Meeting on March 13th, Chair Nancy Rollins presented outgoing Selectman Bill Helm with a framed cover of the 2018 Annual Report in recognition of his service on the Board.

687 ballots were cast on Tuesday, March 12th to elect officers and to vote on zoning amendments; about 220 voters dealt with the remaining warrant articles at the evening meeting on March 13th. Town meeting minutes are posted to the town's website: www.nl-nh.com.

Newly Elected Selectman



A new selectman was elected on March 12th. John Cannon joins Nancy Rollins and Janet Kidder on New London's Board of Selectmen.

John will also be the selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee.

Photo at left: John takes the oath of office as administered by Chair Rollins prior to John's first meeting as selectman on March 18th.

Many Moving Parts in the Assessor's office this year.

The purpose of this notice is to keep taxpayer's informed and up to date on current happenings in the Assessor's Office this year. As most of you hopefully know we have completed a tax mapping project which lasted over 2 ½ years. Anyone who had an assessment change over \$1,000 was notified by mail in February with the opportunity to discuss those changes. All pertinent information concerning the map updates was published on the Town's website prominently placed on the front page. We encourage you to review the information if you have any questions as to how it might have affected you. As part of the tax map update, your map number is most likely changing. An index is published showing both the new and old numbers for you to cross reference. This does not require anyone to update or change their deed in any way. We will record the new and old numbers at the registry for reference. We also send a copy of the tax maps to the Registry for recording and reference. Next, we have new construction and permitting which we always complete in the spring in time for the May billing due July 1. Any work that was done to your property which we are required to inventory by law will be reflected on that bill. This is the normal course of business on an annual basis.

Most Importantly, we are required by law to "value anew" once in every five years. Our last cycle was in 2014 so, 2019 is the year for all new values based on current market conditions. We generally perform a 2-year look back of sales to establish the parameters or benchmarks for the new values. In some cases, we might look a little further back where there is lack of ample sampling of certain types of property. These new values will be established in August and all property owners will be notified of their new value and will have the opportunity to discuss these new values with our office before the final values are submitted to the Selectboard for final approval and tax rate setting.

Lastly, these new values will be established using a new software system called "Avitar". Avitar is a New Hampshire based software company with installs in some 150 communities in New Hampshire. What this means is the property assessment cards or tax cards will look different but will still have all the pertinent information about your property. As always, our door is always open so feel free to ask if you have questions.

Planning on Building or Renovating? What you should know....

When is a building permit required? As a general rule, if you are constructing a temporary or permanent structure, you will need a building permit. A building permit is required for any new structure, adding square footage, converting the basement or garage to living space; moving a structure to another location on the site; changes to the interior layout of the building including moving walls, changing structural components and other interior improvements such as remodeling; demolition of a structure or demolition of interior space; solar panels (ground and roof mount) systems; installation of new energy systems (geothermal, solar panels, other); docks; boathouses; decks, ADA improvements; accessory dwelling unit (ADU), garage, shed, carport, in-ground swimming pool and other buildings and structures.

How long does it take to get a building permit? If a complete application is submitted, it generally takes 15-30 days, or less. You will be notified by the front desk staff when your building permit is available for pickup. Please note that the permit will only be approved if it complies with town ordinances. A permit may be denied and an explanation would be given if that is the case.

How much does a permit cost? Fees are adopted by the Board of Selectmen. New houses are \$100 + \$0.30/square foot. Residential additions and accessory structures are \$50 + \$0.25/square feet.

What Building Codes must be followed? All State of New Hampshire Building Codes are in effect throughout New London, including electrical, plumbing, energy code and general building codes. See NH RSA 155-A, as may be amended, for the current codes adopted by the State. Please contact your contractor or other professional to assist you with any specific questions or details related to these codes.

Does the town have a Building Inspector? The Town of New London has not officially adopted local enforcement of the State's building codes; therefore we do not employ a Building Inspector to review your plans for state building code compliance. The property owner is advised to consult with other professionals if you have any questions regarding the code compliance of your project. This may save you time and money in the long run.

Can a building permit be appealed? Yes, a building permit (or any decision made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance) can be appealed, per RSA 676:5 within a reasonable time, which the New London Zoning Board defines in their rules as 20-days. Applications for an "Appeal of an Administrative Decision" are available to begin that process.

How long do I have to complete my building project? A building permit is valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of issuance. The Town may grant a one-year extension if it has not already expired. You must submit your request thirty (30) days in advance of the expiration date.

Must I display the approved building permit? Yes, the approved building permit must be posted in a prominent and visible place on the building or site until the work is completed.

New London Recreation Department

526-6401 OR www.nlrec.com TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS

Time to plan for warmer weather fun...

SPRING EVENTS!!

ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT - Friday, April 12 @ 6:00 pm
(supports Children's scholarships) Lots of Prizes! \$20 entry

KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 13th @ 9:30 am (sharp!)
At NL Historical Society - 3,000+ eggs filled with Toys and Candy!! Meet the Easter Bunny too!

Tiger Mountain Shotokan Karate - Open House - Wednesday, April 17th @ 6:00 pm, at Whipple Hall....self defense, fitness, self-confidence, self-control and discipline

ADULTS ARCHERY LESSONS - ages 40+ (Four 1-hour sessions) – On Thursdays for the month of May beginning on the 9th

GRANITE STATE TRACK & FIELD – AGES 9–14 – STARTS MAY 9TH

SENIOR TRIP TO FOSTER'S CLAM BAKE, YORK ME – ONLY 14 SEATS AVAILABLE!

5th Annual Strawberry Festival - SEEKING VENDORS!! \$25 per 12x12 spot

****New London Food Truck Festival** TICKETS ONLINE NOW!**

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Open For Registration

Sun N Fun Summer Day Camp - 8 weeks of fun, friends and special trips. Ages 5-12

Jr Summer Adventure Archery - 7/9 & 11

Jr Summer Adventure Fishing - 6/25 & 27

Jr Summer Adventure Fort Building - 7/16 & 18

Sailing Lessons - ages 9-15 - 6 Sessions @ Bucklin Beach

Sun N Fun Summer Day Camp - ages 5-12 - 8 weeks of fun, friends & special trips!

Swimming Lessons - ages 3-15 - @ Bucklin & Elkins Beach

Teen Trips - so far! - Polar Caves, Whale's Tale Waterpark & Canobie Lake Park

Be on the lookout for Paddle Board Yoga lessons too! More info. coming soon

Household Hazardous Waste

2019 COLLECTION DAYS

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon



- Sat, May 4 - Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover St. off Rt. 120
- Sat, June 8 - Newport Highway Garage, 449 So. Main St. Rt.10S
- Fri, July 12 - Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover St. off Rt. 120
- Sat, August 10 - New London Highway Garage, 184 So. Pleasant St.
- Sat, October 5 - Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover St. off Rt. 120



For Information contact the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission at (603) 448-1680 or vdavis@uvlsrpc.org

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, and Wilmot. Other residents and businesses welcome for a fee. ANYONE with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register.

WHAT TO BRING: Pesticides, Herbicides, Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene, Driveway Sealer, Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers, Household Cleaners & Polishes, Hobby & Pool Chemicals, Lead Fishing Tackle, Smoke Detectors, Oil-based Paint, Solvents, Varnishes, Stains, and Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium and Rechargeable Batteries, etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE - MUD SEASON

All Class 5 roads in the Town of New London will be posted for a 6-ton load limit during frost-out (mud season) effective Monday March 18th, 2019 and continuing until further notice. (Class 5 roads are Town roads) This is in accordance with RSA 41:11 Per order of the Selectmen of the Town of New London.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR APRIL 2019 MEETINGS

- TUES., APRIL 9 @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD
- TUES., APRIL 10 @ 8:30 AM - ENERGY USAGE-REVIEW
- MON., APRIL 15 @ 6:00 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- WED., APRIL 17 @ 8:30 AM - CONSERVATION COMM.
- WED., APRIL 17 @ 7:00 PM - BUDGET COMMITTEE
- THURS., APRIL 18 @ 10:00 AM - RECREATION COMM. @ WHIPPLE HALL
- TUES., APRIL 23 @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD
- THURS., APRIL 25 @ 5:30 PM - JOINT NL & SUNAPEE SEWER COMMISSION @ SUNAPEE TOWN OFFICE, 23 EDGEMONT ROAD

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

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

New London Day Town Street Clean Up

Saturday, May 4th
8am - 2pm

Gathering at the Municipal lot
across from Library
Entrance on Main Street
Rain date is Sunday, May 5th

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Gena Edmunds: 454-4111 - jedmunds002@comcast.net

Ben Cushing: 252-0730 - bencushing@gmail.com



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TOWN OF NEW LONDON
Volunteer Interest Form
Town Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Street Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

1. Board/Committee on which you would like to serve: _____

2. Please describe your experience, education or training that makes you a good candidate for appointment to this Board/Committee: _____

Please send completed application form and resume, if available, to the Board of Selectmen's Office, 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257 or e-mail: office@nl-nh.com

Appointed Boards/Positions

Archives Committee

Ballot Workers

Board of Firewards

Building & Facilities Committee

Citizens Advisory Committee

Conservation Commission

Energy Committee

Planning Board

Recreation Commission

Regional Planning Commission Representatives

Solid Waste Management Committee

Zoning Board of Adjustment