



TOWN OF
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NOTICE

Corrections

Two corrections made to the 2026 Town Warrant

1. Day of Town meeting changed from ~~Thursday~~, March 18th, 2026 to Wednesday, March 18th, 2026
2. Number of warrant articles under review for Town Meeting changed from ~~Articles 2-19~~ to Articles 2-31

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW LONDON
2026 TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of New London in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Whipple Memorial Town Hall in New London on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 in the forenoon to act upon the subjects below. By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 7:00 AM for the consideration of Article 1. At 8:00 in the forenoon, the meeting will recess, and the polls will remain open until 7:00 PM. The meeting will reconvene at the Colby-Sawyer College Hogan Sports Center in New London on Thursday, March 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM to act upon Articles 2 -19.

ARTICLE 1

A. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year:

1 Selectman	(3-year term)	1 Trustee of Trust Funds	(3-year term)
1 Moderator	(2-year term)	3 Budget Committee	(3-year terms)
1 Cemetery Commissioner	(3-year term)		
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	(3-year term)		
2 Library Trustee	(3-year terms)		

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 as follows: YES NO

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 as follows: YES NO

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 as follows: YES NO

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. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance as follows: YES NO

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.

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)

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.)

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)

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)

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	\$445,260.00	\$461,046.00
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	\$162,777.00	\$175,496.00
Financial Administration	\$480,577.00	\$520,554.00
Reassessment of Property	\$101,088.00	\$101,278.00
Legal	\$20,500.00	\$60,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$146,192.00	\$156,569.00
Planning and Zoning	\$149,205.00	\$157,441.00
Cemeteries	\$32,733.00	\$49,915.00
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	\$152,636.00	\$144,864.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	\$22,309.00	\$20,500.00
General Government Buildings	\$281,435.00	\$403,973.00
TOTAL	\$1,994,712	\$2,251,636

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	\$680,683	\$660,578
TOTAL	\$3,223,544	\$3,360,735

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.)	\$844,087	\$901,269
TOTAL	\$3,245,550	\$3,460,614

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)

	FY2026	FY2027
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	\$40,000	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$314,027	\$343,500

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)

	FY2026	FY2027
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	\$31,400	\$31,400
TOTAL	\$1,066,104	\$1,110,632

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)

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

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)*

	FY2026	FY2027
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	\$66,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$1,166,000	\$1,059,000

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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.)

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)

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)

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.)

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)

Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of February two thousand and twenty-six.

New London Board of Selectmen

Bebe Hammond Casey, Chair

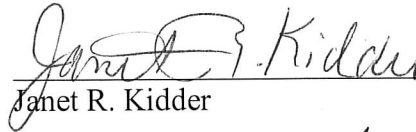
Janet R. Kidder

Richard Anderson

**A true Copy of Warrant - Attest
New London Board of Selectmen**



Bebe Hammond Casey



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