



TOWN OF
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 19, 2026
Whipple Memorial Town Hall
5:30 PM

PRESENT:

Bebe Hammond Casey, Chairman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Richard Anderson, Selectman
Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Will Kidder, Town Clerk and Tax Collector	John Ellis
Tom Foerster	Colin Beasley
Rich Epstein	Bob Bowers
Peter Hogle	

Chair Casey called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 PM.

Public Hearing: Warrant Articles on Keno and Games of Chance

- Article 4: "Shall the town prohibit the operation of Keno games within the town?" (Board of Selectmen recommends this article).
- Article 5: "Shall the town prohibit the operation of games of chance within the town?" (Board of Selectmen recommends this article).
- Key Discussion Points:
 - Reversibility: If the town wishes to reinstate Keno and Games of Chance in the future, it can be done via a warrant article.
 - Scope of "Games of Chance": Raffles by organizations like the Elkins Game Fishing Club or New London Hospital are not under this jurisdiction and can still happen.
 - Lottery Commission Presentation: A presentation from the State Lottery Commission is available on the website and as hard copies.
 - Warrant Articles Status: The articles are already finalized and included in the town warrant; the public hearing is for questions and concerns, not to sway their inclusion.
 - **No other public questions or comments.**
- **Public hearing closed-5:03 PM**

Chair Casey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Chair Casey- Tribute to Bruce Parsons

- Acknowledged the unexpected death of Bruce Parsons, a long-time resident active on many town boards, most recently the Police Facilities Advisory Committee.
- Condolences extended to his family and gratitude expressed for his contributions to New London.

Richard Tutwiler, Director, Tracy Memorial Library – Alternate Trustee Appointment

- Appointment of Christy Leboeuf as an alternate trustee.
- An alternate steps in if a current trustee needs to step away, fulfilling the remainder of their term before seeking election.
- The Library Board recommended Christy Leboeuf on January 21st.
- Discussion on Alternate Trustee Voting Rights:
 - Michael Todd questioned whether the library's rules of procedure allow alternate trustees to participate in discussions and vote if a regular trustee is absent.
 - Richard Tutwiler, Director, clarified that an alternate trustee participates in discussions but does not vote unless they are permanently filling a vacant position.
 - This differs from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, where alternates have voting rights if a regular member is absent.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to appoint Christy Leboeuf as an alternate trustee for the library board. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Michael Todd, Moderator, Appointment of Alternate Inspectors of Election

- Appointment of three registered voters as alternate inspectors of election for town elections in March and the town meeting.
- These would be volunteers to assist with upcoming elections and town meetings.
- Many current inspectors' terms expire in 2026; the co-chairs will reach out to them for reappointment, and new appointments may be sought in July.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to Anne Wustrow, Susan Patterson Nichols, and Mark Vernon as inspectors of the election. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- **Town Report:**
 - Status: Sent to printers.
 - Proof will be received tomorrow, and we need to provide edits to Country Press by Monday morning.
 - Historically, a 'perfect binding', but the printer could not confirm.
 - Board of Selectmen should receive a spiral-bound version.
- **Voter Guide:**
 - Sent out yesterday, receiving positive feedback.

- Copies available at the town office, distributed via Municipal Matters distribution list, and on the town website.
- Improvements: Identified areas for improvement for next year, including adding tax appropriation details.
- **Trustees of the Trust Fund:**
 - Art Scutro resigned effective immediately.
 - The Board of Selectmen needs to appoint someone to fill the seat. They can wait until after the town election to see who doesn't win the other open Trustee seat and potentially appoint that candidate.
- **Community Events:**
 - This Saturday (2/21/25), a community event with Colby-Sawyer at the men's and women's basketball doubleheader (women's at 1 PM, men's at 3 PM, free throw game in between). Dean McCurdy, President of Colby-Sawyer, and Ashley Seybold aim to increase town activity in college events.
 - Jay Lyon's Retirement Celebration: April 25th, 3-6 PM, at Colby-Sawyer's Wheeler Hall. Open to the public. An ad will be placed in the shopper. His last day is March 31st.
- **Dispatch RFP:**
 - Earlier in the week, Bebe Casey provided Ashley and Chief Cobb additional time to get the draft of the RFP complete.
 - Goal: To have the RFP ready for a Board of Selectmen meeting in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Ellis, resident, noted that Joe's term is also expiring, and there are two candidates running for the two open elected seats. Ashley Seybold clarified that the Board of Selectmen could appoint the candidate who doesn't win the elected seats.
- John Ellis asked for clarification on the "average annual commission on Keno 603" figure (\$8251.00) as presented by the State Lottery Commission and its application to 14 potential establishments (8 restaurants, 6 gas stations). Ashley believed the figure was an average for new Keno locations, not a multiplier for all potential locations. There was some discussion that the number of restaurants and gas stations seemed incorrect.
- Rich Epstein, resident, asked if residents could provide input before the RFP is finalized. Ashley clarified that the draft will be reviewed at a public meeting, allowing for public comments during that section, but it will not be an opportunity for back-and-forth editing.

MEETING MINUTES:

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to accept the minutes of the February 12th meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PAY VOUCHERS, PERMITS etc.

Items to be signed:

Payroll Authorization Vouchers and Accounts Payable – February 19, 2026
Payroll Authorization Vouchers and Accounts Payable – February 26, 2026

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Building/Zoning Permits – Approved

- Thomas Living Trust – 1082 Main St. – 109-015 BP -26-01
- Leslie Kaufman – 129 Woodland Trace – 094-016 – BP 26-02
- Bruce Hutchinson – 98 Blueberry Lane – 087-004 – BP 26-03
- David Aisner – 67 Moyer Lane – 103-008 – BP 25-88
- Elizabeth Gunby – 83 Squires Lane – 096-025 – BP 26-04
- Paul Fox & Judith Mize – 475 Bunker Rd. – 063-004 – BP 26-08
- John Bowen & Nancy Klotz – 1759 Little Sunapee Rd. – 043-014 – BP 24-59E
- Cynthia Hunt – Wallula Rd. – 033-019- DW 25-60 w/ conditions

Application for Partial Release of Current Use

- Raynald Carre & Abigail Bower – 553 Pleasant St. – 048-002

Application for property tax credit/exemption

- Michael Esposito/ Shanshan Chen 27 Pearl St.– Solar Credit
- MBM Family Trust – 16 The Seasons – Vets Credit
- Daniel Dobrowolski – 151 Forty Acres Rd. – Vets Credit and Disabled Vet
- Brian Phelan & Mary Phelan – 282 Brookside Dr. – Solar Credit
- Jessie Waterman – 37 Pearl St. – Blind Credit
- Rebecca Burns – 28 Oxbow Rd. – Vets Credit
- William & Betty Stockwell – 237 Sutton RD. – Solar Credit

Application for Intent to Cut:

- Douglas Homan – Maple Lane – 130-026-000

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Biuso
Town of New London

Note: RSA 91-A:2, II provides that “*Minutes of all such meetings, including nonpublic sessions, shall include the names of members, persons appearing before the public bodies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions.*” A video of the entire meeting may be available for viewing on the town website, NewLondon.NH. gov, if more than the brief description contained in these meeting minutes is desired.