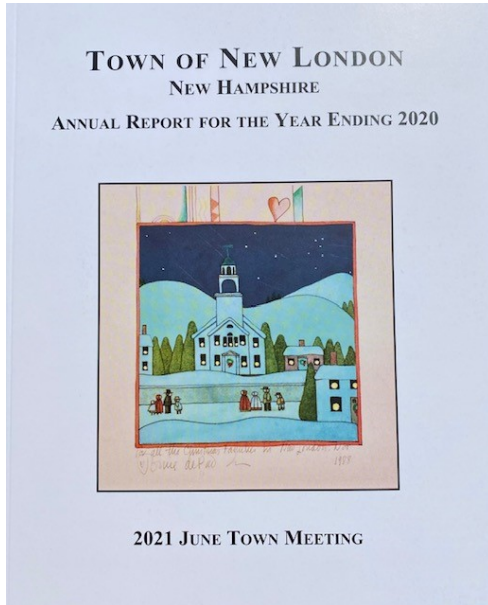




Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire June 7, 2021

Town Meeting 2021



The 2020 Town Report is now available for pickup at the Town Office, Tracy Library, and the Transfer Station and on the town's [website](#). They will also be available at the polls on Tuesday, June 8th and Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 9th. The cover is made memorable thanks to a work of art by New London's Tomie dePaola.

Town Elections: Tuesday, June 8th: 7:00 am—7:00 pm at the **Public Works Garage**, 184 S. Pleasant St.



Sample [Ballot](#) is available on the town website.

Town Meeting: Wednesday, June 9th: 6:00 PM **Historical Society**, 179 Little Sunapee Road. The meeting will be held outside, under a tent, so please dress for the conditions.

[Warrant](#) is available on the town website.

Composting in New London, NH Past, Present and Future

On the 2020 New London Master Plan survey, residents of New London strongly supported a town initiative to collect food waste for composting. Sustainability and resilience were the second highest town priorities overall.

The New London Solid Waste Committee expressed interest in composting initiatives, as did the Kearsarge Climate Action Group. The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) invited interested schools in the KRSD to take part in a three day composting training in the spring of 2020. However, once the schools went to remote learning due to the pandemic, the training itself went remote and our schools did not participate.

One community member did take the online course and spent one day of training at a community garden in Vermont. As a result of this composting class and networking with various members of the Kearsarge community, New London was included on two USDA grant applications written by UVLSRPC and Composting Association of Vermont, one dealing with community composting and the latter dealing with community-farmer composting loops. Spring Ledge Farm, Musterfield Farm and the Kearsarge Food Hub agreed to be written into the grant as recipients of its planning services. We will learn in June or July whether those grants have been awarded.

On June 24, 2021 the New London Public Works Department will sponsor a Backyard Composting Workshop. This workshop will address the basic science of food composting, as well as the nuts and bolts of beginning simple, cold composting on the homeowner's property. This workshop is limited to 20 New London residents on a first come, first served basis. Residents of all ages are welcome.

A limited number of composting pails and bins will be offered, at cost, to the attendees, and then to other

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residents afterwards. There will be training materials and additional online educational sites provided as part of the workshop.

Another idea on the table is to run a composting pilot program in New London, through the Department of Public Works/transfer station. This would entail recruiting a limited number of families to separate their food scraps from their overall garbage, weigh both, and complete a data sheet on a routine basis over a 3-6 month period.

The hope is that such a program will: 1) raise consciousness about the weight of food waste; 2) the value of food waste diversion from the trash stream, in terms of composting and its benefits to the environment and 3) raising awareness of the increasing costs of hauling trash and paying tipping fees in Berlin, NH

These composting activities may provide opportunities for student involvement/internships. Access to large compost tumblers at cost, and further training for schools and community living settings, such as Hilltop Place and Lyon Brook will hopefully occur in the future.

Backyard Composting Workshop Invitation

Who: New London Residents of all ages

Where: New London Highway Garage
184 South Pleasant Street

When: Thursday, June 24, 2021
10:00-11:00 AM (Rain or Shine)

Attendance is limited to 20 residents, on a first come, first served basis. Registration opens on Thursday, June 10, 2021. One large composting bin will be raffled off to attendees. A limited number of small kitchen composting pails and large yard bins will also be available, at cost, to attendees, and then to other community members.

To register, please contact Nancy Barthol at the New London Public Works department: 603-526-6337 or e-mail to: nlhd@nl-nh.com



HELP WANTED Summer Positions

Now accepting applications for lifeguards:
\$13.50—\$15.00/hour and for
beach attendants: **\$10.50/hour**

Lifeguard certification reimbursement program available. Certification trainings will be held soon; please contact us for more info.

Applications available: www.nl-nh.com/jobs
E-mail to: recreation@nl-nh.com or leave at drop box at Town Office.

Meeting Calendar

Please check the town's web calendar for meeting locations and updates.

- Mon, June 7 @ 6PM—Selectmen's Meeting
- Tues, June 8 @ 7:00AM-7:00PM—Elections-Public Works Garage**
- Wed, June 9 @ 6PM - Town Meeting—Historical Society**
- Thurs, June 10 @ 6:00 PM—Housing Commission
- Wed, June 16 @ 8:30 AM—Conservation Comm.
- Mon, June 21 @ 6:00 PM Selectmen's Meeting
- Tues, June 22 @ 6:30 PM— Planning Board

For a complete list of meetings, go to town website: www.NL-NH.com/calendar. All meetings are open to the public; the public is encouraged to attend.

Brush/Metal Disposal Center Hours

TRANSFER STATION DECAL REQUIRED

June
Tuesdays: 8 am—3:30 pm
Thursdays: 8 am—3:30 pm
Sunday: Noon—4 pm

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