



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire March 2019



OPEN HOUSE
NEW LONDON
POLICE DEPARTMENT
25 SEAMANS ROAD

MARCH 7, 2019
5 PM - 9 PM

WE WOULD LIKE TO AFFORD YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE CURRENT FACILITY PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING TO HELP YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE POLICE AND DISPATCHING DEPARTMENTS.

FOR A QUICK VIEW AND TOUR OF THE FACILITY EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE "MEET THE CANDIDATES" NIGHT AT WHIPPLE HALL WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7th!

Swearing in of Corporal Eben J. Lamson

The New London Police Department had an internal posting to fill an open position for the rank of Corporal. Three candidates applied for the position. The promotional process required candidates to undergo written testing and oral board interviews. Oral board members included department staff, a high ranking officer from a local agency and a community member.

On January 28, 2019 Board of Selectmen Chairman Nancy Rollins officiated the swearing in of Corporal Lamson. His badge was pinned on by his wife, Marciana. His Dad, Russell Lamson, retired NH State Police, presented the "gold" pen and pencil that he used for over 30 years during his career, to Corporal Lamson. Chief Andersen expressed his confidence in Corporal Lamson's abilities and pointed to his attitude of teamwork and dedication to the Town of New London.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS NEW LONDON CANDIDATES FORUM

Thursday, March 7, 2019
7:00 pm

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Breaking news from the Assessing Office

The purpose of this notice is to keep taxpayer's informed and up to date on current happenings in the Assessor's Office.

As most of you hopefully know, we have completed a tax mapping project which lasted over 2 ½ years. Please see the article on the right for more information on this project (*Tax Mapping Project is Complete!*).

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, and the tax maps, at the Registry of Deeds for reference.

Next, we have new construction and permitting which we always complete in the spring in time for the May property tax 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. Continuing on, we are required by law to "value anew" once in every five years. This process is commonly referred to as a "complete revaluation". 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 Board of Selectmen for final approval and tax rate setting by the State Department of Revenue.

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.

Norm Bernaiche, Chief Assessor; Kris McAllister, Assessor; and Cary Lagace, Land Use and Assessing Coordinator.

Tax Mapping Project is Complete!

The Assessing Office and CAI Technologies of Littleton, NH have completed the tax mapping project. As a result of this project, some acreages and parcel lines have changed. This is because the maps are now based on best mapping standards using the most accurate survey, deed and plan information. Properties that will be most affected are those where no survey was ever done or where deeds describe parcels of land as "containing x number of acres 'plus or minus' or 'more or less'".

If you have information that contradicts the mappers findings on your property, you can provide that information to the Assessing Office when it is convenient for you to do so. Many property owners go south for the winter, we understand that you will not necessarily be available during the winter months to meet with us. The tax map changes have been posted to the town's website to include old to new acreages, old to new map lot numbers and the old and new map changes along with a form to submit if you feel you have information which contradicts the new results. Please review the maps and provide feedback in person, over the phone, by e-mail or regular mail (all available on the assessor's department webpage). As approved by the Board of Selectmen, those parcels where the acreage change has resulted in an assessment change of more than \$1,000 will be notified by mail. All others please visit the Town of New London website to see the full results of the mapping project.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact the Assessing Office @ 526-1243. *Norm Bernaiche, Chief Assessor; Kris McAllister, Assessor; and Cary Lagace, Land Use and Assessing Coordinator.*

Please keep in mind that this process will be ongoing—there is no absolute deadline on when information may be submitted by property owners!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Town Boards and Commissions

Consider volunteering for your town!

Volunteer interest forms are on-line (www.nl-nh.com) and on page 97 of the Town Report.

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: \$600,000 bond for renovations and repairs to Harold W. Buker, Jr. Municipal Building (home of the PD and Recreation departments).

Article 4: \$750,000 bond for repairs to the following bridges/culverts: Brookside Drive, Pingree Road & Goose Hole Lane.

Article 5: \$30,000 to develop an Asset Management Plan for the town's stormwater system.

Article 6: This article seeks funding for General Government Operations: the selectmen's staff, legal expenses, property assessing, cemeteries, planning & zoning, elections & registrations, town buildings, insurance and advertising & regional associations.

Articles 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 dump truck with sander for use by the Public Works Department.

Article 14: Use of capital reserve funds for renovations to the Tracy Library Stack Room.

Article 15: Use of capital reserve funds for paving of gravel roads.

Article 16: Use of Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund for a guardrail on Bunker Road.

Article 17: This article will authorize up to \$6,000 in timber cutting proceeds to go into the Conservation Fund.

Article 18: This article will discontinue the GIS Capital Reserve Fund; that project is complete so the fund is no longer needed.

Article 19: This article will establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for energy conservation projects and will add \$30,000 to the fund.

Article 20: This article will allow the Selectmen to renew the Elkins Post Office lease with the Postal Service.

Article 21: This article will allow the town to accept, as a gift, the Elkins Bandstand property.

Article 22: This article will place \$3,000 in the Archives non-lapsing account.

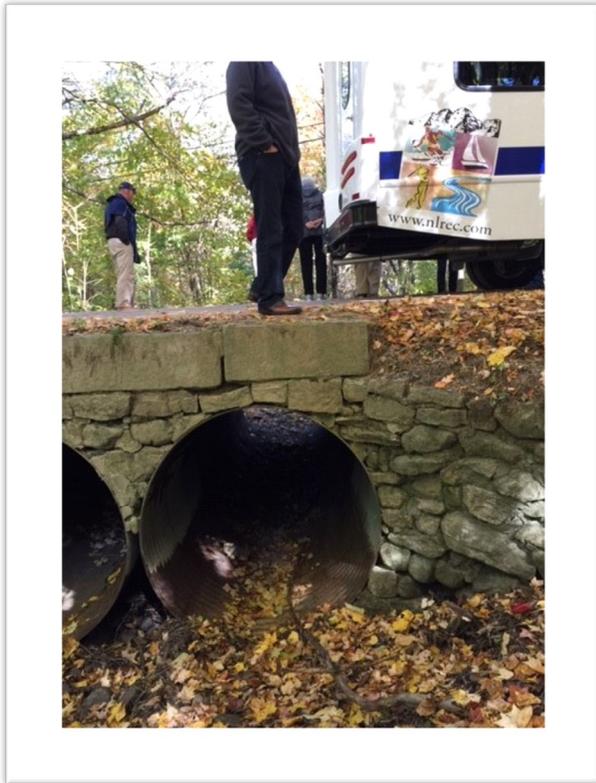
Article 23: This article will adopt the property tax exemption for solar energy systems.

Article 24: This article will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a power purchase agreement for up to 25 years for the purchase of the energy produced by the solar facilities to be located on town properties.

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 make plans to attend
Town Meeting on Wednesday, March
13th at 7:00 PM at the Kearsarge
Learning Campus/Outing Club Gym.

Warrant Article #4 Seeks \$750,000 for major infrastructure projects



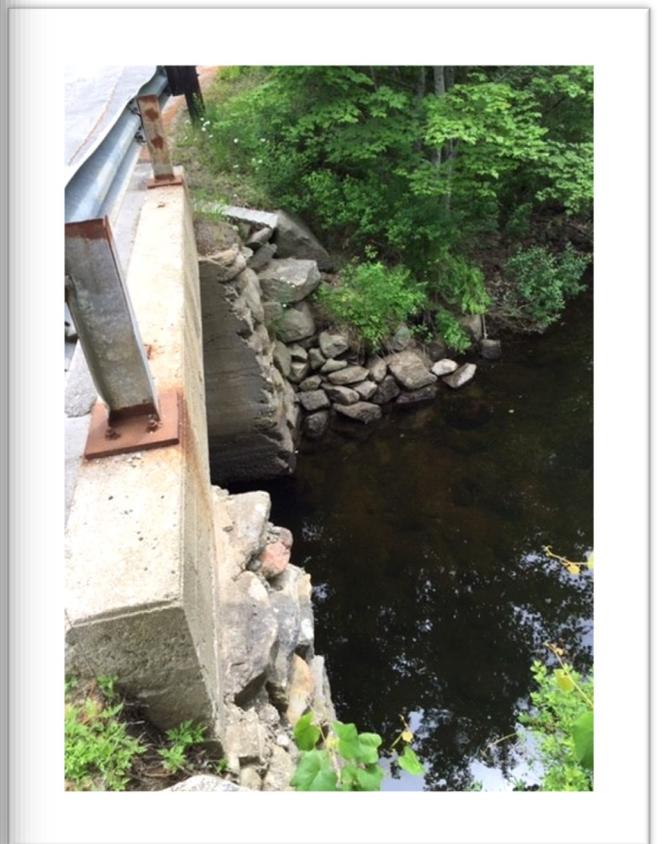
ABOVE: Budget Committee members view the **Pingree Road** bridge in October 2016. Then Public Works Director Richard Lee pointed to the areas of the culverts that have deteriorated and should be replaced. Pictured above with Richard: Colin Campbell, Joe Cardillo, Chris Lorio, Rob Prohl, Nancy Rollins, Sue Jesseman and Phyllis Piotrow (partially hidden by leaves!).

BELOW: There are two bridges on **Brookside Drive** that are included on the State of NH DOT “red listed” bridges. One site was repaired in 2017; Town Meeting voters will be asked to fund the repair of the second bridge. The pictures below were taken in 2016 as part of the town’s DES permit application and show the culverts that must be replaced.



Goose Hole Lane Bridge Part of Warrant Article #4 Infrastructure Repairs

These pictures of **Goose Hole Lane bridge** were taken by the Public Works Department in June 2016 to begin the discussion with the Selectmen and Budget Committee to plan for major improvements to the town's infrastructure. The Budget Committee toured several areas of town to observe the various sites to better understand the condition of the bridges and culverts. Goose Hole, Pingree Road and Brookside Drive were singled out as three projects most in need of repair.



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 the town's Health Officer: [Nick Baer, Ph.D. at health@nl-nh.com](mailto:Nick.Baer@nl-nh.com) if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

- MON., MAR 4 @ 6 PM — BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- TUES., MAR 5 @ 6:30 PM — PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF ADJ. JOINT MTG @ WHIPPLE HALL
- WED., MAR 6 @ 10 AM — RECREATION COMMISSION
- WED., MAR 6 @ 7 PM — ENERGY COMMITTEE
- THURS., MAR 7 @ 7 PM — CANDIDATES FORUM @ WHIPPLE HALL
- TUES., MAR 12 @ 6:30 PM — PLANNING BOARD
- TUES., MAR 12 @ 7 AM - 7 PM — TOWN ELECTIONS @ WHIPPLE HALL
- WED., MAR 13 @ 5:30 PM — POTLUCK DINNER @ NEW LONDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- WED., MAR 13 @ 7 PM — TOWN MEETING @ KEARSARGE LEARNING CAMPUS/OUTING CLUB GYM
- WED., MAR 19 @ 6:30 PM—NL & SPRINGFIELD WATER PRECINCT ANNUAL MTG. @ WHIPPLE HALL

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

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

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

It's Town Meeting Season!

Town & School Elections

School Warrant Articles

Zoning Amendments

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Whipple Memorial Town Hall
corner of Main St. & Seamans Rd.



Pre-Town Meeting Potluck

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @ 5:30 PM

Multi-purpose room at the
New London Elementary School
R.S.V.P. to Janet Roberts 526-4428
jsidmore@tds.net



Town Meeting

Town Warrant Articles

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Kearsarge Learning Campus/Outing Club
Gymnasium, Cougar Court

Town Reports will be available for pick-up
at the following locations:

- * Town Office
- * Tracy Memorial Library
- * Transfer Station

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



Please bring canned

good donations for

the KLS Community

Food Pantry

to Town meeting.



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SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2019**

Linda Nielsen
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 align="center">SELECTMAN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>JOHN A. CANNON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>VAHAN SARKISIAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER</p> <p align="center">Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than THREE</p> <p>GERALD COOGAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN RABY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL O. WILLIAMS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p align="center">Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>THOMAS GINTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>JAMES G. STEPPOE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not (for 3 Years) more than TWO</p> <p>KIMBERLY BONIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NANCY MAHAR <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ANDREW SCHMIDT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">Vote for not (for 5 Years) more than ONE</p> <p>LINDA J. JACKMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(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?

YES

NO

Amendment # 1: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XVI, Section F, Waterfront Buffer. The amendment is proposed to align with the recently adopted State regulations for tree cutting within the waterfront buffer. The cells are proposed to be amended from 50 foot by 50 foot cells, to cells of 25 feet along the reference line of the lake by 50 foot inland, as the state regulations now require. The proposed amended reduces the area of each cell by 50%, thus, the points of trees required in each cell has been reduced by 50% to reflect the smaller area.

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?

YES

NO

The Planning Board proposes to adopt a Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. The ordinance will govern the installation of commercial solar operations and ground mounted solar panels. The ordinance would be inserted to the New London Zoning Ordinance as article XXVIII with the remaining six articles each being renumbered in succession.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT