



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire November 10, 2020

76% Voter Turnout 3,208 Votes Cast

Election Workers, Public Works, Police, and Fire Personnel Work Together For Successful Election Amid COVID-19 Pandemic Concerns



The Public Works Garage on South Pleasant St. was converted to the town’s voting site to ensure plenty of room for voters. Check the town’s website for New London election results: www.nl-nh.com. Please see page 4 for a list of all election volunteers.

Tracy Memorial Library Walk-Through Service

Main Floor: Wednesdays 2 PM – 5 PM
(Closed Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11)

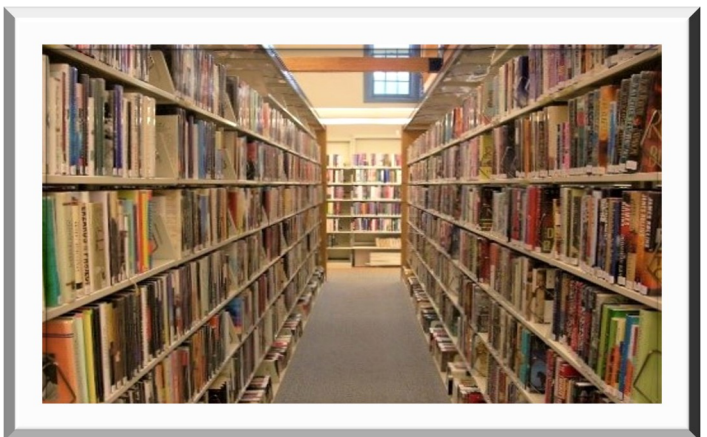
Youth Floor: Thursdays 10 AM – 1 PM
(Closed Thanksgiving, Nov. 26)

We’ve missed you and are excited to welcome you back to the Library. Walk-Through service hours for browsing on the main floor are Wednesdays 2pm – 5pm with limited capacity, first come, first-served.

If the sign on the main door is green, please ring the doorbell to be admitted. If the sign on the main door is red, we are at capacity, please try again later.

Walk-Through service hours for browsing on the youth floor are Thursdays 10am – 1pm by appointment only, one household at a time. Please book your [youth floor appointment online by clicking here](#).

Walk-Through service hours are for you to come in and browse our collections, pick up holds, and check out materials. For now, the hours are limited and so is the building capacity. All patrons must wear a face covering and limit their time in the Library to 20 minutes.



Just a reminder...

REMINDERS
from the
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

If your property tax bill is going to be late, please call to get the correct amount due.



Thanksgiving Celebrations During Covid-19

Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. CDC offers the following considerations to help protect individuals and their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19. There are several factors that contribute to the risk of getting infected or infecting others with the virus that causes COVID-19 at a holiday celebration. In combination, these factors will create various amounts of risk, so it is important to consider them individually and together:

- Community levels of COVID-19 – Higher levels of COVID-19 cases and community spread in the gathering location, as well as where attendees are coming from, increase the risk of infection and spread among attendees. Family and friends should consider the number and rate of COVID-19 cases in their community and in the community where they plan to celebrate when considering whether to host or attend a holiday celebration. Information on the number of cases in NH can be found at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>
- The number of people at the gathering – Gatherings with more people pose more risk than gatherings with fewer people. CDC does not have a limit or recommend a specific number of attendees for gatherings. The size of a holiday gathering should be determined based on the ability to reduce or limit contact between attendees, the risk of spread between attendees, and state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations.
- The locations attendees are traveling from – Gatherings with attendees who are traveling from different places pose a higher risk than gatherings with attendees who live in the same area.

Lower risk activities:

- Having a small dinner with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

Moderate risk activities:

- Having a small outdoor dinner with family and friends who live in your community
- Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cook-outs.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place

Higher risk activities: Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus:

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades
- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

People who should not attend in-person holiday celebrations:

People with or exposed to COVID-19:

Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities if you or anyone in your household

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
- Has symptoms of COVID-19
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days

People at increased risk for severe illness:

If you are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should

- Avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.
- Avoid larger gatherings and consider attending activities that pose lower risk (as described throughout this page) if you decide to attend an in-person gathering with people who do not live in your household.



Trail Hiking Patch Program

The trail patch program is available to all the hikers in the greater Kearsarge area. The New London Conservation Commission maintains 26 miles of trails of varying lengths and difficulty. To receive a patch, one must hike all of the trails listed on the trail completion form, and return it to the New London Town Office, 375 Main Street. The form can also be picked up at the town office. Just give Dianne a call at 603-526-1242. Nine patches will be mailed to the following participants who hiked all the trails.

- ◆ Meghan Wyman of New London
- ◆ Tobin Wyman of New London
- ◆ Grayson Wyman of New London
- ◆ Cole Snyder of Newbury
- ◆ Stella Snyder of Newbury
- ◆ Michelle Shields of Newbury/Wayland, MA
- ◆ Alex Shields of Newbury/Wayland, MA
- ◆ Julia Shields of Newbury/Wayland, MA
- ◆ Sunny pet dog
- ◆ Susan & Brian Kenney



We were delighted to see that the list included dogs/teenagers/students! If others could see the wonderful comments that were written I am sure the list would be even longer next month!

Trail Maintenance

Intrepid trail volunteers for the Conservation Commission repaired boardwalks in Philbrick-Cricenti Bog on November 3rd. Left to right, Rick Davies, Gene Tappan, Ben Young, Mark Vernon, Charlie Kelsey. Photo by Jeff Troxell.



Colby-Sawyer Field Studies in New London

Students in the Colby-Sawyer College Community-Based Research Class of 2020 have partnered with the Messer Pond Protective Association (MPPA) to conduct water quality tests, as well as to design outreach and workshops to inform the community of the findings. Goals include improving the caliber and expanse of the existing water quality data for Messer Pond and raising awareness and provide education to local homeowners and MPPA members. So far, over 159 samples have been analyzed. Students are focused on invasive species, septic systems, sustainable landscaping practices, outreach to the community, data analysis, presentation, and writing. The Colby-Sawyer College Community-Based Research Class of 2020 invite citizens to join them over Zoom the evening of November 23rd to hear the results of this project. Students have developed a Facebook page to keep the public informed: <https://www.facebook.com/Messer.PondCBRP/>

Students are happy to discuss this project so if you see them out in the field, feel free to stop by and ask how the research project is progressing.

Trail walk at the Cricenti Bog

This view awaits you in the Cricenti Bog on Newport Rd, across from Great Pines. A deciduous conifer, the Larch or Tamarack, will soon drop its leaves. As the chlorophyll fades in the green needles, the bog will seem to glow with golden tones. The wood is resistant to weather and soil exposure and has been used for utility poles and railroad ties. Native Americans used these fibers to sew their birch bark canoes. Photo by Ruth White.



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!!



**Congratulations and Thanks to the following Town Folks
who made Election Day, November 3rd, 2020 run
So Smoothly, so Safely and so Efficiently**

Michael Todd, Town Moderator

Ann Bedard, Assistant Town Moderator

Will Kidder, Town Clerk

Janet Kidder, John Cannon, Nancy Rollins, Board of Selectmen

Celeste Cook, Carol Fraley, Linda Jackman, Supervisors of the Checklist

Bob Harrington and the Department of Public Works

Chief Jay Lyon and the New London Fire Department

Chief Emily Cobb and the New London Police Department

Volunteers:

Sue Andrews

Jan Beardsley-Blanco

Kathleen Belko

Greg Berger

Rose Bernard

Casey Biuso

Patricia Berkov

Shelby Blunt

Kathryn Butler

Missy Carroll

Laura Carle

Abigail Castriotta

Ben Cushing

Doug Darling

Sue Eaton

Gena Edmunds

Sue Eslick

Deborah Fuller

Annapurna Ghosh

Linda Hagan

Janet Miller Haines

David Harris

Bill Helm

Tina Helm

Eve Hiatt

Kim Ilg

Renate Kannler

Tom Kealy

Laura Kiefer

Cynthia Kelsey

Marilyn Kidder

Heidi Lauridsen

Cassandra Lashier

Nell Leach

Chris Lorio

Nancy Mahar

Liz Maloof

Tom Maloof

Nancy Marashio

Chris McKee

Tom McKee

Liz Meller

Ken Miller

Linda Miller

Ginger Milord

Owen Murray

Marilyn Paradis

Bruce Parsons

Carole Parsons

Annie Perry

Rita Rees

Rusty Roberts

Pat Rodgers

David Royle

Pam Sanborn

Deirdre Scheerr-Gross

Sara Scheuch

Clara Sheehy

Aaron Snay

Tara Stone

John Tilley


Patricia Tilley

Karyn Toy

Jennifer Vitiello

Mary Beth Westward

KC Wright



In observance of Veterans' Day
The New London Town Offices
Will be **CLOSED** on
Wednesday, November 11

**Share your photos in the 2020
New London Annual Town Report**

Submit your photos of New London town events, buildings, scenery, animals, etc. to be included in the town's annual report or web site with a photo credit. No hard copies or watermarks.

Forward photos and questions to Dianne via email: office@nl-nh.com



Meeting Calendar

Please check the town's web calendar for additional information, location and updates.



- **TUE, NOV 10 @ 8 AM** - ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLES SUBCOMMITTEE
- **TUE, NOV 10 @ 6:30 PM** - PLANNING BOARD
- **THURS, NOV 12 @ 9 AM** - SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
- **THUR, NOV 12 @ 6:30 PM** - BUILDINGS & FACILITIES
- **MON, NOV 16 @ 6 PM** - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- **MON, NOV 16 @ 6:30 PM** - JOINT SELECTMEN & BUDGET
- **TUE, NOV 17 @ 6:30 PM** - ZONING BOARD
- **WED, NOV 18 @ 8:30 AM** - CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
- **THUR, NOV 19 @ 8:30 AM** - MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- **TUE, NOV 24 @ 6:30 PM** - PLANNING BOARD
- **MON, NOV 30 @ 4:30 PM** - BOARD OF FIREWARDS

For a complete list of meetings, check the town website:
www.NL-NH.com



The New London Town Offices
Will be **CLOSED** on
Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27

Sponsored by Tracy Memorial Library

Abolitionists of Noyes Academy

Presented by Dan Billin

Join us for an illustrated lecture about the forgotten pro-slavery history of New England, and about the extraordinary careers of Alexander Crummell and Henry Highland Garnet - two Noyes Academy students who rose past defeat.

In 1835, abolitionists opened one of the nation's first integrated schools in Canaan, NH. Outraged opponents responded by raising a mob that dragged the academy building off its foundation and ran the African-American students out of town.

In nearby New London, the tension between friends and foes of slavery never reached that extremity, but it split the town's leading church and prompted the pastor's departure.

Thursday, November 12th @ 6:30 PM
Visit the library's website to request a link to attend this virtual presentation.

<https://tracylibrary.org/>

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directly to you.**

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