

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MAY 8 AND 9, 2012

BALLOT VOTING MAY 8, 2012
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 9, 2012, at the former Kearsarge Regional Middle School to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 19.

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 amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance.

VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

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

Attest:  Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk

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

Total Registered Voters: 3174, 704 ballots including absentee ballots were cast

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

John Grosvenor Lewis	85
Janet R. Kidder	578
Write-Ins	13

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

Linda Hardy	654
Write-Ins	4

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

W. Michael Todd	608
Write-Ins	7

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

Malcolm K. Wain	314
W. Michael Todd	308
Write-Ins	0

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

Bruce J. Parsons	475
Casey Biuso	251
David Harris	439
Laura Lorio	249
Francine McColgan	224
Write-Ins	1

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

Robert Prohl	404
Kathleen Bianchi	297
Joe Cardillo	462
Larry B. Dufault	326
Phyllis Tilson Piotrow	323
Write-Ins	3

Budget Committee Member (For 1 Year) – Vote for not more than One

Ann Beardsley Bedard	602
Write-Ins	7

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

Arlene Marshall 614
Write-Ins 1

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

W. Michael Todd 220
Thomas A. Ginter 395
Write-Ins 0

Cemetery Commissioner (For 2 Years) -- Vote for not more than One

Marion Chadwick Hafner 644
Write-Ins 2

ARTICLE 1B: Ballot Results on 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 town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 1 proposes to amend **Article II, Section 1** (the Agriculture Section) of the Zoning Ordinance to provide a clear distinction between hobby /subsistence farms and larger commercial farms, and to provide clear oversight by the Planning Board of commercial farm operations in order to protect adjacent property owners.

YES 496 NO 104

2. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 2 proposes to amend **ARTICLE III** (Definitions) of the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of the term "Commercial Farm" in support of the changes being proposed in Amendment No. 1.

YES 539 NO 99

3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 3 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II, Section 8** (Sanitary Protection) to provide for the design and installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems for potential sewage loading resulting from new or modified Accessory Buildings intended for use as guest quarters on a lot, or to accommodate bathroom facilities in other types of Accessory Buildings.

YES 515 NO 118

4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II, SECTION 11** (Temporary Structures) to provide the opportunity for short-term use of Storage Containers in support of fund raising efforts by Non-Profit Organizations. Currently, Storage Containers may only be used in support of a project requiring a Building Permit.

YES 547 NO 100

5. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 5 proposes to amend **ARTICLE VI, SECTION A, 2** (Uses Permitted in the Agricultural Rural Residential Zone District) to add "Country Club" to the list of Uses Permitted, in order to recognize a use

that has existed in New London for 75 years, and is consistent with the long term planning goal of maintaining the rural character of the town.

YES 581 NO 70

6. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 6 proposes to amend **ARTICLE III** (Definitions) to add a definition of the term "Country Club" in support of the change being proposed by Amendment No. 5.

YES 560 NO 75

7. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 7 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIII, SECTION E (1)** (Wetland Special Exceptions) to incorporate recent statutory changes that have eliminated the need for wetland permitting for crossing certain man-made water conveyance and detention structures, such as roadside ditches, thereby reducing the cost of such activities and simplifying their construction and maintenance. This amendment exempts these types of wetland crossings from the need for a Special Exception.

YES 544 NO 85

8. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 8 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIII, SECTION G** (Wetland Buffers) to provide a reliable, science based standard for differentiating between wetland units that are hydrologically connected (as in connected by a stream) but geographically separated. This replaces the empirical, arbitrary method that is currently in the regulation.

YES 567 NO 63

9. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 9 proposes to amend **ARTICLE III** (Definitions) to add a definition of the word "Watercourse" in order to clarify the term as used in Article XIII (Wetlands Overlay District).

YES 564 NO 61

10. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 10 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XVI, SECTION I** (Impervious Surfaces) to clarify the 30% limit on Impervious Surfaces on portions of lots located in the Shore Land Overlay District. This clarification is being proposed because the NH State Legislature has eliminated the 30% Impervious Surface restriction from the former Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, which could result in misunderstanding between state and local regulations, since the town regulation is the more restrictive of the two. This amendment does not alter the original dimensional restrictions in any way.

YES 548 NO 97

11. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amendment No. 11 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XXIII** (the Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance) to bring the regulation into compliance with recent changes in the Federal Telecommunications Act.

YES 601 NO 46

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 12 proposes to amend ARTICLE III (Definitions) to add a definition of the term "Fresnel Zone" in support of the change being proposed by Amendment No. 11.

YES 536 NO 67

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of New London Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 13 proposes to amend ARTICLE III (Definitions) to change the definition of the term "Average Tree Canopy Height" in order to simplify the measurement process.

YES 551 NO 93

CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING MAY 9, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
KEARSARGE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

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. Selectman Mar Kaplan recognized all Volunteers and Employees for their outstanding service. He thanked those employees and volunteers who are leaving service to the Town this year. A special presentation was given to Mr. Kaplan by Selectmen Peter Bianchi and Tina Helm, for his 15 years of dedicated service as Selectman. Moderator W. Michael Todd then read the election results from Tuesday, May 8, 2012, and gave recognition to all those who arranged the Pot Luck Supper preceding Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Todd. There were 332 registered voters who attended the 2012 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 following sums for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Executive	291,205	280,731
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	83,423	82,700
Financial Administration	277,873	260,725
Reassessment of Property	80,800	81,812
Legal	22,700	25,200
Personnel Administration	107,316	94,397
Planning and Zoning	97,367	84,918
Cemeteries	23,242	23,242
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	83,335	82,003
Advertising & Regional Associations	15,064	15,092
General Government Buildings	<u>168,413</u>	<u>181,391</u>
TOTAL	\$1,250,738	\$1,212,211

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. (Majority vote required).

	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Police Department	870,411	813,817
Fire Department	288,672	294,672
Firewards	593	594
Emergency Management	7,468	5,851
Communications Department	<u>330,691</u>	<u>324,766</u>
TOTAL	\$1,497,835	\$1,439,700

Brian Armentrout proposed the following Amendment to Article 4: "I make a motion to amend Article 4, to increase the Public Safety Budget by \$75,039, from \$1,439,700 to \$1,514,739, for the reinstatement of an 8th Police Officer. A petition, duly signed by 5 registered voters, was received requesting a paper ballot for voting on this Amendment.

YES 215 NO 117 AMENDMENT PASSED

Mr. Moderator called for a paper ballot vote on the amended Article.

YES 255 NO 64

ARTICLE PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. (Majority vote required)

	VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE	
	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Highway Administration	839,750	801,005
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	523,000	518,100
Street Lighting	11,845	14,000
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	357,797	373,488
Solid Waste Cleanup	30,400	21,400
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>613,504</u>	<u>598,901</u>
TOTAL	\$2,376,296	\$2,326,894

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. (Majority vote required)

	VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE	
	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	7,906	7,906
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,299	12,299
Kearsarge Council on Aging	20,000	20,000
New London Ambulance	93,902	121,393
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	1,865	1,865
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,809	3,809
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL	\$155,781	\$183,272

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. (Majority vote required)

	VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE	
	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Recreation Department	155,129	155,129
Tracy Memorial Library	490,850	433,420
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	17,510	15,748
Energy Committee	1,439	989
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>26,500</u>	<u>25,525</u>
TOTAL	\$692,728	\$632,111

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. (Majority vote required)

	VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE	
	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	222,847	247,514
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>185,822</u>	<u>76,334</u>
TOTAL	\$408,669	\$323,848

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)**, as follows. (Majority vote required)

	VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE	
	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000
Fire Vehicle Refurbish & Maintenance CRF	12,000	13,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000
GIS Update CRF	20,000	10,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	0	25,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	140,000	150,000
Highway Building CRF	21,250	21,500
Pleasant Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund	0	25,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	0	31,000
Sewer Lagoon Cleanup CRF	0	20,000
Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	5,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL FY2013		\$445,500

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one million one hundred eight thousand eight hundred eighty-four dollars (\$1,108,884)** 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. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

Fire Utility Truck CRF	\$860,000
<i>Purpose: Replace Fire Department Ladder Truck</i>	
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Replace Six-Wheel Dump Truck with Plow & Sander for the Public Works Department</i>	
	164,156
<i>Purpose: Replace Highway One-ton Truck</i>	
	74,728
New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Purpose: Portable stop lights for traffic control</i>	
	10,000
TOTAL	\$1,108,884

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **thirty-six thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$36,160)** to complete upgrades to the Bucklin Beach Bathhouse, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$36,160 (Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars) from the Recreation Facilities Upgrades CRF previously established. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of unanticipated insurance premium expenses. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)** for the purpose of sidewalk improvements and to authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) from the Municipal and Regional Transportation Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for transfer station equipment maintenance. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the maintenance work on the transfer station equipment is completed or until June 30, 2016, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 15

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to expand the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1995 for "Conservation Commission Land Acquisition" to include the purchase of any lesser interest, development right, easement, covenant or other contractual right, as described in RSA 36-A:4, as well as contributions to qualified organizations, as defined and described in RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b). This vote will be passed over if Article 15 does not pass. (2/3 Vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a permanent conservation easement, to be held by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, on its property described as Tax Map 029, Lot 001-000, consisting of approximately 79 acres of land, with 1614 feet of frontage on Otter Pond and 518 feet of frontage on Goose Hole Road, also known as the Phillips Preserve. (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to designate Shaker Street in New London as a scenic road as provided under RSA 231, Sections 157 and 158. (Majority vote required.) *Petitioned Warrant Article.* **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

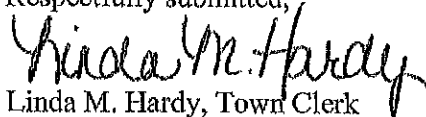
ARTICLE 19

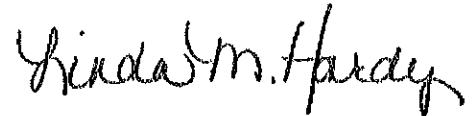
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, Moderator Todd put forth the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk



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