

Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire April 12, 2024



Selectmen to Form a Police Facilities Advisory Committee

Town Meeting voted 169 to 215 to reject a mandate that would have forced the selectmen to abandon plans to investigate alternate sites for the police department as part of their efforts to come up with a plan to improve the police facilities. A majority of the voters agreed that more information is needed before a decision can be made to either keep the police department on Seamans Road or to build a new facility on an alternate site.

The selectmen have engaged the services of Colliers Project Leaders to assist them in evaluating the current site versus a new site. The advisory committee will consist of residents with experience in law enforcement, building and construction, as well as citizens who will bring a fresh perspective of how best to provide the police and dispatchers with facilities that will allow them to do their jobs.

Citizens are encouraged to follow this topic reviewing information on the town website: **Current Topics** tab:

[2024 Police Station Project](#)



Town Office Welcomes Jennifer Sweet!

Jenn joined the town office staff as the Land Use & Assessing Clerk. She has a background in paralegal work which will be an asset as she assists property owners in matters related to understanding their property cards and various permit requirements. Jenn also spent

almost twenty-five years at a small local retail business so she understands the value of great customer service. In her free time Jenn enjoys gardening, walks around town and spending time with her daughter, Abbey. You will also see her at Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings taking minutes.

Welcome, Jenn!

Calling all Volunteers!

Have you ever wondered how you can get involved in your town without having to run for an elected office?

In addition to elected officials such as the Selectmen and members of the Budget Committee, New London has many boards and committees filled with dozens of volunteer residents whose membership on these boards and committees makes the town better in so many ways. Please consider being one of these volunteers!

A desire to contribute is more important than prior experience!

Volunteers are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for varying term lengths (generally it is 3 years). When a term is up, an interested member can ask for reappointment however sometimes the Board of Selectmen may be looking to give another citizen the opportunity to serve and will opt to appoint a new volunteer to the group. Appointments for each year, unless filling an unexpected vacancy, are generally done after Town Meeting.

Even if you looked a few years ago and think you know what volunteer opportunities are available, it's always good to check in and see if there is anything new you might be interested in. Occasionally, new groups are formed for a specific purpose such as the Whipple Hall Project Committee that was formed to assist the Selectmen with coordinating the 2023 renovation efforts. Other examples of new committees include the Housing Commission in 2021, the Waste Reduction Committee in 2022, and the newly formed Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee that was just created on April 6, 2024!

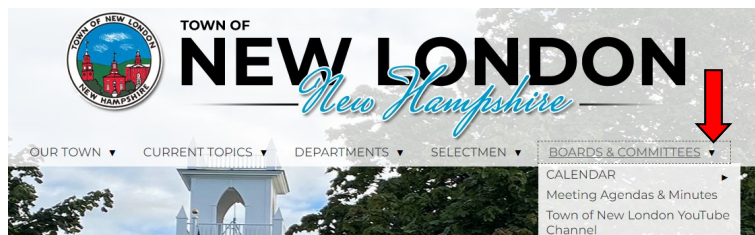
Not sure what might be expected of you from a board or committee? All meetings are open to the public, and

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posted on the calendar of the front page of our town website. You can also find our *Public Meeting Schedule* on the bulletin boards outside and inside the Town Offices, and posted outside the New London Post Office. You will find meeting agendas and minutes posted on our website under each group. Many meetings are now recorded and posted on our official Town of New London [YouTube Channel](#).

Here's a snapshot of the homepage of our website:



The red arrow shows you where you can find a list of Boards and Committees, as well as quick links to the calendar, agendas & minutes page, and meeting recordings. Some groups listed may no longer be active but we keep the pages posted to make it easier to access those historical records.

Current groups that you can consider requesting appointment to include:

- Archives Committee
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Firewards
- Citizens Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Committee
- Housing Commission
- Planning Board
- Police Facilities Advisory Committee
- Recreation Commission
- Waste Reductions Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

In addition to these groups, there are also opportunities to volunteer assisting on election days as ballot clerks.

Please consider taking a moment to fill out a Volunteer Interest Form, found at the end of this publication, and submitting it to our offices. We encourage everyone, regardless of background, to pursue an opportunity that excites you! Questions? Feel free to email, call or stop by the town office!

Partial Solar Eclipse April 8, 2024



Where were you?

April is Earth Month!

Find your way to celebrate with one of these upcoming opportunities:



Celebrate Earth Day with the New London Conservation Commission

Join us for a guided hike on the Webb Forest Interpretive Trail, a 3.5-mile hike over hilly terrain with new interpretive signs explaining forestry and wildlife features.

- ◇ **When:** Monday, 22 April, 8:30 am– 11:30 am
- ◇ **Where:** Trail head, Lakeshore Drive, New London
- ◇ **Leaders:** Jim Dexter (42acton@gmail.com)
Dave Hollinger (dyhollinger@gmail.com)

New London Conservation Commission (nl-nhcc.com)



Garden at Tracy Library Come Garden With Us!

Opening Day for volunteers at the Garden at Tracy Library is Monday, April 29. Please join us in the Library Community Room at 9 am for a short welcome reception and light refreshments, followed by spring clean-up in the Garden.

Can't make Opening Day? Join us any Monday between 9 and noon throughout the gardening season. Work for an hour or whatever fits your schedule. No experience necessary. Bring your garden gloves and enjoy the camaraderie of our volunteers!

Learn more about this historic garden at gardenattracy.org

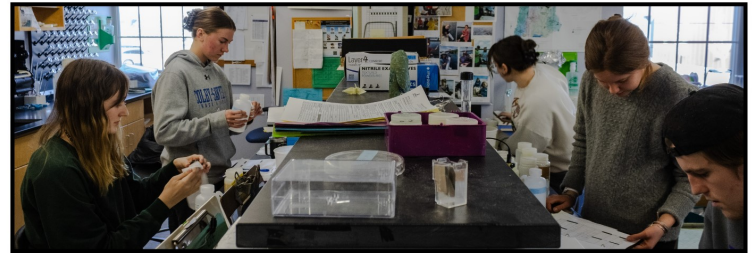


The Pleasant Lake Community Based Research Project (ENV 302) Final Presentation to the Community

Tuesday, April 23rd, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Being held in Ivey 104, Clements Hall, Ivey Science Center
Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH

Join us as we report our lake assessment findings
from this year



7th Annual New London Day *Town-wide Street Cleanup*

Saturday May 11

(Rain Date: May 12)

8AM - 2PM

Municipal lot across from
The Tracy Library

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gary Faccone: 727-8064 * gfn163@yahoo.com

Follow New London Day on Facebook

**REMINDER: DOG LICENSE RENEWALS ARE
DUE BEFORE APRIL 30TH**



RABIES VACCINATIONS MUST BE UP TO DATE

Dogs may be licensed in person at the Town Clerk's Office at 375 Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm. Residents who are renewing may also do so online or by mail. Dogs over 3 months old should be licensed too.

Male and Female Dogs	\$ 9.00
Neutered Male and Spayed Female	6.50
Puppies (1 st Year)	6.50
Senior Owner (1 per household)	2.00

Failure to license your dog is a violation of RSA 466:1 and subjects you to a \$1.00 late fee penalty per month. Civil forfeiture of \$25.00 will be applied after May 31, 2024.

Any questions, please call the Town Clerk Office:

WE ARE VILO SUPPORTERS!

Vilo and Officer Daley thank the following members of the Vilo Support Team:



Liz Maloof
Cindy Daley
Peter & Susie Nichols
Bob Cole
Tyler & Kim Woolson

Doug & Charlene Baxter
Gary Faccone
Steve Ensign
Chris & Gerry Thomas



**POLYSTYRNE (STYROFOAM®)
COLLECTION DAY APRIL 27, 2024
At New London Public Works:
184 South Pleasant Street**

The Town of New London Waste Reduction Committee (WRC) and the Department of Public Works will collect clean Styrofoam® for recycling.

This collection is for New London residents only.

The collected "foam" will be trucked to Gilford, NH, where that town collects and "densifies" the foam for further transfer to a Canadian company for recycling into insulation products. (Watch "Buster Foam" in action, explaining Foam recycling, [here!](#))

Accepted Foam items

- Foam coolers (tape and labels removed)
- Meat and produce trays (includes black)
- Foam Egg cartons (any color)
- Packing blocks around appliances/electronics/furniture
- Clean foam plates and cups, coffee cups, food clamshells or trays

Not accepted

- Pipe insulation
- Bubble wrap or thin foam wrap
- Packing peanuts
- Soft or squishy foam
- Dirty foam containers
- Foam board insulation
- Craft foam

I want to be a K9 Vilo Supporter!

Here is my donation in the amount of: _____

to help support the New London Police Department K9 Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please make check payable to:

Town of New London K9 Fund

Mail to: 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Thank you for your support!!



ARE YOU GETTING WORK DONE ON YOUR DRIVEWAY?

BE SURE TO GET YOUR DRIVEWAY PERMIT!

There is NO fee for a standard resurfacing (asphalt to asphalt)

From the New London Driveway Regulations, adopted by the Planning Board in 2007:

It shall be unlawful to construct or alter in any way that substantially affects the size, layout or grade of any driveway, driveway exit, or approach within the limits of the right-of-way to and from a Town street or a state highway in the Town of New London, public or private, that does not conform to the standards of these regulations and to the terms and specifications of a written permit issued by the Road Agent.

Please understand that it is YOU, the property owner, not the contractor, that is held liable for penalties and enforcement:

1. A violation of these regulations shall be punishable by a fine of \$275.00 for the first offense and \$550.00 for subsequent offences for each day that such violation is found to have continued after the date on which the violator receives written notice from the Town that the violator is in violation of these regulations.

2. Any person violating these regulations shall be liable for the cost of restoration of the highway to a condition satisfactory to the Road Agent or Acting Road Agent.

You can get a permit application from the [town website](#) or from the town offices. If you are not on a state road, turnaround approval could be 10-15 business days so please be considerate of that timeline and plan your work accordingly (driveways on state roads require a permit from the State DOT as well).

Questions? Please contact the Public Works Department at 603-526-6337 **before** work starts on your driveway.

Congratulations to the Colby-Sawyer College Class of 2024!

The 186th Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m.

We wish all 2024 graduates the best of luck on their next journeys.

Meeting Calendar

For a complete list of meetings, please go to town website: NewLondon.NH.gov

Tuesday, April 16 @ 5:30 PM—Housing Commission—Whipple Memorial Hall

Wednesday, April 17 @ 8:30 AM — Conservation Commission — Whipple Memorial Hall

Thursday, April 18 @ 5:30 PM—Board of Selectmen—Whipple Memorial Hall

Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30 PM – Planning Board—Whipple Memorial Hall

Thursday, April 25 @ 10:00 AM—Trustees of the Trust Fund—Whipple Conference Room

Thursday, April 25 @ 10:00 AM— Waste Reduction Committee—Whipple Memorial Hall

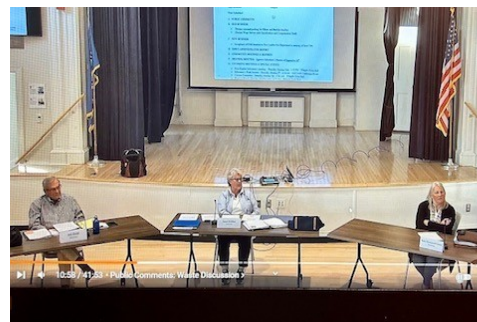
Wednesday, May 1 @ 5:30 PM—Board of Selectmen—Kearsarge Professional Development Center

Wednesday, May 1 @ 7:00 PM—Housing Commission—Whipple Memorial Hall

All meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend!

Many board meetings are now available on video. Please check for links on the various local board pages on the town website: NewLondon.NH.gov or subscribe to our YouTube channel:

youtube.com/@townofnewlondonnh8510



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TOWN OF NEW LONDON
Volunteer Interest Form
Town Committees, Boards, and Commissions (Committees)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Street Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

1. Committee on which you would like to serve: _____

2. Please describe your experience, education or training that makes you a good candidate for appointment to this committee: _____

3. Serving on a committee is a commitment that requires both attendance at meetings and work outside of meetings. Have you investigated the time commitment required of the committee that you are seeking appointment to and agree that you can fulfill that commitment?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

Appointed Boards/Positions

Archives Committee ** Ballot Workers ** Board of Firewards
Citizens Committee ** Conservation Commission ** Energy Committee
Housing Commission ** Planning Board ** Recreation Commission
Regional Planning Commission Representative
Waste Reduction Committee ** Zoning Board of Adjustment
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Please send completed application form and resume, if available, to the Board of Selectmen's Office, 375 Main Street, New London, NH 03257 or e-mail: office@NewLondon.NH.gov