

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 8TH AND 9TH, 2021

It's important to note that Town Meeting was delayed this year from our usual March date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The election took place at the Public Works Garage rather than the normal voting location of Whipple Hall. Town Meeting was held outside under a tent at the New London Historical Society rather than at the gym at the Kearsarge Learning Center. Both locations afforded better adherence to current CDC guidelines.

BALLOT VOTING JUNE 8, 2021
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GARAGE AT 7:00 AM

Moderator W. Michael Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

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

A. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. **VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Upon closing of the polls, Moderator Todd announced that the Town Meeting would reconvene at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the New London Historical Society to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 19.

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

Attest:



William F Kidder III, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 1: Results of Non Partisan Balloting for Town Officials

476 Ballots were cast, including 22 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 4,069

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

Janet Kidder	426
Write-Ins	10

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

Will Kidder	456
Write-Ins	0

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

Steve Theroux	448
Write-Ins	0

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

Andrew Hager	435
Write-Ins	0

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

Melissa Leintz	266
Colin Beasley	291
Hannah Bianchi	283
Mark Christensen	263
Write-Ins	1

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

Ashley Williams	75
Sherry Williams	259
David Click	114
Susan Forest	71
Eula Kozma	204
Petrina Markowitz	45
Virginia Nicholas	116
Sara Scheuch	248
Write-Ins	0

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

Nancy Kingsley	426
Write-Ins	2

**TOWN MEETING JUNE 9, 2021
NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT 6:00 PM**

Moderator W. Michael Todd opened the meeting by listing military engagements and asking service members in attendance to stand to be recognized for their service to the county.

Luke Stiles, 5th grader, led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the national anthem.

Moderator Todd thanked the New London Historical Society for hosting the meeting. He also went on to thank Bob Harrington and the Public Works Crew, NLFD, NLPD, the CERT Team for their immense help in organizing the event.

He also pointed out the Town Report is dedicated to four prominent citizens all of whom he knew and respected greatly as did many others in town. There was a pause for a moment of silence in recognition of their service to the town.

John Cannon, Chairman of the Selectboard, was recognized to thank volunteers who serve on the town's various boards and committees.

Winfried Feneberg of the Kearsarge Regional School District was recognized for being named the Superintendent of the Year by the New Hampshire School Administrator's Association.

The meeting was formally called to order and results from the previous day's election were read.

There was an explanation of voting and the correct procedures for doing so during the meeting. It was asked if voters would like to adopt a time limit for speakers and there was no motion to do so. Moderator Todd asked voters to review the Moderator's rules for Town Meeting. **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO ADOPT RULES**

There was explanation of the bond issue in Article 3 noting that it must pass by a 3/5 margin instead of 2/3. There was also an explanation of the role of the budget committee and the 10% rule.

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 sum of **one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000)** for the purchase of real estate located at 74 Pleasant Street, New London, New Hampshire (tax map 084-081-000) and further to authorize the issuance of **one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000)** of bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. *Petitioned Warrant Article The Board of Selectmen voted 2-1 not to recommend this appropriation and Budget Committee voted 5-4 not to recommend this appropriation. (3/5 Ballot vote required)* **VOTE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AS BUILDING HAD GONE UNDER CONTRACT. VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.**

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million four hundred twenty-five thousand four hundred forty-two dollars (\$1,425,442)** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Executive	310,783	317,993
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	85,098	101,671
Financial Administration	312,475	345,352
Reassessment of Property	101,386	90,947
Legal	15,750	10,500
Personnel Administration	90,737	94,880
Planning and Zoning	152,543	103,071
Cemeteries	28,750	30,359
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	98,327	98,818
Advertising & Regional Associations	18,736	18,736
General Government Buildings	<u>207,955</u>	<u>213,175</u>
TOTAL	\$1,422,540	\$1,425,442

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million three hundred thirty-five thousand nine hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$2,335,987)** for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Police Department	1,240,041	1,275,042
Fire Department	545,028	566,227
Firewards	292	292
Emergency Management	31,157	32,302
Communications Department	<u>441,932</u>	<u>462,124</u>
TOTAL	\$2,258,450	\$2,335,997

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million eight hundred twenty-one thousand ninety-two dollars (\$2,821,092)** for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Highway Administration	936,803	985,831
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	514,500	527,700
Street Lighting	9,500	10,000
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	429,680	443,559
Solid Waste Cleanup	14,590	19,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>721,455</u>	<u>835,002</u>
TOTAL	\$2,626,528	\$2,821,092

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred sixty-seven thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$267,495)** for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	6,666	6,871
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,566	12,566
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	35,000
New London Hospital Ambulance	184,095	184,095
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	1,500	1,500
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	5,458	5,463
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	6,000	6,000
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL	\$267,285	\$267,495

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight hundred thirty thousand five hundred fifty-three dollars (\$830,553)** for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Recreation Department	194,703	222,698
Tracy Memorial Library	565,650	562,000
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	18,205	18,205
Energy Committee	450	450
Housing Commission	-0-	1,500
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>25,400</u>	<u>24,400</u>
TOTAL	\$805,708	\$830,553

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred fifty thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars (\$650,566)** for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	461,601	500,282
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>162,790</u>	150,284
TOTAL	\$624,391	\$650,566

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight hundred fifty-two thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$852,510)** from the following sources: **eight hundred thirty-two thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$832,510)** from general taxation and **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** from the sewer fund, to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)**, as follows. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Sidewalk Project	-0-	30,000
Computer Maintenance	-0-	24,000
Fire Department Radios	15,000	15,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000
Conservation Land Purchase CRF	25,000	25,000
Fire Vehicle CRF	120,000	130,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	-0-	100,000
Town Vehicles & Equip. Repairs	-0-	10,000
Highway Equipment Replacement CRF	339,510	339,510
Master Plan Update CRF	10,000	-0-
Tracy Library Improvements	35,000	35,000
Communications Equipment	34,000	34,000
Town Building Maintenance	-0-	50,000
Energy Conservation	30,000	30,000
Sewer Department CRF	<u>20,000</u>	20,000
TOTAL	\$638,510	\$852,510

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred seventy-seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$277,600)** for the purchase a dump truck with sander and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **two hundred seventy-seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$277,600)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)** for the purchase of a transfer station refuse trailer and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the purchase of equipment for use of the police department and to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said 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 **one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$122,000)** for the purchase a highway tractor and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$122,000)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *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 **sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000)** for the purpose of paving gravel roads and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000)** from the Gravel Roads Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. *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 **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** for the purpose of Edmunds Road wastewater pumps, controls and instrumentation and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** from the Sewer Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. *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 to authorize the Selectmen to sell town owned property, Map 136/01/0/0/0/, consisting of 0.45 acres, more or less, and located on King Hill Road to the abutting property owners: Soonipi Land LLC, for the sum of **forty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$48,500)**. Any such sale shall be subject to the buyers annexing the parcel to their existing lot, so the purchased lot is no longer a single lot of record. Proceeds from the sale to be placed in the town's general fund to be used to reduce taxes. (Majority vote required) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Communications Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015. (Majority vote required) **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) **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 6:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William F Kidder III, Town Clerk



A true copy attest: William F Kidder III, Town Clerk