



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Town of New London Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2025 Whipple Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Russ Moore (Chair), Emily Campbell (Vice-Chair), Bebe Casey (Select Board), Erica Brown, Woody Canaday, Ed Condict, Donald Eberly, Grant Smith  
**Also attending:** Putnam Kidder (Director NL Recreation Department))

**The meeting was called to order by Russ Moore at 17:00**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the NL BPAC meeting of February 20, 2025 as published and circulated was made, seconded and unanimously approved without discussion or amendment.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

New London Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 4th (rain date: May 11<sup>th</sup>), 8:00 AM –2:00 PM.  
Committee members were encouraged to participate.

### **Town Update (Bebe Casey):**

- **Highway Garage:** Deemed structurally unsafe, making demolition and replacement high priorities for the town.
- **Police Station:** In view of the above, the Select Board is now unanimously supportive of tabling action on Article 3 at the upcoming meeting for reconsideration.
- **New London water supply:** Colby Point wells are being assessed by engineers with conclusions and recommendations expected in 1 month.
- **Twin Pines Housing Project:** Ongoing appeals expected to continue for several months before reaching a decision.
- **Town Administrative Position:** Of the 5 candidates recommended by the citizens' search committee, 3 will be interviewed by the Select Board expecting an offer to be made within a week. The position will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> upon Kim Hallquist's retirement.

### **Chair Update:**

Russ reported on a March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting he had with Town Officials, Bebe Casey (Select Board), Adam Ricker (Planning and Zoning Administrator) and Same Clarke (Director, DPW).

3 areas of shared interests were discussed:

- **Walkable New London initiative**

**Goal:** to enhance the walking experience in New London from the College, along the downtown area to Spring Ledge Farm.

**Phases:** Identify existing assets

Develop themed (conservation, recreation, historic) routes with interpretive and directional signage, benches, kiosks

Address traffic slowing safety measures (crosswalks, signage Bollards)

**Next steps:** Engage the community: Existing walking groups, College and schools, Rec Department, Outing Club, Conservation Commission, Ausbon Sargent, NLH, local businesses.

- **Share the Road Campaign**

**Goal:** Increase public awareness of pedestrian, cyclist and motorist responsibilities

**Methods:** Educational campaigns, sponsored signage, town media

- **Complete Street approach to development**

**Goal:** Ensure consideration of pedestrians and cyclists in new construction projects

**Methods:** Engage with the Planning Board through our liaison, Emily Campbell)

**Committee Work Plan:**

Consensus agreement that these initiatives could be best pursued by the committee as a whole rather than diffusing our efforts by breaking into smaller subcommittees.

With the town facing significant budget demands, the committee will focus on short-term, low-resource initiatives. It was suggested that we develop a "Wish List" to present to the Planning Board.

**Sidewalk repair and reconstruction 2025-2026:**

NL DPW, is hoping to construct a new sidewalk along Main Street from the Catholic to CSC Hogan Center. Repainting of crosswalks is planned, awaiting approval of NHDOT.

**Community Events and Outreach:**

Recreation Director Putnam Kidder reviewed upcoming town events including Cougar Carnival (May 9<sup>th</sup>), Strawberry Festival ( June 21<sup>st</sup>) Halloween on Main Street (Oct.26<sup>th</sup>), Hospital Day (Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>) and discussed volunteer and promotional opportunities for NL BPAC members.

**Proposed Multi-use Trail Update (Grant Smith):**

Significant progress has been made engaging interested parties (CSC, Outing Club, Conservation Commission, KRSG) to develop an integrated plan, a mission statement by which landowners can be recruited into the process.

A walking group is being assembled to research possible routes.

**Other Business:**

There was enthusiastic support for Grant Smith's suggestion that we develop a bike donation and refurbishment program to provide bikes to children of the community.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM at The Whipple Memorial Town Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Eberly