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NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
Whipple Memorial Town Hall  
5:30 PM

**PRESENT:**

Bebe Hammond Casey, Chairman  
Janet Kidder, Selectman  
Richard Anderson, Selectman  
Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator  
Lynn Lewis, Finance Officer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mike Gelsius  
Sue Andrews  
Bob Bowers  
John Ellis  
Will Kidder

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

**The Board of Selectmen presented a proclamation for Ruth White**

Chair Casey presented a proclamation honoring Ruth White for over 20 years of dedicated service to the town, including involvement with the Conservation Commission, Knights Hill Nature Park Committee, and the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust. The proclamation highlighted her lifelong commitment to education and the environment.

The New London Board of Selectmen expressed deep appreciation for Ruth White's service. Mike Gelsius, of the Conservation Commission, recognized the deep impact of Ruth White's work on the Commission and noted the positive personal impact she had on those around her.

**Michael Todd, Moderator-**

- **Town Election (March 10th):**
  - **Location:** Whipple Hall.
  - **Volunteers:** Fully scheduled for three-hour shifts.
  - **Setup/Cleanup:** Setup begins March 6th, cleanup on March 11th.
  - **Voting Equipment:** A new accessible voting machine has been received and is being tested. New standing polling stations to be piloted.
  - **Ballots:** All ballots received and counted. Ballot machine tested.
  - **Absentee Ballots:** To be processed starting 10:00 a.m. on Election Day, posted in three locations.
  - **Selectmen Requirement:** Three selectmen are required to be present all day. Rich will be abroad.
  - **Action Item:** Coordinate with Bill Helm for a temporary selectman appointment for Election Day and then finalize the shift schedule with the other selectmen.

- **Town Meeting (March 18th):**
  - **Location:** Hogan Sports Center.
  - **Setup:** DPW to set up tarps and chairs in the morning. One set of bleachers opened, others in reserve. Team to arrive at 3:00 p.m.
  - **Stage:** A larger stage with stairs for access to accommodate all parties.
  - **PA System:** Upgraded PA system to accommodate hearing impairments.
  - **Microphones:** Six microphones (four at the table, two mobile).
  - **Check-in:** Five electronic poll pads will be used, significantly speeding up check-in. Manual books will also be run as a fallback.
  - **Ballot Boxes:** New "shoe box" ballot boxes will be used for efficient secret ballot voting at seats.
  - **Opening:** Doors open at 5:00 p.m., meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. YCN Cable will record.
  - **Slideshow:** Revolving slideshow of New London photographs (past and present) will be projected during check-in.
  - **Time Limits for Speakers:**
    - **Discussion:** A selectman raised concerns about limiting speaker time. Michael stated that it's the voters' meeting, and they will decide whether time limits are imposed.

#### **Warrant Article Assignments:**

- **Discussion:** Reviewed draft warrant article assignments, corrected fiscal year references, Provide updated copies to the board.

**Chief Lyon Recognition:** Steve Ensign (Firewards) plans to speak at the beginning of Town Meeting to recognize Chief Lyon's retirement.

#### **Main Street Sidewalk Sinkhole**

- **Discussion:** Adam Ricker has connected with a representative from Cross Point, who is open to meeting with DOT. Adam is awaiting a response from DOT's contact, who was previously out of the office. This meeting will focus specifically on the sinkhole, not on the separate catch-basin issue.

#### **Tri-Town Assessing Citizen Representative Reappointment**

- **Discussion:** New London is due to appoint a citizen representative to the Tri-Town Assessing Committee. Emily Campbell, who previously served and has a background in real estate, expressed interest in continuing to serve.

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to appoint Emily Campbell as the citizen representative for New London on the Tri-Town Assessing Committee. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Bob Bowers**, resident, expressed satisfaction with the progress but urged a face-to-face meeting involving the Board Chair to emphasize the seriousness of the issue. He also suggested exploring solutions that don't hinge on liability identification.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- **Building Security:**
  - Whipple, Buker, Academy Building: Additional security installed, including internal cameras in Whipple, internal/external cameras at Academy Building, and keypad/fob access for multiple doors.
  - Academy Building Front Staircase: The door at the top of the front staircase is now locked; visitors must check in at the front desk.
- **Dispatch RFP:** Emily and the Town Administrator will finalize the RFP on Thursday.
- **New London Day:**
  - Date: Saturday, May 2nd.
  - Plan: Same as in prior years, DPW provides a truck for trash collection and transport to the transfer station.
- **Town Report:**
  - Status: Few copies available at the town offices. Hardbound copies are imminent.
  - Distribution: Will be available at town offices, library, and transfer station.
  - Timeline: Needs to be available before next Tuesday (March 10th).
  - Cost: Noted that mailing to every resident (as in Orford) would be expensive.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS & REPORTS

- **Board of Firewards (Feb 23rd):**
  - Steve Dube was introduced as a new full-time firefighter.
  - Fire truck cab and chassis are here, installation scheduled.
  - Internal posting for Fire Chief position (Chief Lyon's last day is March 31st). If no recommendation, a general posting will follow. Criteria are being reviewed.
  - Annual meeting: April 14th at the Refinery.
  - Recognition event for Chief Lyon: April 25th at Wheeler Hall, Colby Sawyer College.
- **Tri-Town Assessing Meeting (Feb 26th):**
  - Kris's certification is due this year; it will be biennial going forward.
  - Newbury has six appeals.
  - New London will have an update due to sales.
  - DRA reviewing files in Sunapee, requiring staff to gather information.
  - No current re-valuations, but new construction is being assessed.
  - Newbury still has an open position for Land Use and Assessing Coordinator.
- **Planning Board Public Hearing (March 2nd):**
  - 394 Main Street (Former Allioops): Building to be renovated.
    - Ice cream shop at the front (43 seats).
    - Two restaurant spaces: Pizza Chef (32 seats) and Dunkin' Donuts (10 seats).
    - 18x2 x 44x2 inch addition over current concrete patio slab.
    - Exterior changes: 18 seasonal outdoor seats for ice cream, ADA accessible ramp/walkway.
    - Fire protection is being planned. Sign permits filed separately.
    - Dunkin' Donuts hopes to open by August 2026.
    - Parking: 47 spaces (currently 70 provided, including lower lot).
    - No status yet for the former Dunkin' Donuts location.
    - Hope for the ice cream shop to open sooner for summer.
    - Plans are comprehensive and available on the Planning Board website.
- **Water Precinct Meeting (March 3rd):**
  - Meter replacements are ongoing.

- Water usage is down.
- Money withheld from the Main Street bond for paving and loam. Contractor will repair cross-trenches/bumps. (Work was delayed until October due to punch list timing.)

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 19th. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF PAY VOUCHERS, PERMITS, etc.**

**Items to be signed:**

**Applications Approved &/or Denied**

Building/Zoning Permits – Approved

- James & Alicia Craven – 127 Little Sunapee Rd, 059-033-000 – BP 26-05
- Richard & Trisha Ofsanko – 564 Lakeshore Dr. – 050-009-000 – BP 26-06
- Robert & Angela Strong – 76 Fenwood Dr. – 058-010-000 – BP 26-07
- Thomas Living Trust – 1082 Main St. – 109-015-000 – BP 26-10
- New London Historical Society – 13 Old Village Rd. – 059-035-000 – BP 26-11
- Marilyn & Bruce Soper – 178 Old Main St. – 107-017-000 – BP 26-12
- Kahn Family Trust – 101 Summit View Rd. – 138-005-000 – 26-13
- Masingill Family Rev. Trust – 460 Knights Hill Rd. – 095-039-000 – 26-14

Application for property tax credit/exemption

- Morten Sogaard and Chung-Hyun Lee Sogaard – 8 Herrick Cove Lane – 091-026-000 – Solar
- Frederick Kilar Revocable Trust – 1216 King Hill Rd. – 130-007-000- Disabled Vet Credit
- Cindy Daley Revocable Trust – 269 Burpee Hill Rd. – 081-009-000 - Solar

Application for Raffle Permit for Charitable Organization – Approved

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Application to Use New London Town Property – Approved

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Application for Current Use Assessment – Approved

- Ginerre Trust – Farwell Lane – Map/Lot – 081-024

Applications for Sewer Waivers

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Biuso

Town of New London

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