



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire September 21, 2020

Selectmen Challenged on Mask Resolution

New London resident Michael Doheny met with the Selectmen to express his disagreement with the Board's decision to adopt a resolution requiring the wearing of masks in New London. Mr. Doheny pointed to the August 3rd Selectmen's meeting minutes where Town Administrator Kim Hallquist stated that she had not gotten any requests for a mask ordinance and that adopting an ordinance would require a public hearing. Mr. Doheny observed that two weeks later, without a public hearing or adequate notice on the agenda, the Selectmen adopted a mask resolution without giving the public an opportunity to comment in advance. Mr. Doheny reviewed numbers of Covid-19 infections in New London and the surrounding towns and questioned why the Selectmen would require face masks when the numbers of infections are very low.

The Selectmen adopted a resolution on August 17th requiring masks to be worn in New London after considering the recommendations of the Health Officer, Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Town Administrator. The recommendation for a resolution, instead of an ordinance that would impose fines for non-compliance as several other towns have adopted, was seen as the best way to encourage the citizens not already wearing masks, to begin doing so. It also gives support to local businesses that decided to require masks. In adopting the resolution the Selectmen recognized that if voluntary compliance of the resolution was not successful, they would consider adoption of an ordinance that would impose fines.

In answer to Mr. Doheny's question on what data the Selectmen used to adopt the resolution and what they will use to rescind it, Selectman Rollins noted that the State of New Hampshire is currently under a state of emergency to address the pandemic and the Selectmen determined that adoption of the resolution was in the best interest of the public given the threat to the public's health and safety COVID-19 presents.

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Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

The Citizens Advisory Committee held its first meeting since February when it met at Whipple Hall with the Board of Selectmen on September 12th. Eleven members observed social distancing in chairs set 6 feet apart; most members kept their masks on unless they wished to speak without it. There was no need for the microphones as people were easily able to hear without them.

From 7:30am- 8:00am, the group had open discussion. Kudos were given to the BOS for their handling of the pandemic response. Praise was also given to the BOS, Town Clerk Will Kidder and Public Works Director Bob Harrington for the smooth running of the primary elections on 9/8/20 at the Public Works Garage. There were 1,603 total votes cast, with more than 700 of them in the form of absentee ballots. This was almost double the number of ballots cast in the last primary. Some of the absentee ballots had to be rejected because the inner envelope was improperly completed.

Selectman Janet Kidder reported that there has been a sizable increase in town population since the start of the pandemic; it appears that second homeowners have relocated to New London during this time. Estimates range from 200-500 additional residents who plan to stay on for the foreseeable future. The status of New London Place was questioned, as building appears to be at a standstill. There may be a change in plans, with more free standing units, with fewer units in the lodge. However, this is speculation, not confirmed fact.

The NH State Liquor Store will be relocated to the site of McKenna's Restaurant. There is talk that the current liquor store space may be rented by the building lessor, Crosspoint, to Hannaford for a pharmacy. A full service deli was another suggested use.

The last part of the half hour was devoted to brief discussion of the schools. KRSD is currently using a hybrid model; a combination of remote and in-person classes. The schools have been able to purchase the necessary PPE out of their own

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Mask Resolution continued—

The Selectmen will consider rescission of the resolution when the state of emergency is lifted. Governor Chris Sununu declared a state of emergency on March 13, 2020 and that declaration is still in effect.

Citizens Advisory Committee continued—

budget. They have lost personnel in a number of areas, and there have been many changes in practice across all areas: teaching, food service, busing, uses of space and janitorial work, to name a few. Because there has been a significant reduction in state revenue, for example from the rooms and meals tax, there is concern that the school tax will be affected.

Ken Jacques, Commissioner of the New London—Springfield Water Precinct, gave an informative presentation of the water precinct, from its establishment to present day responsibilities. His presentation gave a wonderful historical context and explanations of problems and solutions as they unfolded over the years. His talk was also peppered with lively personal narratives about town residents who made the water precinct possible.

~~ Maureen Prohl, CAC Vice-Chair

LiveScan Fingerprint Machine



Generous donations to the New London Police Benevolent Association made the purchase of a LiveScan fingerprint machine possible. Police officers will now be able to get results of fingerprint background checks within minutes.



Selectman Janet Kidder appointed to Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Governor Sununu and the Executive Council confirmed the nomination of Janet Kidder to serve on the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC). The LMAC meets throughout the year to discuss and advise the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The LMAC has 19 members, including representatives from state agencies, municipalities, the conservation community, the fishing community, academia, and the marine, tourism, and real estate businesses.

RSA 483-A:6 outlines the responsibilities and membership terms.

Town Offices are CLOSED to public traffic

Call us for assistance

Monday - Friday, 8am – 4pm

Transactions like property taxes, motor vehicle registration & sewer bills can be done online:

www.nl-nh.com/pay

For questions on motor vehicle registrations, property taxes, transfer station passes, sewer payments, marriage licenses, vital records, dog licenses, voter registration & absentee ballots.

**Call Town Clerk/Tax Collector:
526-1244 or 1245**

For building, sign & driveway permit applications

Call Zoning Administrator: 526-1246

For property tax exemptions & credits, reviewing property records, and assessment questions:

Call Land Use & Assessing Coordinator: 526-1243

Applications & forms can be found online:

www.nl-nh.com/forms



Primary Voting at the Public Works Garage was a BIG success thanks to the cooperation of all!

Like sharing your photography skills?

Submit your photos of New London town events, buildings, scenery, animals, etc. to be included in the town's annual report or website with a photo credit. No hard copies or watermarks. Forward photos to Dianne via email: office@nl-nh.com



TRAIL CLOSURE NOTICE

Due to logging activities in the Webb Forest, the following trails are closed:

1. Great Brook Trail from Dura Crockett Trail intersection to Devil's Half-Acre Pond
2. Morgan Hill Trail from Dura Crockett Trail intersection to Great Brook Trail

Trails are expected to re-open Fall of 2020.

NL Conservation Commission

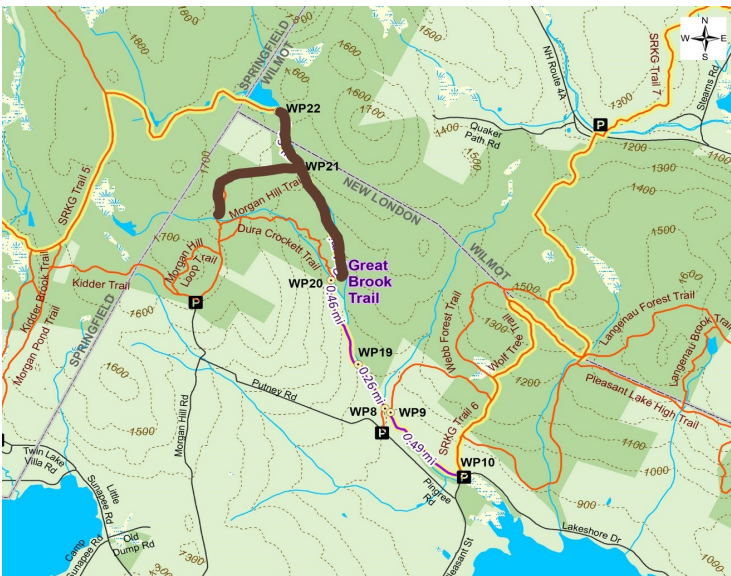
WE ARE VILO SUPPORTERS!



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

- ◆ Robert & Courtney Campe
- ◆ Janet & John Fitzgerald
- ◆ Kearsarge Valley EMS
- ◆ Amy Johnson
- ◆ Rebecca & Keith Leonard
- ◆ Emilie Major
- ◆ Christopher Martineau
- ◆ David Peeler
- ◆ Betty Jean Plant
- ◆ Pat Rich
- ◆ Sadie Girl LLC

PLEASE JOIN  OUR TEAM!



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!!



Join our email list to have *Municipal Matters* sent directly to you. Sign up on the town's website: NL-NH.com/Our Town/Sign Up

Recreation Director Scott Blewitt has resigned his position with the town after 8 years of service that brought a wide range of recreational programs to New London and the surrounding towns. Scott plans to pursue new opportunities in the recreational programming arena.

THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK SCOTT!

Notice for people interested in serving on the newly established **HOUSING COMMISSION**
 Visit town website: nl-nh.com/service
 Fill out committee volunteer form email to: office@nl-nh.com or drop off or mail to: 375 Main Street

Meeting Calendar

The Selectmen will begin joint meetings with the Budget Committee to prepare the FY2022 budget. These meetings will be held via Zoom.com

Please check the town's web calendar to see if a planned meeting will be held via Zoom or in person

- **TUE, SEPT 22 @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD - ZOOM**
- **THUR, SEPT 24 @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COM - ZOOM**
- **FRI, SEPT 25 @ 5:30 PM - NEW LONDON JOINT SEWER COMMISSION @ SUNAPEE TOWN OFC.**
- **MON, SEPT 28 @ 6 PM - JOINT SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE - ZOOM**
- **MON, OCT 5 @ 6 PM - JOINT SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMMITTEE - ZOOM**
- **TUES, OCT 6 @ 6:30 PM - ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMT**
- **WED, OCT 7 @ 7 PM - ENERGY COMMITTEE - ZOOM**
- **TUE, OCT 13 @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD - ZOOM**
- **WED, OCT 14 @ 11 AM - RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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

Brush/Metal Disposal Center Hours

SEPTEMBER	October
TUESDAYS 8 AM - 3:30 PM	TUESDAYS 8 AM - 3:30 PM
CLOSED	Thursdays 8 AM - 3:30 PM
SUNDAYS NOON - 4 PM	SUNDAYS NOON - 4 PM

Household Hazardous Waste COLLECTION DAYS

 For information contact the
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
 at (603) 448-1680 or vdavis@uvlsrc.org

Last collection day in 2020
9:00 - Noon
Saturday
October 3
Lebanon High School
195 Hanover Street



Tracy Memorial Library

Virtual Book Discussion

The Alice Network
 by Kate Quinn

Tuesday, October 13
 10 AM



For a link to this informal discussion or for more info., please contact jroy@tracylibrary.org

Copies of the ebook and audiobook can be downloaded with no waitlist using hoopla, free with your Tracy Library card. Access hoopla and other great digital resources at www.tracylibrary.org!



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