

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MAY 13 AND 14, 2014

BALLOT VOTING MAY 13, 2014
WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL AT 8:00 AM

Moderator W. Michael Todd called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were to be called at 1:00 P.M. Upon closing of the polls, Moderator Todd announced that the Town Meeting would reconvene at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the Kearsarge Learning Campus to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 20.

A motion was made and seconded to act on Article 1:

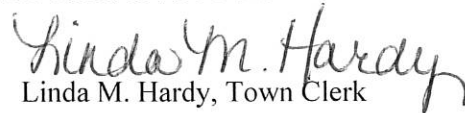
A. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

B. To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance.

VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

Moderator Todd closed the polls at 7:00 P.M., and the results were called at 7:05 P.M.

Attest:


Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 1A: Results of Non Partisan Balloting for Town Officials

1118 Ballots were cast, including 92 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3631

Selectman (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Douglas Homan	452
John Grosvenor Lewis	12
Nancy L. Rollins	650
Write-Ins	0

Town Moderator (For 2 Years) – Vote for not more than One

W. Michael Todd	949
Write-Ins	0

Trustee of Trust Funds (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Deborah J. Hall	945
Write-Ins	4

Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Two

David W. Reeves	235
Frank Anzalone	360
John Garvey	500
Marsha H. Johnson	357
Marianne McEnrue	229
Write-Ins	0

Budget Committee Member (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Three

Christopher Lorio	456
James J. DeAngelis	356
William Green	621
Bruce Hudson	428
Suzanne S. Jesseman	577
Write-Ins	5

Cemetery Commissioner (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Marion E. Chadwick Hafner	1002
Write-Ins	1

Supervisor of the Checklist (For 6 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Carolyn Fraley 962
Write-Ins 0

ARTICLE 1B: Results of ballot voting for the amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance

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 **855** NO **120**

The Planning Board proposes to amend, Article XVI, Shore Land Overlay District, Permitted Use C.1., Docks and Boathouses.

RATIONALE: Since the State no longer permits new boathouses to be built over the water, and since New London’s Zoning Ordinance restricts land and vegetative disturbance within the 50 foot Waterfront Buffer necessary for a “dredged inlet boathouse”, the amendment will state that the construction of new boathouses is not permitted; however the maintenance or replacement of existing boathouses which will not increase the use, size or footprint of the structure is permitted subject to required state permits, standards, and regulations.

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 **917** NO **108**

The Planning Board proposes to amend, Article III, Definitions: 23. Boathouse and 65. Functionally Dependent Use.

RATIONALE: The definition of Boathouse is being clarified to reflect changes to regulations related to the Shoreland Overlay District. The definition, “Functionally Dependent Use” will be deleted as it is not relevant in New London as there is no ship building, port facilities, or loading/unloading of cargo or passengers.

3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?* YES **815** NO **213**

The Planning Board proposes to amend, Article II, General Provisions, Section 10. Sign Regulations, (f)- Signs Requiring a Permit, (2) Temporary Signs Requiring a Permit, by adding a new subsection (2. c), Temporary Off-Site Seasonal Signs.

RATIONALE: The purpose is to provide for the placement of off-site temporary seasonal signs to acknowledge the contributions made by civic organizations.

4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?* YES **911** NO **103**

The Planning Board proposes to add a new definition to Article III, Definition: Retirement Care Community, and renumber the other existing definitions.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to define Retirement Care Community as permitted by the zoning ordinance.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES **914** NO **102**

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XIX, Planned Unit Development, Section B. General Requirements. Permitted Uses by adding 2 (d), Retirement Care Community (RCC).

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to add Retirement Care Communities as a permitted use within the Planned Unit Development Overlay District.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES **849** NO **123**

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article XIX, Planned Unit Development, Section B. General Requirements, (4) Permissible Zone Districts.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the limits of the zone district as the area currently shown on the existing Zoning Map as Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay District.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES **916** NO **93**

The Planning Board proposes to amend, Article I, Preamble of the Zoning Ordinance.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to update the text to acknowledge the most recently adopted Master Plan and most recently adopted Zoning Ordinance.

CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING MAY 14, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
KEARSARGE LEARNING CAMPUS

At 7:00 P.M., Kearsarge Regional Elementary School students, led by Nicole Densmore, opened Town Meeting by singing “The Star Spangled Banner” and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator W. Michael Todd recognized Natalie Stark, A Kearsarge Regional Elementary School student, for her outstanding citizenship; she has performed the Star Spangled Banner and Pledge of Allegiance for five years in a row. Board of Selectmen Chairman Tina Helm recognized all Volunteers and Employees for their outstanding service. She thanked those employees and volunteers who are leaving service to the Town this year. Moderator W. Michael Todd then read the election results from Tuesday, May 13, 2014, and gave recognition to all those who arranged the Pot Luck Supper preceding Town Meeting.

Special mention was made of Robert MacMichael’s recent passing. Affectionately known as the “Mayor of Elkins,” he was active on almost every Town board during his over 60 years of volunteerism. He will be greatly missed.

Selectman Janet Kidder then gave special recognition to Tina Helm for her years of service as a Town of New London Selectman. A hearty ovation by all assembled followed.

Moderator Todd reviewed the Moderator rules, and the meeting was then called to order. There were 263 registered voters who attended the 2014 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$1,171,062 for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends \$1,179,562*) (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY2015 Selectmen’s Recommendation</u>
Executive	293,026	271,981	277,481
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	82,145	66,339	66,339
Financial Administration	263,616	251,414	251,414
Reassessment of Property	82,900	88,300	88,300
Legal	20,200	25,200	25,200
Personnel Administration	85,582	96,888	96,888
Planning and Zoning	85,955	84,939	87,939
Cemeteries	30,436	23,902	23,902
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	76,274	66,989	66,989
Advertising & Regional Associations	17,690	17,785	17,785
General Government Buildings	<u>196,146</u>	<u>177,325</u>	<u>177,325</u>
TOTAL	\$1,233,970	\$1,171,062	\$1,179,562

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$1,643,513 for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends \$1,665,599*) (Majority vote required).

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY2015 Selectmen’s Recommendation</u>
Police Department	947,690	960,467	977,553
Fire Department	299,189	312,399	312,399
Firewards	593	541	541
Emergency Management	5,850	14,100	14,100
Communications Department	<u>339,983</u>	<u>356,006</u>	<u>361,006</u>
TOTAL	\$1,593,305	1,643,513	1,665,599

AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE, AND SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE SELECTMEN’S RECOMMENDATION OF \$1,665,599 AS THE BUDGET AMOUNT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

SELECTMAN TINA HELM EXPLAINED THAT THE SELECTMEN HAD USED \$14,000 FROM THE FY 2014 BUDGET TO DO NEEDED REPAIRS THAT HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR FY 2015 IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. THEREFORE, THE AMOUNT OF THE SELECTMEN’S 2015 RECOMMENDATION COULD BE REDUCED BY THAT AMOUNT.

THE AMENDMENT FAILED.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE, AND SECONDED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE AMOUNT OF \$1,651,599 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (SELECTMEN’S RECOMMENDATION MINUS \$14,000). VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE FOR THE AMENDMENT.

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE FOR THE AMENDED ARTICLE.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 3, IN LIGHT OF THE RESULTS OF ARTICLE 4, ADOPTING A HIGHER BUDGET AMOUNT. THE MOTION FAILED.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$2,381,340 for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation*) (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY2015 Selectmen's Recommendation</u>
Highway Administration	846,925	845,069	845,069
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	499,700	494,000	494,000
Street Lighting	16,000	16,000	16,000
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	386,977	411,993	411,993
Solid Waste Cleanup	25,500	22,000	22,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>608,394</u>	<u>592,278</u>	<u>592,278</u>
TOTAL	\$2,383,496	\$2,381,340	\$2,381,340

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$201,515 for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation*) (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen's Recommendation</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
Health Administration	5,436	5,436	5,436
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,299	12,276	12,276
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	35,000	35,000
New London Ambulance	123,821	126,297	126,297
WELFARE DEPARTMENT			
Welfare Administration	2,697	2,697	2,697
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,809	3,809	3,809
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL	\$199,062	\$201,515	\$201,515

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$640,524 for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation*) (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen's Recommendation</u>
Recreation Department	162,205	143,338	143,338
Tracy Memorial Library	455,550	453,250	453,250
Patriotic Purposes	300	300	300

Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	15,830	15,847	15,847
Energy Committee	539	989	989
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>25,525</u>	<u>25,800</u>	<u>25,800</u>
TOTAL	\$660,949	\$640,524	\$640,524

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$560,924 for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation*) (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen’s Recommendation</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	247,514	384,148	384,148
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>66,260</u>	<u>176,776</u>	<u>176,776</u>
TOTAL	\$313,774	\$560,924	\$560,924

SELECTMAN JANET KIDDER PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS SECONDED, TO LOWER THE AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL-BONDS AND NOTES BY \$150,884, AND INTEREST-BONDS AND NOTES BY \$78,017, DUE TO THE FIRST PAYMENT ON THE SUNAPEE WASTEWATER PROJECT NOT BEING DUE IN FISCAL YEAR 2015. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE “SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE” UNTIL JUNE 30, 2014. PAYMENT ON THE BOND AND INTEREST BEGINS ONE YEAR AFTER THAT DATE, MOVING IT TO FY 2016.

THE NEW AMOUNTS PROPOSED: PRINCIPAL - \$233,264, INTEREST - \$49,643, TOTAL - \$282,907

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE AMENDMENT

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$504,000 to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)**, as follows. (*The Board of Selectmen recommends \$524,000*) (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen’s Recommendation</u>
Sidewalk Project	20,000	20,000	20,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
Computer Replacement	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fire Vehicle Refurbish & Maintenance CRF	16,500	16,500	16,500
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	25,000	50,000	50,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	150,000	115,000	125,000
Highway Building CRF	21,500	21,500	21,500
Pleasant Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
Tracy Library Improvements	30,000	30,000	30,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	31,000	31,000	31,000
Sewer Lagoon Cleanup CRF	10,000	0	10,000
Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen's Recommendation</u>
Town Building Maintenance Fund	30,000	60,000	60,000
GIS Update	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$489,000	\$504,000	\$524,000

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of **\$204,500** for the vehicle and equipment purchases listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal of the amounts below from the listed capital reserve funds. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen's Recommendation</u>
Fire Apparatus Repair Fund	\$30,500	\$22,500	\$22,500
<i>Purpose: Refurbish Engine 2</i>			
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
<i>Purpose: Replace 2011 Police Cruiser</i>			
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund			
<i>Purpose: Replace Transfer Station Refuse Trailer</i>	\$85,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
<i>Purpose: Repair Highway Truck Body</i>	0	\$31,000	\$31,000
Sewer Waste Water Equipment Capital Reserve Fund			
<i>Purpose: High Pine pump station control room</i>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$165,500	\$204,500	\$204,500

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of **\$115,000** for the Building maintenance projects listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal of the amounts below from the listed capital reserve fund. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen's Recommendation</u>
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund			
<i>Purpose: Repair Tracy Library HVAC system</i>	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Highway Department Buildings Fund			
<i>Purpose: Repairs to Highway Department Bldg</i>	\$ 0	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$115,000	\$115,000

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of **\$72,000** for the Improvements listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal of the amounts below from the listed capital reserve funds. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015 Budget Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>FY 2015 Selectmen’s Recommendation</u>
Municipal & Regional Transportation Fund <i>Purpose: Sidewalk improvements</i>	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Elkins Sidewalk Project</i>	\$80,000	See WA #13	See WA#13
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Paving</i>	<u>\$86,100</u>	<u>\$63,000</u>	<u>\$63,000</u>
TOTAL	\$175,100	\$72,000	\$72,000

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$670,190 (six hundred seventy thousand one hundred ninety dollars) for the construction of the Elkins Sidewalk and Streetscape Project, and to authorize the acceptance of \$536,152 (five hundred thirty-six thousand one hundred fifty-two dollars) from a federal grant for that purpose, and to further authorize the withdrawals of \$64,000 (sixty-four thousand dollars) from the Intersection Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and \$70,038 (seventy thousand thirty-eight dollars) from the Sidewalk Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,125 (seventy-five thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars) for the purchase and installation of a repeater and antenna duplexer to improve the radio communications within the town’s regional dispatching area, and to authorize the acceptance of \$37,562 (thirty-seven thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars) in Emergency Management Performance Grant monies, and the balance of \$37,563 (thirty-seven thousand five hundred sixty-three dollars) to come from general taxation. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,500 (forty-eight thousand five hundred dollars) for the purchase and installation of one communications console to be used in dispatching. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 16

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) to purchase historical items and other ephemera by the Archives Committee, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$3,000 from the previously established non-lapsing appropriation for this purpose, which lapses on December 31, 2014, for this amount. This will be

a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until June 30, 2019. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 39:1, to adopt a March Town meeting, to be held annually on the second Tuesday in March, for the choice of town officers and the transaction of all other town business. If adopted, the Town will go back to holding its annual meeting in March instead of holding it in May. ***Petitioned warrant article.*** (Majority vote required)

DUE TO A CLOSE VOTE WITH A SHOW OF RAISED VOTER CARDS, MODERATOR TODD CALLED FOR A COUNT OF HANDS. THE RESULTS WERE: YES – 107, NO – 119

ARTICLE FAILED

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the issue of single stream recycling and how it could be established within the Town of New London. The committee shall make its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen no later than November 3, 2014 and the Selectmen, after considering the recommendations of the committee, shall report to the voters at the next annual Town Meeting. ***Petitioned warrant article.*** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution: We the people of New London, NH, know that corporations are not people, and that *Citizens United* has weakened our democracy and undermined the people's right to open and equal freedom of speech and press. We call on our state legislature and Congress to overturn *Citizens United* and keep our political campaigns and elections safe from the highest bidder. ***Petitioned warrant article.*** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 20

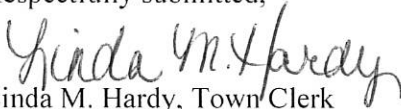
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

A VOTER REQUESTED THE PRESENCE OF THE ROAD AGENT AT NEXT YEAR'S MEETING TO ANSWER VOTER QUESTIONS.

There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk


A True Copy Attest: Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk