



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire

March 7, 2024

Selectmen Ask Voters to Vote

NO on Article 4 at Town Meeting

"To see if the Town will vote to keep the Police Station at the current location and not spend more Town resources exploring, planning for, or designing a new police station at an alternative location."

The New London Board of Selectmen are asking voters to vote no on article 4 at Town Meeting on March 13th. Acting on what they heard at Town Meeting in 2023 where voters objected to considering the purchase of land without knowing what a potential police facility would look like, and cost, the Selectmen engaged the services of Colliers Project Leaders to assist in getting this information. Attendees at the town's winter gathering held at Colby-Sawyer College in December heard from Tony DiLuzio of Colliers on how he expects to assist citizens in understanding the options available to them before deciding on how best to address this important issue. Warrant article #4 seeks to force the selectmen to stop this process and instead make the decision now to stay at the current location. The selectmen disagree that making this decision without an analysis of the costs of the options and a full understanding of what the town will get for each option, is the prudent way to go.

To help voters understand their position, the selectmen prepared a statement that they posted to the town website and also sent to the *Intertown Record*. That statement follows:

The needs of the New London Police Department have been documented in multiple studies performed over the last 10 years. The current state of the Buker building does not support the current needs, let alone the future needs of the Police Department. An investment is necessary for a facility that can grow with the community. Such an investment must be backed by a decision rooted in a process of collaboration with the public. Public input gathered from community forums held in the last two years shows that there is public support from New London residents to prioritize the needs of the Police Department.

The voters desire a well-informed solution that is comprehensive and reflects deep consideration of costs and prospective tax impacts on residents alongside benefits and tradeoffs. It is with this in mind that the Selectmen have engaged the services of Colliers Project Leaders. The Selectmen's plan, with the support of Colliers, is to spend the next year prior to the 2025 Town Meeting engaging community members, Department Heads, other elected officials and the Police Department to build consensus and be able to provide options to the voters for consideration. If voters vote "Yes" on Article 4 at this year's Town Meeting all of that work will come to a halt.

Additional investment in this project will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that we still have available. Taxpayers will not be asked, during this cycle, for any additional funds to pay for these efforts. There was not any additional money put in the FY25 budget for this project. The money that has been spent so far has also come from ARPA funds, not from the Town's general fund.

We are asking the voters to vote "No" on Article 4. We heard from the voters at the 2023 Town Meeting that they want to see the Selectmen do their due diligence on cost estimates for the Police facility before asking the voters to vote again. We have started to do that due diligence, and we are asking the voters to allow us to complete that work. Following the town meeting, we will work with Colliers to open communication channels that will include monthly informational calls open to the public, use of social media, regular updates to the Town website, articles in Municipal Matters, Frequently Asked Questions, all in the effort to be transparent and keep everyone informed. **A "No" vote does NOT necessarily imply that a voter believes the police station should be at a new location. A "No" vote on Article 4 would suggest that the voters are in support of the Selectmen continuing to do their due diligence on all options for a new police facility.**

New London Board of Selectmen
Janet R. Kidder, Chair
Bebe Hammond Casey
G. William Helm, Jr.

New London Candidate Bios

*All candidates were invited to submit a short bio and a photo.
The submissions received are in the order they will appear on the ballot.*

Board of Selectmen

Emma Phipps



Hello my name is Emma Phipps, I am running for the office of Selectman in New London.

I am currently serving the New London community as the site Director of the Boys and Girls Club in town.

My education and who I am as a person would inspire me to use my position as selectman to look for cooperative solutions to any issues the town faces, to ask questions to better understand those issues, and to listen to all voices.

During my time in college and beyond, my experience has allowed me to become adept at analyzing issues, asking important questions and gathering information before making any decisions or recommendations.

If I am elected, I would work to have a cooperative and positive demeanor for the benefit and future of our town.

This would allow me to bring to town discussions those issues that most affect young people with families and limited income – an important approach as we discuss workforce housing and how to accommodate those who work in New London, including how those issues may apply to our college students.

Janet R. Kidder



The Kidder family has a long tradition of serving the citizens of the Town of New London and I am proud to be a part of that tradition.

I was a founding member of the Chargers Club (athletic booster club of Colby-Sawyer College); director and officer of the New London Historical Society; served several terms on the New London Planning Board; current member of the Lakes Advisory Committee for the State of NH; member of the Tri-Town Assessing Committee; and have served four terms on the Select Board.

An effective selectperson must have a variety of leadership

skills including an ability to listen respectfully to both sides of an issue, open-mindedness, a collaborative nature and the ability to make decisions for all residents of the town. These skills, together with historical perspective, have allowed me to more fully understand issues.

I am grateful to have raised our sons in this community and I am committed to the needs of the town while understanding the importance of having a vision for the future. I will continue to be a thoughtful, reasonable representative for our community. I appreciate your vote.

Thank you.

Town Clerk

Will Kidder



I'm honored to have served as New London's Town Clerk since 2020. I was born and raised in New London. I'm the 4th consecutive generation of my family to serve the Town in an elected position and the third William Kidder to be our Town Clerk. My mother's current house, where I grew up, is both New London's oldest house still on the tax rolls and the house where New London's first Town Meeting was held. First thing that happened at the first Town Meeting? Election of the Town Clerk.

I'm extremely proud of the job that Dianne, Ann and myself do in our office providing a wide variety of services to the residents of New London. I will be on the ballot for re-election on March 12 and would very much appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Treasurer

Stephen R. Theroux



Born in Providence, RI, Steve Theroux has lived in New London for over forty years, and considers himself a native.

Steve received his AB from Bowdoin College, and MBA from Southern NH University. Now retired, Steve spent a lifelong career in finance and executive positions, including business manager and Board Chair at Proctor Academy

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and CEO of Lake Sunapee Bank (Bar Harbor Bank). Steve married native Peggy Kiernan in 1975. They raised their three sons in New London, two of whom now reside with their families in New London, and their third son and family in Rhode Island. Steve and Peggy have six young grandchildren.

Over the years, Steve has been an active volunteer in New London as a regular Outing Club coach, Housing Commission member, Kearsarge Area Food Pantry shopper and over 30 years as New London town treasurer. Steve has also served on multiple industry and corporate boards.

Steve and Peggy love New London for many reasons-most notably for its beauty, neighbors and friends and the easy accessibility to their favorite hobbies of golf, skiing, theater and, of course, family.

Steve would like to thank the Town of New London staff for their stewardship of the town's financial stability, and the continuing support from the voters.

Moderator

W. Michael Todd

No biography provided.

Supervisor of the Checklist

Linda J. Jackman

I'm happy to have served as a Supervisor of the Checklist for the past 5 years. I worked for the Town of New London from 2007-2013, as the Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's office. I've also been a ballot clerk. I was a substitute teacher/para at all the elementary schools in the Kearsarge district. Presently, you may see me at the town office, filling in at the Selectmen's office.

I enjoy working with the other two supervisors, Celeste Cook and Carol Fraley, we make a great team! We keep busy by adding new registrations, changing names, addresses and an assortment of many other duties!

I will be on the ballot for re-election on March 12th and would greatly appreciate your vote!

Thank you!

Trustee of Trust Funds

Thomas J. Carley

My name is Tom Carley and I am running for Trustee of Tracy Memorial Library (TML) and Trustee of the Trust Funds in New London.

I am currently a Trustee and the Treasurer of TML.

My professional experience is in accounting, finance and investments. These skills were particularly relevant and helpful as the Trustees took steps over the last year to improve the investment performance and budgeting process at TML. I am experienced in preparing and overseeing TML's budget with the Town.

TML is at a critical juncture currently as our Library Director left in January, and the Trustees have initiated a search for her replacement. Adding to the current uncertainty is TML is in the middle of a very important strategic planning initiative that the Trustees need to complete and implement. Thus, Trustee experience and continuity are essential.

TML is an invaluable resource to our community and the Trustees need to make sure it thrives.

Budget Committee

Peter C. Bianchi

My name is Peter C Bianchi and I am running for Budget Committee. I was born and raised in New London and have been a resident for over forty years. I am currently in my 24th year as a math teacher at Kearsarge Regional High School and I have overseen the department for the last two years. I am also currently a Director of the New London Service Organization.

Both of my parents have served as elected officials in town, with my father twice serving on the Select Board and my mother on the Budget Committee. My wife Hannah and I consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to raise our two children in such a wonderful community. If elected, I will serve as an well-informed, unbiased voice on the committee. I will be on the ballot on March 12th and would appreciate your vote.

Thank you.

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Budget Committee

Megan Brown



I moved to New London in 2017 when my husband and I were looking for a place to balance our careers with raising a family. I grew up in northern Vermont but have lived in New Hampshire for my entire adult life. I attended

UNH as an undergraduate then served as an officer in the US Army (including a combat deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom). I returned to NH for pharmacy school at MCPHS, then worked at the Dartmouth Cancer Center for ~10 years as an oncology pharmacist and leader in the cancer center pharmacy. I currently work for Pfizer on the oncology field medical team supporting cancer care throughout the Northeast.

Throughout my career I gained relevant fiscal experience overseeing large budgets in support of both pharmacy and military operations. I am interested in supporting the vital characteristics of small-town NH life with a balanced and thoughtful approach to municipal fiscal stewardship. I am committed to maintaining New London as a rural, independent and peaceful community that remains attractive to families.

In my free time I enjoy baking, skiing, reading, and exploring our community with my husband Joel and children Jack (7), Carter (5), and Madeline (2).

Karen Epstein



I am Karen Epstein and am asking for one of your 3 votes for Budget Committee. New London is a special place. I feel fortunate owning a home here for almost 9 years and living here full-time for 4.

If elected, I would approach all decisions with an open mind. Factoring in the impact of spending decisions on the tax burden should always be part of any analysis, especially now with major long-term and impactful decision on the horizon.

Over the past year, I have immersed myself in building an understanding about our town and its government, learning how the many moving parts work together and challenges that lie ahead. Newly retired, I have the time

and focus needed to be fully engaged in the serious work of the Budget Committee.

With almost 30 years in finance, my most relevant experience was in banking serving the financing needs of Massachusetts municipalities. I would be honored to serve you on New London's Budget Committee and welcome your questions at karene4bc@gmail.com. Thank you.

Bob Lyon, Ph.D.



Hi everyone, my name is Bob Lyon and I'm a candidate for the town Budget Committee.

We (JoAnn) arrived here 6 years ago and immediately recognized New London as the "gem of New England". We simply love this town and immediately became involved with the Community. I am a member of the Citizen Committee, former Study Leader, Committee and Board member of the Adventures in Learning program (AIL) at Colby Sawyer and volunteer with NEHSA at Mt. Sunapee, the Food Pantry, Woodcrest Sr. Living and Ausbon Sargent. I am also a substitute teacher in the KRSD. JoAnn is Director of the Food Pantry and co-manager of the Thrift Shop. We are members of St. Andrews church.

My career spanned 30 years in Pharma R&D/Business Development where I led global project teams and co-managed multi-million-dollar budgets. My interactions included both Sr. Management and the US FDA. My goal on the Budget Committee is to balance the needs of the Community with the needs of the tax payer as New London navigates trying economic times. I am known as a problem-solver, analytical thinker and leader and will do my absolute best for the Community. Thank you.

Bob Lyon, PhD

Travis Sniffen



My name is Travis Sniffen and I am running for the 2024 budget committee. I moved to New London in 2015 with my family. Shortly after moving, I joined the volunteer fire department where I'm grateful to serve the community as

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the Deputy Fire Chief. My full-time job is as a Lieutenant Firefighter Paramedic with the town of Derry NH. Between these two roles, I help maintain a 13 million dollar operating budget while providing top notch emergency services to residents and visitors of our town. Other duties include a range of items such as purchasing and maintaining new apparatus and equipment, maintaining gold standards and accreditations in the industry and leading a talented team of people to constantly provide solutions and positive outcomes.

My family and I enjoy all that the New London community has to offer and I would be grateful for the opportunity to give back through taking on this new role. With over 20 years in public service, I continue to hold my community as a priority. In taking on this new role, I hope to help this community thrive for generations to come.

John Tilley



I am John Tilley and I ask for your vote on the New London Budget Committee.

I first saw New London 25 years ago as I interviewed to become the CEO of YMCA Camp Coniston. Tricia and I knew immediately this was the perfect place to raise our daughters and become

involved. I have served terms on the Planning Board, volunteered for over 15 years as a Ballot Clerk, and served on Saint Andrew's Vestry.

My goal is to ensure New London's budget reflects our priorities and needs while maintaining a balance between, spending and revenue. The thing we share most is a desire to see New London thrive. I pledge to work together with other committee members, town officials, and residents to find fair solutions for our future.

I bring 25 years' experience in finance through Coniston's 5+ million-dollar budget, financial consulting with different YMCAs across the country, treasurer and audit chair of the American Camping Association New England, and a decade on the National Strategic Plan Committee for the YMCA.

Cemetery Commission

Nancy Kingsley

No biography provided.

Library Trustees

David L. Click



My name is David Click and I am running for a position on the Board of Trustees for Tracy Library.

I have been involved with the library through my participation on the Board for the Friends of the Library. Tracy

Library is an important institution and resource in New London. I believe that among the library's most offerings are the after-school programs that introduce young people to the valuable resources the library has to offer. Tracy library has many challenges ahead and I am confident that the Board of Trustees working together can move Tracy into a successful future.

As for my background, I have a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California at Los Angeles, a Juris Doctor from the American University, Washington College of Law, and an LL.M. in Taxation from Boston University Law School.

Jen Cross



Hi! My name is Jen Cross and I am proud to be running for a seat on the board of Trustees at Tracy Library. I am an avid reader and visit the library weekly. I can always depend on finding my next great read each time I visit. I live 34 mile from TML with my

husband, Evan, and our daughters, Julie (almost 3), and Margot (9 months). Stopping at the library is always a part of our walks in town! Julie loves running down to the children's room and grabbing as many books as she can. We love attending story time on the lawn in the summer!

As a first-grade teacher, I see firsthand how reading (and a good book) can change a person's life. There is nothing better than watching the joy spread across a child's face as they learn how to read. Then, being able to watch them confidently pick out a book and read it is truly astonishing. I wish everyone could witness it!

If elected, I would find a way to make more people in New London fall in love with reading. Reading is something I am genuinely passionate about and want others to feel the

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passion and satisfaction I feel when I finish a truly great book. (My last 5 star read was Evil Eye by Etaf Rum). I would love to see more book clubs across all genres (and age groups!) and more ways for Colby-Sawyer students to feel like they are welcome.

Holding a seat on the board seems like a great way to give back to a place that I frequent, that asks for nothing in return. I hope that you would consider voting for me on March 12.

Eula L. Kozma



I have served as a Library Trustee since 2018. I am a lifelong lover of libraries. I have been a dedicated steward of the library overseeing an executive transition, helping to navigate facilities issues, and supporting our incomparable staff.

I have spent my career working with community-oriented nonprofits. I am currently the Executive Assistant to the Head of School & Board of Trustees at Proctor Academy. I graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with a BA in Political Science and Environmental Studies and hold a JD and MSELP from Vermont Law School.

In my spare time I love to cook and explore the outdoors with my family.

I am seeking another term on March 12 and would greatly appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Thomas J. Carley

Candidate bio available under Trustee of Trust Funds.

For Information on Proposed Zoning Amendments please watch this presentation from Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, Adam Ricker, on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7v1JhLHWgBE>

Meeting Calendar

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

Thursday, March 7 @ 5:30 PM – Board of Selectmen – Kearsarge Professional Development Center

Tuesday, March 12 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM TOWN ELECTIONS—WHIPPLE MEMORIAL HALL

Tuesday, March 13 @ 7:00 PM - TOWN MEETING— KEARSARGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

Tuesday, March 19 @ 5:30 PM— Housing Commission— Sydney Crook Room

Tuesday, March 19 @ 6:30 PM - New London-Springfield Water Precinct Voting & Annual Meeting—Whipple Memorial Hall

Wednesday, March 20 @ 8:30 AM — Conservation Commission — Sydney Crook Room

Thursday, March 21 @ 5:30 PM—Board of Selectmen— 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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