

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
2022 TOWN MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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BALLOT VOTING MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022  
KEARSARGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER 7AM-7PM

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.

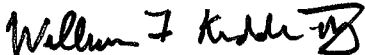
A motion was made by Will Kidder and seconded by Linda Jackman to act on Article 1:

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 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 9th, at the gym at the Kearsarge Learning Center to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 19.

Moderator Todd closed the polls at 7:00 P.M., and the results were called at 7:12 P.M.

Attest:



William F Kidder III, Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 1:**

**A. Results of Non Partisan Balloting for Town Officials**

1052 Ballots were cast, including 115 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3,497  
Winners in bold.

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

Colin Beasley	460
<b>Bill Helm</b>	<b>558</b>
Write In	1

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

<b>Michael Todd</b>	<b>887</b>
Write-Ins	10

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

<b>James Steproe</b>	<b>842</b>
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**Supervisor of the Checklist (For 6 Years) – Vote for not more than One**

<b>Celeste Cook</b>	<b>904</b>
Write-Ins	0

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

Charles P Kelsey	348
Michael Williams	310
<b>John B Wilson</b>	<b>437</b>
<b>Lou Botta</b>	<b>415</b>
John Cannon	267
<b>Mark Christensen</b>	<b>454</b>
Write-Ins	5

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

<b>Judith Fox</b>	<b>497</b>
Joanne Palmisano	399
<b>Gerald (Jerry) Coogan</b>	<b>570</b>

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

<b>Charles M Hafner</b>	<b>923</b>
Write-In	1

B.

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 588 NO 385**

The Planning Board proposes to amend Article V Residential Districts, Section B, 3. The amendments will reduce the minimum lot size in the Urban Residential (R-1) Zone to 10,000 square feet for lots with public sewer and water services.

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 575 NO 384**

The Planning Board proposes the amendment of Article VII Commercial District, D., 1. The amendments will reduce the density requirement to one family per 5,000 square feet of land.

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 593 NO 349**

The Planning Board proposes the amendment to Article XVIII, Cluster Development, B. General Requirements, 5. Lot Size and Frontage Requirements, b. & c. The proposed amendment creates a third category (item c) for Urban Residential R-1 with a minimum lot size of 7,500 square feet and clarifies that item b includes lots in Residential (R-2), Conservation and the Agricultural Rural Residential (ARR) Zones.

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 610 NO 335**

The Planning Board proposes amendments to Article XIX Planning Unit Development, B. General Requirements, 6. Lot Size and Frontage Requirements. The amendment proposes the minimum lot size in Urban Residential Planned Unit Developments be 7,500 square feet.

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**TOWN MEETING MARCH 9, 2022  
KEARSARGE LEARNING CENTER GYM AT 7:00PM  
151 TOTAL VOTERS CHECKED IN**

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.

The New London Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the national anthem.

Moderator Todd pointed out the Town Report is dedicated to three prominent citizens; Jessie Levine, Mary Teach and Louise Bailey 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.

Selectman Nancy Rollins addressed the meeting to thank Chairman John Cannon for his service as a selectman and his dedication to the town.

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

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 as presented in the Town Report.

Motion to accept: John Tilley Second: Charles Giles

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

#### **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)

Motion to consider: John Tilley Second: Charles Giles

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

#### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)** for the purpose of **repairs and renovations of Whipple Town Hall and the Buker Building** and further to authorize the issuance of **six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)** 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. To also raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$38,100)** for the purpose of **Debt Service Principal and Interest** on this bond. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (3/5 Ballot vote required)*

Motion to consider: John Tilley Second: Charles Giles

Phil Sherman, Building and Facilities Committee offered comments on his committee's work on the article.

Bill Helm offered and spoke to his amendment from the floor to reduce the amount raised to \$300,000 and further authorize the issuance of \$300,000 of bonds or notes while raising \$19,050 for the purpose of debt service principal and interest on this bond. His motion was seconded by John Raby

Bill Helm and John Raby spoke for the article and Joe Cardillo and John Cannon spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was defeated and the ballot vote on the original article as written ensued. Balloting remained open for one hour.

**BALLOT VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE 132-17**

#### **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **nine hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$946,000)** payable over a term of 60 (sixty) months for the **replacement of Fire Engine #2**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred fifty-six thousand five hundred**

dollars (\$356,500) for the first year's payment from the Fire Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. *The Board of Selectman and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (3/5 Ballot vote required)*

Motion to consider: John Tilley Second: Thelma Kaplan

Bill Steele asked a question on the equipment that was answered by Fire Chief Jason Lyon. Balloting remained open for one hour.

### BALLOT VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE 139-10

Voter Curtis Roddy brought up a point of order to move Article 22 for consideration after Article 4 as the high school students had homework that needed to be done.

Motion to consider Article 22 after Article 4: Thelma Kaplan Second: John Tilley **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

### ARTICLE 22

Motion to consider: Charles Giles Second: John Ellis **VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

**Purpose** The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- A. Encourage the use of reusable checkout bags
- B. Ban the use of single use plastic bags at checkout
- C. Improve the environment in the town of New London

#### **Justification**

Single use plastic bags pollute our local rivers and lakes and disintegrate into smaller particles that contaminate the soils and waterways around us. These plastic particles enter the food supply of animals and humans alike, causing mass contamination. These bags contribute or litter and further increase the volume and toxicity of waste materials in our solid waste system, costing New London considerable economic resources.

**Definitions** The following terms will have the meanings as listed:

Checkout bag – bags given to shoppers to hold purchased merchandise after checking out in a store.

Recyclable Paper Bag – has the following characteristics:

- a. Categorized as reusable by the manufacturer
- b. 100% recyclable

Produce Bag – plastic bags that aren't recyclable and are meant to hold fruits and vegetables.

Reusable Checkout Bag – has the following characteristics:

- a. Specifically manufactured for reuse
- b. Made of cloth or other fabric

Single Use Plastic Bag – has the following characteristics:

- a. Made from plastic
- b. Meant to be used once and then thrown away

Retail Establishment – a for profit, commercial enterprise including, but not limited to retail stores, pharmacies, convenience and grocery stores, and seasonal and temporary businesses.

#### **Prohibition on Checkout Bags and Other Requirements**

- A. If any retail establishment provides checkout bags to customers, the bag must be a recyclable paper bag, a reusable plastic bag, or a reusable checkout bag.
- B. No single-use plastic bags will be provided by retail establishments at checkout

Retailers are strongly encouraged to make reusable checkout bags available to customers

Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable checkout bags.

**Exemption** This will not apply to plastic produce bags. Restaurants are also exempt.

**Operative Date** This ordinance will become effective on January 1, 2023, to allow retail establishments to dispose of and replace their existing inventory of single-use plastic checkout bags with compliant packaging materials.

**Petitioned warrant article.** (Majority vote required)

High school students Madelin Prak, Amber Houle and Meghan Blood spoke for their petitioned article as did Joan Lamson, Tina Helm and John Ellis.

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 5**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Heidi Hill Tobin

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million five hundred two thousand three hundred fifty-three dollars (\$1,502,353)** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Executive	317,993	<b>351,186</b>
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	101,671	<b>110,534</b>
Financial Administration	345,352	<b>365,656</b>
Reassessment of Property	90,947	<b>92,447</b>
Legal	10,500	<b>10,500</b>
Personnel Administration	94,880	<b>97,794</b>
Planning and Zoning	103,071	<b>124,196</b>
Cemeteries	30,359	<b>32,224</b>
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	98,818	<b>98,823</b>
Advertising & Regional Associations	18,736	<b>18,818</b>
General Government Buildings	<u>213,175</u>	<u><b>200,175</b></u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,425,442</b>	<b>\$1,502,353</b>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 6**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million four hundred ninety-six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,496,900)** for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Police Department	1,275,042	<b>1,353,443</b>
Fire Department	566,227	<b>594,244</b>
Firewards	292	<b>292</b>
Emergency Management	32,302	<b>29,212</b>
Communications Department	<u>462,124</u>	<u><b>519,709</b></u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,335,997</b>	<b>\$2,496,900</b>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 7**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Jan Beardsley-Blanco

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three million twenty-nine thousand seventy-four dollars (\$3,029,074)** for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Highway Administration	985,831	1,041,857
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	527,700	563,300
Street Lighting	10,000	9,500
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	443,559	490,238
Solid Waste Cleanup	19,000	17,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>835,002</u>	<u>907,179</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,821,092</b>	<b>\$3,029,074</b>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 8**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan Second: Michael Williams

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred seventy-eight thousand four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$278,494)** for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		
Health Administration	6,871	6,340
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,566	12,566
Kearsarge Council on Aging	35,000	38,500
New London Hospital Ambulance	184,095	189,618
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	1,500	4,000
<b>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</b>		
Welfare Administration	5,463	5,470
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	6,000	6,000
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$267,495</b>	<b>\$278,494</b>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 9**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight hundred sixty-eight thousand six hundred thirteen dollars (\$868,613)** for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Recreation Department	222,698	192,785
Tracy Memorial Library	562,000	584,480
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	26,000
Conservation Administration	18,205	19,946
Energy Committee	450	900
Housing Commission	1,500	16,302
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>24,400</u>	<u>27,900</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$830,553</b>	<b>\$868,613</b>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 10**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Sara Scheuch

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred eighty-two thousand twenty dollars (\$682,020)** for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	500,282	525,544
Interest - Bonds and Notes	150,284	156,476
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$650,566</u>	<u>\$682,020</u>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 11**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine hundred fifty-seven thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$957,510)** from the following sources: **nine hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$937,510)** 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)

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Sidewalk Project	30,000	30,000
Computer Maintenance	24,000	24,000
Fire Department Radios	15,000	15,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000	10,000
Conservation Land Purchase	25,000	50,000
Fire Vehicle	130,000	210,000
Gravel Road Upgrades & Paving	100,000	100,000
Town Vehicles & Equip. Repairs	10,000	-0-
Highway Equipment Replacement	339,510	339,510
Police Equipment	10,000	10,000
Tracy Library Improvements	35,000	35,000
Communications Equipment	34,000	34,000
Town Building Maintenance	50,000	50,000
Energy Conservation	30,000	30,000
Sewer Department	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$852,510</u>	<u>\$957,510</u>

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

**ARTICLE 12**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Jan Beardsley-Blanco

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000)** for the purpose of sidewalk repairs and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **one hundred twenty thousand**

dollars (\$120,000) from the Sidewalk Project 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

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty-four thousand dollars (\$64,000)** for the purchase of a pick-up truck and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **sixty-four thousand dollars (\$64,000)** 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 14

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** for the repair of the bridge located at Lakeshore Drive and Pleasant Street and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** from the Bridge Maintenance 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

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred ninety-seven thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$297,039)** for the purchase a six-wheel dump truck and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **two hundred ninety-seven thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$297,039)** 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 16

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Jan Beardsley-Blanco

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** for the purpose of paving gravel roads and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** from the Gravel Roads Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Celeste Cook spoken in favor of this article.

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE



## ARTICLE 17

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Jan Beardsley-Blanco

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** for the purpose of Job Seamans pumps replacement and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** 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 18

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: Jan Beardsley-Blanco

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** for the purpose of Georges Mills Pump Station roof repairs and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** 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 19

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** for the purpose of Sewer Pipe Slip Lining and to authorize funding this appropriation by withdrawal of **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** 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 20

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Records Management System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of management and digitization of the towns records and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** 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 21

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

To see if the Town will vote to remove the requirement placed on the 2021 Town Meeting approval of Warrant Article # 17 that the purchaser of town owned property, Map 136/01/0/0/0/, consisting of 0.45 acres, more or less, and located on King Hill Road, combine the purchased property with their existing lot. The buyers cannot get a clear title from the Town so they do not want to combine the property with their current property as to do so would have a negative impact on the title for that property. All other requirements of the approved article remain including the sale price of \$48,500 and the 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 23**

Motion to consider: Thelma Kaplan      Second: John Tilley

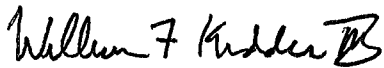
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required)

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

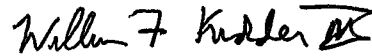
There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, a motion was made by Thelma Kaplan and seconded by John Tilley to dissolve the meeting at 8:57 PM.

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Respectfully submitted,



William F Kidder III, Town Clerk



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