

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10TH AND 18TH 2026**

**BALLOT VOTING MARCH 10TH 2026
WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL
25 SEAMANS RD
7AM-7PM**

Moderator W. Michael Todd opened the meeting and the polls at 7:00 A.M. on March 10th. As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were noticed to be processed at 10:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Benjamin Adams and seconded by Kristin Walters to act on Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. **VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Moderator Todd accepted a motion to recess the meeting at 8:00am, keep the polls open until 7PM and reconvene on Wednesday March 18 at 6:00PM at the Dan & Kathleen Hogan Sports Center in New London to act on the remaining Articles from Ann Bedard and seconded by Linda Jackman. **VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE**

Attest: 

William F Kidder III, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 1

A. Results of Non-Partisan Balloting for Town Officials

733 Town Ballots were cast, including 41 absentee ballots. Total Registered Voters: 3,676
Winners in bold.

Selectman (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Bebe Hammond Casey	625
Undervotes	90
Write In	18

Town Moderator (For 2 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Virginia O'Brien Irwin	312
W Michael Todd	378
Undervotes	41
Write In	2

Supervisors of the Checklist (For 6 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Carolyn Fraley	603
Undervotes	128
Write In	2

Trustees of Trust Funds (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Laurie Schive	441
Kevin Sullivan	195
Undervotes	96
Write In	1

Budget Committee Member (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Three

Charles P Kelsey	566
Christopher Lorio	553

John M Ziegler	527
Undervotes	544
Write-Ins	9

Cemetery Commissioner (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than One

Marion Chadwick Hafner	669
Undervotes	61
Write In	3

Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 years) – Vote for not more than Two

Donald Dogan	246
Joanne Palmisano	511
Steven Solomon	394
Undervotes	311
Write In	2

B. To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? **YES 546 NO 143 UNDERVOTES 44**

Amendment No. 1 seeks to amend Article II, General Provisions, 18. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), to bring the ordinance into compliance with recent changes to New Hampshire state law enacted in RSA 674:72. The proposed changes include, but are not limited to, allowing detached ADUs, removing Planning Board Conditional Use Permit review, and providing for administration through the building permit process. The amendment retains existing requirements for owner occupancy, size, number of bedrooms, setbacks, utilities, and health and safety, including limits on ADU size and a maximum of 750 square feet for detached ADUs located within the Shoreland Overlay District, while making necessary revisions to comply with updated state requirements.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? **YES 553 NO 150 UNDERVOTES 30**

Amendment No. 2 seeks to amend Article X, Institutional Districts, Sections 1. Institutional College and 3. Institutional Hospital, to support evolving institutional and community needs. In the Institutional – College section, the amendment includes, but is not limited to, allowing single-family, two-family, and multi-family dwellings for students, faculty and staff; modifies building height standards (Single-Family & Two-Family Dwellings 35-feet, Multi-Family Dwellings 45-feet and non-residential buildings 55-feet); and expressly permits adult care and childcare uses. Additionally in the Institutional – Hospital section, the amendment proposes allowing single-family, two-family and multi-family dwellings for the staff, students, Medical Residents, and the staff of the Medical Facility’s contractors, with an allowable height of 45-feet. The amendment includes a zoning map change expanding the Institutional – Hospital area to include Tax Map/Lot 072-019-0-0-0, owned by the New London Hospital Association. As part of this expansion, a new 75-foot setback is proposed where no structures would be permitted within 75 feet of residentially zoned property lines and Parkside Road. These changes are intended to provide flexibility for institutional growth and related housing needs.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? **YES 523 NO 179 UNDERVOTES 31**

Amendment No. 3 seeks to add Cottage Court Housing as a new section of the Zoning Ordinance, to be inserted as Article XI. Cottage Court Housing is a small-scale, pedestrian-oriented residential development type consisting of single-family and two-family cottages arranged around a shared common open space. The amendment establishes development standards including, but not limited to, a maximum ground-floor unit size of 1,000 square feet, limits on total interior living space, a maximum building height of 22 feet, and a cap of 12

cottages per cluster with no more than two clusters per development. The ordinance requires a minimum of 800 square feet of shared common open space per unit and at least 150 square feet of private open space per unit. These standards are intended to expand housing options while promoting efficient development that is compatible with surrounding neighborhoods.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance? YES 565 NO 131 UNDERVOTES 37

Amendment No. 4 seeks to amend Article III, Definitions, Family, to comply with changes in New Hampshire state law to RSA 674:16, VIII, which prohibit municipal zoning ordinances from restricting households based on familial and non-familial status.

**TOWN MEETING
MARCH 18TH 2026
DAN & KATHLEEN HOGAN SPORTS CENTER
COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE
541 MAIN ST
6:00PM
283 TOTAL VOTERS CHECKED IN**

To open, Moderator Todd asked any veterans in the crowd to stand and be recognized. Kearsarge Regional Elementary School students under the direction of Nicole Densmore led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance as well as the National Anthem. The Public Works crew and Amanda Spears of Colby-Sawyer College were thanked for setting up the venue and preparing it for the meeting. Moderator Todd introduced Town Counsel, Kathryn Cox Pelletier from Upton & Hatfield, LLP. There was a moment of silence to remember Dan Allen, Annie Ballin, John Barselle, David Cook, Jim Granger and Janet Royle to whom the annual town report was dedicated. Selectmen Casey thanked all the town volunteers for their service to the town. Special recognition was given to Lyndsay Lund for 13 years on the Budget Committee and Joe Kubit for 9 years as a Trustee of Trust Funds. Steve Ensign, Chair of the Board of Firewards, presented Chief Jay Lyon a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen for his upcoming retirement. March 31 was declared as Jay Lyon Day in New London to honor his many years of service to the Town. Chief Lyon gratefully accepted the framed proclamation. Rip Cross from the New London – Springfield Water Precinct also spoke to recognize John MacKenna’s long service as a Precinct Commissioner.

Moderator Todd offered a brief explanation of town meeting and the processes used to speak and vote during the meeting. He also noted the 10% rule as we are a Budget Committee town.

Results for Article 1 and the election held on March 10, 2026 were read.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Nancy Rollins

Second: Don Jones

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 by obtaining a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan for the purpose of hiring a certified lake-management or engineering firm to prepare a watershed management plan for Pleasant Lake; and to authorize the issuance of not more than that \$100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue such bonds or notes, to accept the interest rate and other loan terms offered by the CWSRF program, and to take all actions necessary to obtain and complete said loan.

The watershed management plan will address watershed stormwater impacts to Pleasant Lake and measures to prevent future algae and cyanobacteria blooms. Upon completion of the plan in accordance with DES requirements, the full amount of the loan principal will be forgiven. The Town will nevertheless be responsible for interest costs on the loan; however, this article is contingent upon the Pleasant Lake Protective Association (PLPA) depositing into escrow an amount sufficient to reimburse the Town for all such interest costs to be used to pay when the Town of New London is billed for such interest. PLPA has provided an indemnity agreement that has been approved by the Board of Selectmen guaranteeing repayment of any portion of the principal not forgiven, if any. This article is further contingent upon approval of a CWSRF loan application. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.* (3/5 ballot vote required.)

Motion: John Tiley

Second: Amy Kaplan

Selectman Casey was called on to explain the article to voters and why the Selectmen were in favor.

Doug Baxter, PLPA President, spoke in favor of the article.

As this was a bond issue, the vote was taken by a secret ballot vote with the ballot boxes being open for the required hour from 6:34PM to 7:34PM. A yes vote of 60% was required for the article to pass.

ARTICLE PASSES WELL OVER 60% WITH A VOTE OF YES 258 (99.2%) NO 2 (.8%)

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town prohibit the operation of KENO games within the Town. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.* (Voted on by BALLOT with a majority vote of yes required)

Motion: Amy Kaplan

Second: Ron Rakow

Selectman Kidder explained the article and the Selectmen's support of it and urged voters to support the article.

Maureen Connolly asked a quick clarification question.

BALLOT VOTE YES 236 NO 26

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town prohibit the operation of games of chance within the Town. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.* (Voted on by BALLOT with a majority vote of yes required)

Motion: Nancy Rollins

Second: Michael Wood

Selectman Anderson introduced the article to voters. There were 14 residents who asked clarifying questions with most revolving around exactly what games the article covered as well as ensuring that local charities would be able to continue to do raffles and other types of fundraising. It was explained that this would not affect local charities.

BALLOT VOTE YES 236 NO 33

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two million two hundred fifty-one thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$2,251,636)** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Executive	445,260	461,046
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	162,777	175,496
Financial Administration	480,577	520,554
Reassessment of Property	101,088	101,278
Legal	20,500	60,000
Personnel Administration	146,192	156,569
Planning and Zoning	149,205	157,441
Cemeteries	32,733	49,915
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	152,636	144,864
Advertising & Regional Associations	22,309	20,500
General Government Buildings	<u>281,435</u>	<u>403,973</u>
TOTAL	\$1,994,712	\$2,251,636

Motion: Amy Kaplan Second: Laurie Schive

Selectman Casey explained that this article funds our General Government Operations including most of the Town Offices Staff. It was noted that legal fees were up significantly due to Kim Hallquist's retirement. There was a question about what the General Government Buildings line covered and that was answered by Sam Clarke, Director of Public Works.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three million three hundred sixty thousand seven hundred thirty-five dollars (\$3,360,735)** for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Police Department	1,682,891	1,699,896
Fire Department	848,084	987,761
Firewards	436	0
Emergency Management	11,450	12,500
Communications Department	<u>680,683</u>	<u>660,578</u>
TOTAL	\$3,223,544	\$3,360,735

Motion: Donald Dogan Second: Don Jones

Janet Kidder explained the article to voters and asked for their support in passing the article. It was explained that the Town of New London pays for 59% of the costs and the other 41% is split between the other towns based on their number of calls. It was clarified that this number didn't include the next full time fire fighter as that was in its own article but the cost would show up in these line items in future years.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three million four hundred sixty thousand six hundred fourteen dollars (\$3,460,614)** for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS & SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Highway Administration	1,178,391	1,269,198
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	612,700	626,500
Street Lighting	12,000	13,200
Transfer Station Admin. & Operations	555,622	604,447
Solid Waste Cleanup	42,750	46,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>844,087</u>	<u>901,269</u>
TOTAL	\$3,245,550	\$3,460,614

Motion: Amy Kaplan Second: Michael Wood

Selectman Anderson presented the article and asked for the voters' support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred forty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$343,500)** for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	6,271	6,256
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	12,748	12,644
Kearsarge Council on Aging	38,500	42,350
New London Hospital Ambulance	191,910	197,667
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	2,000	2,000
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	16,598	16,583
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	6,000	6,000
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>40,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL	\$314,027	\$343,500

Motion: Amy Kaplan Second: Doug Baxter

Selectman Casey explained the article and asked for the voters' support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million one hundred ten thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$1,110,632)** for **RECREATION AND CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**. *The Board of*

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Recreation Department	236,929	242,351
Tracy Memorial Library	756,695	789,618
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	1,000	1,000
King Solomon's Lodge	6,000	6,000
Conservation Administration	26,380	27,498
Energy Committee	900	900
Housing Commission	6,500	11,565
Other-Care of Trees & Milfoil	<u>31,400</u>	<u>31,400</u>
TOTAL	\$1,066,104	\$1,110,632

Motion: Casey Biuso

Second: Michael Wood

Selectman Kidder was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support of the article.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred seventy-one thousand fifty-four dollars (\$571,054)** for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Principal - Bonds and Notes	461,946	442,956
Interest - Bonds and Notes	142,225	128,097
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	\$604,172	\$571,054

Motion: Amy Kaplan

Second: Ron Rakow

Selectman Anderson explained the article noting that the \$1 in the TAN category is there simply if we ever needed to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. This generally doesn't happen in New London but is prudent in case it becomes necessary.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$1,059,000)** from the following sources: **nine hundred nine thousand dollars (\$909,000)** from general taxation and **one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)** from the sewer fund, to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)**, as follows. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Communications Equipment	0	50,000
Sidewalk Project	100,000	50,000
Computer Maintenance/Repair	0	15,000
Conservation Land Acquisition	0	0
Fire Breathing Apparatus	54,000	25,000
Fire Vehicle	116,000	200,000
Fire Department Radios	0	15,000
Highway Equipment Replacement	500,000	0
Tracy Library Improvements	200,000	0
Town Building Maintenance	100,000	400,000
Police Equipment	0	35,000
Recreation Facilities	0	4,000
Energy Conservation	30,000	100,000
Employee Leave Buyout	10,000	15,000
Sewer Department	<u>66,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,166,000	\$1,059,000

Motion: Celeste Cook

Second: John Tilley

Selectman Casey explained that this article and that the Capital Reserve funds are like bank accounts and funds are added to them for future purchases. Voters were asked to support the article.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred nineteen dollars (\$142,719)**, including salary and benefits and outfitting, for the purpose of employing a full-time firefighting position, starting on July 1, 2026. All future costs for this position will be included in the Town's operating budget going forward. *Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Steve Ensign

Second: Don Jones

Selectman Casey introduced the article and explained the rationale behind the Selectmen not supporting the article stressing that it did not indicate a lack of support for the Department overall. Steve Ensign, Chief Jay Lyon, and 4 voters spoke in support of the bill. A secret ballot was requested by 5 registered voters.

BALLOT VOTE YES 239 NO 29

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred three dollars (\$132,303)** for the payment of the lease/purchase agreement entered into by a vote of Town Meeting in 2022 for the replacement of Fire Engine #2 and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **one hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred three dollars (\$132,303)** from the Fire Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Amy Kaplan

Second: Nancy Rollins

Selectman Kidder explained that this was the 5th payment on Engine No. 2 and asked for the voters' support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred ninety-eight thousand (298,000)** for the following: **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** for Fire Station driveway paving, **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** for roof repairs at Whipple Hall and **forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000)** for replacement of HVAC/furnace at Town Offices and to authorize the withdrawal of **two hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$298,000)** from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Amy Kaplan

Second: Rip Cross

Selectman Anderson presented the article and asked for the voters' support so that the Town can perform the maintenance items listed in the article.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for implementation of a records retention plan and to authorize the withdrawal of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** from Records Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Casey was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** for sidewalk maintenance and repairs and to authorize the withdrawal of **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** from the Sidewalk Installation Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Amy Kaplan

Second: Don Jones

Selectman Kidder offered explanation of the article and asked voters for their support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** for the purchase of a wastewater grinder for the main sewer plant and to authorize the withdrawal of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** from the Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Celeste Cook

Second: Don Jones

Selectman Anderson explained the article to voters and asked they support it.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** for sewer pipe slip line and manhole rehabilitation and to authorize the withdrawal of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** from the Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: John Wilson

Second: Charlie Foss

Selectmen Casey presented the article and asked for voters' support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000)** for Jobs Creek valves and manholes and to authorize the withdrawal of **twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000)** from the Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Ann Nichols

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Kidder was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of repairs to Tracy Memorial Library parking lot and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** from the Tracy Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Amy Kaplan

Selectman Anderson was called on to explain the article and asked voters to support it with their votes.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)** for the purpose of purchasing a skid steer and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Rip Cross

Selectman Casey was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000)** for the purpose of repairs and replacement of Recreation equipment and to authorize funding of this amount by withdrawal of **sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000)** from the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Kidder was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will establish a Town Clock Repairs & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town Clock Repairs and Maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** to be deposited into the Fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Rip Cross

Selectman Anderson explained the article and asked voters to support it.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will establish a Police & Communications Facility Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of exploring options for a new Police and Communications Facility to include but not limited to architects, land, buildings, etc. and to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be deposited into the Fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Casey was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support. Phil Sherman spoke in opposition to this article. When the card vote was called, Moderator Todd was in doubt as to the result so he called in the volunteers to count by section.

COUNTED CARD VOTE YES 118 NO 84

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **seven thousand dollars (\$7,000)** of the net proceeds of the timber/ wildlife habitat improvement harvest project on conservation land known as the Esther Currier Wildlife Management at Low Plain Conservation area and/or Phillips Memorial Preserve, and place such funds in the Conservation Fund, previously established under the provisions of RSA 36-A, The remainder of the timber harvest proceeds to be placed into the town's general fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Rip Cross

Selectman Kidder was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35, Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability, by increasing the amount of the credit from **two thousand dollars (\$2,000)** to **two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)**, to take effect for the 2026 property tax year. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this.* (Majority vote required.)

Motion: Amy Kaplan

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Anderson was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** to purchase historical items and other ephemera by the Archives Committee, which lapsed on June 30, 2024, for this amount. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until June 30, 2032. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Bebe Casey

Second: Rip Cross

Selectman Casey was called on to explain the article explaining the concept of non-lapsing appropriations. She asked voters to support this article.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 29

To see if the town will vote to authorize a permanent conservation easement, to be held by the State of New Hampshire Fish & Game Department on town property described as lots 088-006 & 089-013, consisting of approximately 55 acres and abutting the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this.* (Majority vote required)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Kidder was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support. Mark Vernon and Mike Gelcius from the Conservation Commission spoke in support of the article.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will authorize the board of selectmen, to accept without further action by the town privately donated gifts, legacies, and devises to be utilized for the same purposes as a trust fund created under RSA 31:19, infinitely, that such gifts, legacies, or devises shall be invested and accounted for separately from, and not commingled with, amounts appropriated under RSA 31:19-a.(Majority vote required.)

Motion: Don Jones

Second: Celeste Cook

Selectman Anderson was called on to explain the article and asked voters for their support of the article.

CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 31

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required)

No one stepped forward to offer any reports or transact any other business.

Moderator Todd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

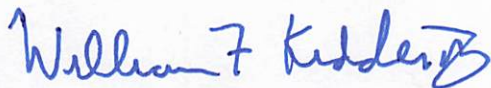
Motion: Doug Baxter

Second: Celeste Cook

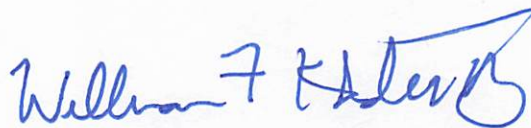
CARD VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William F Kidder III, Town Clerk



A true copy attest: William F Kidder III, Town Clerk