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# TOWN OF NEW LONDON NEW HAMPSHIRE



ANNUAL REPORT  
For the Fiscal Year ending  
December 31, 2004

2005 TOWN MEETING



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON DIRECTORY

**EMERGENCY** 911  
AMBULANCE FIRE POLICE

**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE** 526-4821  
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Joan Pankhurst, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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\*Apr-Nov: every Sun.; Dec-Mar: third Sun. of month

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Elizabeth Meller, Assistant Health Officer

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**CEMETERY COMMISSION** 526-6442

Marion C. Hafner, Chair

**NEW LONDON DISTRICT COURT** 526-6519

Brenda Shuttle, Court Clerk

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT** 526-6073

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Website: [www.tracylibrary.org](http://www.tracylibrary.org)

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Robert Andrews, Recreation Director

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Website: [www.nlrec.com](http://www.nlrec.com)

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**PLANNING BOARD** 526-4821

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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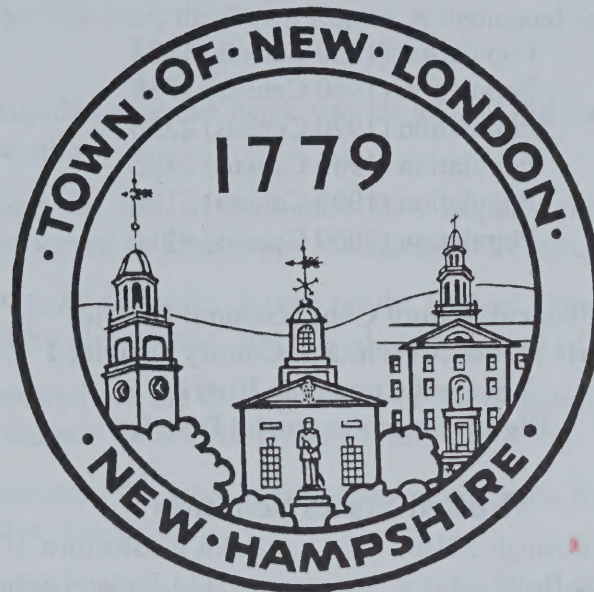
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# TOWN OF NEW LONDON

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Incorporated June 25, 1779 Anno Domini  
Total Area 16,192 Acres, Land Area 14,144 Acres  
Water Area 2,048 Acres  
Highest Elevation in Town: Morgan Hill 1,760 feet

Population (1950 Census) 1484  
Population (1960 Census) 1738  
Population (1970 Census) 2236  
Population (1980 Census) 2893  
Population (1990 Census) 3180  
Population (2000 Census) 4116

**Federal Second Congressional District**  
**State House Merrimack County District 1**  
**Second Councilor District**  
**Eighth State Senatorial District**

## United States Senators

**Judd Gregg** of Greenfield through 2010  
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**John E. Sununu** of Bedford through 2008  
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## Representative in Congress

**Charles Bass** of Peterborough through 2006  
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Washington, D.C. 20515  
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## State Senator of New Hampshire

**Bob Odell** of Lempster through 2006  
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## Representatives to General Court

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**David Kidder** of New London through 2006  
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## County Commissioner

**JD Colcord** through 2006  
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Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 228-0331

## Executive Councilor

**Peter J. Spaulding** of Hopkinton through 2006  
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## THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO NEW LONDON'S VOLUNTEERS

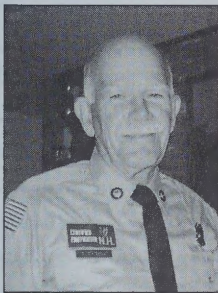
Every year, dozens of our citizens freely and generously give their time to ensure that New London remains a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. Traditionally, the Town Report has been dedicated to a volunteer who passed away during the previous year. Sadly, in 2004, we lost too many of our dedicated public servants to highlight one above all others. So this year, the Town Report is dedicated to our volunteers past, present, and future.

To the following who passed away this year, we thank you for all you did for our community. Your generosity of spirit and action has touched us all:

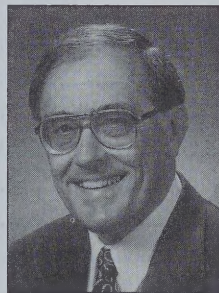
- Bob Nelson, who volunteered for the New London Fire Department, Historical Society, Habitat for Humanity, to name a few, and served as Emergency Management Director from 1995 to 2004;
- David Eberly, who had been town treasurer, served on the Budget Committee from 1993 to 2001, was a member of the New London Fire Department, and served on the Board of Firewards from 1991 to 2003;
- Charlie Marston, who volunteered for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, New London Outing Club, First Baptist Church, and Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust;
- Dr. Ted Parkhurst, who volunteered for the Conservation Commission from 1990 to 2004 and also served on the Little Sunapee Protective Association;
- Richard Birch, who was a Sewer Commissioner since 2000 and a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee since 2001;
- Sally Fifield, who volunteered for Colby-Sawyer College, New London Hospital, and served on the Board of Selectmen from 1991 to 1994.



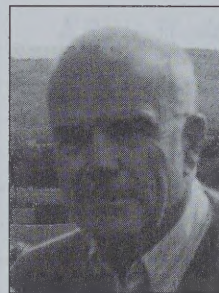
Bob Nelson



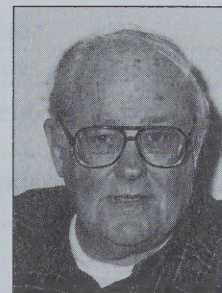
Dave Eberly



Charlie Marston



Ted Parkhurst



Richard Birch



Sally Fifield

Volunteer service plays a vital part not only in the efficient functioning of town government, but also in the overall health of a community. This book is full of the names and activities of the more than 170 citizens of New London and the greater community who serve the town in many capacities. As Town Moderator Cotton Cleveland says:

*It seems that the more sense of community a town has, the more volunteerism exists. Also, the more effectively led a community is, the more volunteerism exists. Finally, the more municipal volunteers see themselves as part of a well-run community, the more they volunteer and the more they encourage others to volunteer.*

Once again, our thanks to our many volunteers past, present and future.



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## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

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### ***Board of Selectmen***

Ruth I. Clough, Chair	2005
Mark Kaplan	2006
Douglas W. Lyon	2007

### ***Town Clerk***

Linda M. Hardy	2005
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### ***Treasurer***

Stephen R. Theroux	2006
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### ***Town Moderator***

Cotton M. Cleveland	2006
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### ***Trustees of the Trust Funds***

Patricia H. Sheehan	2005
William C. Horn Jr.	2006
Theodore S. Brown	2007

### ***Budget Committee***

Douglas S. Baxter, Chair	2006
Shelby C. Blunt	2005
Patricia H. Blanchard	2005
John G. Diemar	2006
Clayton R. Shedd	2006
Stefan H. Timbrell	2007
James P. Wheeler	2007
John B. Wilson	2007
W. Barry Wright	2005
Douglas W. Lyon, Selectmen's Representative	
Sarah A. Denz, Recording Secretary	

### ***Sewer Commissioners***

F. Augustus Seamans	2005
H. Gordon Starkey, Jr.	2005
Elizabeth F. Boege	2007

### ***Cemetery Commissioners***

Marion C. Hafner, Chair	2005
Thomas A. Ginter	2006
Charles M. Hafner	2007

### ***Supervisors of the Checklist***

Arlene B. Marshall, Chair	2006
Dana M. Stanley	2008
Celeste C. Cook	2010

### ***Tracy Library Trustees***

Barbara J. Hambley, Chair	2006
Charles E. Dean	2005
Emily W. Drew	2005
Joseph C. Kun	2006
Barbara M. Rosenfield	2006
Patricia W. Brewster	2007
George Doolittle	2007

### ***KRSD School Board***

Daniel C. Snyder	2005
Barbara C. Brown	2007

### ***KRSD Municipal Budget Committee***

Winsor L. Chase	2005
Jay Rosenfield	2007

### ***KRSD Moderator***

Robert E. Bowers	2005
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# APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

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## ***Town Administrator***

Jessie W. Levine

## ***Administrative Assistant***

Amy A. Rankins

## ***Finance Officer***

Carolyn E. Fraley

## ***Zoning Administrator***

Peter S. Stanley

## ***Office Assistant***

Connie M. Rankins

## ***Deputy Treasurer***

D. Russell Cooper

## ***Recreation Director***

Robert C. Andrews

## ***Police Department***

David J. Seastrand, Chief

Edward G. Andersen, Corporal

Christopher C. Currier, Detective

Thomas H. Anderson, Detective

Marshall R. Osgood, Officer

Jodi Bailey, Officer

Matthew S. Pickering, Officer

James S. Valiquet, Officer/Part-Time

David A. White, Officer/Part-Time

Jeffrey M. Downing, Officer/Part-Time

Heather R. Cusanelli, Administrative Assistant

## ***Communications Department***

Heather R. Cusanelli, Communications Supervisor

Christopher W. Conroy

William R. Hardy Jr.

Joseph J. McCarthy

Gregory M. Barthol, Part-Time

Jennifer J. Grant, Part-Time

Kenneth D. Seastrand, Part-Time

## ***Sewer Department***

Ann S. Bedard, Admin. Bookkeeper

Douglas L. Gay, Superintendent

Peter K. Johnson, Collection Operator

## ***Tax Collector***

Linda M. Hardy

## ***Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector***

Joan F. Pankhurst

## ***Health Officer***

Donald F. Bent

## ***Welfare Director***

Marc A. Clement

## ***Tree Warden***

David A. Carey

## ***Tracy Memorial Library***

Virginia C. Foose, Co-Library Director

Linda E. Miller, Co-Library Director

Kathryn M. Tracy, Children's Librarian

Heather S. Shumway, Librarian

Raymond L. Heath, Custodian

Timothy T. Poh, Children's Librarian, Part-Time

Edith W. Garner, Library Assistant, Part-Time

Sally O. Davis, Circulation Assistant, Part-Time

Heather Grace, Student Aid

Shamus A. Heffernan, Student Aid

## ***Highway Department***

Richard E. Lee, Road Agent

Robert A. Harrington, Foreman/Maint. III

Karen E. Welch, Maint. II

Eric Allen, Maint. II

Robert W. Donnelly, Maint. II

Michael P. Murphy, Maint. II

Ryan J. Haynes, Maint. I

Michael J. McElman, Maint. I

Henry D. Palmer, P/T Cemetery

John H. Wiltshire, P/T Cemetery

## ***Transfer Station***

Glenn R. Carey, Supervisor

Robin H. Lachance, Recycling Attendant

Steven R. Tighe, Recycling Attendant



# APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

## *Conservation Commission*

Leslie W. Norman, Chair	2006
Emma R. Crane	2005
Laura A. Alexander	2005
Victoria V. Koron	2006
Wayne J. Warriner	2006
Dale L. Conly	2007
Ruth A. White	2007
Terence E. Dancy, Alternate	2006
Peter S. Stanley, Alternate	2007

## *Planning Board*

Karen E. Ebel, Chair	2007
Thomas A. Cottrill	2005
John F. Hollinger	2005
Celeste C. Cook	2006
Dale L. Conly	2006
Sue Ellen Andrews	2007
Mark Kaplan, Selectmen's Representative	
Judith P. Condict, Recording Secretary	

## *Regional Planning Representatives*

Terence E. Dancy	2005
Peter S. Stanley	2005

## *Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Lawrence B. Ballin, Chair	2005
Caroline E. Newkirk	2005
D. Russell Cooper	2006
William D. Green, Jr.	2006
Brian J. Prescott	2007
Robert A. Foose, Alternate	2006
Elizabeth J. Herrick, Alternate	2006
Laurie T. DiClerico, Alternate	2006
Deirdre M. Sheerr, Alternate	2007
Stefan H. Timbrell, Alternate	2007

Sarah A. Denz, Recording Secretary  
 Carolyn E. Fraley, Clerk

## *Ballot Clerks*

Janet Beardsley-Blanco  
 Richard Guerringue  
 Kathleen M. Horten  
 Thelma Kaplan  
 Robert G. MacMichael  
 E. Waldo Sanders  
 Pamela J. Saunders  
 Margaret K. Theroux

## *NH/VT Solid Waste Representatives*

Martin S. Feins, Representative
Donald F. McGuinness, Representative
Mark Kaplan, Alternate
Douglas W. Lyon, Alternate
Ruth I. Clough, Alternate
Jessie W. Levine, Alternate

## *Emergency Management Committee*

Jessie W. Levine, Acting Director  
 Robert C. Andrews, Recreation Director  
 Donald F. Bent, Health Officer  
 Peter Berthiaume, Colby-Sawyer College  
 Nancy J. Erickson, New London Hospital  
 Richard E. Lee, Road Agent  
 Jason B. Lyon, Fire Prevention Officer  
 David J. Seastrand, Police Chief  
 Peter S. Stanley, Fire Chief  
 Heather R. Cusanelli, Communications Supervisor  
 Noeline Woolrich, New London Hospital

## *Recreation Commission*

Diane M. Chadwick, Chair	2006
Keith Pomkoski	2005
Gerald I. Coogan	2006
Scott P. Devoe	2006
William G. Ross	2006

## *Town Archives*

Margaret L. Moreland, Archivist	2005
Verne E. Barrett	2006
Constance Reece	2006
Nancy Dutton	2006
Constance M. Granger	2006
Barbara J. Stearns	2006
Doris M. Cutter	2007
Hope P. Howard	2007
Robert G. MacMichael	2007
Arrolyn H. Vernon	2007

## *Street Lighting Committee*

Mark Vernon, Chair  
 Celeste C. Cook  
 Thomas A. Cottrill  
 Robert Gray  
 Stefan H. Timbrell



# APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

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## ***Board of Firewards***

Laurids T. Lauridsen III	2005
Stephen W. Ensign	2006
Richard N. Brady	2006
Barbara D. Green	2007
Gordon P. McKinnon	2007

## ***Forest Fire Wardens***

Peter S. Stanley, Warden  
 Karl R. Bjorklund, Deputy Warden  
 Shaun M. Caisse, Deputy Warden  
 Janet M. Ellis, Deputy Warden  
 Christian E. Hoffman, Deputy Warden  
 Laurids T. Lauridsen III, Deputy Warden  
 Peter A. Lewis, Deputy Warden  
 Amy Lyon, Deputy Warden  
 Jason Lyon, Deputy Warden  
 Walter E. Partridge, Jr., Deputy Warden

## ***Fire Department Personnel***

Peter S. Stanley, Chief  
 Shaun M. Caisse, Deputy Chief  
 Jason B. Lyon, Captain  
 Amy C. Lyon, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant & Clerk  
 Peter A. Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant  
 Karl R. Bjorklund, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant  
 Christian E. Hoffman, 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant  
 Matthew A. McClay, 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant  
 Janet M. Ellis, Safety Officer  
 Ethan A. Ballin  
 Robert W. Barrett, Emeritus  
 Edgar I. Broadhead, Jr.  
 Robert W. Buckley  
 Susie Burmann  
 James J. Cahill  
 Brian K. Carey  
 David A. Carey  
 Allison L. Coy  
 Thomas J. Durling  
 Anthony J. Edgecomb  
 Stephen W. Ensign, Emeritus  
 Nancy J. Erickson  
 Richard A. Gauthier  
 William R. Hardy Jr.  
 Kaisha E. Hayden  
 Courtney C. Heath  
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 Amy R. Tarte  
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 Blair M. Weathers  
 Jessica M. Whelehan

## ***Citizen's Advisory Committee***

Cynthia L. Adie	2005
Lawrence B. Ballin	2005
Celeste C. Cook	2005
Michelle S. Feins	2005
Tracey J. Godin	2005
Robert R. Gray	2005
Janet R. Kidder	2005
Joseph J. McCarthy	2005
Donald F. McGuinness	2005
Jay Rosenfield	2005
Deborah L. Stanley	2005
Stephanie P. Wheeler	2005
Sue Ellen Andrews	2007
Constance W. Appel	2007
R. Peter Bianchi	2007
Barbara C. Brown	2007
Hugh A. Chapin	2007
Judith K. Chapin	2007
William P. Clough	2007
Paul G. Gorman	2007
Margaret C. Holliday	2007
Marilyn R. Kidder	2007
Susan L. Little	2007
Robert G. MacMichael	2007
Lois E. Marshall	2007
Peter J. Messer	2007
Noel Weinstein	2007
W. Barry Wright	2007



**Town Of New London**  
**Town Meeting- March 9 & 10, 2004**

**Balloting-Whipple Memorial Town Hall**

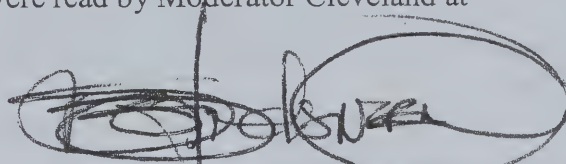
Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. As per RSA 659:49 absentee ballots would be called at 1:00 p.m. Upon closing of the polls Moderator Cleveland announced that the town meeting would reconvene at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 37.

A motion was made and seconded to act on Article 1:

- A. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- B. To vote by ballot on amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance.

**Voice vote in the affirmative**

The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. and the results were read by Moderator Cleveland at 8:00 p.m.



Suzy Holdsworth, Town Clerk

Attest:

**Article 1A: Results of Non-Partisan Balloting for Town Officials**

Total Registered voters-2972; 26 registered at the polls;  
1164 regular ballots distributed; 183 absentee ballots cast; and 2 voided ballots for a total of 1349 ballots cast or 45 % of the total registered voters.

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

Suzanne Jesseman	102
Douglas W. Lyon	812
Perry L. Wheaton	400
Write-ins	3

**Trustee of Trust Funds ( For 3 Years) Vote for not more than One**

Theodore S. Brown	666
William Horn	426
Write-ins	8



**Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 Years) Vote for not more than Two**

Patricia Wallace Brewster	901
George Doolittle	1016
Write-ins	27

**Supervisor of the Checklist (For 6 Years) Vote for not more than One**

Celeste Cook	837
Robert S. Meck	306
Write-ins	6

**Town Moderator (For 6 Years) Vote for not more than One**

Cotton M. Cleveland	1162
Write-ins	69

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

Robert S. Meck	577
Patricia H. Sheehan	507
Stefan Timbrell	712
Jim Wheeler	578
John Wilson	744
Write-ins	21

**Sewer Commissioner (For 3 Years) Vote for not more than One**

Betsy Boege	1090
Write-ins	22

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

Charles M. Hafner	1167
Write-ins	8

**KRSD School Moderator (For 1 Year) Vote for not more than One**

Blanks	1071
Write-ins	288
Top Write-ins	
Robert Bowers	33

**KRSD School Board Member (For 3 Years) Vote for not more than One**

Barbara Brown	807
Michael Doheny	387
Write-ins	12

**Municipal Budget Committee (For 3 Years) Vote for not more than One**

Jay Rosenfield	1069
Write-ins	46

**Article 1B: Ballot Results on Amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance**

**Petitioned Warrant Article #1:** To see if the Town will vote to require that members of the Town of New London, NH, Planning Board be elected rather than appointed pursuant to RSA 673:2, II(b)(2).

Yes 551      No 688

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 1028      No 210



**AMENDMENT NO. 1:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 proposes to amend Article II General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to add a new paragraph pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units.

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 1169**      **No 124**

**AMENDMENT NO. 2:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 proposes to amend the sign regulations to clarify that the size of temporary signs shall be no larger than permitted by the underlying zone district.

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 1134**      **No 120**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 proposes to amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Use".

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
**Yes 1144**      **No 108**

**AMENDMENT NO. 4:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Commercial Use".

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
**Yes 1133**      **No 119**

**AMENDMENT NO.5:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 proposes to amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Farm".

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
**Yes 1068**      **No 187**

**AMENDMENT NO.6:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 proposes to amend the definition of "Dwelling, Two Family" in Article II to require a common roof and common wall or common ceiling/floor.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
**Yes 924**      **No 311**

**AMENDMENT NO 7:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph C. Permitted Uses, Section 1. to permit boathouses only if constructed over the water and to eliminate swimming facilities as a permitted use. In addition, the amendment proposes to add a definition of Boathouse to Article III Definitions.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
**Yes 1137**      **No 135**

**AMENDMENT NO. 8:** The Planning Board's Amendment No. 8 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph D. General Provisions, Section 2 to amend the provisions for replenishment of an existing beach to make them consistent with state requirements administered through the Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit Application.



9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1073      No 145

**AMENDMENT NO. 9:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 9 proposes to amend Article XXI Board of Adjustment, Paragraph G. Special Exceptions, Section 4. Special Exception Uses to add a new Sub-Section n. to include all of the Special Exception Uses permitted in Article XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District, Paragraph G. Uses Permitted by Special Exception.

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1096      No 162

**AMENDMENT NO. 10:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 10 proposes to revise the definition of “Structure” found in Article III Definitions.

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1079      No 174

**AMENDMENT NO. 11:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 11 proposes to amend the definition of “Dwelling Unit” found in Article III.

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1157      No 103

**AMENDMENT NO. 12:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 12 proposes to remove the requirement to obtain a permit for a temporary yard sale sign and to place these types of signs under the category of signs not requiring a permit.

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1121      No 103

**AMENDMENT NO. 13:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 13 proposes to clarify uses permitted in the Commercial District.

14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1050      No 143

**AMENDMENT NO. 14:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 14 proposes to clarify that the provisions of Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Non-conforming Lots pertaining to substantial improvement, restoration, reconstruction and/or replacement apply to Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District.

15. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by Petition for the New London Zoning Ordinance?  
Yes 1044      No 158

**AMENDMENT NO. 15:** Amendment No. 15 proposes to amend Article XI, Section A.3, Accessory Uses, to permit daytime access and parking by passenger vehicles on graveled surfaced roadways and adjacent areas.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Accessory Uses: Accessory uses include, by way of example, gravel and unlighted access roadways, as well as gravel and unlighted parking and turnaround areas along the roadways for



passenger vehicles, emergency vehicles, security vehicles, and maintenance equipment, restricted to daytime use only; parking and turnaround areas for the same; maintenance and storage facilities for recreation uses; restrooms and changing facilities; bleachers, goals, backstops, dugouts, flagpoles, benches, and other required athletic equipment; and other accessory uses involving no structures.

**Continuation of Town Meeting**  
**March 10, 2004**  
**Kearsarge Regional Middle School at 7:00 p.m.**

At 7:00 p.m. Lois Freeman and the New London Fourth Graders, accompanied by Missy Owen, started the Town Meeting by leading in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Star Spangled Banner." Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland thanked the singers for their contribution to the Town Meeting.

Moderator Cleveland indicated that more than 200 people attended the pot luck supper prior to the meeting. A special thanks to the Pot Luck Supper Committee including Peter and Kathy Bianchi, Pat Blanchard, Barbara Brown, Carol Fraley, Suzy Holdsworth, Joan Pankhurst, Michele Holton, Mark and Thelma Kaplan, Lois Marshall, John MacKenna, Amy Rankins and Pam Saunders. Special tribute was paid to Lois Marshall who will be leaving the Town of New London for Wilmot and will no longer be the Head Ballot Clerk. Moderator Cleveland read election results from the previous days voting and shared voting statistics. In 2003, 967 registered voters or 35% of registered voters participated in Town Elections. This year 1347 registered voters or 45% of registered voters participated in Town Elections.

Moderator Cleveland officially called the meeting to order.

**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)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 2**

Moderator Cleveland explained the use of the blue 2004 voter cards and their usage in lieu of voice votes. She then went on to outline the Moderators Guidelines by which she would be conducting the meeting. The meeting was then turned over to Selectman Doug Lyon.

Selectman Lyon paid tribute to all involved with volunteerism in the Town of New London citing that it was by this action that the town operated so well. He asked all of the volunteer committees and individuals to stand in recognition for their efforts. Selectman Lyon recognized the following individuals for service to the town; Sue Andrews, who is stepping down after 15 years on the Conservation Commission, Sue Jesseman and April Whittaker for serving 6 years on the Budget Committee; Ginny Foose for 20 years with Tracy Memorial Library, Bob Harrington for 15 years with the New London Highway Department and Amy Rankins for 10 years as the Town's Administrative Assistant. Selectman Lyon went on to provide a slideshow presentation demonstrating an overview of the towns proposed budget, revenues and tax structure.

Moderator Cleveland then proceeded with explaining the secret ballot process for Article #3 and continued on with Articles #3-38.



**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$1,340,000 (one million three hundred forty thousand dollars)** for the purpose of the construction of a new garage and an additional bay on the salt/sand shed for the Highway Department and for the purpose of the addition and renovation of the Fire Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$990,000 (nine hundred ninety thousand dollars)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars)**, plus any remaining interest, from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund and the withdrawal of **\$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars)**, plus any remaining interest, from the Fire Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required.)*

**AFFIRMATIVE BALLOT VOTE ON ARTICLE 3**  
**YES-333      NO-37**

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Executive	211,196	177,479
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	57,463	50,164
Financial Administration	214,963	189,984
Reassessment of Property	62,500	36,800
Personnel Administration	197,600	140,800
Planning and Zoning	36,985	33,775
General Government Buildings	109,520	83,330
Cemeteries	29,193	29,193
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	51,000	44,400
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>14,551</u>	<u>10,551</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>984,971</b>	<b>796,476</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 4**

**ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **LEGAL EXPENSE**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).*

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Legal	250,000	30,000
Animal Rescue Fees	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250,300</b>	<b>35,300</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 5**

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).*

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Police Department	650,654	561,680
Dispatch Center	243,374	216,625
Fire Department	143,820	138,915
Firewards	583	528
Emergency Management	<u>5,797</u>	<u>36,232</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,044,228</b>	<b>953,980</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 6**



**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Highway Administration	515,367	502,417
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	476,200	481,200
Street Lighting	<u>21,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,012,567</b>	<b>1,006,617</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 7**

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Transfer Station Admin. and Operations	420,100	401,786
Solid Waste Cleanup	31,410	21,790
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>542,000</u>	<u>522,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>993,510</b>	<b>945,576</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 8**

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		
Health Administration	7,675	11,783
Kearsarge Council on Aging	8,000	8,000
Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Assoc.	11,251	10,804
New London Ambulance	87,000	0
<b>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</b>		
Welfare Administration	815	541
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3699	3,363
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 121,940</b>	<b>\$ 37,991</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 9**

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Recreation Department	125,260	121,785
Tracy Memorial Library	331,925	306,000
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	<u>1000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>458,485</b>	<b>432,085</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 10**

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **CONSERVATION and OTHER CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Conservation Administration	9,372	16,502
Other-Care of Trees	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,372</b>	<b>26,502</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 11**

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums 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>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Principal / Bonds and Notes	120,000	120,000
Interest / Bonds and Notes	<u>67,393</u>	<u>74,363</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187,393</b>	<b>194,363</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 12**

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**, as follows. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	15,000	47,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	69,000	69,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	136,500	135,000
Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000
Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund	75,000	75,000
Computer Repair & Maintenance Fund	1,000	1,000
Copier Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	0
Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	0
Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000
Fire Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	18,325	16,192
Town Building Maintenance Fund	20,000	20,000
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund	15,000	10,000
Milfoil Treatment & Prevention Fund	28,000	8,000
Transfer Station & Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000
Tracy Library Community Garden Maintenance Fund	6,000	7,500
Town Hall Basement Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	15,000
Main Street Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 583,825</b>	<b>583,692</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 13**

**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,000 (forty seven thousand dollars)** to purchase a new **Refuse Trailer**, and to authorize the amount of **\$47,000 (forty seven thousand dollars)** to be withdrawn from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 14**



**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000 (seventy thousand dollars)** to purchase a new **Catch Basin Cleaner**, and to authorize the amount of **\$70,000 (seventy thousand dollars)** to be withdrawn from the New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 15**

**ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,500 (twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars)** to purchase a new **Police Cruiser**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 16**

**ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,000 (twenty three thousand dollars)** for the purposes of replacing the **Police Department radio**, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$4,000 (four thousand dollars)** from the Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. The remainder of funds will be raised by general taxation. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 17**

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,524 (twenty two thousand five hundred twenty four dollars)** for the purpose of purchasing new **municipal software** for the town offices, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$12,124 (twelve thousand one hundred twenty four dollars)** from the Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund. The remainder of funds will be raised by general taxation. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 18**

**ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars)** to install and upgrade a **sidewalk on Main Street**, from the Information Booth to the former Church's building, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$9,000 (nine thousand dollars)** from the Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. The remainder of the funds will be raised by general taxation and will be reimbursed in full by property owners. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 19**

**ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$48,100 (forty eight thousand one hundred dollars)** for the purpose of purchasing a new **air filling station and related equipment** for the Fire Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$4,810 (four thousand eight hundred and ten dollars)** from the Fire Protection Air Filling Station Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the air filling station. The remainder of the funds will be reimbursed by a grant. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 20**

**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35:1-c, a non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of updating the **1998 Master Plan**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Master Plan Update Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 21**

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** for the purposes of updating the **1998 Master Plan**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Master Plan Update Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 22**

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Fire Protection Air Filling Station Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2002, and to transfer said funds, plus accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, to the general fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 23**

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,000 (eighteen thousand dollars)** for the purposes of painting the interior and exterior of Whipple Memorial Town Hall and the Old Colby Academy Building, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Town Building Maintenance Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 24**

**ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improving intersections in New London, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Intersection Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 25**

**ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish, per RSA 35:1-c, a non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of updating the computer hardware and software in the Police Department; (b) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Police Department Computer Fund; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 26**

**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing land or other property interest therein for recreational use, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Recreation Land Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 27**

**ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000 (five thousand dollars)** for **Disease Prevention and Control**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2009. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 28**

**ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Recreation Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The revenues received from fees and charges for recreation services and trips shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund or general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same upon order by the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator and Recreation Director. Pursuant to RSA 35-B, these funds may be expended only for recreation purposes and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other Town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. After creation of such recreational fund, the monies in such fund shall not need further Town Meeting approval to be expended. (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 29**

**ARTICLE 30**

To see if the voters of the Town of New London will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** for the following elements of a mosquito control program to reduce the chance of infection with the West Nile Virus:

1. A larval survey of the town to identify mosquito breeding sites at a one-time cost of \$6000.00.



2. Larviciding of mosquito breeding sites to prevent mosquito larvae from developing into adult mosquitoes, to be conducted from April into September at a cost of \$18,000.

**PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE.** *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**NEGATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 30**

**ARTICLE 31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$51,000** (fifty-one thousand dollars) to prepare and pave the approximately one-half mile section of Stoney Brook Road from King Hill Road to the New London/Newbury Town Line. **PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE.** *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AMENDMENT: TO TABLE VOTE ON ARTICLE 31**  
**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 31**  
**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON AMENDED ARTICLE 31**

**ARTICLE 32**

To see if the Town will vote to require that members of the Town of New London, NH Zoning Board of Adjustment be elected rather than appointed in the manner prescribed by RSA 669 and following the guidelines pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (b)(2). **PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE.** (Majority vote required.)

**AMENDMENT: TO TABLE VOTE ON ARTICLE 32**  
**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 32**  
**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON AMENDED ARTICLE 32**

**ARTICLE 33**

To see if the Town will vote to require that the position of the Town of New London, NH Zoning Administrator be elected rather than appointed pursuant to RSA 669:17(VIII) and following the guidelines of RSA 673:2, II (b)(2). **PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE.** (Majority vote required.)

**AMENDMENT: TO TABLE VOTE ON ARTICLE 33**  
**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 33**  
**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON AMENDED ARTICLE 33**

**ARTICLE 34**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale to the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct, for \$1, of a certain parcel of land located on Old Dump Road and being part of Tax Map 33, Lot 19. The parcel is bounded on the west by land of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct (Tax Map 33, Lot 22), on the south by Old Dump Road, on the southeast by land of Sydney R. Badmington (Tax Map 33, Lot 1), and on the north by the remainder of Tax Map 33 Parcel 19 (Town of New London, containing the Brush & Metal Disposal Center). The line of annexation being drawn from the northeasterly corner of Tax Map 33, Lot 1 (Badmington) to the northerly corner of Tax Map 33, Lot 22 (Water Precinct). Said parcel of land to contain 1.2 acres more or less or as a more accurate survey may disclose. (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 34**

**ARTICLE 35**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term (five-year) agreement to lease the Elkins Post Office to the United States Postal Service, beginning on January 1, 2005, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems prudent and in the best interests of the Town. (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 35**

**ARTICLE 36**

To authorize the Town of New London Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail requested in accordance with NH RSA 154:24. (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 36**

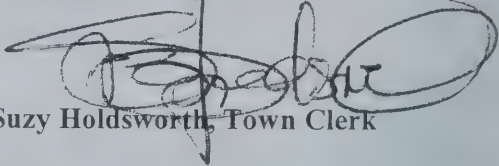
**ARTICLE 37**


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.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 37**

There being no other business to come before the meeting, Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland put forth the motion to adjourn the meeting.

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO CONCLUDE THE MEETING AT 10:10 P.M.**

  
Suzy Holdsworth, Town Clerk



A True Copy Attest: Suzy Holdsworth, Town Clerk



*Photo by Amy Rankins*

*The 2004 Town Meeting drew 370 registered voters, the highest turnout since 1999. Here, residents pack the KRMS gym.*



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TOWN WARRANT  
2005



**TOWN OF NEW LONDON**  
**Volunteer Interest Form**  
**for Town Committees, Boards, and Commissions**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Board/Committee on which you would like to serve: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you want to serve on this board? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please send completed application form and resume if available to the Board of Selectmen's Office, PO Box 240, New London, NH 03257 (telephone: 526-4821; fax: 526-9494).*

***Appointed Boards/Positions***

Planning Board  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Conservation Commission  
Regional Planning Representatives  
NH/VT Solid Waste Representatives  
Emergency Management Committee  
Recreation Commission  
Town Archives Committee  
Street Lighting Committee  
Ballot Clerks  
Main Street Committee  
Board of Firewards  
Citizen's Advisory Committee



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*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 8, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:**

**ARTICLE 1**

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

- One (1) Selectman for three-year term;
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three-year term;
- Two (2) Tracy Memorial Library Trustees for three-year terms;
- Three (3) Budget Committee Members for three-year terms;
- One (1) Sewer Commissioner for one-year term;
- One (1) Sewer Commissioner for three-year term;
- One (1) Cemetery Commissioner for three-year term; and
- One (1) Town Clerk for one-year term.

**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?

AMENDMENT NO. 1: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 cross references the 'fill provision' in the Sanitary Protection section (Article II, Paragraph 8. Sub-Paragraph d.) with the section providing for an exception for 'filling lands' when refurbishing or installing a septic system (Article II, Paragraph 2., Sub-Paragraph c. iv.).

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to assist in the administration of the ordinance by cross-referencing companion sections in the ordinance pertaining to filling lands related to the installation of a septic system.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 2: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 revises Article II, Paragraph 10, Sub-Paragraph c.(2) to reflect that the sign permit application shall be placed on the next available meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to revise an outdated section on the administration of sign permits so that it reflects the Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 3: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 removes the requirement for organizers of Temporary Fund Raising Events for Non-Profit Organizations to obtain a sign permit to be consistent with an amendment approved last year that placed this under the category of Signs Not Requiring a Permit (Article II, Paragraph 10, Sub-Paragraph d.(12)a.).

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to remove the necessity to obtain a sign permit for Temporary Fund Raising Events for Non-Profit Organizations to be consistent with an amendment approved last year. Please note that compliance is still needed with the restrictions in the zoning ordinance on the number, size and duration of signs permitted for such events.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 4: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 amends the Article XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District to:

- 1) Delete the provision that allows by special exception "the undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation District" necessitating a variance for such a use in the future; and
- 2) Exempt temporary timber harvesting crossings of wetlands from the requirement to obtain a special exception.

RATIONALE: The purposes of this amendment are to:

- 1) Require approval of a variance instead of a special exception for "the undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation Overlay District." The more difficult variance requirement would ensure that approved uses are more consistent with the purposes of the Wetland Conservation Overlay District thereby providing more protection for wetlands; and
- 2) Make it easier to obtain approval of temporary wetland crossings for timber harvesting by deleting the requirement for a special exception. These crossings still need approval of a minimum impact wetland permit by the New London Conservation Commission and the NH Wetlands Board.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 5: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 amends the ordinance to delete the requirement for single-family yard sales and multi-family yard sales to obtain a permit from the Selectmen.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the need for people to obtain a permit for conducting a single or multi-family yard sale. Please note that compliance is still needed with the restrictions in the zoning ordinance on the number, size and duration of signs permitted for any yard sale.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 6: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 amends Article II, Paragraph 10, subparagraph d.3. to permit the erection of one construction sign advertising all the contractors at the entrance to the development or subdivision or one sign advertising all the contractors on individual lots, but not both.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to permit one construction sign advertising all the contractors to be erected at a subdivision entrance as an alternative to the one sign advertising all the contractors on individual lots currently permitted by the ordinance. This amendment would permit one or the other type of sign advertising all the contractors, but not both, thereby allowing contractors to reduce the number of signs erected for a development.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 7: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 amends the Shore Land Overlay District to conform with new state legislation prohibiting upward expansions of nonconforming structures in the shore lands.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to update the Shore Land Overlay District provisions on expansion of nonconforming structures to be consistent with a recent change in state law prohibiting upward expansions. This amendment should eliminate confusion for shore land property owners by making the state and town regulations consistent. This amendment will not affect shore land property owners in such instances because the state law currently is more stringent and overrides local regulations.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 8: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 8:



- 1) Redefines "Manufactured House" to be consistent with the definition in RSA 674:31;
- 2) Adds a definition for "Presite Built Housing" which is referenced in the definition of "Manufactured House";
- 3) Identifies which zoning districts permit presite built housing in Article II, Paragraph 12;
- 4) Replaces the term "Mobile Home" with "Manufactured House" throughout the ordinance; and
- 5) Includes Recreational Vehicles in the definition of "Trailer and Travel Trailer."

**RATIONALE:** The purposes of this amendment are to:

- 1) Update the ordinance with modern definitions consistent with state law;
- 2) Update the ordinance to redefine "Manufactured House" and to replace the term "Mobile Home" with "Manufactured House" throughout the ordinance;
- 3) Add a definition of "Presite Built Housing" and identify which zoning districts permit presite built housing; and
- 4) Add Recreational Vehicles to the definition of "Trailer and Travel Trailer."

**NOTE:** By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 AM for the consideration of Articles IA & IB. At 12:00 noon, the meeting will recess, and the polls will remain open until 7:00 PM. The meeting will reconvene at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon Articles 2 - 37.

**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 following sums for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Executive	236,418	211,196
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	61,406	57,463
Financial Administration	217,385	214,963
Reassessment of Property	22,500	62,500
Personnel Administration	186,164	197,600
Planning and Zoning	40,457	36,985
General Government Buildings	165,950	109,520
Cemeteries	29,603	29,193
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	52,400	51,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>14,922</u>	<u>14,551</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,027,205</b>	<b>984,971</b>

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **LEGAL EXPENSE**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Legal	40,000	250,000
Animal Rescue Fees	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,300</b>	<b>250,300</b>

**ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Police Department	688,563	650,654
Dispatch Center	262,156	243,374
Fire Department	162,944	143,820
Firewards	581	583
Emergency Management	<u>6,494</u>	<u>5,797</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,120,738</b>	<b>1,044,228</b>

#### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Highway Administration	565,259	515,367
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	484,400	476,200
Street Lighting	<u>22,100</u>	<u>21,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,071,759</b>	<b>1,012,567</b>

#### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **SANITATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Transfer Station Admin. and Operations	412,654	420,100
Solid Waste Cleanup	16,550	31,410
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>618,000</u>	<u>542,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,047,204</b>	<b>993,510</b>

#### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		
Health Administration	7,664	7,675
Kearsarge Council on Aging	9,600	8,000
Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Assoc.	11,495	11,251
New London Ambulance	75,146	87,000
<b>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</b>		
Welfare Administration	815	815
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,699	3,699
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111,919</b>	<b>\$ 121,940</b>

#### ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Recreation Department	122,955	125,260
Tracy Memorial Library	353,375	331,925
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480,630</b>	<b>458,485</b>



**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **CONSERVATION and OTHER CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Conservation Administration	21,370	9,372
Other-Care of Trees	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,370</b>	<b>19,372</b>

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums 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>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Principal / Bonds and Notes	169,324	120,000
Interest / Bonds and Notes	<u>77,599</u>	<u>67,393</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246,923</b>	<b>187,393</b>

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**, as follows. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	0	15,000
Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund	47,000	20,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000
Computer Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	1,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	72,000	69,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	162,500	136,500
New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	29,000	18,325
Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund	20,000	20,000
Fire Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund	0	50,000
Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund	0	50,000
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund	15,000	15,000
Transfer Station & Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund	0	25,000
Milfoil Treatment & Prevention Fund	28,000	28,000
Town Hall Basement Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000
Main Street Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund	150,000	75,000
Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000
Intersection Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000
Master Plan Update Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Police Computer Updates Reserve Fund	7,500	10,000
Recreation Land Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000
Town Office Copier Replacement Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000
Tracy Library Community Garden Maintenance Fund	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>652,000</b>	<b>\$ 653,825</b>

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,500 (twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars)** to purchase a new **Police Cruiser**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

#### ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** for the purposes of updating the **1998 Master Plan**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Master Plan Update Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$62,000 (sixty-two thousand dollars)** to purchase a new **One-Ton Dump Truck and Sander**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

#### ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$107,000 (one hundred and seven thousand dollars)** to purchase a new **Bucket Loader**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

#### ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars)** for the purposes of **painting the interior and exterior of Whipple Memorial Town Hall and the Old Colby Academy Building**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Town Building Maintenance Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars)** for the purposes of **designing and planning the renovation of the basement of Whipple Memorial Town Hall**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Town Hall Basement Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000 (forty thousand dollars)** for **improvements at the Transfer Station**, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars)** from the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund. The remainder of the funds will be reimbursed by a grant. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

#### ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,000 (twenty-seven thousand dollars)** for the purposes of **repairs and painting of Tracy Memorial Library**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Tracy Library Maintenance Fund. *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 **\$7,500 (seven thousand five hundred dollars)** to install and upgrade a **sidewalk on Main Street** in front of the Lemon Twist (406 Main Street) and Gourmet Garden (420 Main Street) buildings, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$5,000 (five thousand dollars)** from the Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund. The remainder of the funds will be raised by general taxation and will be reimbursed by the property owners. *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 up to **\$22,000 (twenty-two thousand dollars)** for a **conceptual engineering and design of the intersection and sidewalks at Newport and County roads**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)



#### ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to: 1) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars)** for a **joint assessor with the Towns of Newbury and Sunapee**; 2) to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, and 3) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement pursuant to RSA 53-A, upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine is in the best interests of the Town. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

#### ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish, per RSA 35:1-c, a non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of **updating the computer hardware and software for Tracy Memorial Library**; (b) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000 (seven thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Tracy Library Computer Fund; and (c) authorize the Tracy Library Trustees as agents to expend this fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000 (seven thousand dollars)** for **new computers at Tracy Memorial Library**, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Tracy Library Computer Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

#### ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish, per RSA 35:1-c, a non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of **studying the dissolution of the Sewer Commission**; (b) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Public Works Study Fund; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners as agents to expend this fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing the detective or other police vehicle, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing the photocopier at the Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000 (four thousand dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Police Department Photocopier Capital Reserve Fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Kezar Lake Watershed Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2001, and to transfer said funds, plus accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, into the general fund. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

#### ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale to the owners of the Morgan Hill Bookstore, for **\$7,350 (seven thousand three hundred fifty dollars)**, of a certain parcel of land located on Main Street and being part of Tax Map 84, Lot 66. The parcel is bounded on the east by land of the New London Agency (Tax Map 84, Lot 68), on the south by Main Street, on the north by land of the Kearsarge Regional School District (Tax Map 73, Lot 76), and on the west by the remainder of Tax Map 84, Parcel 66 (Town of New London, containing the Fire Station). Said parcel of land to contain 1,000 SF more or less or as a more accurate survey may disclose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

### ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional Veteran's Credit, pursuant to RSA 72:28, from \$100 to \$200. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required.)

### ARTICLE 32

Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:28, to increase the optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for qualified veterans from \$100 to \$500? *Petitioned Warrant Article.* (Majority vote required.)

### ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional Tax Credit for Service Connected Total Disability, pursuant to RSA 72:35, from \$1400 to \$2000. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required.)

### ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to modify, pursuant to RSA 72:39-b, the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of New London, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$35,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 (five) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 (five) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$26,800 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,800; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required.)

### ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the gift to the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Community Center (hereinafter "Community Center") of a certain parcel of land located on Pleasant Street and being Tax Map 74, Lot 48 (the "Property"). The parcel is bounded on the west by Pleasant Street and on the north, east, and south by land of the James C. Cleveland Trust and William F. Kidder (Map 74, Lot 47). Said parcel of land to contain 0.57 acres, more or less, or as a more accurate survey may disclose. This is the same parcel of land that was transferred to the Town of New London by James C. Cleveland in 1964, having been accepted by the 1964 Town Meeting. Said gift would be subject to the following conditions, at a minimum:

- 1) No buildings shall be erected on the property; the property may only be used as a pond or in its natural state;
- 2) The property shall revert to the Town of New London under the following circumstances:
  - a) If the Community Center does not acquire the portion of Map 74, Lot 47, that is proposed for use by the Community Center;
  - b) If the Community Center does not receive Site Plan Review approval from the Planning Board;
  - c) If the Community Center fails to construct either a functional and useable Community Center building or playing field maintained in playable condition within five years of this Town Meeting;
  - d) If, at any point in the future, the property is no longer used for a privately owned tax exempt and/or privately owned non-commercial recreational facility (i.e., if the use of the Community Center land changes).
- 3) There shall be no cost to the Town relating to the gift of this property, unless and until authorized by a subsequent Town Meeting.

The above conditions shall be the minimum conditions placed on the property, and the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to negotiate additional, but no fewer, conditions. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required)

### ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of Major Subdivisions in accordance with RSA 674:35, I, and to make it the duty of the Town Clerk to file a certificate of notice with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds showing the date the Planning Board has been so authorized in accordance with RSA 674:35, II. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required)

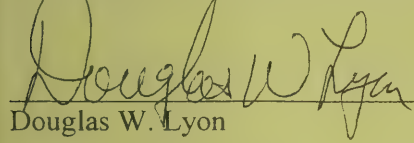


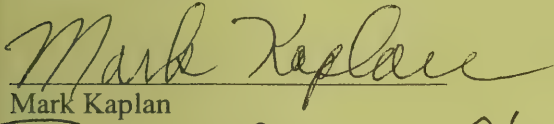
**ARTICLE 37**

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, two thousand and five.

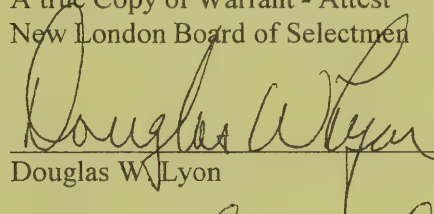
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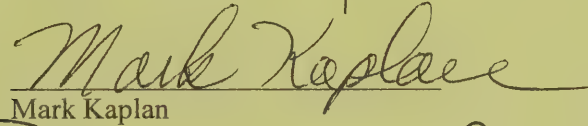
  
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THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2005  
PROPOSED  
ZONING AMENDMENTS





**2005 AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW LONDON ZONING ORDINANCE  
PROPOSED BY THE NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD  
AS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

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The amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance proposed by the New London Planning Board as submitted to the Town Clerk on February 1, 2005 are outlined below. The additions are highlighted and underlined and the deletions are ~~crossed out~~.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:**

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 cross-references the *'fill provision'* in the *Sanitary Protection section* (Article II, Paragraph 8. Sub-Paragraph d.) with the section providing for an exception for *'filling lands'* when refurbishing or installing a septic system (Article II, Paragraph 2., Sub-Paragraph c. iv.).

Specifically, Amendment No 1 involves cross-referencing the fill provision in Article II, Paragraph 8. Sub-Paragraph d. with Article II, Paragraph 2., Sub-Paragraph c. iv. as follows:

- iv. when refurbishing or installing a septic system that has the approval of the Town Health Officer. Please note the fill provision in the Sanitary Protection section found in Article II, Paragraph 8., sub-paragraph d.

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of this amendment is to assist in the administration of the ordinance by cross-referencing companion sections in the ordinance pertaining to filling lands related to the installation of a septic system.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:**

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 revises Article II, Paragraph 10., Sub-Paragraph c. (2) to reflect that the sign permit application shall be placed on the next available meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

More specifically, Amendment No. 2 amends Article II, Paragraph 10., Sub-Paragraph c. (2) as follows:

- (2) The Board of Selectmen conduct a business meeting almost weekly. Sign Permit Applications submitted to the Board of Selectmen's Office will be placed on the next available ~~by noon the day of the~~ Selectmen's meeting ~~will be placed on that evening's~~ Board of Selectmen's Agenda for consideration.

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of this amendment is to revise an outdated section on the administration of sign permits so that it reflects the Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:**

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 removes the requirement for organizers of Temporary Fund Raising Events for Non-Profit Organizations to obtain a sign permit to be consistent with an amendment approved last year that placed this under the category of Signs Not Requiring a Permit (Article II, Paragraph 10., Sub-Paragraph d. (12) a.).

More specifically, Amendment No 3 involves:

- a. deleting Article II, Paragraph 10., Sub-Paragraph f. (2) (b) as follows:
  - (b) ~~Sign for Temporary Fund Raising Events for Nonprofit Organizations~~

- 1) ~~One temporary on-premise Sign not to be erected more than 7 days prior to the event and removed within 24 hours after conclusion of the event. The size of the Sign is controlled by that allowed under the underlying Zone District for permanent Signs. Any type of Sign would be permitted including a sandwich board Sign, a banner, etc.~~
- 2) ~~Please refer to the Temporary Fund Raising Events for Nonprofit Organizations permit process in Article II, Section 14.~~

b. Amend Article II, Paragraph 14, Sub-Paragraph c. 4. As follows:

- 4) One temporary on-premise Sign is permitted. The size of the Sign would be controlled by that allowed by the underlying Zone District for permanent Signs. Any type of Sign would be permitted including a sandwich board Sign, a banner etc. ~~A temporary Sign permit must be obtained from the Selectmen.~~ Any temporary Sign shall not be erected more than 7 days prior to the event and shall be removed within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to *remove* the necessity to obtain a sign permit for Temporary Fund Raising Events for Non-Profit Organizations to be consistent with an amendment approved last year. Please note that compliance is still needed with the restrictions in the zoning ordinance on the number, size and duration of signs permitted for such events.

#### PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 amends the Article XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District to:

- 1) delete the provision that allows by special exception "the undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation District" necessitating a variance for such a use in the future; and
- 2) exempt temporary timber harvesting crossings of wetlands from the requirement to obtain a special exception.

More specifically, Amendment No. 4 amends Article XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, Paragraph E. Special Exceptions as follows:

E. Special Exceptions: Special Exceptions may be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment after proper public notice and public hearing, for undertaking the following Uses in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District when an application has been referred to the Conservation Commission, Soil Conservation Service, and New Hampshire Wetlands Board for review and comment at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Special Exceptions include:

- (1) Any proposed crossing of a Wetland with an access way, driveway or Street, regardless of width, and/or utility lines. In addition to the usual criteria used by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in evaluating an application for a Special Exception, the applicant must demonstrate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment that there is not a layout of the access way, driveway, Street or utility line, which conforms with New London's regulations and does not cross a Wetland, and that the proposed crossing would create the least impact on the Wetland compared with other possible Wetland crossing locations. Temporary wetland crossings for timber harvesting using best management practices in order to protect Wetlands from damage and prevent sedimentation are exempt from the requirement to obtain approval of a Special Exception.
- (2) Water impoundments.
- (3) ~~The undertaking of a Use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation District, if it can be shown that such proposed Use is not in conflict with any and all of the purposes listed in~~



**RATIONALE:** The purposes of this amendment are to:

- 1) Require approval of a variance instead of a special exception for “the undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation Overlay District.” The more difficult variance requirement would ensure that approved uses are more consistent with the purposes of the Wetland Conservation Overlay District thereby providing more protection for wetlands; and
- 2) Make it easier to obtain approval of temporary wetland crossings for timber harvesting by deleting the requirement for a special exception. These crossings still need approval of a minimum impact wetland permit by the New London Conservation Commission and the NH Wetlands Board.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5:**

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 5 amends the ordinance to delete the requirement for single-family yard sales and multi-family yard sales to obtain a permit from the Selectmen.

More specifically, Amendment No. 5 would involve:

- a. Deleting Article II General Provisions, Paragraph 14 .a. 3) as follows:

~~3) Applicants for temporary yard sales shall obtain a permit in compliance with paragraph e.~~

- b. Amending Article II. General Provisions, Paragraph 10. Sign Regulation, sub-paragraph d. SIGNS NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT, section (13) as follows:

(13) Sign for Temporary Yard Sale

- a) One temporary on-premise Sign not exceeding 4 square feet in size to be placed not more than 24 hours prior to the opening of the sale and to be removed within 24 hours after conclusion of the sale.

~~b) Please refer to the yard sale permit process in Article II, Section 14.~~

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of this amendment is to *eliminate* the need for people to obtain a permit for conducting a single or multi-family yard sale. Please note that compliance is still needed with the restrictions in the zoning ordinance on the number, size and duration of signs permitted for any yard sale.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6:**

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 6 amends Article II., Paragraph 10., subparagraph d. 3. to permit the erection of one construction sign advertising all the contractors at the entrance to the development or subdivision or one sign advertising all the contractors on individual lots, but not both.

More specifically, Amendment No 6 involves amending Article II., Paragraph 10., sub-paragraph d. 3. As follows:

- (3) One temporary Sign no larger than 4 square feet advertising the building contractor, architect, painter, paving company or other company involved in the design and construction of the site is permitted on each individual lot or one such sign is permitted at the entrance to the development, but not both. This Sign

must be removed within 10 days of occupancy of the Building or completion of the project. If not removed, then the Board of Selectmen or its designee shall remove the Sign at the owner's expense.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to *permit* one construction sign advertising all the contractors to be erected at a subdivision entrance as an alternative to the one sign advertising all the contractors on individual lots currently permitted by the ordinance. This amendment would permit one or the other type of sign advertising all the contractors, but not both, thereby allowing contractors to reduce the number of signs erected for a development.

### PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 7:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 amends the Shore Land Overlay District to conform with new state legislation prohibiting upward expansions of nonconforming structures in the shore lands.

More specifically, Amendment No 7 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph H. Non-conforming Buildings & Structures as follows:

H. Non-conforming Buildings & Structures: Any non-conforming building or structure located entirely or partly within the first 50 feet inland from the normal high water level of all lakes and ponds over 10 acres in size may be continued indefinitely, altered and/or expanded provided it complies with the following applicable provisions:

1. If the non-conforming building or structure is located entirely within the first 50 feet inland from the normal high water level, then alteration or repair ~~or expansion~~ of the building or structure is governed by the following:
  - a. ~~Alteration or repair or expansion~~ of the building or structure is only permitted within the existing footprint and outside dimensions, consistent with the provisions of Article XX, Section B, 3, provided the result is a functionally equivalent use. No footprint change or vertical expansion of the existing structure shall be allowed. Any expansion that increases the sewerage load to an on-site septic system, or changes or expands the use of a septic system, shall require approval by the NH Department of Environmental Services. ~~upward by increasing the number of floors over the existing footprint of the building or structure. As provided in Paragraph I. to follow, non conforming structures located within the first 50 feet inland from the normal high water level in the Shore Land Overlay District shall not exceed 25 feet in height above grade. Outward expansion of the existing footprint of the structure is not permitted in this instance.~~
  - b. Existing decks and open porches located entirely within the first 50 feet inland from the normal high water level may not be covered, enclosed or ~~and converted to habitable space and may be~~ expanded upward, ~~but not~~ or outward beyond the footprint of the existing deck or porch.
  - c. Any substantial improvement of an existing non-conforming structure located within the boundaries of the 100 year floodplain must comply with the requirements of ARTICLE XV Floodplain Overlay District.

These improvements are permitted only if the existing foundation for the building, or structure, ~~deck or porch~~ is used and a new foundation which would disturb land within the 50 foot buffer area is not included in the proposed improvements. Reinforcement of existing foundations by extending supports internally to the building or structure is permitted.



RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to update the Shore Land Overlay District provisions on expansion of nonconforming structures to be consistent with a recent change in state law prohibiting upward expansions. This amendment should eliminate confusion for shore land property owners by making the state and town regulations consistent. This amendment will not affect shore land property owners in such instances because the state law currently is more stringent and overrides local regulations.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 8:**

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 8:

- 1) redefines "Manufactured House" to be consistent with the definition in RSA 674:31;
- 2) adds a definition for "Presite Built Housing" which is referenced in the definition of "Manufactured House";
- 3) identifies which zoning districts permit presite built housing in Article II, Paragraph 12;
- 4) replaces the term "Mobile Home" with "Manufactured House" throughout the ordinance; and
- 5) includes Recreational Vehicles in the definition of "Trailer and Travel Trailer".

More specifically Amendment No. 8 would involve the following:

- a. Redefine the term "Manufactured Home" in Article III to comply with the definition in RSA 674:31 as follows:

78. Manufactured Home: Any Structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed to be used as a dwelling for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating and electrical heating systems contained therein. A manufactured home as defined in this section shall not include Presite Built Housing, Travel Trailers or Recreational Vehicles. For Floodplain management purposes the term Manufactured Home includes park Trailers, Travel Trailers and other similar vehicles placed on site for greater than 180 days.

- b. Add a definition of "Presite Built Housing" to Article III to conform with the definition in RSA 674:31-a as follows:

xx. Presite Built Housing: Any structure designed primarily for residential occupancy which is wholly or in substantial part made, fabricated, formed, or assembled in off-site manufacturing facilities in conformance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development minimum property standards and local building codes, for installation, or assembly and installation, on the building site. Pre-site built housing shall not include manufactured housing as defined in RSA 674:31.

- c. Delete the definition of "Mobile Home" from Article III as follows:

82. ~~Mobile Home: A unit designed for residential occupancy and capable of being transported after fabrication on Streets or highways on its own wheels or on flatbed or other Trailers, and arriving at the site ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations and being placed on permanent foundation and connected to utilities. Within the meaning of this Ordinance a Travel Trailer shall not be considered a Mobile Home.~~

- d. Amend the definition of "Trailer or Travel Trailer" to include Recreational Vehicles in the definition as follows:

128. Trailer, or—Travel Trailer or Recreational Vehicle: A portable Structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel and recreational purposes. Recreational Vehicles are included in the definition of Trailer or Travel Trailer.

e. Amend Article II, Paragraph 12. Mobile Homes as follows:

12. Manufactured Mobile Homes and Presite Built Housing: Manufactured Mobile Homes are allowed in all except the R-1 Residential, Institutional and Commercial Zones. The construction and use of this type of housing shall conform to the area and density requirements of the permitted zones. Presite Built Housing is permitted in all zones for the residential uses allowed in those zones.

f. Amend Article II, Paragraph 11. Temporary Structures, sub-paragraph b. to replace “Mobile Home” with the term “Manufactured Home” as follows:

b. The Board of Selectmen may approve the temporary Use of a Trailer or Manufactured Mobile Home to be maintained as living quarters by a person employed in adjoining construction work or for whom a residence is being built, or as an office, storeroom or shop in connection with construction work, provided that such is shown to be a temporary expedient and also that the Use will conform with the sanitary protection requirements listed under Section 8 of this Article. Temporary Structures used in conjunction with construction work shall be permitted only during the period the construction work is in progress. Permits for temporary Structures shall be issued for a six-month period.

g. Amend the definition of “Structure” in Article III Definitions to replace “Mobile Home” with the term “Manufactured Home” and add the term presite built housing as follows:

122. Structure: Anything constructed, placed or erected on the ground, or attached to something already existing on the ground, with or without a durable foundation, whether temporary or permanent. Among other things, Structures include Buildings (as defined in this regulation), Manufactured Mobile Homes, Presite Built Housing, walls, decks or platforms, temporary carports and storage Structures, sheds, greenhouses and other accessory Structures (including Dish Antennas or satellite earth stations that are over 3 feet in diameter). Fences, stone walls, animal shelters under 15 square feet, children’s swingsets, dumpsters, flagpoles, sandboxes, playhouses and other playground equipment, Signs and Sign installation devices (see Article II, 10), tents for camping and temporary tent Structures used for functions and gatherings are excluded from the definition of a Structure. For Floodplain management purposes only, Structure means a walled and roofed Building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, as well as a Manufactured Home.

RATIONALE: The purposes of this amendment are to:

- 1) Update the ordinance with modern definitions consistent with state law;
- 2) Update the ordinance to redefine “Manufactured House” and to replace the term “Mobile Home” with “Manufactured House” throughout the ordinance;
- 3) Add a definition of “Presite Built Housing” and identify which zoning districts permit presite built housing; and
- 4) Add Recreational Vehicles to the definition of “Trailer and Travel Trailer.”



THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2005 TOWN BUDGET

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: NEW LONDON

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) 2/15/05

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

*Please sign in ink.*

[Signature]  
Shelby C. Blunt  
Patricia H. Blanchard  
W. Barry Wright  
J. B. [Signature]  
James S. Wheeler

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Douglas A. [Signature]  
[Signature]

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
 (603)271-3397



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Estimated 2005 Revenue/Actual 2004 Receipts  
Estimated Revenue January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Source of Revenue	2004 Estimated Revenues	Received 12-31-04	2005 Selectmen's Proposed	2005 Budget Committee Proposed
<b>TAXES</b>				
Land Use Change Tax (CU)	95,125	122,625	60,000	60,000
Yield Tax	2,802	2,802	2,000	2,000
Interest & Penalties	33,305	35,726	36,000	36,000
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>				
Business Licenses	28,177	36,559	34,600	34,600
Motor Vehicles Fees	764,800	771,170	764,800	764,800
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	41,516	44,061	42,450	42,450
<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Federal Emergency Management Grant	9,100	9,100	0	0
Recycling Plastic Grant	10,000	0	0	0
Fire Grants	43,290	43,290	0	0
Police/Highway Safety Grant	1,776	0	2,500	2,500
Emergency Management Grant	0	6,000	0	0
Other Federal Grants	0	0	0	0
<b>FROM STATE</b>				
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524	57,685	30,524	30,524
Meals & Rooms Tax	144,703	144,703	145,000	145,000
Highway Block Grant	112,374	112,374	120,774	120,774
Water Pollution Grants	16,846	16,846	16,232	16,232
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
Income from Departments	118,442	133,129	134,885	134,885
Other Charges	950	903	800	800
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
Sale of Municipal Property	23,501	31,209	12,500	12,500
Interest on Investments	18,150	21,384	15,360	15,360
Other	211,242	229,566	246,344	246,344
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>				
Enterprise Fund – Sewer	583,094	580,614	648,356	648,356
Capital Reserve Funds	544,124	552,325	424,610	424,610
Trust & Agency Funds	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	545,000	545,000	0	0
Appropriation Voted from Surplus	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Bond	990,000	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>4,373,841</b>	<b>3,502,070</b>	<b>2,742,735</b>	<b>2,742,735</b>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Appropriation/Expenditures January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Proposed Budget January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Purpose of Appropriation	2005 Warrant Article	2004 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-04	2005 Selectmen's Proposed	2005 Budget Committee Proposed
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Executive	3	211,196	210,013	236,418	236,418
Election, Registration & Vital	3	57,463	59,676	61,406	61,406
Financial Administration	3	214,963	202,939	217,385	217,385
Revaluation of Property	3	62,500	49,446	22,500	22,500
Legal Expense	4	250,300	106,228	40,300	40,300
Employee Benefits	3	197,600	167,978	186,164	186,164
Planning & Zoning Boards	3	36,985	26,480	40,457	40,457
General Government Buildings	3	109,520	112,567	165,950	165,950
Cemeteries	3	29,193	25,181	29,603	29,603
Insurance	3	51,000	46,504	52,400	52,400
Advertising (Tourism) & Reg. Assoc.	3	14,551	13,951	14,922	14,922
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police Department	5	650,654	546,567	688,563	688,563
Fire Department	5	143,820	136,932	162,944	162,944
Firewards	5	583	299	581	581
Emergency Management	5	5,797	5,204	6,494	6,494
Police Dispatch	5	243,374	209,322	262,156	262,156
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>					
Highway Administration	6	515,367	448,549	565,259	565,259
Highway & Streets	6	476,200	385,290	484,400	484,400
Street Lighting	6	21,000	21,089	22,100	22,100
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Transfer Station	7	420,100	383,258	412,654	412,654
Solid Waste Cleanup	7	31,410	17,411	16,550	16,550
Sewage Collection & Disposal	7	542,000	542,000	618,000	618,000
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Health Administration	8	12,675	12,087	7,664	7,664
Health Agencies	8	106,251	106,251	96,241	96,241
<b>WELFARE</b>					
Welfare-Administration	8	815	812	815	815
Intergovernmental Welfare	8	3,699	3,699	3,699	3,699
Welfare-Vendor Payments	8	3,500	5,570	3,500	3,500



Purpose of Appropriation	2005 Warrant Article	2004 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-04	2005 Selectmen's Proposed	2005 Budget Committee Proposed
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Parks & Recreation	9	125,260	117,011	122,955	122,955
Tracy Memorial Library	9	331,925	331,925	353,375	353,375
Patriotic Purposes	9	300	300	300	300
Other Culture	9	1,000	771	4,000	4,000
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation-Administration	10	9,372	2,748	21,370	21,370
Other Conservation	10	10,000	9,125	10,000	10,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Bonded Debt Principal	11	120,000	120,000	169,324	169,324
Interest	11	67,393	67,393	77,599	77,599
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
Capital Outlay: Vehicles, Mach., Equip.	13-16, 25	248,124	244,305	213,500	213,500
Capital Outlay: Buildings	17-20	1,358,000	1,182,905	102,000	102,000
Capital Outlay: Improvements	21-23	19,000	23,000	59,500	59,500
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>					
Transfers to Capital Reserves	12,24,26-28	648,825	648,825	683,000	683,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,351,715</b>	<b>6,593,611</b>	<b>6,236,048</b>	<b>6,236,048</b>

**10% LIMITATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS per RSA 32:18**

TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$ 6,236,048
LESS EXCLUSIONS: Principal-Long Term Debt	(169,324)
Interest-Long Term Debt	<u>(77,599)</u>
TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	(246,923)
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSION AMOUNT	\$ 5,989,125
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE (10% limitation)	\$ 598,913

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2004 FINANCIALS  
NEW LONDON



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

(UNAUDITED)

Account Name	Appropriations	Total Available	Expended 12-31-04	Encumbered Forward	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	211,196.00	211,196.00	210,013.08	1,146.00	36.92	
Election & Registration	57,463.00	57,463.00	59,676.46			2,213.46
Financial Administration	214,963.00	214,963.00	202,939.43	1,544.69	10,478.88	
Revaluation of Property	62,500.00	62,500.00	49,445.78	5,724.94	7,329.28	
Legal Expense	250,300.00	250,300.00	106,227.90	15,000.00	129,072.10	
Employee Benefits	197,600.00	197,600.00	167,978.32		29,621.68	
Planning & Zoning	36,985.00	36,985.00	26,479.79		10,505.21	
General Government Buildings	109,520.00	109,520.00	112,566.71	7,500.00		10,546.71
Cemeteries	29,193.00	29,193.00	25,181.48		4,011.52	
Insurance	51,000.00	51,000.00	46,504.26		4,495.74	
Regional Associations	14,551.00	14,551.00	13,951.00		600.00	
Police Department	650,654.00	650,654.00	546,567.46	5,001.91	99,084.63	
Fire Department	143,820.00	143,820.00	136,932.15	163.62	6,724.23	
Firewards	583.00	583.00	299.04		283.96	
Emergency Management	5,797.00	5,797.00	5,203.50		593.50	
Police Dispatch	243,374.00	243,374.00	209,321.77		34,052.23	
Highway Administration	515,367.00	515,367.00	448,548.79	5,824.12	60,994.09	
Highways & Streets	476,200.00	476,200.00	385,290.39		90,909.61	
Street Lighting	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,089.21			89.21
Transfer Station	420,100.00	420,100.00	383,257.57	10,310.00	26,532.43	
Solid Waste Cleanup	31,410.00	31,410.00	17,410.93		13,999.07	
Sewage Collection & Disposal	542,000.00	542,000.00	542,000.00			
Health Department	12,675.00	12,675.00	12,086.70		588.30	
Health Agencies	106,251.00	106,251.00	106,251.00			
Welfare - Administration	815.00	815.00	812.38		2.62	
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,699.00	3,699.00	3,699.00			
Welfare - Vendor Payments	3,500.00	3,500.00	5,570.31			2,070.31
Parks & Recreation	125,260.00	125,260.00	117,010.51		8,249.49	
Tracy Memorial Library	331,925.00	331,925.00	331,925.00			
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	300.00			
Other Culture - Archives	1,000.00	1,000.00	771.22		228.78	
Conservation Administration	9,372.00	9,372.00	2,748.31		6,623.69	
Other Conservation - Trees	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,125.00		875.00	
Bonded Debt	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00			
Bonded Debt-Interest	67,393.00	67,393.00	67,392.50		0.50	
Capital Outlay: Vehicles, Mach.	248,124.00	248,124.00	244,304.79		3,819.21	
Capital Outlay: Buildings	1,358,000.00	1,358,000.00	1,182,904.56	76,135.63	98,959.81	
Capital Outlay: Improvements	19,000.00	19,000.00	23,000.00			4,000.00
Transfers to Capital Reserves	648,825.00	648,825.00	648,825.00			
2003 Encumbered Forward		56,888.41		56,888.41		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,351,715.00</b>	<b>\$7,408,603.41</b>	<b>\$6,593,611.30</b>	<b>\$185,239.32</b>	<b>\$648,672.48</b>	<b>(\$16,706.23)</b>

**NET UNEXPENDED**

**\$631,966.25**

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

(UNAUDITED)

Revenue Account	2004	2004
	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Land Use Change Taxes	95,125.00	122,625.00
Yield Taxes	2,802.00	2,801.73
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	33,305.00	35,726.39
Business Licenses	28,177.00	36,558.97
Motor Vehicle Fees	764,800.00	771,169.60
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	41,516.00	44,061.47
FEMA Grant	9,100.00	9,100.10
Highway Safety Grant	1,776.00	0.00
Emergency Management Grant	0.00	6,000.00
Homeland I & II Grants	43,290.00	43,290.00
Plastics Recycling Grant	10,000.00	0.00
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524.00	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	144,703.00	144,702.58
Highway Block Grant	112,374.00	112,374.17
State Aid Water Pollution Control	16,846.00	16,846.00
Income from Departments	118,442.00	133,128.67
Income from Sewer Department	542,000.00	542,000.00
Other Charges	950.00	902.50
Special Assessments	7,723.00	5,242.54
Sale of Municipal Property	23,501.00	31,208.81
Interest on Investments	18,150.00	21,384.28
Rent of Town Property	39,194.00	39,477.29
Fines & Forfeits	8,300.00	10,900.00
Insurance Reimbursements	66,056.00	80,054.48
Insurance Dividends	9,500.00	1,635.70
Contributions & Refunds	19,017.00	23,765.75
Revenue - Other Misc. Sources	69,175.00	73,732.83
Transfers - Sewer Department	33,371.00	33,371.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	544,124.00	552,325.09
Transfers - Trust & Agency Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00
Proceeds from Bond	990,000.00	0.00
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	545,000.00	545,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,373,841.00</b>	<b>3,502,069.95</b>



# SUMMARY OF GROSS RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004  
(UNAUDITED)

## BY TAXATION:

Prior Year Property Tax	386,953.36
Interest	27,713.81
Tax Sales Redeemed	69,412.91
2004 Property Tax	12,837,971.07
Interest	8,457.48
Over Payments	39,405.41
Yield Tax	2,508.52
Land Use Change Tax	149,050.00

## FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Revenue Sharing Block Grant	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	144,702.58
State Aid Water Pollution Control	16,846.00
Highway Block Grant	112,374.17

## FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA Grant	9,100.10
Fire Air Filling Station Grant	43,290.00
Homeland I & II Grants	19,637.53
Emergency Operations Plan Grant	6,000.00

## FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES

Business Licenses	36,558.97
Motor Vehicle Fees	771,581.60
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	44,061.47
Income from Departments	133,755.35
Sewer User Charges	542,000.00
Other Charges	902.50
Sewer Betterment/Goose Hole	5,947.18
Sales of Municipal Property	31,344.26
Interest on Investments	21,384.28
Rents of Property	39,477.29
Fines & Forfeits	10,900.00
Insurance Reimbursements	80,054.48
Insurance Dividends	1,635.70
Contributions & Refunds	23,765.75
Revenue-Other Misc. Sources	37,693.42
Transfers - Sewer Department	50,217.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	552,325.09
Milfoil Capital Reserves	16,671.20
Transfers - Trust & Agency Fund	5,000.00
Cemetery Lot Sales	14,600.00
Police Forfeiture Funds	2,589.34
Payments Due State	15,561.50
Payments Due NL Sewer Comm.	(63,787.37)
Refunds from Library (Payroll)	202,125.02
Refunds from Sewer (Payroll)	104,751.97
2003 Accounts Receivable	7,200.96

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

16,619,424.90

# SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004  
(UNAUDITED)

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$210,013.08
Election, Registration & Vitals	59,676.46
Financial Administration	202,939.43
Revaluation of Property	49,445.78
Legal Expenses	106,227.90
Personnel Administration	167,978.32
Planning and Zoning	26,479.79
General Governmental Buildings	112,566.71
Cemeteries	25,181.48
Insurance	46,504.26
Regional Associations	13,951.00

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	546,567.46
Fire Department	136,932.15
Firewards	299.04
Emergency Management	5,203.50
Dispatch	209,321.77

## HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Administration	448,548.79
Highways and Streets	385,290.39
Street Lighting	21,089.21

## SANITATION

Transfer Station	383,257.57
Solid Waste Cleanup	17,410.93
Sewage Collection & Disposal	542,000.00

## HEALTH

Health Department	12,086.70
Health Agencies	106,251.00

## WELFARE

Welfare – Administration	812.38
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,699.00
Welfare-Vendor Payments	5,570.31

## CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	117,010.51
Tracy Memorial Library	331,925.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Other Culture - Archives	771.22

## CONSERVATION

Conservation – Administration	2,748.31
Care of Trees	9,125.00



**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal on Long Term Debt	120,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	67,392.50

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Vehicles, Machinery, Equipment	244,304.79
Buildings (Maintenance Projects)	1,182,904.56
Improvements	23,000.00

**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	648,825.00
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**TOTAL PAYMENTS - 2004 WARRANT \*****\$6,593,611.30****OTHER PAYMENTS**

Kearsarge Regional School District	5,200,790.00
Merrimack County Taxes	1,989,941.00
Statewide Education Property Tax	881,789.00
Water Precinct Taxes	604,170.55
New London Sewer (Job Seamans/Birch Acres)	17,267.60
New London Sewer (Edmunds Road)	19,658.97
State of New Hampshire	15,594.00
Trustees of the Trust Funds	14,400.00
Taxes Bought by Town (Liens)	62,097.82
Milfoil Project Reimbursements	16,671.20
Police Forfeited Funds	309.00
Homeland Security Grant Payments	19,637.53
Refunds	41,486.92
Abatements	215,186.04
Tax Deferrals	9,211.06
Salaries - Library	202,125.02
Salaries - Sewer	104,751.97
Library Appropriation Adjustment	(36,600.00)
Wastewater Grant Payment	16,846.00
Payroll Deductions	347.01
Sewer Appropriation Adjustment	(100,713.54)
2003 Encumbered	55,065.92
2003 Accounts Payable	55,944.36

**TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS****9,405,977.43****2004 SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID****\$15,999,588.73**

* Total Payments - 2004 Warrant	\$6,593,611.30
Adjustment - Sewer Payments	(100,713.54)
2003 Accounts Payable	55,944.36
2003 Encumbered	55,065.92
<b>Expended Dec. 31, 2004</b>	<b><u>\$6,603,908.04</u></b>

# STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT\*

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

	Tracy Library & Goose Hole Sewer July 15, 1990		Sewer Construction July 9, 1993		Facilities Bond & Edmunds Road Sewer July 22, 1999	
Maturities	Original Amount \$799,230	Interest Rate	Original Amount \$345,000	Interest Rate	Original Amount \$1,250,000	Interest Rate
2005	50,000	7.00	20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00
2006			20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00
2007			20,000	5.50	55,000	5.00
2008			20,000	5.60	60,000	5.00
2009					60,000	5.25
2010					65,000	5.25
2011					65,000	5.25
2012					65,000	5.25
2013					65,000	5.25
2014					70,000	5.25
2015					75,000	5.25
2016					75,000	5.25
2017					80,000	5.25
2018					85,000	5.25
2019					80,000	5.25
	<u>\$ 50,000</u>		<u>\$ 80,000</u>		<u>\$ 1,010,000</u>	

## LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS\*

Comparative Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003

Amount to be provided for retirement of Long Term Debt:

	2004	2003
Due from General Fund		
Town's Share	\$885,000.00	970,000.00
Due from Sewer Commission	\$238,154.00	272,543.00
Due from N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission	\$16,846.00	17,457.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$1,140,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,260,000.00</u>
Long Term Debt Outstanding		
Tracy Library & G H Sewer Bond - 1990	\$50,000.00	100,000.00
Sewer Construction Bond - 1993	\$80,000.00	100,000.00
Facilities & Edmunds Rd Sewer Bond - 1999	\$1,010,000.00	1,060,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$1,140,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,260,000.00</u>

\* These statements do not include debt of the Kearsarge Regional School District. In addition, since the facilities bond for the Highway Garage and Fire Station addition had not been drawn by 12/31/2004 (see Selectmen's Report for explanation), those bond payments are not reflected in the 2004 Annual Report.



# 2004 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Form MS-1 (as of April 1, 2004)

	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
Current Use Land	6,714	708,400
Conservation Restriction Assessment (at Current Use Value) per RSA 79-B	34	3,100
Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved)	5,194	354,385,468
Commercial Land	324	21,350,200
Total Taxable Land	12,666	<u>\$376,447,168</u>
<i>Tax Exempt &amp; Non Taxable Land</i>	<i>\$ 22,459,600</i>	<i>1,130</i>
Residential Buildings		452,717,620
Manufactured Housing (defined by RSA 674:31)		47,400
Commercial Buildings		50,412,780
Total Taxable Buildings		<u>\$503,177,800</u>
<i>Tax Exempt &amp; Non Taxable Buildings</i>	<i>\$ 40,155,500</i>	
Public Utilities		<u>4,413,800</u>
<b>Valuation before exemptions:</b>		<b><u>\$884,038,768</u></b>
Exemptions:		
Elderly Exemptions per RSA 72:39-a & b		(405,000)
Blind Exemptions per RSA 72:37		(60,000)
Exemption for Disabled Veterans per RSA 72:36-a		(180,200)
Solar Exemptions per RSA 72:62		(74,926)
School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions per RSA 72:23 IV		(650,000)
<b>Total exemptions:</b>		<b><u>\$(1,370,126)</u></b>
<b>NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE</b>		<b><u><u>\$882,668,642</u></u></b>
<b>Valuation without utilities, used for State Education Taxes</b>		<b><u><u>\$878,254,842</u></u></b>

## TAX RATE HISTORY

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Townwide Valuation	882,668,642	877,882,126	686,112,001	513,590,439	508,181,597	502,580,662	494,964,568
Town Tax Rate	3.51	3.33	3.97	4.09	3.86	3.64	3.64
Local Education Tax Rate	5.47	4.51	5.24	6.78	6.16	5.53	8.85
State Education Tax Rate	3.39	3.03	4.49	6.71	6.54	6.61	
County Tax Rate	2.24	2.08	1.77	2.47	2.24	2.11	2.12
<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>14.61</b>	<b>12.95</b>	<b>15.47</b>	<b>20.05</b>	<b>18.80</b>	<b>17.89</b>	<b>14.61</b>
Water Precinct Tax Rate	1.33	1.22	1.69	0.88	0.62	0.60	1.00
<b>Tax Rate in Water Precinct</b>	<b>15.94</b>	<b>14.17</b>	<b>17.16</b>	<b>20.93</b>	<b>19.42</b>	<b>18.49</b>	<b>15.61</b>

# EXPLANATION OF 2004 TAX RATE CALCULATION

## Town Tax Calculation

Town Appropriations per 2004 Town Meeting	7,351,715	
Less Revenues	(4,373,841)	
Less Shared Revenues	(16,832)	
Plus Overlay	92,854	
Plus War Service Credits	42,900	
Total to be raised by taxes	3,096,796	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	882,668,642	
<b>Town Rate per \$1000</b>		<b>3.51</b>

## Local School Tax Calculation

KRSD Apportionment from New London	6,289,533	
Less State Adequate Education Grant	(1,458,717)	
Total to be raised by taxes	4,830,816	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	882,668,642	
<b>Local School Rate per \$1000</b>		<b>5.47</b>

## State Education Taxes Calculation

Equalized Valuation at 94.3% (not including utilities)	892,973,478	
Multiplied by Statewide Property Tax Rate	x \$3.33	
Total to be raised by taxes	2,973,602	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (not including utilities)	878,254,842	
<b>State Education Tax Rate per \$1000</b>		<b>3.39</b>

## Merrimack County Tax Calculation

Due to Merrimack County from New London	1,989,941	
Less Shared Revenues	(10,329)	
Total to be raised by taxes	1,979,612	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	882,668,642	
<b>County Tax Rate per \$1000</b>		<b>2.24</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate per \$1000</b>		<b>14.61</b>

## New London-Springfield Water Precinct Tax Calculation

Amount to be raised per 2004 Annual Meeting	394,074	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (within NLSWP)	296,296,082	
New London-Springfield Water Precinct Tax Rate per \$1000		<b>1.33</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate for property within NLSWP</b>		<b>15.94</b>

Total Property Taxes to be Collected	12,880,826	
Less War Service Credits	(42,900)	
Plus New London-Springfield Water Precinct commitment	394,074	
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>13,232,000</b>	

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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During 2004, the Town was able to secure financing to fund the New London Fire Station addition and the construction of the new Highway Department facility at a favorable interest rate with Lake Sunapee Bank. Since both projects came in under budget, the total financing amounted to under \$900,000, well below the original anticipated amount of \$990,000. The Town's cash position remains strong at year-end and it is expected that we will continue to operate without any tax anticipation borrowing. As in past years, short-term funds are invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, which provides safe and reasonable returns. The Pool was established in accordance with NH RSA 383:22 and is now managing approximately \$300 million in public funds. Investments include short-term U.S. Treasury obligations, State and Municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from A1/P1-rated banks, and overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements.

Carolyn Fraley, the Town's Finance Officer, skillfully manages the Town's financial records. Also, the entire staff at the Town Offices, under Jessie Levine's leadership, the Town Administrator, is to be commended. New London is very fortunate to have such an able crew.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen R. Theroux*

Treasurer

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

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The Trustees of Trust Funds meet on a regular quarterly basis and additionally as needed during the year to monitor and/or make investment decisions for the capital reserve funds, the library fund and the cemetery fund. In addition, the Trustees make disbursements as required and maintain records of all the funds. All capital reserve funds were kept in the Public Deposit Investment Pool or in relatively short term US government agency and government insured securities based on the future need for the funds. The funds in the library and cemetery are managed to achieve some appreciation. It was our policy to allocate approximately 70% of these funds to fixed income securities and 30% to equities. The fixed income portion is invested in longer term governments and closed end bond funds while the equity portion is primarily invested in index funds, both domestic and foreign.

The Trustees of Trust Funds place great emphasis on the preservation of capital through diversification to meet the needs for current income and provide for modest growth of principal from appreciation. Therefore, the objective dictates the asset allocation.

Although the markets were basically flat during 2004, we are pleased to report that we distributed approximately \$19,000 to the library and reinvested approximately \$11,000 for the cemetery fund.

The Trustees intend to continue to manage the town funds carefully and in accordance with the approved investment policy.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Horn*, Chairman

*Theodore Brown*

*Patricia Sheehan*



# TREASURER'S REPORT ON NEW LONDON TOWN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

(UNAUDITED)

**General Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$3,828,386.47	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$16,619,424.90	
		\$20,447,811.37
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$15,999,588.73	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$4,448,222.64	
		\$20,447,811.37

**Conservation Commission Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$5,148.55	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$3,465.08	
		\$8,613.63
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$8,613.63	
		\$8,613.63

**Conservation Commission Esther Currier Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$999.30	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$2.49	
		\$1,001.79
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$1,001.79	
		\$1,001.79

**Conservation Commission Low Plains Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$3,596.02	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$8.97	
		\$3,604.99
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$3,604.99	
		\$3,604.99

**Tree Relief Escrow Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$182.78	
Amounts Received January 1-December 31, 2004	\$0.46	
		\$183.24
Amounts Paid Out January 1-December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$183.24	
		\$183.24

**Snow Construction Escrow Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$3,003.50	
		\$3,003.50
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$3,003.50	
		\$3,003.50

**New London Recreation Revolving Fund**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$26,935.97	
		\$26,935.97
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$7,713.69	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$19,222.28	
		\$26,935.97

**Ephemera Purchases (Archives Committee)**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$3,000.97	
		\$3,000.97
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$3,000.97	
		\$3,000.97

**Disease Prevention & Control (Health Department)**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$5,001.63	
	<hr/>	\$5,001.63
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$5,001.63	
	<hr/>	\$5,001.63

**George Williams Trust Subdivision Escrow Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$71,212.89	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$144.74	
	<hr/>	\$71,357.63
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$71,357.63	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
	<hr/>	\$71,357.63

**Ellen's Interiors Escrow Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$1,500.57	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$1.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,501.82
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$1,501.82	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$0.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,501.82

**SEWER COMMISSION ACCOUNTS (Unaudited)****Sewer Operating Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$170,534.07	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$653,645.98	
	<hr/>	\$824,180.05
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$646,044.28	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$178,135.77	
	<hr/>	\$824,180.05

**Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Accounts**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$464,673.67	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$46,430.87	
	<hr/>	\$511,104.54
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$144,250.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$366,854.54	
	<hr/>	\$511,104.54

**Sewer (Edmunds Road) Construction Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$16,902.38	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$27,032.71	
	<hr/>	\$43,935.09
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$24,787.50	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$19,147.59	
	<hr/>	\$43,935.09

**Job Seamans/Birch Acres Operating Accounts**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$9,911.61	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$35,513.94	
	<hr/>	\$45,425.55
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2004	\$34,136.35	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$11,289.20	
	<hr/>	\$45,425.55

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen R. Theroux*

Treasurer

# 2004 TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORTS

## MS-9 TRACY LIBRARY & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expanded Over Year	End Balance	Market Value 12/31/03	Principal Only Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value 12/31/2004	Total Market Value
1951	Jane A Tracy Fund	Mascoma Savings	1,401.36				1,401.36	4,317.86	1,401.36	21,767.83	1,401.36	(1,796.05)	(1,796.05)	1,401.36	
		PDP #0024	178.99				1,975.04	1,973.58	1.46		1,975.04	13,262.46	607.46	607.46	
		AG Edwards Money Market Fund	1,031.68	745.00		13,400.00	607.46	7,171.91	12.56	306.25	424.22	37,627.80	5,569.20	43,197.00	
		Miscap 400 S&P Dep. Receipts (357 shs.)	43,197.00				33,044.23	33,044.23	351.94			12,463.36	1,074.08	13,537.44	
		S&P 500 Depository Receipts (112 shs.)	20,039.60				13,083.36	13,083.36	1,425.00			20,039.60	(354.40)	20,039.60	
		GMAC 7.125% 8/15/12	20,039.60				20,000.00	19,615.58	2,234.06			23,160.90	(679.46)	19,614.60	
		Pimco Corp Income Fund	23,833.40				23,732.87	23,732.87	2,686.00			44,746.25	341.10	44,398.80	
		US TREAS NOTE 3.875% due 2/15/13	44,398.80				44,746.25	44,746.25	1,743.76			25,570.25	(1,082.80)	20,292.20	
		US TREAS NOTE 7 1/4% 5-04	20,292.20				20,706.25	20,706.25	1,300.00			20,618.80	(937.40)	20,618.80	
		US TREAS NOTE 6 1/2% 5-06	37,562.00				19,963.80	19,963.80	1,125.00			39,167.10	(1,605.10)	37,562.00	
		US TREAS NOTE 5 5/8% 2-06	37,562.00				34,793.85	34,793.85	2,143.76			11,072.50	(352.30)	10,725.80	
		US TREAS NOTE 6 1/8% 08-07	10,725.80				9,984.10	9,984.10	562.50			21,412.60	(485.00)	20,947.60	
		US TREAS NOTE 5 5/8% 05-08	20,947.60				19,991.00	19,991.00	1,202.00			21,764.80	(128.00)	21,636.80	
		US TREAS NOTE 4 3/4% 11-08	21,636.80				18,554.00	18,554.00	562.50			36,440.88	555.00	24,810.00	
		Fed Farm Credit Bk 6.01% 06-10	24,810.00	24,255.00			24,255.00	23,771.18	695.61		928.35	50,263.39	4,466.15	54,729.54	
		25000 FHLB 4.5% 2/23/2011	54,729.54				31,028.41	31,028.41	3.01						
		Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund (1123.678 shs)					23,771.18	23,771.18	928.35		928.35	36,440.88	3,191.24	39,632.12	
		Fidelity Spartan Market Index (656.180 shs)					31,028.41	31,028.41	3.01						
		Fidelity Money Market Fund													
		Fidelity Matthews China Fund (889.774 Shs)													
		Tracy Fund Total	369,226.60	38,400.00	721.55	38,400.00	369,948.15	7,009.35	19,200.13	22,074.08	4,858.24	418,092.55	9,448.44	427,311.34	432,169.58
1913	Sarah & Elizabeth Brown Fund	NH PDP #0013	1,692.34				1,692.34	644.73	18.72		2.34	1,692.34		1,692.34	
1945	Ann Mary Jelly Fund	NH PDP #0011	129.87				129.87	41.23	1.45		0.31	129.87		129.87	
1962	Kathleen L Whitcomb Fund	NH PDP #0012	39.09				39.09	19.36	0.10		0.10	39.09		39.09	
		Fidelity Muni Money Market													
		500.290 Puritan Fund Shares	6,446.97		72.72		6,519.69	6,519.69	62.33		62.33	9,240.36	677.73	9,918.09	
		Whitcomb Fund Total	6,486.06		72.72		6,558.78	19.36	62.43		62.43	9,279.45	677.73	9,957.18	10,019.61
		TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS	377,534.87	38,400.00	794.27	38,400.00	378,329.14	7,714.67	19,282.73	22,074.08	4,923.32	429,194.21	10,126.17	439,090.73	444,014.05
1992	Fire Vehicle Fund	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	455.25				455.25	(191.16)	45.53		2,786.87	455.25		3,242.12	
		US Treas Note 4.25% due 8/15/2013	68,544.75				68,544.75	79,000.00	2,932.50			69,086.25	458.16	69,544.41	
		Doral Bank 4.1% CD due 11/10/2011	7,667.18				7,667.18	2,294.34	229.40		2,523.74	7,667.18	(1,760.91)	77,239.09	
		NH PDP #183-0003	76,667.18	69,000.00		79,000.00	(2,332.82)	2,294.34	229.40		2,523.74	7,667.18	(2,332.82)	190.92	
		Fire Vehicle Fund Total	76,667.18	148,000.00		79,000.00	145,667.18	2,103.18	3,207.43		5,310.61	77,208.68	(1,302.75)	144,905.93	150,216.54
1986	Police Dept. Scholarship Fund	NH PDP #183-0020	146.32				146.32	42.52	1.57		44.09	146.32		146.32	
1983	General Cemetery Maint. Fund	NH PDP #183-0007	14,852.52	8,560.00		5,000.00	18,412.52	484.62	172.02		656.64	14,852.52		18,412.52	
1993	Waste Water Treatment Equipment	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	79,008.66	(1,665.00)		79,000.00	(1,665.00)	3,902.09	29.51		7,742.31	79,715.74	(1,665.00)	6,077.31	
		U.S. Treas Note 3.25% due 5/31/04	48,605.00				48,605.00	48,605.00	1,283.75			47,096.10	(1,508.90)	47,096.10	
		45000 FHLB 6.665% 6/23/2006	21,305.00				21,305.00	10,755.00	1,682.92			20,727.20	(307.60)	20,727.20	
		20000 FHLB 6.05% 5/24/2006	10,755.00				10,755.00	261.61	261.61			10,447.40	(307.60)	10,447.40	
		10000 FHLB 6.925% 4/17/2006	(42,246.66)				(42,246.66)	50,150.29	78.17		50,228.46	(42,246.66)		7,981.80	
		NH PDP #183-0005	36,762.00	79,000.00	(8.66)	79,000.00	36,763.34	54,052.38	3,918.39		57,970.77	37,469.08	(2,394.30)	34,359.04	
		Waste Water Fund Total	10,454.81	136,500.00		47,919.70	99,035.11	21,262.09	1,057.28		22,319.37	10,454.81		99,035.11	
1993	Highway Heavy Equipment	NH PDP #183-0016	(12,626.00)	15,000.00		4,000.00	(1,626.00)	31,378.16	255.81		31,633.97	(12,626.00)		30,007.97	
1993	Revaluation Fund	NH PDP #183-0006	20,210.19	15,000.00		5,689.28	29,521.91	329.52	236.74		566.26	20,210.19		29,521.91	
1993	Tracy Library Building Maint. Fund	NH PDP #183-0009	75,000.00	75,000.00		150,000.00	150,000.00	2,903.83	1,187.34		4,091.17	75,000.00		150,000.00	
1995	Conservation Comm. Land Fund	NH PDP #183-0010	(291.45)	5,000.00		4,000.00	708.55	4,485.79	69.34		4,555.13	(291.45)		708.55	
1995	Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve	NH PDP #183-0017	50,974.78	20,000.00		9,000.00	61,974.78	3,069.19	641.24		3,710.43	50,974.78		61,974.78	
1996	Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve	NH PDP #183-0018						1,712.44	16.60		1,729.04			1,729.04	
1996	Town Generator Capital Reserve	NH PDP #183-0019													



Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Market Value 12/31/03	Principal Only Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value 12/31/2004	Total Market Value
1997	Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0021	55,000.00			61,000.00	(6,000.00)	5,991.13	407.54		6,398.67	55,000.00		(6,000.00)	398.67
		AG Edwards Money Fund		70.00			70.00		16.55		10.72			70.00	80.72
		5000 FFCB 3.5% due 7/28/2008		4,930.00			4,930.00		(5.83)						4,936.00
		Midamerica BK 3.4% due 11/13/2007		61,000.00			61,000.00						6.00	59,978.86	59,978.86
		Bridge Maintenance Fund Total	55,000.00	66,000.00		61,000.00	60,000.00	5,991.13	418.26		6,409.39	55,000.00	(1,015.14)	58,984.86	65,394.25
1997	Computer Maintenance Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0022	3,475.88	1,000.00		4,475.88		68.19	17.45	1.72	83.92	3,475.88			83.92
1998	Dictaphone Replacement Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00	1,102.16	10.40		1,112.56				1,112.56
		Discover Bank 4.8% due 6/19/07	(1,997.00)			(1,997.00)	(1,997.00)	2,513.55	5.11		2,518.66		(242.55)	15,306.60	16,028.58
		NH PDIP #183-0023	13,003.00			13,003.00	13,003.00	3,615.71	737.49		4,353.20		(242.55)	13,309.60	17,662.80
		Dictaphone Replacement Total	13,003.00			13,003.00	13,003.00	3,615.71	737.49		4,353.20		(242.55)	13,309.60	17,662.80
1999	Copier Replacement Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0025		5,000.00			5,000.00	432.84	32.48		465.32			5,000.00	5,465.32
1999	New Highway Equipment Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0026	69,612.00	18,325.00		69,995.00	17,942.00	2,995.23	819.68		3,817.91	69,612.00		17,942.00	21,759.91
2000	Highway Building Capital Reserve	AG Edwards Money Market Fund			(22.46)	49,000.00	49,000.00	3,151.38	83.38	3,234.76					
		US Treas. Note 3.25% due 5/31/2004	49,022.46			49,000.00	49,000.00		796.25		49,443.94				
		Silvergate Bank CD 2.85% due 8/23/04	25,000.00			25,000.00	25,000.00		718.36		25,132.25				
		NH PDIP #183-0027	33,436.29	50,000.00		83,436.29	1,880.05	230.14	2,110.19		33,436.29				
		Highway Building Total	107,458.75	50,000.00	(22.46)	157,436.29	5,031.43	1,828.13	6,859.56		108,012.48				
2000	Bucklin Beach Project Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0028		241.29			241.29	5.70	1.90		7.60	241.29		241.29	248.89
2000	Hayes Dam Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0029						533.62	5.12		538.74				538.74
2002	Fire Department Air Filling Station	AG Edwards Money Market Fund				12,000.00		419.15	16.97	436.12		12,006.84			
		Bank of Term 2.6% due 2/9/04				12,000.00		419.15	69.97	489.12		12,006.84			
		Fire Department Air Filling Total	12,000.00			12,000.00		419.15	69.97	489.12		12,006.84			
2000	Fire Breathing Apparatus Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0030	91.37				91.37	1,401.67	15.40		1,417.07	91.37		91.37	1,508.44
2001	Kezar Lake Watershed Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Market Fund				81,000.00		4,619.78	43.78	6,166.17		82,099.17			6,166.17
		First Premier Bank 3.7% due 12/21/04	81,000.00			81,000.00	80,000.00	1,931.68	9.59	3,443.88		(1,000.00)		80,000.00	83,443.88
		NH PDIP #183-0031	(1,000.00)	81,000.00			80,000.00	6,551.46	3,058.59		9,610.05	81,099.17		80,000.00	89,610.05
		Kezar Lake Watershed Total	80,000.00	81,000.00		81,000.00	80,000.00	6,551.46	3,058.59		9,610.05	81,099.17		80,000.00	89,610.05
2001	Fire Station Expansion Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Market Fund				50,000.00		4,756.46	7.32	4,763.78					
		Discover Bank CD 4.2% due 6/20/05	50,000.00		817.50	50,817.50			742.19		51,219.50				
		Baylake Bank CD 3.05% due 2/7/05	50,000.00		270.00	50,270.00			1,098.84		50,367.50				
		NH PDIP #183-0032	50,000.00	50,000.00		100,000.00		748.11	222.94	971.05		50,000.00			
		Fire Station Expansion Total	150,000.00	50,000.00	1,087.50	201,087.50	5,504.57	2,071.29	7,575.86		151,587.00				
2002	Miffoil Prevention & Treatment Fund	NH PDIP #183-0033	13,300.42	28,000.00		17,853.56	23,446.86	131.32	267.57		398.89	13,300.42		23,446.86	23,845.75
2002	Town Building Maintenance Fund	NH PDIP #183-0034	25,350.00	20,000.00		1,820.00	43,530.00	174.00	362.71		536.71	25,350.00		43,530.00	44,066.71
2002	Transfer Station Improvement Cap.	NH PDIP #183-0036	25,000.00	25,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	336.18	389.66		725.84	25,000.00		50,000.00	50,725.84
		AG Edwards Money Market Fund				25,000.00	25,000.00	4.66	3.01		571.71			571.71	571.71
		Comerstone BK-CD 2.25% due 2-21-06	25,000.00			25,000.00	25,000.00		564.04		1,297.55	24,652.50	(59.00)	24,593.50	24,593.50
		Transfer Station Improvement Total	50,000.00	25,000.00		75,000.00	340.84	956.71			1,297.55	49,652.50	(59.00)	74,893.50	75,891.05
2002	Bandstand Unrestricted Fund	NH PDIP #183-0037	333,530.81			2,592.36	330,938.45	3,410.35	3,313.10		6,723.45	333,530.81		330,938.45	337,661.90
2002	Bandstand Restricted Fund	NH PDIP #183-0038	99,577.34			772.79	98,804.55	918.58	988.24		1,906.82	99,577.34		98,804.55	100,711.37
2003	Library Garden Maintenance Fund	NH PDIP #183-0039		6,000.00		6,000.00		2.58	25.57		28.15			28.15	28.15
2003	Kearsarge Regional Building Fund	NH PDIP #183-0040	78,784.72	10,000.00		88,784.72	257.62	788.49			1,046.11	78,784.72		88,784.72	89,830.83
2003	Kearsarge Regional Roof Fund	NH PDIP #183-0041	259,174.98	75,000.00		334,174.98	847.28	2,624.61			3,471.89	259,174.98		334,174.98	337,646.87
2003	Computer Software	NH PDIP #183-0042	12,089.00	5,000.00		12,124.00	4,965.00	45.49	52.87		98.36	12,089.00		4,965.00	5,063.36
2003	Fire Dept. Air Filling	NH PDIP #183-0043	12,000.00			12,000.00		32.22	79.56	111.78		12,000.00			
2003	Kearsarge Special Education	NH PDIP #183-0044	75,000.00	75,000.00		150,000.00	91.09	796.66			887.75	75,000.00		150,000.00	150,887.75
2003	Town Hall Basement Fund	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	27.15	25,000.00		25,027.15	12.02	116.14			128.16	27.15		25,027.15	25,155.31
		US Treas. Note 3.125% due 9/15/2008	14,972.85			14,972.85			468.76		468.76	14,980.70	(140.10)	14,850.60	15,319.36
		Town Hall Basement Total	15,000.00	25,000.00		40,000.00	12.02	584.90			596.92	15,017.85	(140.10)	39,877.75	40,474.67

# MS-10 COMMON FUNDS REPORT

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Market Value 12/31/03	Principal Only Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value 12/31/2004	Total Market Value
2003	Main Street Rebuild Fund	AG Edwards Money Market Fund FHLB 3.07% 4/27/07. US Treas. Note 3.125% due 9/15/2008 Main Street Rebuild Total	3.10 9,996.90 10,000.00	45.00 9,955.00 10,000.00	8.03 - 8.03	48.10 9,955.00 20,000.00	8.03 - 8.03	1.47 65.66 312.50	387.66 - 387.66	3.10 9,993.80 9,996.90	(46.70) (93.40) (140.10)	48.10 9,908.30 9,900.40	435.76 9,908.30 9,900.40	1,705.37	20,244.46
2004	Police Department Computer Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0045		10,000.00	8,352.50		1,647.50	57.87			57.87			1,647.50	1,705.37
2004	Intersection Improvement Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0046		20,000.00			20,000.00	122.85			122.85			20,000.00	20,122.85
2004	Recreation Land Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0047		25,000.00			25,000.00	153.66			153.66			25,000.00	25,153.66
2004	Master Plan Update Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0048		10,000.00			10,000.00	61.54			61.54			10,000.00	10,061.54
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS</b>															
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES</b>															
<b>TOTAL COMMON FUNDS</b>															
<b>REPORT TOTAL</b>															

## Cemetery Fund

Number of Shares	How Invested	PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL	Beginning of Year	Unrealized Gains or (Losses)	End of Year	Total Market Value	
		Beginning Balance	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Balance Year End	Beginning Balance	Income During Year	Expended Over Year						End Balance
10000	NH PDIP #183-0015	(40,550.21)	12,840.00		73.37	(27,783.58)	40,829.36	45.58	126.63	41,560.64	13,777.06	(12,766.63)	(27,783.58)	13,777.06	
	Ford Motor 6.5% 2/15/06	9,975.00				9,975.00	-	650.00		650.00	9,975.00	(10,512.50)	(238.60)	10,273.90	
	AG Edwards MMF	(13,285.35)	220.00	355.49	5,100.00	(17,809.86)	23,785.18	98.20		34,003.60	16,193.74	(13,285.35)	(4,524.51)	16,193.74	
15000	FFCB 6.75% 7/7/09	16,087.50				16,087.50	-	1,012.50			16,087.50	16,909.80	(342.15)	16,567.65	
15000	FFCB 3.875% 2/01/05	14,943.75				14,943.75	-	581.26			15,318.60	15,318.60	(307.35)	15,011.25	
15000	FHLB 6.045% 5/12/14	15,093.75				15,093.75	-	906.76			16,114.20	15,093.75	159.30	16,273.50	
15000	USTN 4% 11/15/12	14,884.05				14,884.05	-	600.00			14,884.05	14,884.65	120.15	14,974.80	
10000	FHLB 1.81% 4/7/2006	-	9,780.00			9,780.00	-	55.31			9,780.00	54.00	9.834.00	9,834.00	
10000	FHLB 6.025 06/17/04	10,279.00				10,279.00	-	301.25			10,183.90	(917.20)	-	21,464.00	
20000	USTN 6 1/8 08/15/07	19,882.20				19,882.20	-	1,225.00			22,381.20	(352.30)	21,464.00	21,464.00	
10000	USTN 5 5/8 05/15/08	9,984.10				9,984.10	-	562.50			9,984.10	11,078.10	(352.30)	10,725.80	
312	S&P Midcap Dep Receipts	25,702.55				25,702.55	-	307.58			25,702.55	32,884.80	4,867.20	37,752.00	
183	S&P 500 Dep Receipts	15,894.94				15,894.94	-	392.34			15,894.94	20,364.24	1,754.97	22,119.21	
1700	Pimco Corp Inc. Fd	25,288.63				25,288.63	-	2,607.10			25,288.63	26,911.00	(901.00)	26,010.00	
460	Pimco Corp Opport. Fd.	7,685.33				7,685.33	-	918.62			7,685.33	7,921.20	230.00	8,151.20	
335,658	Vanguard Index Fnd	18,127.17				18,127.17	-	654.57			18,127.17	34,462.01	3,010.85	37,472.86	
	Matthews China Fund		5,100.00	195.23		5,295.23	-	52.80			5,348.03	110.24	5,404.47	5,457.27	
<b>TOTAL</b>		149,992.41	27,940.00	550.72	15,173.37	(279.00)	163,030.76	64,772.30	126.63	75,617.04	238,647.80	186,060.64	15,490.23	206,441.20	282,058.24
<b>General Endowment Fund</b>															
	AG Edwards MMF	706.34	(3,005.00)			(2,298.66)	3,421.49	21.34		5,863.67	3,565.01	706.34	(2,298.66)	3,565.01	
	US T. Note 3.25% 5/04	16,992.18				16,992.18	-	276.25			17,154.02	0.00	0.00	17,154.02	
	FHLB 6.25% 6/17/09	26,500.00				26,500.00	-	1,631.26			26,500.00	27,900.75	(526.25)	27,374.50	
	FHLB 5.5% 5/19/2014	20,005.00				20,005.00	-	513.33			20,005.00	(75.40)	19,929.60	19,929.60	
	NH PDIP #183-0014	(10,085.22)				(10,085.22)	10,930.71	8.68			854.17	(10,085.22)	(601.65)	854.17	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	34,113.30	17,000.00	-	17,000.00	7.82	34,121.12	14,352.20	-	16,803.06	50,924.18	35,675.89	(601.65)	34,920.22	51,723.26
<b>COMMON FUNDS TOTAL</b>		184,105.71	44,940.00	550.72	32,173.37	(271.18)	197,151.88	79,124.50	126.63	92,420.10	289,571.98	221,736.53	14,888.58	241,361.42	333,781.52

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

## ISSUE OF DOG LICENSES:

582 Dog Licenses	2,382.50
Payments due State on Dog Licenses	555.50
Payments due State on Pet Overpopulation Fund	494.00

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** 3,432.00

## AUTO REGISTRATIONS:

Auto Permits Issued	756,524.10
Title Fees	1,840.00
Municipal Agent Fees	13,125.00

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** 771,489.10

## BOAT REGISTRATIONS:

Boat Permits Issued & Agent Fees	1,863.53
Payments due State on Boat Registrations	4,913.00

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** 6,776.53

## ALL OTHER FEES:

Articles of Agreement	35.00
Dog Fines	250.00
Footpath Maps	546.00
Wetlands Applications	210.00
Town Histories	830.00
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	1,840.00
Filing Fees	27.00
Passport Fees	10,740.00
Checklists	435.00
Miscellaneous Fees	278.76
Non-Sufficient Funds Charge	150.00
Overpayments	464.00
Town Vital Statistics	4,843.00
Town Marriage Licenses	168.00
Payments to State on Certified Copies & Marriage Licenses	9,585.50

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** 30,402.26

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** 812,099.89

**TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER** 812,099.89

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Hardy*

Town Clerk



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

## Summary of Tax Accounts

	LEVIES OF	
	2004	2003
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax		389,721
Land Use Change Tax		0
Yield Taxes		301
Sewer Rent		16,736
Sewer Betterment		6,638
Taxes Committed to Collector During Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax	13,268,454	
Land Use Change Tax	152,550	
Yield Taxes	2,802	
Sewer Rent	462,920	
Sewer Betterment	38,942	
Overpayments: Property Tax	39,311	683
Overpayments: Sewer Rents	373	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	8,737	14,951
Penalties Collected on Taxes		
Costs Before Lien		2,087
Refunds	-39,311	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>13,934,778</b>	<b>431,117</b>
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax	12,837,971	325,480
Land Use Change Tax	149,050	
Yield Taxes	2,359	301
Sewer Rent	424,045	15,838
Sewer Betterment	35,964	6,638
Interest on Taxes	8,737	14,951
Conversion to Lien		62,098
Costs/Penalties		2,087
Other Charges		
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Tax	30,415	3,708
Land Use Change Tax		
Yield Tax		
Sewer Rent	23,198	16
Sewer Betterment		
Current Levy Deeded	0	0
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year		
Property Tax	400,068	
Land Use Change Tax	3,500	
Yield Tax	442	
Sewer Rent	16,051	
Sewer Betterment	2,978	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>13,934,778</b>	<b>431,117</b>

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	LEVIES OF			
	2003	2002	2001	2000
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year		31,474	27,634	296
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	62,098			
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	886	1,950	8,551	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$62,984</b>	<b>\$33,424</b>	<b>\$36,185</b>	<b>\$296</b>
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year	30,186	16,283	23,645	296
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	886	1,950	8,551	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Year	31,912	15,191	3,989	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$62,984</b>	<b>\$33,424</b>	<b>\$36,185</b>	<b>\$296</b>

## SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

### LEVY OF 2003 - FIRST & SECOND BILLINGS

Balance due Uncollected Rents	\$16,736.00
Sewer Rents Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	16,736.00
Abatements on Sewer Rents	
Interest Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	671.16
Fees & Costs	68.00

### LEVY OF 2004

Rents Committed to Collector:		
Sewer Warrant	\$462,920.21	
Overpayments	372.92	
Interest Collected	285.11	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$463,578.24</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Sewer Rents Collected	\$424,044.64	
Abatements	23,197.85	
Interest Collected	285.11	
Uncollected Rents	16,050.64	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$463,578.24</b>

# UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIENS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

		Levies of	
		2003	Previous Years
Barber, Jacqueline M.	096-034-000 353 Barrett Road	\$ 211.26	\$ 518.48
Cohn, Richard & Nancy	119-009-000 Forest Acres Road		612.08
Grace, Daniel L. & Cohen, Lenard & Ottobriani, Harold	081-006-000 Columbus Avenue	871.07	803.28
Heffron Stephen L. & Shawn M.	076-008-000 363 Hall Farm Road	5,237.19	6,715.77
Keating, Ann E.	056-001-000 1041 Newport Road	6,805.83	6,543.32
Long, William & Paula	074-006-000 32 Red Brook Drive	4,363.84	
McRae Dorsett Bell	059-039-000 183 Little Sunapee Road	3,829.56	3,987.58
Messer, Joseph E.	139-001-000 41 Stonehouse Road	2,448.66	
Mitchell, Dennis E. & Lynda V.	048-003-001 Pleasant Street	88.67	
Moore, Peter V. & Susan E.	033-015-000 719 Little Sunapee Road	4,071.32	
Ploof, Neila DeGroot	098-021-000 Belvue Drive	359.76	
	098-020-000 25 Belvue Drive	2,176.50	
Ward, James P.	059-015-103 276 Newport Road #103	39.02	
	072-027-000 Everett Park	16.99	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,519.67</b>	<b>\$19,180.51</b>

I hereby certify that the above list showing name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 2004, on account of levies of 2003 and previous years is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. All taxes for years prior to 2001 have been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda M. Hardy*  
Tax Collector





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*INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of New London  
New London, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying summary statements of tax warrants and tax lien accounts for the period January 1, 2004 through May 10, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Tax Collector. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the summary of tax warrants and tax lien accounts during the period January 1, 2004 through May 10, 2004 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

May 19, 2004

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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of New London  
New London, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of New London, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with many municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of New London has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New London as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of New London taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of New London. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

March 30, 2004

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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of New London  
New London, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of New London for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review, the following condition was noted that was considered to be a material weakness as defined above:

#### *Tax Collector*

Additional time was spent in the audit of the tax collector's records. The report provided for audit (State Form MS-61) was incomplete and required several changes to the figures. This was due in part to difficulties encountered with the software as well as general lack of knowledge and experience on the part of the tax collector.

We recommend that the State Form MS-61 be prepared on a monthly basis until such time as a level of knowledge and understanding is obtained to ensure proper completion. This would also help in the detection of errors and problems which could then be corrected in a timely manner.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

March 30, 2004



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

(AUDITED)

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Cash & Cash Equivalents	911,008	376,720		118,307		1,406,035
Investments	2,917,861	328,406	51,343	2,723,103		6,020,713
Accounts Receivable	1,762	16,736				18,498
Taxes Receivable	436,426					436,426
Special Assessments	858	456,870				457,728
Intergovernmental	5,439	3,360		3,066,253		
Interfunds Receivable						0
Amount to be provided for general long-term debt and other obligations					1,519,018	1,519,018
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,273,354</b>	<b>\$ 1,182,092</b>	<b>\$ 51,343</b>	<b>\$ 5,907,663</b>	<b>\$ 1,519,018</b>	<b>\$12,933,470</b>
LIABILITIES	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Accounts Payable	55,944	5,020				60,964
Intergovernmental Payable		36,218		3,480,597		3,516,815
Due to School District	3,066,253	3,360		5,439		3,075,052
Escrow & Performance Deposits				71,213		71,213
Deferred Revenues		451,090				451,090
General Obligation Bonds Payable					960,000	960,000
Accrued Landfill Closure & Post-Closure Costs					248,900	248,900
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commitment					300,000	300,000
Compensated Absences Payable					10,118	10,118
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 3,122,197</b>	<b>\$ 495,688</b>		<b>\$ 3,557,249</b>	<b>\$ 1,519,018</b>	<b>\$8,694,152</b>
FUND EQUITY						
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED						
Endowments				1,251,950		1,251,950
Encumbrances	111,954					111,954
Special Purposes			51,343	1,098,464		1,149,807
FUND BALANCE-UNRESERVED						
Designated		686,404				686,404
Undesignated	1,039,203					1,039,203
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,151,157</b>	<b>\$ 686,404</b>	<b>\$ 51,343</b>	<b>\$ 2,350,414</b>		<b>\$4,239,318</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 4,273,354</b>	<b>\$ 1,182,092</b>	<b>\$ 51,343</b>	<b>\$ 5,907,663</b>	<b>\$ 1,519,018</b>	<b>\$ 12,933,470</b>

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS &amp; LAND</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Acreeage</b>	<b>Value</b>
Whipple Memorial Town Hall	429 Main Street	085-002	0.68	\$816,400
Harold W. Buker Jr. Municipal Building	25 Seamans Road			
Old Colby Academy Building	375 Main Street	084-090	0.41	\$583,900
Tracy Memorial Library	304 Main Street	084-054	1.00	\$1,240,300
Ausbon Sargent Common (with Bandstand)	401 Main Street	085-001	3.80	\$484,900
Little Common, Main Street	328 Main Street	084-009	1.00	\$200,200
Fire Department Land & Buildings	237 Main Street	084-066	0.95	\$500,400
Highway Department Buildings	186 South Pleasant Street	095-052	4.13	\$388,000
Transfer Station/Recycling & Disposal	1213 Newport Road	056-008	4.80	\$468,300
Sewer Plant	64 Frothingham Road	095-015	11.40	\$704,700
Brush & Metal Disposal Center	74 Old Dump Road	033-023	6.70	\$77,300
<b>BEACHES</b>				
Bucklin Beach, Land & Buildings	549 Little Sunapee Road	033-009	0.88	\$572,700
Elkins Beach, Bathhouses & Post Office	349 Elkins Road	077-012	1.50	\$670,500
<b>CEMETERIES</b>				
Cemetery Well, Elkins Road		087-007	0.03	\$4,100
Elkins Cemetery		088-002	6.00	\$242,200
Cemetery Land, Bog Road		095-039	3.70	\$63,600
Old Main Street Cemetery		107-019	4.20	\$66,100
West Part Cemetery		117-019	1.70	\$53,600

Granite Friends Island  
aka  
Blueberry Island



Photo by Debra Lamson Perkins

*The letters that form the name, Granite Friends I., noted on several maps and chiseled in a great arch into the northern landing ledge at water's edge, would presume to be the formal name of Pleasant Lake's only island. Many people refer to it as Blueberry Island for the bushes, high and low, are abundantly found and their berries appreciated by young and old island visitors.*

*-Debra Lamson Perkins*

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & LAND	Street Address	Map/Lot	Acreage	Value
<b>CONSERVATION LAND</b>				
Colby Sanctuary		012-001	23.00	\$71,000
Phillips Memorial Preserve		016-001	4.50	\$10,700
		016-002	4.20	\$58,700
		028-002	1.13	\$2,700
		029-001	70.90	\$325,300
Goosehole Prime Wetland		029-004	0.62	\$22,100
Philbrick-Cricenti Bog		058-024	36.16	\$184,700
Land, Route 103A		069-002	9.00	\$69,100
Lyon Brook Property		083-009	14.70	\$83,100
Land on South Pleasant Street, Lyon Brook		095-053	4.01	\$140,600
Former Cleveland Property, Pleasant Street		074-048	0.60	\$40,700
Esther Currier WMA at Low Plain		088-007	98.88	\$310,600
		089-012	0.37	\$10,900
		089-013	30.60	\$177,400
		112-003	78.80	\$349,600
Shepard Spring – Shepard Pit		112-006	53.30	\$261,900
Herrick Cove Brook Impoundment Area		091-032	5.12	\$54,500
Messer Pond Conservation Area		093-013	30.00	\$241,900
		093-014	16.90	\$159,400
		105-001	0.05	\$3,300
Clark Pond Conservation Area		119-002	23.90	\$75,200
		120-005	19.50	\$13,100
Land, Little Sunapee Road		033-019	1.70	\$85,800
Otterville Road Right of Way		042-021	0.31	\$5,100
Island, Pleasant Lake		050-020	0.50	\$13,700
Pleasant Lake Access		077-014	0.35	\$166,200
Pleasant Lake Dam, Land & Buildings		077-016	1.00	\$455,700
Tanner Pond, Elkins Road		077-030	0.42	\$40,100
Scytheville Park Dam, Elkins Road		078-028	0.05	\$6,600
Scytheville Park Ext., Elkins Road		078-029	0.96	\$12,600
Scytheville Park		078-030	0.09	\$3,600
Scythe Shop Pond, Elkins Road		078-031	0.95	\$10,000
Backland off Squires Lane/lagoons		096-040	37.00	\$77,700
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure		101-003	8.50	\$100,400
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure		101-004	2.00	\$55,100
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure		101-005	13.90	\$112,900
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure		101-006	6.40	\$65,000
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure		101-007	2.30	\$5,800
Landfill, Mountain Road		101-008	14.07	\$106,000
Land, Bog Road		119-002	23.80	\$75,200
Land, Soo Nipi Park Road		126-002	0.07	\$3,400



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As I review the events of the past year in the Town of New London, my overwhelming thought is to give thanks and praise to the loyal staff and volunteers who enable the Town to work so efficiently and with such grace. And so the Selectmen decided to dedicate this Town Report to those who have made and continue to make this Town so special and who help the Selectmen serve you. Thanks to all the people who staff our offices, work on our roads, answer our calls for help 24 hours a day, and those who assist us in resolving countless issues on a daily basis.

Many volunteers continue to step forward and serve your community. They presently serve on over 20 permanent and temporary committees assisting with everything from budgetary issues, health and welfare, growth and planning, beautification, recreation, cultural events, historic preservation and on and on...from the Library Trustees to the Board of Firewards to the Sewer and Water Commissioners, our many loyal volunteers help our town run smoothly. Sadly, we lost several of our older and most committed volunteers this year, among them Charlie Marston, Ted Parkhurst, David Eberly, and Bob Nelson.

The two large building projects approved by the voters in 2004 were completed on time and under budget, and so special thanks should go this year to our Town Road Agent, Richard Lee, for his careful management of the highway garage construction, including having his staff perform the site work and saving the town significant sums. Thanks also to the entire volunteer Fire Department, led by Peter Stanley and Jay Lyon, who, with the assistance of their crew and many town donations, brought that project well under budget. We had asked Town Meeting to approve a bond of \$990,000, which would have required interest payments of \$372,699 over the life of the 20-year bond. Due to the careful management of these department heads and the contractors on both jobs, the total amount that we will have to borrow will be \$886,480 – a good \$100,000 under budget. Furthermore, thanks to the funds management of our Finance Officer Carol Fraley and Treasurer Steve Theroux, we will not have to draw on the bond until March 2005, which delays our first interest payment until August. The combination of being under budget and rescheduling our bond payments lowered the total 20-year interest to \$330,832. In the long run, the projects will cost taxpayers \$145,387 less than expected.

Growth and its effect on the town continue to dominate our discussions at the town level and to affect your budget. New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in the Northeast, growing 4% between 2000 and 2003. During that same period, New London is estimated to have grown 6.4%. One sign of New London's growth is the increase in solid waste that we drop off at the Transfer Station. Please look at the Road Agent's report, which summarizes our recycling and disposal figures. Since 2001, we have added 7.3% into the total waste stream. Remarkably, our recycling has increased by 24% while our non-recyclable waste has only increased by 3.4%. The following chart shows our building permit activity for the last few years:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
New Buildings	43	33	28	17
Decks/Porches	21	19	26	26
Garages/Barns	22	18	14	9
Living Space Additions	36	31	33	20
Dormers/Windows	2	2	4	4
Interior Renovations	5	12	6	9
Demolition	15	7	4	8
Shed	12	8	5	10
Building Moved	0	1	1	7
Miscellaneous	19	23	15	18
Commercial	16	6	8	3
Excavation/Erosion Control	4	2	1	3
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>134</b>

We have heard from citizens concerned with everything from salt runoff into Little Lake Sunapee and the regional impact of buildout throughout the Lake Sunapee watershed, to light pollution, requests for noise

ordinances, increased recycling, traffic problems, community center and a new middle school. Almost all of these issues were brought forth by interested citizens committed to the Town of New London. While many of these issues are presently in the formative stages of review, we want you to know that with the help of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, we have finished a study of the parking and traffic along Main Street (copies of the study are available at the Town Offices), and will be asking for funds to help design a safer intersection at County and Newport Road.

New London is not alone in seeing growth, and as our neighboring communities grow we see more strains on our roads, police, fire and schools. We need to work proactively to support each other through mutual aid and in other ways. New London's Selectmen are committed to keeping the taxes proportional throughout town, a job that takes constant analysis of sales and assessment data. As property values continue to escalate, we hope this year to hire a joint assessor with the towns of Sunapee and Newbury to review the property assessments on a timely basis. It is hoped that by joining forces with these other towns that share waterfront property along Lake Sunapee, our assessments can be even more accurate, and that by combining this service we can lower our costs while supplying citizens with timely data and ready access to an assessor who will know all of the properties in the three town area well and be able to answer you questions accurately and within a short time frame.

Communications continue to be a priority for your selectmen. Every month, early on a Saturday morning, we meet with a group called the "Citizens Advisory Committee." This group of over 25 citizens is used both as a sounding board for new ideas and as ears to the community. We value the honest advice we get from this group on all issues. Every week we send out copies of our minutes to over 250 e-mail addresses. If you would like to join the e-mail list, please send an e-mail to [townadministrator@adelphia.net](mailto:townadministrator@adelphia.net) and write "SUBSCRIBE" in your subject line. Our town web site will link you to many reports of our various committees and through the recreation site you can find information on many opportunities, from skating to yoga and beyond. We also send out written information in our *Quicklink* newsletters; we hope that you read them and enjoy the news.

We always appreciate your honest thoughts and comments, and are willing to listen. The Board of Selectmen likes to remind residents, at least annually, of some of the principles by which the Board operates:

1. Conduct business with civility and courtesy;
2. Provide town services in an efficient manner;
3. Respect our town employees, our most important resource;
4. Take a long-term view of problem solving; and
5. Adapt to changing town needs, while preserving its special qualities.

Thank you for your support of the town and its staff.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth I. (Sue) Clough*, Chair

*Douglas W. Lyon*

*Mark Kaplan*



## TOWN MODERATOR

**Elections:** 2004 was a very busy year for elections, with the Presidential Primary in January, New London Town and Kearsarge School District ballots on March 9, the New Hampshire State Primary on September 14, and national and state elections on Tuesday, November 2. New London citizens came out in record numbers for all these elections (see historical voting statistics, below):

### New London Voting Statistics: 1996 - 2004

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
General Election: # of Voters	2969		2167		2606		1806		2275
Percentage of Voter Turnout	83.7%		77 %		81.9%		69.7%		80 %
Town Voting Day # of Voters	1349	967	914	879	834	991	726	774	748
Percentage of Voter Turnout	45%	35%	34.4%	27.8%	29.3%	37.1%	28.4%	26.8%	27.5%
Voters at Town Meeting	370	280	289	297	264	356	301	337	225

The theme of this year's Annual Report is Volunteer Appreciation. I would like to thank the many outstanding volunteers and town officials who worked hard at the polls during each of these four election days to make things run smoothly and efficiently. One of our wonderful volunteer ballot clerks, Lois Marshall, who also served New London for many years as our Town Clerk and Tax Collector, moved to Wilmot in April. Lois, thank you for teaching me how to be a Town Moderator, and for helping us all appreciate the honor of participating in a free democracy by voting our conscience.

I would also like to thank our Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist for their outstanding work at every 2004 election day: Arlene Marshall, Dana Stanley, Celeste Cook, Janet Beardsley-Blanco, Dick Guerringue, Kathleen Horten, Thelma Kaplan, Bob MacMichael, Wally Sanders, Pam Saunders, and Peggy Theroux.

The general election on November 2 brought some unusual challenges in both numbers of people turning out to vote and in potential challenges to voter registration. Many thanks to Karen Ebel and Bob Bowers, who served as my Deputy Moderators. As lawyers and as volunteers with considerable town administrative experience, it was very reassuring to the Supervisors of the Checklist, and to all of us, to have Karen and Bob involved on this complex and hectic voting day.

Also on November 2 we were delighted to have 11 Kearsarge High School students volunteer as Moderator's Assistants. They worked diligently during the day to make sure that voters felt welcomed and could find their way through the new layout of the Town Hall, and that no campaign literature was left in the booths. Best of all, they brought their youth and enthusiasm into the polls. Thank you to Abigail Bower, Danielle Carroll, Ember Clevesy, Jenna Durkin, Hillary Flanders, Catherine House, Jamie Rose Kamorowski, Ashley Miller, Charles Marston, Alea Paddock, and Jon Richards.

Special thanks, as always, to our three Selectmen – Sue Clough, Doug Lyons and Mark Kaplan – for helping during the day. Lastly, no report dwelling on thanks can forget the most important positions for organizing and implementing voting days: our Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk. In 2004 we were well organized by Suzy Holdsworth and Joan Pankhurst for the January and March elections and by Linda Hardy and Joan Pankhurst for the September and November elections. Thank you Suzy, Joan and Linda!

**Town Meeting:** Town Meeting in March of 2004 went very smoothly. As always, Jessie Levine and her team organized the room layout and logistics extremely well. The Potluck supper was delicious. The Kearsarge Elementary School fourth graders under the guidance of Lois Freeman and accompanied by Missy Owen, gave the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled banner. Please read the minutes of last year's Town Meeting, included in this Town Report.



Again, in keeping with our theme of thanking volunteers, a long list of all the volunteer positions was read out loud, with the request that any individual at the Town Meeting rise if they hold or have ever held a volunteer position for the town. Almost a third of the citizens in the room – well over 100 – stood to acknowledge the thankful applause!

I agree with a friend of mine, Peter Imse, Town Moderator of Bow, who writes:

*Town Meeting is special because it takes voter participation and involvement at its highest level. At Town Meeting there are no politicians. There are no bureaucrats. There are only voters who openly discuss all questions and who actually decide the critical issues facing our Town.*

I look forward to seeing you all at the Whipple Town Hall for voting on Tuesday, March 8 and at the New London Town Meeting at Kearsarge Regional Middle School on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 PM until the town's business is finished that evening.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cotton M. Cleveland*

Town Moderator

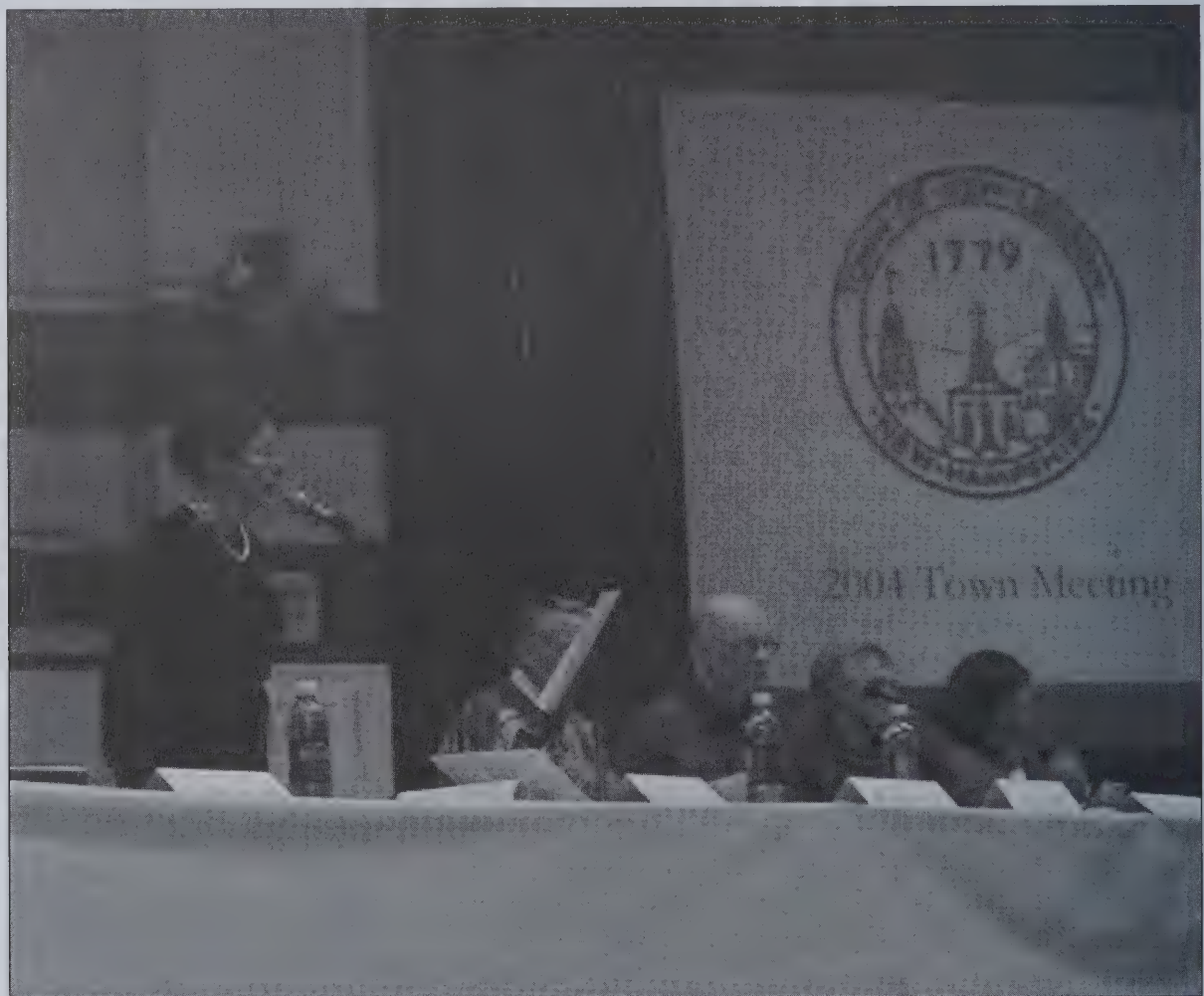


Photo by Amy Rankins

Town Moderator Cotton Cleveland opens the 2004 Town Meeting. To her left are selectmen Mark Kaplan, Doug Lyon, and Sue Clough and Town Administrator Jessie Levine.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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This year's Town Report is dedicated to the many volunteers who serve New London and the greater community so generously and unselfishly. Doug Baxter, chair of the Budget Committee and long-time volunteer for the New London Outing Club and other local organizations, was the first to educate me on the principle of "Social Capital," defined loosely as the value of the connections that hold us together – the social network that comes from being part of a community in which people do things for one another. Cotton Cleveland, our Town Moderator and active communitarian, has written extensively on the subjects of Social Capital and local volunteerism. In her article "Best Practices for Encouraging Municipal Volunteerism," which appeared in the February 2004 issue of the New Hampshire Municipal Association's *Town & City Magazine*, Cotton quotes Lew Feldstein, president of the NH Charitable Foundation: "Social Capital is all about the cooperation and the shared values that bind us together... Our communities depend on these connections. This web of associations, shared values and habits of the heart is called Social Capital... It is what connects people to one another."

As you may recall, the 2004 Town Meeting culminated a discussion about how the Board of Selectmen approached volunteerism, in particular the process of appointing members to town committees and boards. At Town Meeting, the Selectmen acknowledged that the process should be formalized and made more open and committed to doing so in 2005. Following the Best Practices suggested by Cotton Cleveland, we created a volunteer interest form (found on the back of the first yellow page of this report) and on the town's website at [www.nl-nh.com/comminterestapp.pdf](http://www.nl-nh.com/comminterestapp.pdf)) and crafted a process of advertising open positions, receiving "applications," and meeting with the residents who were interested in becoming involved, or more involved, with Town functions. The Selectmen then set about making the appointments, which they found to be more difficult than expected. In 2004, we received over 17 interest forms for the seven positions that were open for reappointment. Three of the seven positions were filled by citizens who had come forward during this process, and four were filled with "veterans" whose reappointments were a reflection of the experience and good work that they brought to the boards on which they served. We have already started this process for 2005 and have received many new interest forms from community members. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer interest form and send it to me!

We have tried to do a better job of periodically printing the Selectmen's meeting schedule in the *Shopper* and *Intertown Record*. The Selectmen meet on most Mondays at 8:00 AM and on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Both times have seemed equally convenient – or inconvenient – for members of the public who wish to sit in on the meetings. The Selectmen's meeting schedule is usually set at least two months in advance and is always posted at the Town Offices, Tracy Library, Post Office, and on the web at [www.nl-nh.com/bizcal.htm](http://www.nl-nh.com/bizcal.htm).

Another change that we made this year was to how, and how often, we communicate with residents and property owners. We implemented a subscription e-mail service through which interested people can receive weekly e-mails of Selectmen's meeting minutes and other news and announcements. This has proven to be very popular, and we have over 250 names on our e-mail list. If you'd like to join the e-mail list, please send an e-mail to [townadministrator@adelphia.net](mailto:townadministrator@adelphia.net) and write "SUBSCRIBE" in your subject line. Even if you don't subscribe to the e-mail list, feel free to send me e-mails with your questions and concerns.

We also published three *Quicklink* newsletters this year that can be found on the website at <http://www.nl-nh.com/quicklinks.htm>. We have hopes of always improving the frequency of *Quicklinks* and would especially love to hear your ideas of content. What do you want to read about?

One of the items in the December *Quicklink* was the Selectmen's approval to join the Towns of Sunapee and Newbury in hiring a joint assessor who would serve all three towns. By doing so, we project lower assessing costs in the short and long term and will provide better access and service to our property owners. Following the appeals of property owners over the revaluation of 2002-2003, our town attorney has also endorsed the idea of a joint assessor on the grounds that the three towns would be well served by creating an in-house expert on Lake Sunapee property values. If we receive Town Meeting approval, look for that transition in July 2005. One of the



first tasks for the joint assessor will be to bring New London into compliance with the requirement to “certify” that we meet state assessing standards. All towns must certify every five years and New London’s number is up in 2005. The state will review our assessing practices, and we expect that we will be required to do a statistical (market) update of all New London property to bring the median assessment-to-sales ratio from its current 84.3% to 100%. As of April 1, 2004, the real estate sales in New London showed that property was assessed for 84% of its full market value. In our year of certification, which is 2005, the assessment ratio must be within the range of 90-110%.

If you look at the building permit statistics in the Selectmen’s Report, you’ll see that our town is growing, and with that growth comes the necessary addition of employees. Before the joint assessor comes on board, we will make another change in Town Office staffing. Amy Rankins, whom you all know as New London’s administrative assistant for the last 11 years, will move away from the front desk and into her new role as Land Use and Assessing Coordinator. As such, she will assist the new assessor and our zoning administrator. In April, we will hire a part-time office assistant to work with the public and provide general assistance to the town administration. The additional staff person will allow the Town Offices to remain open through the lunch hour to better serve the public.

My goals for 2005 include many personnel-related projects, such as bringing in the new joint assessor and new part-time office assistant; working with the Local Government Center on a pay and classification study; updating the Town’s outdated personnel policy, including a review of the Town’s leave time benefits; and working with the Selectmen to draft vision and mission statements for the Town (the last three tasks were among the recommendations resulting from the management study in the Police Department). More visibly, we will be doing some restoration and renovation work in Whipple Memorial Town Hall and exterior painting of a number of town buildings. We will also be working with the Police Department to design the renovation of the basement of Whipple Memorial Town Hall to create safe and accessible exercise and storage space, as well as a training room/community room.

As a whole, I am pleased with the proposed budget for 2005, which was put together by Department Heads and closely reviewed by the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen. The operating portion of the budget (not including payments into or out of capital reserve funds) increased by only 2.6% over 2004. In 2004, the town tax rate was 3.51 per \$1000 of assessed value. To arrive at this low rate, the Board of Selectmen returned \$545,000 in surplus funds to taxpayers; without the use of surplus funds, the tax rate would have been 4.13 per \$1,000. In 2005, if voters approve all of the warrant articles at Town Meeting, we project the *unsubsidized* tax rate to be \$3.99, or 14 cents lower than the unsubsidized rate of 2004.

Despite efforts to keep New London’s tax rate low, the portion of taxes paid to the town is only about a quarter of the total tax bill. Since 1988, the town’s portion of your tax dollar has dropped from 34% to 24%, while the portion paid to the county has increased from 12% to 15%, and for education (local and state) has increased from 54% to 61%. Property taxes are New Hampshire’s primary source of funding local and county operations and can be burdensome for low-income taxpayers, particularly those over 65 on a fixed income. New London offers a number of tax relief programs to assist those over 65 who have difficulty paying their taxes (see Tax Relief Programs within this Town Report). At the 2005 Town Meeting the Board of Selectmen will recommend an increase to the asset limit for the elderly exemption program, allowing more residents to qualify for that program, which lowers the amount of property taxes by exempting a portion of property value. The Selectmen also recommend increasing the amount of the exemption to keep up with the increase in property values: for ages 65-74, from \$30,000 to \$35,000; for ages 75-79, from \$45,000 to \$50,000; and for over 80, from \$60,000 to \$70,000.

During the budget process, the Board of Selectmen was asked by a number of New London veterans to consider recommending an increase in the Veteran’s Credit, which has been set at \$100 since 1989. In 2003, state law changed to allow towns to vote to increase the credit up to \$500. Due to the tax impact of such an increase – the tax rate would go up 4 cents for every \$100 of credit, so the \$500 credit would add 16 cents to the tax rate described above – the Board of Selectmen took the question to the Budget Committee and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee. The Selectmen have listened to all opinions on this matter and have discovered that there



is little unanimity. Veterans and non-veterans have expressed feelings on both sides of this issue, while all agree that no amount of money could repay veterans for the sacrifices they made. After careful consideration, balancing recognition of New London's veterans with the budgetary impact of increasing the credit, the Selectmen will recommend to Town Meeting that the veterans' credit be doubled to \$200. In 1989, the \$100 credit amounted to 10 cents on the tax rate. Our town-wide property value has doubled since then, and the \$200 credit would have the same effect on the tax rate while providing a greater benefit to veterans. The Selectmen were concerned that an increase to \$500, and the additional 16 cents on the tax rate, may create hardship for other taxpayers who do not qualify to receive the credit.

I want to express my thanks to the three Selectmen for their strong leadership and great senses of humor. And, as always, my thanks to the kind and conscientious people who work in the Town Offices: Amy Rankins, administrative assistant; Carol Fraley, finance officer; Peter Stanley, zoning administrator; Linda Hardy, town clerk/tax collector, and Joan Pankhurst, deputy town clerk/tax collector; and to the talented and very cool Department Heads who make us lucky to live, work, and play in New London. Finally, thanks again to the many volunteers with whom we have the pleasure of interacting. Without the dedicated service of community members serving on our boards and committees, we would not be able to accomplish nearly as much as we do.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jessie W. Levine*  
Town Administrator



Photo by Debbie Cross

*The refurbished Herrick Cove Lighthouse on its refurbished crib. The 1890s lighthouse was removed by helicopter in 2003 so that the lighthouse and crib could be restored. The lighthouse was returned by helicopter in 2004.*

## TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

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It is such a pleasure to be writing to you as Town Clerk and Tax Collector, having been appointed by the Selectmen in June 2004. Thank you so much to all of you who have welcomed me so warmly! The office is busier than ever as we deal daily with the results of New London's population growth – increases in motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, voter registrations, vital record requests, passport applications, tax payments, sewer payments; the list goes on!

I am so grateful to Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector Joan Pankhurst for her invaluable service helping to keep the office running smoothly. She is such an asset to the office and the Town!

Again in 2004, we are fortunate in the area of property tax collection. Even with a modest tax increase, property owners have paid well over 90% of their current taxes. This aids the Town in meeting its financial obligations in a timely fashion.

This past year, there were four elections. We, along with the Moderator, Supervisors of the Checklist, Ballot Clerks and others, have continued to make improvements to our voting place to improve traffic flow and atmosphere, trying to make voting in New London a pleasant experience for all. We only have one election to be held in 2005, a welcome respite for those who spent 17 hours working on November 2 and similar hours for the other three elections!

The most recent, and hopefully final, software change has been successful. We are pleased with the functions the software performs and are enjoying it more as improvements to it have been made throughout 2004. We are also pleased that we are performing our daily functions smoothly and appreciate the positive feedback from citizens. To the citizens of New London, thank you for your patience and kind comments as we have worked through our updates.

You have seen some physical changes to our office, which have received overwhelmingly positive comments. We are always looking for ways to improve our customer service; it is what you, as citizens, deserve.

They say that home is where the heart is and 2004 was the year I completed my journey home – to the best job I've ever had, working with a terrific group of people, and the pleasure of serving the wonderful people of the Town of New London. I hope to be home for a long, long time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Hardy*

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

*Mt. Kearsarge overlooks a peaceful Pleasant Lake.*



*Photo by Joan Lamson*



## NOTICES OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

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- **DOG OWNERS** shall register all dogs over three months of age. Rabies certificates are required for registration. Dog license renewals are due by April 30. Owners are liable for dogs running at large.  
License Fees: \$4.50 new puppy, \$6.50 if altered, \$9.00 if not altered. If owner is over 65 years of age, fee for license is \$2.00 for first dog in household.  
Civil Forfeiture for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13).
- **VEHICLE OWNERS** must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk. Renewals, decals, transfers and plates are available.
- **THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS** shall file a Dredge and Fill application with the Town Clerk before beginning work (RSA 483-A). Fines may be assessed for non-compliance.
- **TOWN HISTORY – MIRROR TO AMERICA:** The office of the Town Clerk has available for sale, during regular business hours, copies of the *Mirror to America, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1900-1950*, at a cost of \$20.00 per copy and *Our Voices, Our Town, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1950-2000*, at a cost of \$30.00 per copy.
- **PASSPORT APPLICATIONS:** Applications for first-time passports and passport renewals are available.
  - Each individual applying for first-time passport must appear in person.
  - Required documentation at time of application includes application, passport photos, certified copy of birth certificate, and back-up identification.
  - For children under the age of 14, both parents must appear.
  - *Signatures must be witnessed by the passport agent*, so please do not sign applications in advance of your visit.
  - Total fees for standard processing are \$85.00 for adults and \$70.00 for children under the age of 16.
  - Please bring checks for payment, as fees are divided between two payees, and passport application fees must accompany paperwork to Passport Processing Office.
  - Passport renewals for adults are done by mail, directly with the Passport Office, and require completed application, new photos, old passport, and check).
  - Children's renewals are treated the same as first-time passport applications.
- **PROPERTY OWNERS** seeking tax abatement, credits or exemptions shall apply to the Selectmen's Office (see Tax Relief Programs on the next page).
- **LOW & MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** forms will be available at the Town Offices by April 15 and are required to be filed with the state between May 1 and June 30, 2005.

**NOTE:** At this time, the office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is not equipped to accept credit or debit cards for transactions at the Town Offices.



## TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

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The following tax relief programs are permitted by state law and, where applicable, adopted by Town Meeting. Applications for these programs are available at the Selectmen's Office and, *unless otherwise stated*, are due by March 1 following the final tax bill. Please call the Selectmen's Office if you have any questions.

**Abatements:** Per RSA 76:16, property owners who believe that their property is assessed incorrectly or that the assessment is disproportionate to other similar properties may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an abatement. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office and on line at: <http://webster.state.nh.us/bda/forms/html>.

**Blind Exemption:** Per RSA 72:37, residents who are legally blind, as determined by the Administrator of Blind Services of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department, may qualify for a \$15,000 exemption off the property value. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office.

**Elderly Exemption:** Residents over 65 years of age who meet the following income and asset limits may apply for an exemption off the assessment of their property: a single resident must have a net income of less than \$26,800 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,800, and own assets not in excess of \$85,000 (*excluding the value of the residence and up to two acres of residential land*). Approved applicants will receive the following exemptions: for ages 65-74, \$30,000; for ages 75-79, \$45,000; and for over 80 years old, \$60,000. *In 2004, the state legislature changed the due date for the Elderly Exemption application. Applications are now due by April 15 for the current tax year.*

**Note:** at the 2005 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen will recommend the following changes to this program: increasing the asset limit from \$85,000 to \$150,000, and increasing the amount of the exemption for ages 65-74, from \$30,000 to \$35,000; for ages 75-79, from \$45,000 to \$50,000; and for over 80, from \$60,000 to \$70,000(see the 2005 Warrant).

**Veteran's Tax Credit:** Per RSA 72:28, a resident who has served in the armed forces in qualifying wars or armed conflicts and was honorably discharged; a resident who served in any war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975 in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, may qualify for a \$100 tax credit. The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry, may qualify for a \$1,400 tax credit. Any person who has a total and permanent service connected disability or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service connected injury, and has been honorably discharged, may qualify for a \$1,400 tax credit. *In 2004, the state legislature changed the due date for the Elderly Exemption application. Applications are now due by April 15 for the current tax year.*

**Note:** at the 2005 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen will recommend the following changes to the Veteran's Credit: increasing the standard veteran's credit from \$100 to \$200, and increasing the credit for totally and permanently disabled veterans and the spouses of veterans of veterans killed in the line of duty from \$1,400 to \$2,000(see the 2005 Warrant).

**Tax Deferral Lien:** Per RSA 72:38-a, a disabled resident or resident over 65 may apply for a tax deferral lien. This program allows a resident to defer payment of their residential property taxes, plus annual interest of 5%, until the transfer of their property. Applications are available at the Selectmen's Office and are due by March 1.

**Low & Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief:** This is a state-run program authorized by RSA 198:57. You may be eligible for this program if you are single with an adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; married or filing head of a NH household with an adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$40,000; own a home subject to the State Education Property Tax; and resided in that home on April 1, 2004. In the past, the State has made applications available at the Selectmen's Office by April 15, and required them to be filed with the State of New Hampshire between May 1 and June 30. For more information, contact the Department of Revenue Administration at (603) 271-6000 or Taxpayer Assistance at (603) 271-2191 or go on-line to: [http://webster.state.nh.us/revenue/forms/low\\_mod\\_program.htm](http://webster.state.nh.us/revenue/forms/low_mod_program.htm).

## ROAD AGENT

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Another year at the Highway Department has come to a close. We had a busy year in 2004; along with our regular roadwork, we had a new highway garage constructed!

The Highway Department is at full staff. We hired a new person during the year and one at the end of the year. At this time there is a great crew working for the Highway Department: Robert Harrington, Karen Welch, Eric Allen, Robert Donnelly, Mike McElman, Ryan Haynes, Mike Murphy, and Shane Pillsbury. When you see them, just a thank you might be nice. These people spend many hours in trucks and equipment during the year to keep the roads well maintained. During the year they may work as many as 80 hours in a week, mostly in the winter but if we have severe weather during the rest of the year they are up for the task. We continue to try to get out to classes as often as possible but not quite as often as we would like.

**Highway Work:** We continue to install small drainage systems in different areas to help eliminate water problems we have. Some of the ones we installed this summer were on Pingree Road, in the last hill. This water was washing out the edge of the road every time it rained and in the winter it would run down the road and freeze. To stop this, we installed a catch basin and about 200 feet of culvert, and so far it has worked well. We also installed drainage in Job Seamans Acres in an area in which we had the same problems. This section contained a couple of catch basins and about 300 feet of culvert. Our large paving project for the summer was to finish Pleasant Street from Bunker Road to Lakeshore Drive. We cleaned the ditches, dug rocks and replaced the culverts that needed to be replaced. Then we contracted the grinding and paving work to be done. At the same time, we were going to remove the rocks from the last section of Job Seamans Acres and have this road shimmed. This turned out to be more of a job than anticipated; when we removed the rocks on the hill we found water and had to install some wicks to drain it to the ditches so it was not in the road. When we were done with this it looked like someone had used the road for bombing practice. We decided to grind this section of road, add some gravel, and repave it.

The roads we were able to shim this summer were Job Seamans Acres, Red Brook Road, Bog Road (from the interstate bridges to King Hill Road), and Hall Farm Road.

We continue to clean ditches and replace culverts all over town. It seems like the ditch cleaning will never end, and due to using sand in the winter, it will never end. This along with leaves and other things we have to spend many hours keeping the ditches open so water can flow freely. Some of the roads we worked on were Lamson Lane, Job Seamans Acres, Lakeshore Drive and Wilmot Center Road.

Over the course of last winter and spring we monitored the section of Forest Acres Road where we had installed drainage fabric in 2003. This section performed real well; there was a little mud in the spring but not as much as normal. So this past fall we installed about 400 feet of the same drainage fabric in Stoney Brook Road on the sections that were the worst for mud in the spring. We used the drainage fabric, stone and plastic pipe to run the water away from the road. We also installed about 200 feet of just fabric in a section that was not as muddy. We are hopeful that we have gotten the worst areas. In the spring we will monitor this road, and if we have accomplished what we wanted to, the road will be paved from King Hill Road to the Newbury town line.

Over the next couple of years we are planning to do some repairs on Lakeshore Drive and Wilmot Center Road, drainage in the Birch Acres area, Tracy Road and Page Road. This work is in preparation to pave.

**Highway Garage:** During this past summer and fall we have been involved in the construction of the new highway garage. This facility is great! It is 100' x 95'. The open equipment parking area is 100' x 85' of wide open space. We can park all of the equipment that we have now under cover and have a little room left over for future growth. The town hired Trumbull Nelson to be the construction management firm. They bid out all the facets of construction except the site work, which was performed by the Highway Department. The site work included digging the footings, backfilling the walls, filling inside to grade for the floor, installing a new 6" water line from the street to the building for a sprinkler system (the Water Precinct was very helpful in this portion of the project), and installing sediment tanks and a pump station to pump waste water to the municipal



waste water system (the Sewer Department was very helpful in this portion of the project). We have done most of the clean up, but in the spring we need to finish the landscaping and build the runoff infiltration system. We moved into the new facility in December just before it got real cold out. *The employees of the Highway Department are very happy with this new facility and would like to thank the taxpayers for giving it to us.* Look for an open house in the spring.

**TRANSFER STATION DIVISION:**

In the Transfer Station, we have hired some new people. The staff members are: Glenn Carey – Glenn worked for the Highway Department for a couple of years and left to try something different. When the job of Transfer Station supervisor opened, he applied and we hired him to do the day-to-day operation; Robin Lachance – Robin has worked at the Transfer Station as a recycling attendant for a little over a year now, and she is very dedicated to the job and has helped to make the place look good and operate great; and Steve Tighe – Steve has been a recycling attendant for a little over a year. He is very dedicated to the job and to keeping the place looking and operating great. I mention these three because when you look at the recycling year-end figures on how much we recycled and how much the Town of New London saved from sending trash to the incinerator, a lot of that is due to these three people making the place a pleasure to go to and recycling a thing to do. I have many people comment to me about how the Transfer Station looks great again and they are taking people there to show it off.

If you look at the past year’s recycling figures, it tells a great story about how a voluntary program can and does work. It also tells that recycling can and does save money, which directly saves taxes. We don’t know how long the revenue side will be as high as it is but even if it goes down some the town will still save money by recycling instead of sending trash to the incinerator, which will go up to \$91 per ton in 2005.

<b>Recycling and Disposal Report:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Transfer Haul --Town Weight (tons)	3049.1	3150.4	2933.8	2948.78
Recycling Material Sold (tons)	<u>860.55</u>	<u>660.14</u>	<u>873.42</u>	<u>693.48</u>
Total Solid Waste	3909.65	3810.54	3807.22	3642.26
Revenue from Material Sold	\$30,711.84	8,401.29	4,453.18	6,287.54
Cost Avoidance @ \$87/ton	<u>\$61,466.23</u>	<u>57,432.83</u>	<u>76,860.96</u>	<u>58,945.80</u>
<b>Total Benefit from Recycling</b>	<b>\$92,178.07</b>	<b>\$ 65,833.47</b>	<b>\$ 81,314.14</b>	<b>\$ 65,233.34</b>

	2004	2004	2003	2003	2002	2002
	Weight	Revenue	Weight	Revenue	Weight	Revenue
Paper	494,000	7,221.09	387,120	2477.80	486,700	0
Cardboard	586,300	10,967.93	536,340	2862.40	583,032	0
Glass*	273,982	0.00*	259,835	0*	309,897	0*
Light Metal (Scrap)	305,000	5,579.26	58,600	478.85	320,540	1,336.13
Steel Cans (Tin)	32,088	286.63	60,264	0	24,313	0
Aluminum Foil/Plates	592	0.00	1,279	0	1,030	292.80
Aluminum Cans	5,653	2,897.29	6,831	1,585.72	7,394	2,595.25
Batteries (Home)	2,496	18.40	0	0	340	0
Plastic Bottles (HDPE)	13,436	364.00	7,861	0	8,404	229
Plastic (PETE)	7,558	154.80	2,165	0	5,195	0
Miscellaneous (Returnables)	0	3,222.44	0	996.52	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,564,647</b>	<b>\$30,711.84</b>	<b>1,320,295</b>	<b>\$8,401.29</b>	<b>1,746,845</b>	<b>\$4,453.18</b>

\* We continue to recycle our own glass, which is crushed at the pit on Mountain Road and mixed with gravel into a product that we use for road repairs. In 2004, as shown in the photo series beginning on the next page, we used this gravel-glass mix as the base for the new highway shed, reaching compaction levels of 100% and saving us from spending about \$3700 on gravel. In addition, the use of this mix as a base under the pavement in the highway yard saved another \$1300. We also used crushed glass to backfill the hole at the Fire Station where the underground oil tank was removed and as a base under the new generator pad at the Fire Station.



A couple of things have changed or are about to change. We changed how we recycle paper this past summer, going to a mixed paper box so we don't bale paper any more. Everything that can be ripped can go in this box. This makes it very simple to recycle paper products, as it can all be stuffed in a paper bag and dropped off at the box at the Transfer Station. We are shipping out a box about every 8-10 days in the winter and about every 5-7 days in the summer. Each box weighs about 8 tons.

We also applied for and received a grant to help purchase and install a couple of new balers, which will be installed as soon as they can. This will allow us to change how we bale cardboard and plastic. The grant comes from the plastics industry through the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, a coop through which we sell our recyclables. One of our responsibilities through the grant is to increase publicity and education relating to the recycling of plastics, so that is our plan for 2005.

As a final note, the recycling program wouldn't work as well as it does without the support of the people who recycle and the people who run the Transfer Station. When you stop in, please say hi or thanks to them and thank yourself for a job well done.

### **CEMETERY DIVISION:**

The town was very fortunate again this past year to have John Wiltshire and Doug Palmer come back to take care of the cemeteries. These gentlemen do a great job of keeping the cemeteries looking great from spring to fall. There seems to be a never ending amount of work to do such as keeping stones straight and cleaned off so they don't get lost, spreading loam and trimming shrubs just to name a few. THANKS GUYS.

In closing I would like to thank the residents of New London, the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee for supporting and providing for our new highway garage. It is great. I would like to thank all the other departments such as Water, Wastewater, Fire, Police, Dispatch, and the Town Office staff for all the help during the year, whether it was with the new building or just day-to-day tasks. It is a pleasure to work with other departments that are so helpful and willing to help each other.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard E. Lee*

Road Agent

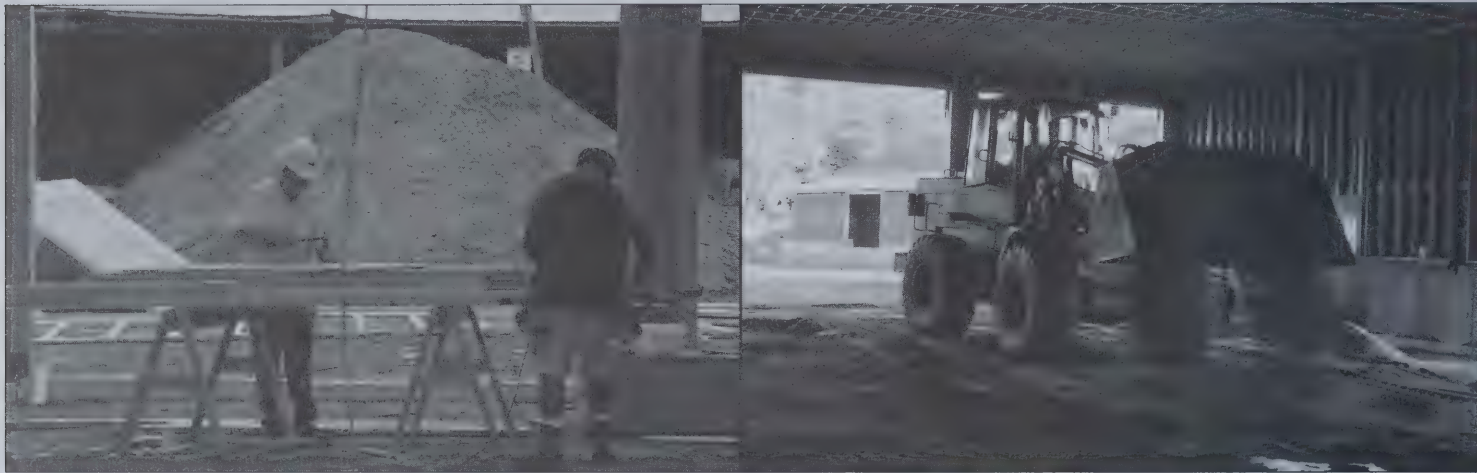
The following series of photos shows how we took glass that is recycled at the Transfer Station, crushed it at the pit on Mountain Road, and used it to fill and grade under the new highway garage.



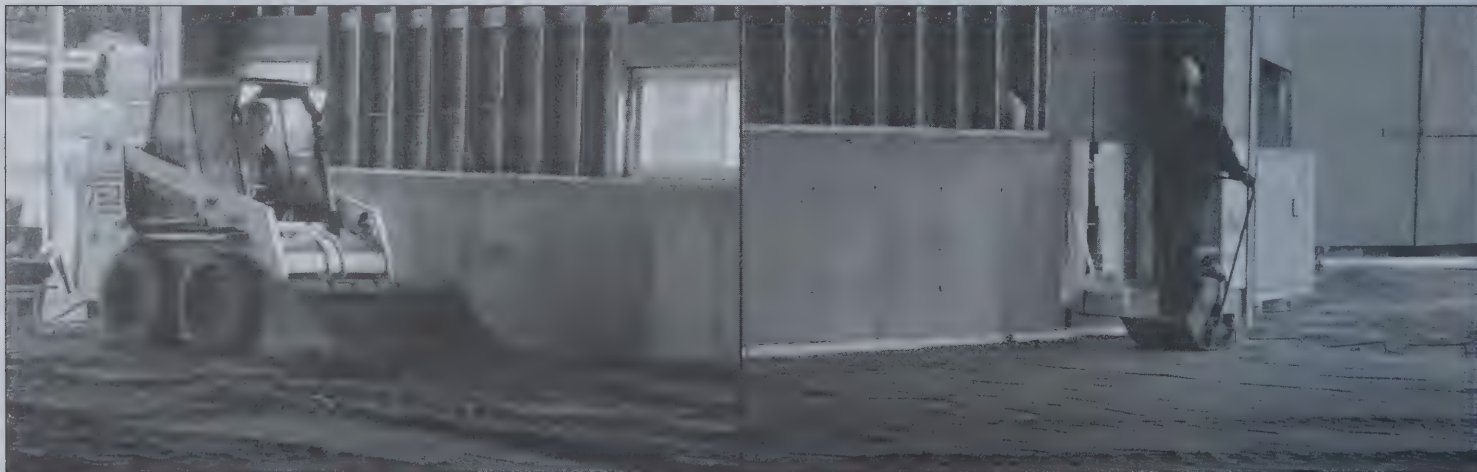
*At left, the loader scoops piles of recycled glass and pours it onto the bed of the crusher, which reduces the glass to the fines shown at the right.*



*Above left, Bob Harrington (highway foreman) and Bob Ells (foreman from Trumbull-Nelson) set grade stake. At their right and in the right-hand photo, the glass-gravel mix is used to bring the ground up to grade.*



*Above left, the pile of glass-gravel mix has been delivered to the highway yard and awaits spreading on the floor of the new garage. Above right, Bob Donnelly brings the mix into the highway garage in the bucket loader.*



*Bob Harrington (in the Bobcat) spreads the mix over the floor, and Ryan Haynes runs the compactor over the mix. The glass-gravel mix scored 100% on compaction tests – the best possible score.*



## POLICE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

As I reflect back on the year, I would like to say that it has been one without issue or change, but if you have read any of our Town Reports in the past, you have come to know that this is rarely the case. This year has been no exception. Staff has again changed, both in Communications and in the Police Department. Equipment continues to be upgraded, and our departments went through evaluations and reviews from an outside consulting firm, and from the college, as part of a project for a student course. We have also had to work within a facility that has had issues with its climate control system.

The two biggest changes this past year have to be with the staffing and the implementation of the recommendations made from the management study. Our staffing changes started with the resignation of one of our patrolmen, who went to work for the Claremont Police Department. The second officer who left was our sergeant, who left to work for the State Division of Highway Patrol. The timing of the two departures has caused our staff to work more hours, with additional responsibilities.

We had two promotions early in 2004. Tom Anderson was promoted from patrolman to detective. He will assist Chris Currier with investigations, and also work patrol shifts when needed. Tom worked for many years in Newport, and was one of Newport's lead investigators. Ed Andersen was also promoted in 2004, from patrolman to corporal. Ed has worked in many positions within the department. From cadet, to dispatcher, to patrolman, and now corporal, Ed eagerly accepts new challenges and responsibilities as they become available.



*Tom Anderson receives the detective badge in April. With him, from left, are Police Chief David Seastrand; Chair of Board of Selectmen Sue Clough; Howard Anderson, Tom's father; Tom; and selectmen Doug Lyon and Mark Kaplan.*

Also in 2004, we hired Jodi Bailey as our department's first full-time female police officer. Jodi has worked for the department for many years, first as a dispatcher, then as our Administrative Assistant, and now as a Police Officer. She started in January at the Police Academy and finished second in academics in her class. After additional department training, she hit the streets this past summer. Joining her as a new full-time member of our department is Matt Pickering. Before joining our department, Matt worked as Goshen's only full-time officer. He also is active in the Army National Guard, and completed a tour of duty in Qatar this year. Rob Thorp has come back to the department as one of our part-time officers. Rob had been a part-time officer for New London in the past. After receiving some additional training from Police Standards and Training Council, he will make his appearance back in uniform in 2005.





*Police Chief David Seastrand and newly sworn patrol officer Jodi Bailey.*



*Sue Clough congratulates Ed Andersen on his promotion to corporal in April.*

At the conclusion of the management study, the Board of Selectmen prioritized the recommendations that were made. Some of the immediate changes identified by the Board are as follows: redistribute some of the responsibilities and duties of the Chief, Detective, and Administrative Assistant, to the Sergeant, Corporal, and Officers, and have those responsibilities reflected in new job descriptions; establish a technology plan and expand our use of our records management system; establish a committee to provide recommendations on training within the department; and establish a committee to work on communications between the Dispatch Center and the other emergency service agencies that we serve. These are just a few of the many recommended changes that we are working on or have implemented.

Both departments continue to make every effort to work smarter in the area of technology and allow the advancements made to work for us. We have been working on the upgrade of our communications system, which will help communications in all of the communities we serve. We have updated our in-house system to work faster, and this should cut down on time-spent writing and reviewing reports.

While reflecting back over the last year, I can't help but think about some of the larger issues that we faced. For example, the antique thefts that occurred within the Town and surrounding area. Our investigator, with the help from our victims and other law enforcement professionals, were able to put some of the pieces of the puzzle together, and with that information made an arrest and recovered some of the stolen property. I would like to say that we were successful in all of our investigations of crimes this year, and that we were able to solve every crime reported to us, but that isn't the situation. We continue to work every case as if they were our own, but the truth is, we are often left with no leads or information to go on. This has to be one of the biggest disappointments we, and the victims of the crime, face every time a case goes unsolved.

The Police Department was not entirely surprised, but was certainly put to task when over the course of the year we fingerprinted well over 500 people. Most of these fingerprints were for employees or volunteers of the school district, and were done at the school or other designated location in large groups, but nonetheless, that's a lot of printing for a small department. We managed to make it as informative and enjoyable as we could for those being printed; not receiving many returns was a good indication that we must have been doing it correctly. But more importantly, I think that this goes to show what a wonderful and extensive support group there is within the community, and we were glad to help.

I haven't forgotten the two stories to make the news in a larger scale. The first was that foggy day when an airplane crashed into Mount Kearsarge. Although it was finally discovered in the Town of Wilmot, the New London Communications Department worked so hard to make that terrible situation result the best way that it could. Dispatcher Heather Cusanelli worked with the many agencies attempting to locate the plane, while unbelievably maintaining communication with the pilot of the plane itself, keeping everyone updated, while reassuring the pilot at the same time.

The other issue was the election sign issue, and the parking misunderstanding that accompanied it. New parking rules during election time have come out this year, and I hope that this issue has finally been put to rest.

As the area continues to grow, we grow along with it, and with growth come growing pains. We are working at reducing those pains through the effort of management studies, updating equipment, and training our personnel. Through these efforts, we can reflect on where we were, where we are, and where we need to go. I hope that you will continue to help us by being our second set of eyes and ears, and call us when you see or hear something, or if you have a suggestion on how we can improve our service to you.

I would like to thank all of the members of the New London Police, Communications, Highway, Fire, Board of Selectmen, and Town Office departments, for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*David Seastrand*

Chief of Police

2004 Police Department Incident Counts

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
911 Hangups	73	77	Facility Used	28	48	Other	31	33
Abandoned Vehicle	79	81	Fingerprints-School	564	148	Paperwork Service	37	34
Traffic Accident	223	212	Fire Call	40	140	Parking Violation	209	242
Alarm	381	318	Fire Alarm	28	53	Protective Custody	7	13
Ambulance	112	209	Forgery	0	2	Pistol Permit	16	23
Animal Complaint	336	216	Fraud	5	10	Police Information	37	31
Arrest	81	46	Fireworks Violation	3	1	Probation Violations	0	0
Arson	0	0	Harassment	19	22	Property-Stolen Related	12	2
Assist Citizen	73	68	Student Hazing	0	0	Property-Found	43	44
Assist Motorist	179	177	Homicide	0	0	Prostitution	1	0
Assault	17	10	House Check	278	62	Protective Order	2	2
Assist Other Agency	132	94	House Check Request	115	155	Reckless Conduct	1	2
Fraud/Bad Checks	11	11	Internet Crimes – Children	3	4	MV Repossession	5	88
Be On Lookout	70	92	Illegal Burn	0	4	Robbery	0	0
Bomb Threat	0	1	Indecent Exposure	0	0	Juvenile Runaway	1	3
Burglary	10	14	Internal Affairs	0	0	Sexual Assault	0	4
Burn Permit	37	166	Juvenile Complaint	31	22	Sex Offender Registration	3	1
Business Check	57	121	Kidnapping	0	0	Shoplifting	0	3
Business Check Request	2	5	Liquor Law Violations	42	8	Shots Fired	5	5
Civil Issue/Stand-by	29	23	Littering-Illegal Dumping	8	8	Stalking	2	1
Computer related	0	1	Residential Lockout	11	11	Attempted Suicide	3	3
Counterfeiting	1	1	Log Note	164	128	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	233	254
Criminal Threat	14	4	Lost Property	57	39	Theft	112	72
Criminal Trespass	7	5	Missing Person	9	14	Tobacco Violation	1	1
Criminal Mischief	56	28	MV Complaint	192	138	Truancy	0	0
Death/Suicide	1	2	MV Unlock	48	54	Unwanted Subject	37	27
Directed Patrol	69	36	Neglect	1	0	Traffic stops	2417	2242
Disorderly Conduct	16	4	Noise Disturbance	40	32	VIN Inspection	13	10
Domestic Dispute	26	20	Obscene Material	0	1	Vehicle off the road	19	18
Drug Related	11	0	OHRV Accident	0	0	Welfare Check	40	52
Emergency Medical Call	51	106	OHRV Complaint	4	4	Wires down	10	13
Escape from Custody	0	0	Open Container	2	5			
Escort	6	4	Open Door/Window	18	30	<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>7167</b>	<b>6518</b>



## NEW LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Where to begin! 2004 was a quite a year for the New London Fire Department, in terms of both challenges and accomplishments. Demand for service continues to grow, with the 2004 calendar year registering 457 total fire calls. Most of the continuing increases can be attributed to the effects of population growth in the town and the region. Requests for public assistance (residential unlocks, unusual odors or sounds, general fire safety concerns, etc.) and false alarms seem to have contributed significantly to the overall increase this year. It seems that in today's world, when people don't know what else to do in a home situation, they call the Fire Department. We continue to meet this increased demand for service with roughly the same basic manpower resources that we have had for the past several years: one career fighter, one part-time firefighter and 40 on-call firefighters. To put this in some local perspective, we have nearly 100 more non-medical calls than the Town of Newport, which has seven career fighters on staff.

An added concern for us is the rising price of home heating fuels. Invariably, this leads to the increased use of wood fired appliances and other "alternative" heat sources. Since most people are not thoroughly experienced in the use of wood as a heat source, resultant chimney fires, improper disposal of ashes, close proximity of combustibles and incorrectly installed chimneys and stoves can lead to serious structure fires. During December 2004 and January 2005 alone, we had three structure fires in New London that were the direct result of improperly installed or maintained chimneys and fireplaces. Chimney fires were on the rise last year as well.

If you must heat with wood, please have your chimney, stove or fireplace thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. If you have any questions or would like an inspection of your chimney or stove installation, call the Fire Department's non-emergency number to schedule an appointment. A scheduled appointment is much more convenient than an unscheduled visit in the middle of the night when it's 10 below and the wind is howling.

As I'm sure you have read in various reports, articles and advertisements, we have finished our fire station expansion project on time and more than 10% below projected cost. It has turned out to be even better than we imagined. Not only is it totally functional, but incredibly attractive (inside and out) in the bargain. As a result of the new facility being a great place for firefighters to hang out, our response times have improved dramatically. In fact, we are frequently able to fully man a single piece of apparatus immediately upon receiving a call, even late in the evening (and we don't have to pay the firefighters to be there).



*Photo by Brian Carey, Carey Construction*

*The New London Fire Station addition was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.*



Our new meeting/classroom space has already begun to serve the increasing demand for such facilities in New London. In addition to serving our own training needs, this new facility has hosted training for New England K9 Search and Rescue, an Incident Command System course for emergency services in the area, and will host a regional level one NH firefighter certification course throughout the winter and spring of 2005. In addition, town committees have found the building useful for additional meeting space. The facility will be available to emergency service groups and municipal agencies on an as-needed basis.

Our open house in November was well attended, and many townspeople have stopped by for personal tours over the past several months. We cannot thank the people of New London enough for their tremendous support throughout this project. We now have one of the nicest, most up-to-date fire stations in the state, at a fraction of the cost usually associated with such improvements.

In addition to the town's generosity, we have been the recipients of close to \$85,000 in grant moneys for the purchase of various types of support equipment, including a thermal imaging device and new equipment (both stationary and portable) for filling air tanks on breathing apparatus. We are very fortunate.

The search for new members continues to be one of our most important efforts, as peoples' lives take them in different directions. College students graduate, employment changes, members age, and interests sometimes evolve, so there is always turnover in Fire Department membership. If you are a physically fit man or woman (one quarter of our members are women) and are interested in serving your community in a very meaningful way, stop by the station and inquire about membership. It's not for everyone, but if you like living life a little bit "on the edge," this might be just what you're looking for.

Sadly, this year we mourned the passing of two dedicated members. Dave Eberly and Bob Nelson served the Town and the Fire Department with great distinction for many years. We will long appreciate their contributions to the community, as the loss of such people can never be replaced.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peter S. Stanley*  
Fire Chief



*Late Fireward Dave Eberly, crouching at right, controls the hose at the Hospital Days Open House. Fireward Mac McKinnon is standing to Dave's left.*

Fire Calls	2004	2003	Change
Structure Fire	2	3	-1
Chimney Fire	6	0	+6
Vehicle Fire	4	4	
Vehicle Accident	106	102	+4
Extrication	1	2	-1
Brush Fire	2	2	
Kitchen Fire	5	2	+3
Electrical Fire	5	4	+1
Wood Stove Malfunction	2	1	+1
Furnace Malfunction	10	5	+5
Sprinkler Malfunction	10	5	+5
Rescue	4	8	-4
Search	3	0	+3
Illegal Burn	11	12	-1
Wire Down – tree on the line	18	28	-10
Hazardous Material Spill	7	8	-1
Hazardous Condition (BIO)	0	0	
Smoke Report	17	11	+6
Alarm Response	25	22	+3
False Alarm	91	75	+16
Public Assistance	39	29	+10
Flood Control	3	4	-1
Mutual Aid Structure	12	16	-4
Mutual Aid Other	7	7	
Other	21	23	-2
DHART Transfer	0	1	-1
Gas Leak/LP	8	21	-13
Bomb Threat	0	1	-1
Carbon Monoxide Detector	14	13	+1
Medical Assist	24	14	+10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>+34</b>



*On December 16, 2004, this deer fell through the ice on Lake Sunapee. After swimming to shore, it was too weak to get out of the water and was pulled out by firefighters. Here, Fire Chief Peter Stanley and Newbury firefighter Mike Croteau tend to the deer.*



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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In June 2004 we were saddened by the loss of Bob Nelson, who had been the director of Emergency Management Committee (EMC) since 1995. Even in the last month of his life, Bob worked tirelessly as Emergency Management Director and as a member of the New London Fire Department. On some days, Bob would come to the Town Offices after receiving treatment at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. He was committed to the safety and well-being of New London residents, always keeping his eyes out for ways to improve New London's preparedness for an emergency. He set a high standard for volunteers and staff alike, and we were lucky to have worked with him.

The defining moment in Bob's career as Emergency Management Director came during the ice storm that hit New London in January 1998. Shawn Coe, a New London resident and Dartmouth graduate student, prepared an oral history on the ice storm, capturing Bob's memories of the event, in Bob's own words:

I started as Emergency Management Director in '95. I had retired from W.R. Grace and moved to New London in '89. In the meantime I had been working for Habitat for Humanity building houses, and I had been on the Historical Society maintenance crew and I had also volunteered at the fire station. I even played the trombone in the community band. But by the time of the Ice Storm I had run out of wind.

The former Director of the Emergency Management Committee was the previous Chief of Police. He had been in the job for seventeen years. He had cancer and wasn't expected to live very long. I went and visited him at his home and said, *you know they're asking about me taking over your job. I want to know a little more about it. What have you had to do in the last seventeen years?* He said, *piece of cake Bob, I haven't had an episode.*

I called Doug Lyon and I told him I had been along Main Street, and I felt that the prudent thing to do was to shut the town down. Doug, as the Chairman of the Board of Selectman, gave me the permission to do that. You don't shut down the town very often, so that decision was a bit overwhelming, but I didn't have time to think about it. *If I'm going to get things mobilized, I thought, then I'm going to have to shut the town down.* So I called the State Police and told them, *New London is closed.*

Ben Cushing, who was a New London dispatcher at the time of the ice storm, said to Shawn Coe: "Bob Nelson is a great great person. He is owed a lot for this. He loved this stuff, ate it up with a passion. He really held everything together. It was fun to go through it with him."

Without Bob, and thankfully without a town-wide emergency, the EMC has been inactive for most of 2004 (that is not to say that Police, Fire, Highway, Ambulance, and the other agencies represented on the committee have not been active). In 2005, we will use the funds from a Homeland Security grant that Bob applied for to update the Emergency Operations Plan, last updated in 1997, and to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan with the assistance of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

In closing, I offer a few safety tips and reminders that were important to Bob:

- Please post your street number on your house, mailbox, or sign post so that it can be seen from the street. Please post only the new number that became effective in April 2003. Old numbers should be removed, as they are confusing to emergency responders.
- If you have an electrical generator for your home or business, please register the generator with the Public Service of New Hampshire, for the safety of the PSNH workers and those who staff your New London emergency agencies. For more information and to register your generator, call 603-634-2312.
- If you or a family member needs special assistance in the event of an emergency, in particular an extended power outage, please let us know by registering with PSNH at 1-800-662-7764; the Lake Sunapee Region



Visiting Nurse Association at 526-4077; and/or contact me at 526-4821 ext. 13. You can't be helped unless we know who you are, where you are, how we can reach you, and what your needs are.

- Get a free Emergency Action Wheel from the Town Offices. In 2003, Emergency Action Wheels were mailed to all New London property owners, and many are still available. These wheels instruct you on how to prepare for different types of emergencies, and how to react when you are in an emergency situation.
- In an emergency, call 911. Stay calm, be patient, and speak so you can be understood.

Our thanks go to the members of the Emergency Management Committee and others who are prepared to act for the good of the community. We hope that all of the work will be in the planning and that we will never have to use our updated Emergency Operations Plan. Nonetheless, we are looking for a new volunteer director of the Emergency Management Committee. If you are an organized New London resident who would like to work closely with state and local emergency agencies in preparing our town for an emergency, please let me know. You'll have big shoes to fill.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jessie W. Levine*, Deputy Director



*Photo by Sandy Cole*

*County Road following January 1998 ice storm.*

## NEW LONDON RECREATION COMMISSION

The summer continues to be the busiest time of the year for the Recreation Department. The second year of our summer day camp, designed for children entering grades K-5, was quite successful, running at near full capacity each week. Children spent time doing arts and crafts, playing games, and swimming. The camp was held at New London Elementary School, and even though the summer weather was less than spectacular, campers spent all but about five afternoons in eight weeks at Bucklin Beach. We are very excited about putting together an adventure camp program for kids entering grades 6-8 for this coming summer!

While 2004 has probably been the busiest year yet with all of our existing recreation programs, one of our goals in 2005 is to increase the number of new programs being offered. Our adventure camp program and teen group sailing lessons are two examples of such programs. We would encourage your input as to needs you may recognize in the area of local recreation.

Our website traffic has grown from approximately 13,000 accesses in 2002, to over 21,000 in 2003, and this year over 27,000 accesses! We have many different recreational organizations using our site as we strive to be the place to turn with any questions you may have regarding recreation. If you have never visited our website, take a look at <http://www.nlrec.com>. We also have over 520 people on our "New London Recreation News" e-mail news list, which we send out about once a week with the latest recreational happenings in the area. Speaking of technology, probably 95% of 300 people registering for swim lessons were able to access a registration form from our website and simply pop it in the mail with payment. The British Soccer camp with over 100 participants offered online registration that was used by most registrants and made our job easier at the Rec. Dept.

Under the new ownership of Bridget LeRoy and Eric Johnson, the New London Inn has continued the tradition of having a town skating rink on their property now for the sixth year! Thank you!

The Recreation Department continues to be convinced of the need of the community center, and we continue our work with the community center action committee. The center has found a location they can call home on Pleasant Street, next to Bittersweet. At Town Meeting, the community center will ask voters to approve the donation of a small piece of town land to be used as a large skating and detention pond (see drawing at right). In December, the community center action committee gained ZBA approval to move forward with their plans, and looks forward to working with the public through the Planning Board process to develop a center that will fill the recreational needs of the community while at the same time being a good neighbor to the immediate surrounding area.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions over the phone at 526-6401, or by e-mail at [nlrec@adelphia.net](mailto:nlrec@adelphia.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert Andrews*  
Recreation Director



Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture

*The above drawing shows the conceptual layout of the community center. The town owns the 1/2-acre piece of land in the center of the plan, covered by the proposed pond.*



## TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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YOUR Tracy Memorial Library has been a busy and vibrant place in 2004. Thanks to your continuing support we have had the honor of being recognized once again as one of the top ten libraries in the nation for towns with populations of 2500-4900. Various statistics are factored in to determine this ranking, such as number of patrons. Our current registered patrons number 5101, including 2823 resident adults, 798 resident juveniles, 371 non-resident adults, 492 non-resident juveniles from the KRSD, 159 temporary seasonal borrowers, and 77 Colby-Sawyer College students. Our total circulation for the year numbered over 50,500+ items, which included loaning 1018 items to other libraries and securing 985 items for our patrons through inter-library loans. The size of the collection increased with the addition of 1975 books, 47 videos, 251 DVDs, 17 cassette books, 119 CD books, and 21 music CDs. We now have a large selection of audio lectures in tape and CD format thanks to a couple of generous individuals.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Registered Patrons	5101	4922	4529	4438	4186
Resident Adults	2823	2726	2672		
Resident Juveniles	798	818	623		
Non-resident adults	371	379	466		
Non-resident juveniles (KRSD)	492	492	486		

Our very supportive Friends of Tracy Library enable us to augment our services to you. The Membership Drive and book sale netted about \$20,000 this past year. With this money we were able to purchase new public access computers, a wireless network, and many costly reference materials including new encyclopedias, Standard & Poor's and the Value Line subscription. The Friends also sponsor Great Decisions, our newsletter and our Summer Reading Program for children. Also supporting our service to you are our wonderful volunteers. Over 50 of them provide countless hours of help all year to assist our patrons and staff and help keep the Library running smoothly.

We have reluctantly bid farewell to several staff members this past year. Edie Garner left to live in Florida after 15 years on the staff, and Sally Davis, a familiar face at the circulation desk for 18 years, has retired. To fill Edie's part-time position and assist at the desk, Janice Baron and Nancy Dutton have been hired. We are delighted with their enthusiasm, willingness and flexibility. Annie Ballin, who so capably directed the Children's Department for seven years, also departed. We feel very fortunate to have hired Kathryn Tracy as her replacement.

The Children's Department continues to provide an important service to the community, and the transition with new ideas and programming has gone very well. Over 2000 enthusiastic participants took part in over 150 various children's programs, including the Summer Reading Program, craft and story hours, and the holiday entertainment party. There is a newly decorated reading corner for young adults complete with beanbag chairs and computers; this is a memorial to long-time volunteer and former staffer, Marty Denz.

We are very grateful to the New London Garden Club for sprucing up the Library grounds, decorating us inside and out for the holidays, and especially for the work they do in the Community Garden. In all extremes of weather, members are laboring hard to maintain the magnificent spectacle of blooms that we enjoy from the Library windows. Their extraordinary accomplishments were recognized by the National Garden Clubs this year in the presentation of the May Duff Walters Award for Preservation of Beauty.

Our goal for 2005 is for more of you to visit and utilize YOUR library. We welcome your comments and suggestions and thank you, the citizens of New London, for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Virginia Foose and Linda Miller*

Library Co-directors



# TRACY LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$11,061.16	
Income:		
Town Appropriation	\$295,325.00	
Trust Funds	18,588.62	
Fines	6,135.65	
Lost/Damaged Materials	309.24	
Gifts and Memorials	10,377.12	
Non-Resident Fees	4,791.00	
Copier	1,165.77	
Sale of Books	1,152.89	
Interest	<u>975.53</u>	
Total Income	\$338,820.82	
From TML Bldg. Maint. Cap Res Fund	5,688.28	
From NL Computer Cap Res Fund	3,700.00	
From Friends of TML	<u>944.00</u>	
Total Income Plus Cash on Hand		<b>\$360,214.26</b>
Expenditures:		
Personnel	\$252,928.35	
Books and Related Materials	46,503.19	
Supplies	5,464.70	
Equipment	8,070.42	
Public Relations	1,565.17	
Maintenance	20,593.17	
Travel and Dues	1,180.74	
Audit	954.00	
Special Programs	<u>1,512.26</u>	
Expenditures	\$338,772.00	
Capital Projects	<u>10,332.28</u>	
Total Expenditures		<b>\$349,104.28</b>
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004		<b>\$11,109.98</b>
Memorial, Capital and Gift Funds		
Balance of Funds, December 31, 2004		<b>\$198,102.48</b>

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The New London Conservation Commission has enjoyed another very active year. Much of our work is naturally carried out in the great outdoors, though we meet each month in open session on the third Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

This year we were saddened by the loss of Dr. Edward Parkhurst, a member of the Commission since 1991. We shall miss his unrivalled knowledge and understanding of the town's natural resources.

There have been a number of personnel changes this year. Vicki Koron and Emma Crane have joined us. Vicki has assumed responsibility for, among other things, the monitoring of water quality at the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog. Emma, with her husband Bob, has taken over the task of easement monitoring from Dick Cavallaro, who has left the Commission but continues to help in many ways. Bob, though not a Commission member, has also added the responsibility for administering trail maintenance activities. This was previously, for several years, the role played by Wayne Warriner, who recently resigned from the Commission to spend more time with family. He will be greatly missed, and we thank him for his many years of service. Another loss was that of Sue Ellen Andrews, a 15-year member and also our chair. Dale Conly has joined us and now fills Sue's role of monitoring waterfront tree cutting for the Commission and maintaining our link on that matter with the Planning Board. Peter Stanley and Terry Dancy are still with us, both of them now being alternate members. In total, these changes will, we hope, permit us to maintain a more even cycle of appointments and re-appointments.

This year we perambulated the boundaries of three of our four neighboring towns: Sutton, Wilmot, and Springfield, in company with representatives of those towns. These perambulations are mandated by the State and must be completed on a seven year cycle.

Our trail work has been, if anything, even more extensive than in previous years. The Dura Crockett trail has been extended to meet up with the Great Brook trail. A new trail across the Cook, Deming, and Cantor properties has been developed on the high ground above Pleasant Lake, thanks to the efforts of David Cook and other volunteers. Various bridges have been replaced or constructed, including one on the Morgan Hill trail by Eagle Scout Ryan Parsons. Replacement boards have been installed on the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog boardwalk. New or replacement signs have been made and positioned on all trails, thanks to the continuing efforts of Terry Dancy. Work continues, by Terry and Laura Alexander, on the development of a revised town trail map. We hope to have the map available for sale this spring. Trail work requires constant attention, both for maintenance and improvements, and volunteer help is always welcomed.

Ruth White continues her much appreciated work on organizing the winter and spring walks and in posting nature notes at the Bog, Low Plain, and the Town Offices.

The access road at the Phillips Preserve has been cleared and graded. Plans for 2005 involve the selective harvesting of timber and the creation of a small clearing to improve wildlife habitat.

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At Low Plain Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area, new duck boxes have been constructed, thanks to George Green, and will be placed shortly. A management plan for the area has been created, approved, and filed with the State Office of Energy and Planning. Beaver continue to be a problem at the Chandler Brook outflow, a problem to be addressed as soon as conditions permit. On the positive side, a beaver that had caused concern in the Kidder-Cleveland area behind the Middle School was eventually trapped and removed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie W. Norman*, Chair



## BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Your Municipal Budget Committee has worked diligently this year to again find the delicate balance between controlling municipal expenditures while maintaining the quality of life that New London residents consistently demonstrate needs to be a priority. While we feel we have done a thorough job of getting to know each town department intimately and scrutinizing their budgets, we recognize that the town portion of our tax bill is a very small piece of the total due to the state, county and school portions of the tax bill over which we have no control.

The Budget Committee began its new budget year in July, welcoming new committee members Jim Wheeler and John Wilson, both of which have been very active and involved members during the course of the budget process. We began the year by again reviewing a timeline to track the increase in population and various town services such as miles of roads cared for, number of vehicles registered, number of police and fire calls, increase in crime statistics, tons of trash handled, etc., to be reminded of the pressure that growth has placed on town facilities and services. Nine formal meetings were held over the course of the budget planning process, as well as site visits to the Transfer Station and Police, Fire, Sewer and Highway Departments. Special attention was paid to the completed Highway and Fire Department buildings, realizing not only the exceptional job done by both of these departments in planning and executing these projects, but also noting the immediate efficiencies and increase of department productivity that has occurred because of these new facilities.

*“We are indeed fortunate to have such good managers of our various departments, who take their positions seriously and do an excellent job of managing, planning and looking forward.”*

The Committee also participated in the annual updating of the Capital Improvement Plan (annual contributions to “savings accounts” for large ticket items such as fire engines, highway equipment, etc.). Committee members Pat Blanchard and Stefan Timbrell served as representatives to the CIP subcommittee, a joint venture of the Budget Committee and Planning Board, in this important process.

With the close collaboration of the Selectboard and department heads, the Budget Committee feels that it has developed a budget that reflects responsible spending for current needs with a continued commitment to funding planned reserves that will help to ease budget impact in the future.

The Budget Committee would like to acknowledge the outstanding jobs done by our department heads. We are indeed fortunate to have such good managers of our various departments, who take their positions seriously and do an excellent job of managing, planning and looking forward. A special acknowledgement and thank-you should also be made to our Selectboard’s Budget Committee representative, Doug Lyon, as well as to the staff work provided by Jessie Levine, Carol Fraley and Sarah Denz.

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas S. Baxter*, Chair

## HEALTH OFFICER

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This is at least the 25<sup>th</sup> health officer's report that I have written. Each year I have tried to inform our residents as well as report on the year's public health activities. This year I am mostly writing a retrospective of my years as health officer. In 1961, I was appointed as New London's health officer (the first non-physician health officer in the town's history, I was told). At that time, the population was just a little over 1700, and there were only two doctors practicing in New London: Bill Clough and John Ohler. As with most practicing physicians, they had neither the time, inclination nor training for an active role in public health, especially environmental health aspects of public health. When I resigned in 1966 to accept a one-year sabbatical Fulbright lectureship at the University of Malaysia, Tony Galluzzo, then a medical technician at New London Hospital, took over the health officer duties. He was followed by Guy Williams, who taught science at Colby-Sawyer, as did Dr. Peter Mitchell, who served next until his resignation and my reappointment in May 1985. I have been privileged to serve as health officer from 1961-1966 and from 1985 until the present, for a total of over 25 years.

In 1961, Dr. Mary Atchison was director of the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the State of New Hampshire. In the mid-1960s, the formation of the EPA and passage of such legislation as the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act resulted in the Water Supply and Pollution Control Division, now a part of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Today the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) includes all of the health-related services plus Medicaid, Division of Children, Youth and Families, Division of the Elderly and Adult Services, and other human service functions. From 1975-1981, I was director of the DES laboratories and worked closely with DES and DHHS serving the citizens of NH. In 1975, residents of NH could get a comprehensive water test at no cost; today the same test costs \$65 per sample.

In the early years, we conducted bacteriological surveys of surface water bodies and streams in New London for pollution control. Much of this work has been taken over by lake protective associations, and my sampling is now primarily limited to public swimming areas. In 1966, Herb Williams took water samples and the results were sent to me in Malaysia for analyzing and reporting. Early residents still remind me of the breakdown in Town Meeting decorum for which I was blamed in absentia: Selectman Larry Spaulding read my report aloud and substituted "number of orgasms" for "number of organisms" in Little Lake Sunapee. When townspeople broke out in laughter, he turned to Bill Kidder, repeating "What did I say? What did I say?"

In the early 1960s, I was required to inspect all new septic system drainage fields for level installation, use of proper stone and sand, etc. In 1967, the state took over the approval of septic system plans, and New London instituted the local requirement that all test pits be witnessed and recorded by the health officer as a means of assuring that soil conditions shown on the plans were as observed. Even today, this constitutes the single most time consuming aspect of my duties, but provides important assurance that septic systems will be less subject to early failure with adverse health, environmental, and financial consequences. In 2004, over 55 test pits were witnessed and recorded on 45 lots. I reviewed 69 sets of septic system plans: 40 for new construction; 12 for replacement systems; 4 for increased loading due to house expansion or change of use from seasonal to full time; 2 for systems in failure; and 11 reviewed a second or third time as a result of revisions or "as built" changes to plans. These figures are somewhat lower than 2003.

Health officers are selected by the town but appointed by the state, with any remuneration supplied by the town. Every town is required to have a health officer, or the functions must be performed by a selectman. A town's Board of Health is made up of the selectmen and the health officer, who acts as chairman. Because they are officers of the state, health officers are responsible for enforcing state health and environmental laws as well as local health regulations, which can be stricter than state regulations. Only the larger cities of Manchester and Nashua have Health Departments independent of and performing the public health functions of the state. Some towns and cities have full-time health officers, frequently combining this position with code enforcement, fire inspector, building inspector, and/or welfare officer. Health officers sometimes are nurses (such as our deputy health officer, Liz Meller), retired physicians, engineers or veterinarians, but are often just someone willing to accept the position.



As a member of the board of the New Hampshire Health Officer's Association, I help plan the semi-annual educational meetings for the state's health officers. Because the majority works part-time and for minimal compensation, only 75-80 of the 254 health officers attend these meetings. The Turning Point Initiative, a project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson and Kellogg Foundations, enlisted participants from industry, municipalities, public health employees and private foundations, with the objective of improving the delivery of public health services to New Hampshire towns. One of the decisions was that our many small towns should come together to form regional cooperative health departments that could efficiently serve their towns with professional public health services. It has been my hope to form such a district health department in this Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region, but because the state has not funded the concept, towns have been reluctant to fund a regional health department with town tax dollars. We therefore continue to depend on an under-funded DHHS and under-funded and under-educated health officers to deliver public health services. Nonetheless, I will continue to work towards the goal of a cooperative district health department.

Here are some of the functions performed by your health officer over the years:

- Investigated complaints for possible water pollution in lakes, streams and surface seepage;
- Investigated and take corrective action on failed septic systems;
- Inspected homes for satisfactory conditions for housing foster children;
- Inspected child care facilities at least once every three years;
- Inspected new public access buildings for satisfying the sanitary requirements of occupancy permits;
- Took water samples from public swimming beaches at least once a month from June-September;
- Organized rabies immunization clinics for dogs (before we had a veterinarian in New London);
- Held a workshop for the region's police and highway personnel on rabies and the handling of domestic and wild animals possibly infected with rabies;
- Investigated oil spill reports for DES and respond to incidents with remedial action;
- Accompanied the state sanitary inspector on inspections of food handling facilities;
- Attended seminars and workshops on public health aspects of preparedness for emergencies caused by weapons of mass destruction, including biological warfare agents;
- Attended health officer educational meetings and board of directors meetings to plan educational sessions;
- Attended New London Hospital President's Advisory Board meetings and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings;
- Planned for emergency immunization of residents in our area of the state should there be a smallpox or other disease threat from biological weapons or natural epidemic;
- Took part in statewide public health activities including the Turning Point Initiative, Healthy New Hampshire 2000 and Healthy NH 2010, the board of directors (elected position) of the NH Public Health Association and past president of Twin Mountain (NH/VT) Environmental Health Association;
- Initiated warrant article, later defeated at Town Meeting, for a rational program for the study and control of town mosquito populations to help reduce the risk of West Nile Virus infection;
- Through the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Smoke Free Coalition, worked to reduce the single most common cause of preventable death – cigarette smoking and inhalation of cigarette smoke – through education and legislation. Lake Sunapee Country Club is still not smoke free due to membership pressure and the North End Pub has reportedly returned to smoking because of loss of business when smoking was banned. Nationally, the experience of restaurants has been an increase or no change in business when a no smoking policy was enforced. If all restaurants and pubs were smoke free, the conditions would be equalized and business would not depend on a smoker's addictive choices.

It has been my privilege to serve in this health officer endeavor for over 25 years. The cooperation and confidence of New London citizens, selectmen and fellow town employees has been gratifying. Although New Hampshire still remains one of the healthiest places to live in the country, the state is at best parsimonious in support of public health services, and much remains to be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald F. Bent*, Ph.D.

## NEW LONDON SEWER COMMISSION

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The Sewer Commission is committed to providing efficient and cost effective service to the New London users. The long-term replacement and rehabilitation program remains in effect and is well funded. Each year major upgrades have been achieved without an increase in user rates in 2004. Pump stations and collection lines have been improved as well as repairs to numerous manholes.

Throughout the year, the system experienced rainy periods that do affect the flow at the Sunapee Treatment Plant to which our sewage is sent for treatment. As a reminder, if you have a wet basement during rainy periods your sump pump needs to be discharged outside, not into the sewer system, which needlessly increases our percentage of the treatment fees at Sunapee.

In April, there was a failure at the Georges Mills Pumping Station that resulted in a sanitary sewage overflow into a tributary of Lake Sunapee. The amount of the overflow has not been fully resolved in discussions with the NH Department of Environmental Services. This discharge was most regrettable but the mechanical failure has been corrected and importantly the water tests in the lake showed no degradation of water quality. The repairs include substantial mechanical and reporting instrumentation improvements. Redundant alarm notification is now in place. Such was not the case during the failure when stormy weather power loss and/or loss of critical phone service interrupted the appropriate alarms to our operators.

The Sewer Commission meets the first and third Tuesday each month and monthly in Sunapee with the Sunapee Water and Sewer Commission to maintain good communications. In the year 2005, discussions with Sunapee will become more intense as both groups address the mounting sludge disposal costs at the Sunapee plant. All such meetings are open to the public.

The new computer program in place to handle the Town billing programs has performed well in the October billing. The commission will work to improve and further customize the bills to Town customers.

The Sewer Commission continues to offer a “deduct” meter program for outside water usage measurements for gardeners, which must be purchased from the Sewer Commission for installation by a licensed plumber. Outside gardening, leaking outside spigots and toilets with a poor shut off valve contribute to excessive water consumption that can impact your user bill considerably.

Finally, in June we were saddened by the untimely death of Richard Birch who served the Commission so ably and is certainly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

*F. Augustus Seamans*, Chair

*Elizabeth Boege*

*H. Gordon Starkey*

New London Sewer Commissioners



## PLANNING BOARD

Your Planning Board began the year 2004 by conducting public hearings on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for ballot vote at the 2004 Town Meeting. The zoning amendments presented at these public hearings are the culmination of diligent work by the Planning Board and the Town staff throughout the fall. The Planning Board begins public work sessions on crafting these amendments in late September by prioritizing the amendments to address that year. The Board conducts public work sessions until early December to craft the specific language for each amendment which are then presented at public hearings in January of the following calendar year.

Many of the zoning amendments presented for ballot vote at the 2004 Town Meeting addressed issues encountered by the Zoning Administrator and Planning Board in administering the ordinance and are primarily “housekeeping” in nature, with the intent of adding further clarity to the ordinance. The major initiative crafted by the Planning Board and approved by the voters was the adoption of an Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance intended to provide smaller, lower cost housing options in Town. The year ended as it began with the Planning Board crafting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to be considered by ballot vote at the 2005 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board addressed a wide variety of current planning activities during the 20 meetings held in 2004. The bulk of the planning activity was spent reviewing site plans for a number of different projects including:

- New office space for the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses Association;
- Conversion of residential space to office space for McGray & Nichols;
- Construction of a new three-bay garage for the New London-Springfield Water Precinct;
- Addition to the Fire House;
- Construction of a new Highway Department garage;
- Adding parking at the Kelsey Athletic Fields at Colby-Sawyer College;
- Converting the Homestead House from residential to office use at Colby-Sawyer College; and
- Improvements to the College’s maintenance building and property.

In terms of subdivision activity, this is the first year in memory in which the number of available lots actually decreased! In 2004, there were no new subdivision lots created, while the Planning Board approved eight lot mergers and three annexations. However, more subdivision proposals are on the horizon. In 2004, the Planning Board has conducted preliminary reviews on two cluster development proposals encompassing 23 new lots.

As it does annually, the Planning Board approved an update of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the 2005 - 2014 time period. Following the established practice, the Planning Board appointed a working CIP Committee to develop a draft of the CIP. This Committee consisted of two members from the Planning Board, two from the Budget Committee, and one of the Board of Selectmen, in addition to the Town Administrator, Finance Officer, and Town Planner. The CIP Committee met with the department heads and, with the assistance of the Town Planner, developed a draft CIP to submit for the Planning Board’s consideration and adoption. The adopted CIP was then submitted to the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen for their inclusion in the annual budget process. Highlighted below are some of the major changes included in the CIP update this year:

<b>Recreation:</b> <i>Elkins Beach Improvements</i>	\$147,000 for all Phases; Phase I at \$50,000 recommended in CIP
<b>Police:</b> <i>Additional Police Cruiser</i>	\$30,000 recommended in CIP (\$10,000 per year 2005-2007)
<b>Highway:</b> <i>Add new 10-Wheel Dump Truck</i>	\$70,000 recommended in CIP under New Highway Equipment
<b>Conservation:</b> <i>Conservation Land Acquisition &amp; Improvement Fund</i>	CIP recommends front loading the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund by increasing the annual allocation in 2005 and 2006 from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and then decreasing the annual allocation to \$50,000 from 2007 to 2014.

As evidenced by some of the projects highlighted above, it is apparent in updating the CIP that growth in town is having an impact on the capital improvement needs of the community. The Planning Board has just initiated an update of the 1998 Master Plan to address some of these growth related issues. The Master Plan update will reassess the vision for the future growth and development of the community. Further, after gathering public input on the keys issues facing the community over the next ten years, the Planning Board will reassess and update the recommendations of the 1998 Master Plan and present all of this to the public before adoption.

The Planning Board greatly appreciates the continuing dependable and committed service provided by the staff including Jessie Levine, Town Administrator; Peter Stanley, Zoning Administrator; Judy Condict, Secretary; and Ken McWilliams, Town Planner.

As always, the Planning Board is very thankful for the effort expended by the many people who assisted the Planning Board in its activities throughout the year. Your participation, inquiries and insights are invaluable and most appreciated. The Planning Board generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month as well as conducting noticed public meetings or work sessions throughout the year working on various planning board initiatives. The Planning Board meeting schedule and approved meeting minutes can be found on the Town's website, at [www.nl-nh.com/plan.htm](http://www.nl-nh.com/plan.htm). All of the Planning Board meetings are open to the public and we always welcome your participation and input in the process of guiding the future growth of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Karen E. Ebel*, Chair  
New London Planning Board

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## WELFARE OFFICER

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This is my eighth year as your town Welfare Officer. This past year was similar to other years in that requests were generally for short-term assistance. The town was recently reimbursed \$1,500 from the federal government for assistance we were able to provide an individual for medications while he was awaiting enrollment in a government program. This shows as an expense but not as income in the welfare budget.

Many times I refer potential recipients to state, federal and private assistance programs that may be more appropriate for their needs. When applicants request assistance, I meet with them to gather information about their financial situation. If they qualify for assistance, they agree to reimburse the town when and if they are able to do so. We have been fortunate in that some of those who have received assistance have been able to make small monthly payments towards repaying the assistance the town provided to them.

You should continue to be confident that the money that you allot each year for assistance is fairly spent. Thank you again for your support for this very worthwhile program.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Marc Clement*  
Welfare Officer



## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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The New London Zoning Board of Adjustment had another busy year in 2004, and the report below reflects a summary of the cases we heard. We work hard to provide each applicant with a fair and balanced hearing, and our decisions are the direct result of the zoning ordinances that the voters of New London provide for us. The ability to grant special exceptions and/or variances allows the Board flexibility, ensuring that the ordinances can be equitably applied to all property.

The ZBA mourns the passing of Charlie Marston this past year. A long-time board member, Charlie's preparation for each hearing and his educated sense of fairness helped guide the Board through many difficult hearings. Charlie, unassuming as he was, left a positive mark on New London in so many ways. Our town is a better place for what he gave us.

### February 16, 2003

Schwartz-Barr Realty Trust requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants needed to cross wetlands for access to building sites. This property is located on Burnt Hill Road (Tax Maps 029-006, 007 & 008) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Leo Maslan representing the Charles M. Bucklin Grandchildren Trust, Martha Harris, Trustee requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants required temporary wetland crossings on two small streams for timber harvesting under "best management practices." This property is located north and south of Putney Road (Tax Map 011-003-000) in the Forest Conservation zone. **Granted**

### March 29, 2004

Susan & Joseph Coleburn III requested a Variance to the terms of Article XX, Section B.3.b. of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants proposed adding an eating area, one bedroom and closet space with a combined cost that exceeded 50% of the fair market value of their non-conforming cottage. This property is located at 63 Bartons Row, Elkins (Tax Map 064-005-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted**

Lake Sunapee County Club requested the following for their expansion project on property located at 289 Country Club Lane (Tax Map 146-001-000) in the ARR zone:

- A Variance to the terms of Article XX, Section A.2 and B.3 as the expansion and redesign of the clubhouse will be an expansion of a non-conforming use and a non-conforming building. **Granted**
- A Special Exception to the terms of Article II, Section 5 to build a 37' chimney that exceeds the 35' height regulation as part of the clubhouse redesign and expansion project. **Granted**
- A Variance to the terms of Article II Section 5 as the proposed clubhouse redesign incorporates a 48' clock tower (from average grade) exceeding the 35' height allowance by 13'. **Denied**.

### April 26, 2004

Anne & Marc Margulies requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.2 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants proposed encroaching into the side yard setback by 4 feet in order to add one additional bedroom on property located at 53 Lamson Lane, (Tax Map 049-013-000) in the R2 zone. **Denied**

Gary Anderson and Cornelia Boyle requested an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement. A building permit was previously approved by the Board of Selectmen allowing an addition to be built closer to the sideyard setback than the 50' requirement on property located at 46 Twin Lake Villa Road, (Tax Map 020-017-000) in the R2 and Forest Conservation zones. **Granted**

Gary Anderson and Cornelia Boyle were also seeking a Variance to the terms of Article IX, Section C.2 to add an 18' x 20' single-story family room 45' from the sideyard setback when a 50' setback is required in the Forest Conservation zone. **Denied**

Town of New London requested a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 5 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants wish to build a cupola on the proposed new highway garage building, which would exceed the 35' height requirement by 7 feet. This property is located at 186 South Pleasant Street (Tax Map 095-052-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

#### **May 17, 2004**

Robert & Deborah Zeller requested a Special Exception to Article XIII, Section E-1 of the Zoning Regulations for driveway access from Lakeshore Drive which must cross wetlands for the installation of a culvert. This property is located on Lakeshore Drive (Tax Map 051-016-000) in the Forest Conservation zone. **Granted**

Four Variances were requested by Everett B. Yelton. Mr. Yelton proposed demolishing the existing 3-bedroom home at 485 Bunker Road (Tax Map 076-033-000) in the R2 Zone. He requested:

- (1) A Variance to the terms of Article XX, Section B.2.b for the voluntary replacement of the existing house which is entirely within the 50' setback from the high water level and does not meet the frontyard setback. **Granted**
- (2) A Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.1 as the proposed new structure is extending further into the frontyard setback. **Denied**
- (3) A Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Section H.1 for a new foundation within the 50' buffer area. **Granted** with stipulations
- (4) A Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Section I as the Shore Land Overlay District requires that non-conforming structures located within the first 50' inland from the normal high water level not exceed 25' in height above grade. **Granted**

#### **June 28, 2004**

Lawrence Ballin and Joel Carpenter requested a Special Exception as provided by the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the Zoning Regulations. The applicants requested this waiver to allow a driveway to be constructed adjacent to one wetland area and crossing two wetlands to access the Carpenter lot. This property is located at 244 Blueberry Lane (Tax Maps 087-003-001 and 087-003-002) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Martin Feins and Courtland Cross applied for an Appeal of an Administrative Decision concerning Lakeside Lodge, Inc. On June 7, 2004 the Board of Selectmen concluded that following the Zoning Board of Adjustment's decision of October 20, 2003, they could not identify whether or not a violation existed on the Lakeside Lodge property located on Route 103A (Tax Map 080-005-000) in the ARR zone. Therefore, the Board of Selectmen was taking no action regarding their December 8, 2003 letter. The applicants were seeking to appeal this latest decision in the hopes of having the Zoning Board of Adjustment enforce the Board of Selectmen's December 8, 2003 letter. **The Zoning Board of Adjustment voted not to require enforcement of the December 8, 2003 letter and raised the ceiling regarding usage of boats from four to eleven.**

#### **July 19, 2004**

Bruce and Karen Haskell requested a variance to the terms of Article VI, Section C-2. The applicants proposed constructing a 40-foot wide right-of-way adjacent to the eastern boundary of their property at 1405 King Hill Road (Tax Map 129-005-000), thus creating a corner lot for the existing house and garage which would then be 21.3 feet set back from the right of way, 28.7 less than the required 50-feet. **Denied**

#### **August 16, 2004**

Foremost Builders, LLC, representing the Weber Family Investment Trust, requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.1 and Article XX, Section B.2.b of the New London Zoning Regulations. They were proposing to make substantial improvements to a non-conforming structure and to not meet the frontyard setback requirement of 25'. This property is located at 45 Scythe Shop Road, Elkins. **Granted**



McGray & Nichols, representing Jane Brock-Wilson, requested a Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Section C.2 of the Zoning Regulations. The applicants wished to remove the existing electrical line now running to their dock and install a new 3-wire electrical line within the 50' setback from the high-water mark of Lake Sunapee. This property is located at 115 Lighthouse View Road (Tax Map 126-011-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted**

Charles Hafner, d.b.a. Chadwick Funeral Service, requested a Variance to the terms of Article VII, Section B.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicant wished to construct a combined handicapped access ramp/front porch area, which would not comply with the 30' frontyard setback requirement. This property is owned by Heidelberg Lodge #92, Independent Order of Oddfellows, 235 Main Street (Tax Map 084-065-000) in the Commercial zone. **Granted**

#### **August 30, 2004**

Marybeth Angeli, for McCrillis & Eldridge, requested a variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10-g-2 and Article XX, Section B-2 of the New London Zoning Regulations in order to place a second business sign on an existing sign post, in addition to the current non-conforming business sign, in front of 41 Main Street (Tax Map 073-054-000) in the R2 zone. The additional sign would increase the non-conforming size of the sign. **Denied**

Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Community Center Committee (KLSCC) requested a Special Exception as provided by Article XXI, Section G-4-a of the New London Zoning Regulations in order to site a Community Center on property located on North Pleasant Street (Tax map 074-047-000 and for a Special Exception as provided in Article XIII, Section E-1 of the New London Zoning Regulations in order to cross wetlands with the driveway and sidewalk access to the community center. **The Special Exception of Article XIII, Section E-1 Granted.** See December 6, 2004 hearing for decision on Article XXI, Section G-4-a.

#### **October 4, 2004**

Blakeman Engineering Inc., representing David and Betty Hackman, requested a variance from the terms of Article XIII, Section F.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations, in order to place a septic tank and pump chamber 51 feet from a jurisdictional wetland, i.e. within the required 75-foot setback, on their property on Little Cove Road in the R2 zone, Tax Map 105-005-000. **Granted**

#### **December 6, 2004**

Pelletieri Associates, representing Jennifer and Jonathan Paul, requested a Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Section F.2.B. of the New London Zoning Regulations, in order to remove existing electrical line now running to the lake and install new electrical conduits from the house to the retaining wall within the 50-foot setback from the high-water mark of Lake Sunapee. Property is located at 125 Sunset Shores Road (Tax Map 091-007-000) in the R-2 zone. **Granted**

Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Community Center Committee (KLSCC) requested Special Exceptions to Article XIII, Sections E. 1, 2 and 3, and Article XXI, Section G.4.a. of the New London Zoning Ordinance, in order to locate a Community Center on Pleasant Street in the Commercial and R-2 zones (Tax Map 074-047-000), with the (reconfigured since August 30) driveway, sidewalk, and utility line crossing wetlands on the property, and to create a pond/water impoundment in the wetland. Applicant also requested a Special Exception in accordance with Article VII, Section A.9 to use the Community Center for uses that are similar to theaters, halls, clubs or amusement centers in the Commercial District. **Granted**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lawrence Ballin*, Chair

## STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

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In July 2004, the Board of Selectmen met to discuss the Town's streetlights and a conversion report from PSNH. The report suggests a five-year payback for a conversion of the Town's 150 lights to more energy-efficient high-pressure sodium lamps. In addition to payback, the selectmen considered the possible benefits of improved safety, improved visual appearance, reduced energy consumption and reduced light pollution. A study committee was formed in September 2004 to inventory the Town's lights and to make recommendations to the Selectmen.

The study committee established criteria for placement or removal of streetlights based on proximity to major intersections, curves or roadway hazards and sidewalks. As of February 2005, the inventory is close to completion. Draft recommendations include the removal of approximately one-third of the lights around town. Committee concerns and issues being addressed include increased light output of the high-pressure sodium lights, preservation of the historical nature of the older incandescent lights, consensus on removal of certain lights and the need for an audit and updated inventory from PSNH. It is expected that the committee will address these issues and make final recommendations during 2005 and that the Selectmen will be convening a public hearing on the matter. Pending the outcome of the hearing, an item will appear on the ballot for 2006 Town Meeting.

If anyone would like to join the Street Lighting Committee or otherwise become involved with this project, please notify our Town Administrator, Jessie Levine, at [townadministrator@adelphia.net](mailto:townadministrator@adelphia.net) or 526-4821 ext. 13.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark Vernon*

Street Light Study Committee Chair

## JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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In 2004, the Joint Loss Management Committee completed its tenth year of service to New London. The 2004 membership was represented by the following members:

Robert Andrews, Recreation Department  
Douglas Gay, Wastewater Department  
Raymond Heath, Library, Chair  
Jay Lyon, Fire Department

Amy Rankins, Administration  
David Seastrand, Police Department  
Karen Welch, Highway Department  
Jessie Levine, Ex-Officio

As the purpose of the Joint Loss Management Committee is to assure a safe work environment for all employees, we are proud to report that in 2004 the committee achieved the following:

- Conducted town property "on-site" inspections
- Aided in securing an electronic radar/road message sign for the Highway Department at no cost.
- Helped in clearing up confusion in road labeling and directions in several instances.
- Made several safety improvement recommendations.
- Reviewed all accident reports.

We are extremely pleased to announce New London's best safety year yet with only three reportable workplace accidents and only one work day lost due to such. A heartfelt "Well done!" to all New Londons town employees!

Respectfully submitted,

*Raymond Heath*

Chair



## NEW LONDON BANDSTAND INC.

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The year 2004 marked the 16<sup>th</sup> year of band concerts at the Mary D. Haddad Bandstand on Sargent Common. A plaque was placed on the bandstand memorializing Mary D. Haddad. Program Chairman Frank Sherman lined up eight musical groups with a mixture of musical styles reflecting the diversity of the concert attendees.

Because of the generosity of our sponsors we continue to provide a variety of music with the hope of pleasing our audiences. Please express your appreciation to the many businesses that underwrite the concerts, for without them the concerts would not happen. We also express appreciation to Hayward Refrigeration for keeping the electricity working, Radio Shack for help with the sound system, Lee Morrill of "On Track Design" for designing our poster and ads, the New London Garden Club for the beautiful plantings and friends who assist with refreshments for the musicians.

*"Bring your picnic supper, your friends,  
your children and grandchildren for eight  
pleasant, relaxing and inspiring Friday  
evenings of music."*

The bandstand was painted in 2004 along with some extensive repairs to the latticework and replacement of rotted posts. We also purchased a banner to hang on the bandstand to inform the public when a concert is moved inside.

Two of the original bandstand committee members, Anna Green and Mary Teach, retired from the committee. They will be sorely missed – always willing and always dependable. Thank you, Anna and Mary. We added several new members during 2004 – Mike Meller, Jody Arnold, Cheryl LaPrade and Missy Owen. Missy has taken on the job of program chair and already has booked most of the bands for the 2005 season. Frank Sherman, Marge Sherman, Barbara Green, Nancy Snow, Bill Green, Bob Lull, Bud Snow, Norman Leger, Peg Moreland, April Whittaker, and Ellie Norris Wall make up the remainder of the committee, all of whom work hard to make the summer concerts enjoyable for all.

Many thanks to the Chamber of Commerce which continues to set the sandwich board announcing the weekly concerts outside their building each week.

Let us know what you like and what you don't like - we aim to please.

We look forward to seeing you on Sargent Common beginning Friday, June 24. Bring your picnic supper, your friends, your children and grandchildren for eight pleasant, relaxing and inspiring Friday evenings of music.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lois E. Marshall*, President

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## CEMETERY COMMISSION

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The three cemeteries in the Town of New London -- Old Main Street, West Part, and Elkins -- continue to be well maintained under the direction of our Highway Department and our sextons, John Wiltshire and Doug Palmer. All three cemeteries are active and have lots available at the current price of \$200 per gravesite. A new section of Old Main Street was surveyed and opened in the summer of 2004. There were 27 interments in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marion Hafner*, Chair

*Thomas Ginter*

*Charles Hafner*

## NEW LONDON ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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Again, I want to thank the faithful staff who are in attendance on Wednesday morning from 9-noon: Doris Cutter, Connie Reece (when in residence), Aarolyn Vernon (Secretary). I also want to thank Hope Howard for her past duties and look forward to her return. One of our past regulars, Barbara Sterns, is still active in the background, saving the *Intertown Record* for us to clip. Bea and Ernie Welch cut out the obituary page of the *Argus* and also save it for us to clip. Thank you all for your interest and help.

The 2000 Garden Club scrapbook has been brought to the Archives. It has been added to the collection of those from past years. In the meantime, the remaining books are at the Tracy Library for all to look at. Numerous Garden Club members have been to the Archives to glean information from their scrapbooks as well as Elkins information to be used in preparation for the Elkins Walk presented by the Garden Club. Being an Elkins resident for years, Connie was a wealth of knowledge for them.

Much work has been done to identify the Boys Club members in their yearly group photos. Many New Londoners have helped us with this project. Thanks to them!

A big thank you to Charlie Whittemore for keeping us in mind. He delivers many old New London items to us. We love his old stories, too. Welcome anytime, Charlie. Priscilla Ohler gave the Archives a snapshot of the Pleasant Street School House being moved up Pleasant Street on its way to the Historical Society (1965). 1948 class information of New London Central School was received as well as a 1938-1939 booklet.

A book, *Our First Two Presidents*, HL Sawyer and Eugene M. Austin, two essays on the history of Colby Junior College 1928-1962 was given to the Archives. Also included with this donation from Fran Sawyer was a collection of CJC Wedgwood tea cups and several larger plates to match. The Archives has purchased *Early Families of Bradford, NH*, which has many connections to New London.

A much needed bookcase has been purchased. It is similar to the one in use now.

Several requests for a copy of Myra Lord's History, 1899, have come to the Archives. The only place I know of is Higginson Book Co., 14 Derby Square, PO Box 778, Salem, MA 01970 (978-745-7170).

On Wednesday mornings the staff can be found in the Town Offices from 9 a.m. to noon. If you find our hours inconvenient, please contact me at 526-6526.

Respectfully submitted,

**Margaret Moreland**

Town Archivist

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## TREE WARDEN

In 2004, for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Town of New London received the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Only 17 other towns in New Hampshire receive this award given to approximately 3000 towns and cities in the United States for their commitment to an urban forestry program. In 2004, we pruned and fertilized trees around New London and planted crabapple trees at the Transfer Station and Fire Station and three white oaks along Tracy Road.

Respectively Submitted,

**David Carey**

Tree Warden



## LAKE SUNAPEE REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMATION BOOTH

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**New Name:** the New London-Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce has taken a new name: the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. The change was made by a vote of the membership during its annual meeting in November. With the realization that we have members from more than a dozen municipalities, the membership opted to emphasize the regional nature of our organization and not single out any individual town. The new name also reflects the state's recognition of this area being part of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

**New "Local First" Program:** the Chamber has begun the Community Investment Program, which allows you to buy gift certificates that can be used at Chamber member businesses. There is no service charge to buy them, and the businesses get the full value of the gift certificate back. Now you can give a gift certificate to someone and **they** get to decide what they want to buy: flowers, coffee, show tickets, dinner, a new book, or whatever. What flexibility! The gift certificates do not expire. They can be used like cash, so you will get change back if you don't spend the entire amount. They can be purchased in any denomination. Community Investment Program certificates are currently being sold through Aryn Hoke at the AccuMail building on North Pleasant Street. You can also purchase by mail by sending a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Chamber at PO Box 532, New London, NH 03257.

*"The Community Investment Program is the Chamber's way of asking people to remember to shop in their hometown."*

The Community Investment Program is the Chamber's way of asking people to remember to shop in their hometown. These businesses support the community with donations to schools and other organizations. They make the local economy work by offering jobs to our friends and neighbors. Heck, they're owned by our friends and neighbors. Let's give them the support they deserve.

**Inside the Booth:** The Chamber of Commerce continues to operate the New London Information Booth at 328 Main Street, and we'd like to thank the Town for giving us \$10,000 in 2004 to staff the booth. More than 1,700 people entered the Information Booth in 2004 between Memorial Day and Columbus Day, our "official" opening and closing days, and the Chamber responded to 1,200 additional requests via phone, email or mail for information about our area.

Although the booth is closed for the winter, being a Chamber of Commerce is a full-time job, and we would like to keep the Information Booth open year round. Building this new booth (including a public restroom) will cost \$70,000 even with volunteer labor and materials purchased at cost. To raise money, we are currently collecting used toner and printer cartridges for recycling. Drop your cartridges off at the booth, Lake Sunapee Bank, Angeli & Associates or many other Chamber member locations. We can also accept tax-deductible donations toward the booth. Checks may be sent to the Information Booth Fund, PO Box 532, New London, NH 03257.

If you've never come into the booth, you don't know what you're missing. In 2004, we served local residents, area organizations and the town by (among other things):

- Selling tickets to KAT Co. performances, Rotary BBQ, Summer Music Associates concerts, the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair (at a discount!) and the New London Hospital Days raffle;
- Selling trail maps for the New London Conservation Commission;
- Providing summer concert schedules, times for church services, Transfer Station hours, recycling information, brochures on places to go, calendars of events, hiking and biking maps;
- Serving as a central clearing house for information for new residents;

- Sponsoring special events for the community, including the Santa parade and photos with Santa, the holiday Button Walk for the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association's Well Child Program (which this year raised over \$700), and a Red Cross Bloodmobile each spring; and
- Decorating the Information Booth at Christmas time, and purchasing the wreaths and coordinating with TDS Telecom to have them hung on the telephone poles.

**Tourism benefits New London:** According to state research, travel and tourism is one of the state's leading industries in terms of jobs and attracting dollars from out of state. The state hosted 27 million visitors in 2003. Direct spending by visitors during FY2003 reached \$3.89 billion. Direct and indirect spending reached \$5.5 billion, up by 2.9% over FY00. The total impact on the state's economy (direct, indirect and induced impacts) of this traveler spending was over \$9.7 billion. Over \$118 million in rooms & meals revenue during 2003 came from visitors to New Hampshire. This represents 71% of all rooms & meals receipts. The Return on Investment Model for FY2003 shows that for every \$1 spent by the Division of Travel and Tourism Development, \$8.32 was returned in the form of state and local taxes and fees.\*

From FY1996 to FY2002, the Chamber has used \$45,340 from the state Department of Travel & Tourism Development's Joint Promotional Program (JPP) to attract visitors and publicize events. During that same time frame, over \$400,000 has come to New London from the state's Rooms & Meals Tax.\*\* In FY04, the Chamber received \$10,715 in JPP funds for in-state promotions.

**Upcoming events:** the Chamber holds a few events each year, including ChocolateFest in March, the Black Fly Open golf tournament in May, and the Reindeer Run 5K road race in December (with about 125 runners this year!). For the second year, we collaborated with the Sunapee PTO to sponsor the ChowderFest in Sunapee Harbor and had 22 vendors dispensing delicious chowder! We'll do it again on September 11, 2005, so mark your calendars and get ready to eat LOTS of chowder.

If your organization is planning an event for any time of the year, please contact the Chamber office to have it listed in our calendar. This information goes on our website and in our Information Guides, and is sent to state websites and a multitude of publications throughout the state.

The Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meetings at 8 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Sunapee Cove Assisted Living in Georges Mills. For more information about our organization or on joining the Chamber, please call.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lorie McClory*

Information Director

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\* For complete reports on these findings, visit the website of the Institute for New Hampshire Studies at <http://oz.plymouth.edu/inhs> or the Division of Travel and Tourism's Resource Center at [www.ResourceNH.org](http://www.ResourceNH.org)

\*\* Information on how much money towns receive in Rooms & Meals Tax money can be found at [www.nhlra.com](http://www.nhlra.com).





## NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

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*“We especially thank you, the community, for your confidence and loyalty.”*

New London Hospital is very grateful to our community for the strong support you have given the hospital in 2004! Because of you, our physicians, staff and Board leadership, the hospital is back on track and continuing its work to provide excellence in patient care.

We are pleased to share the notable achievements of our past fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2004.

- The quality of our patient care has been formally recognized as *excellent* by state surveys, our scores on patient satisfaction surveys and three national studies.
- We have added or expanded clinical services offered to the community, including Neurosurgery, Mobile Lithotripsy, Mental Health, the Hospitalist Program, Outpatient Oncology Services, and a Coumadin Clinic.
- Three new primary care physicians joined the staff to provide improved access to primary care.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with financial support from all seven towns.
- The Emergency Department is staffed 24/7 with board-certified emergency room physicians who have formed a local physician practice – Kearsarge Valley Emergency Physicians – to serve our patients.
- The Clough Center, our extended care facility, expanded its skilled nursing services for patients who no longer require acute care yet are not able to return home or to an assisted living facility.
- For the first time in six years, the hospital ended its fiscal year with a modest gain from operations.
- Gifts to the 2004 Annual Fund – used to support clinical programs and purchase medical equipment – were 52% higher than in 2003.
- New London Hospital Auxiliary presented the hospital with a gift in the amount of \$94,000 as a result of its fundraising activities.

These accomplishments represent extraordinary effort on the part of many people working together.

*We especially thank you, the community, for your confidence and loyalty.*

*G. William Helm, Jr.*  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

*Bruce P. King*  
President & CEO

## NEW LONDON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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2004 was a very successful fundraising year for the New London Hospital Auxiliary. Our mission is to render financial assistance to the New London Hospital through fundraising. With the community support, the endless hours and dedication of the Auxiliary and volunteers, and with the help of publicity by the Development Office, we were able to give the Hospital a grand total of \$95,000. This gift helped provide funds to purchase:

- A portable densitometry for The Newport Health Center
- An ultrasound machine
- A carpet for the foyer in the main Hospital lobby
- A \$900 buggy for the ABC nursery
- \$3000 for the fence around the Rummage House dumpster.

In addition, the Auxiliary provided scholarships for high school seniors and New London Hospital employees who are pursuing further education in the health care field, and financial aid to employees whose children are enrolled in the ABC's Day Care Program. This was accomplished by the dedication and hard work of many of the Auxiliary members. Our major fundraisers were:

- Two Rummage sales: fall and spring
- Pillows rented at the Barn Playhouse
- Easy Aces Bridge Players
- 2004 Sail Away Cash Raffle
- Festival of Lights
- Tina Cricenti Golf Tournament
- Hospital Day Booth Sales and Book Sale

Other members made significant contributions by knitting, working in the Rummage House, baking, selling, helping with parties at the Clough Center, decorating the Christmas tree in the lobby, and assisting at the September Bloodmobile.

Our hospital had a very successful year. The Auxiliary is proud to be part of it and its accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Toman*

President 2004



## KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

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Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (COA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed programs and services for area citizens over the age of 55 and for adults of any age, who through disability may need assistance. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. When contrasted with other senior centers in New Hampshire, COA is quite unique. Membership is free, and there are no program or activities fees except for cost-recovery fees for day and overnight trips. At the end of 2004, COA had approximately 200 members.

As reported last year, COA moved into its regional headquarters building at 37 Pleasant Street in New London on December 1, 2003. During 2004, COA'S staff and volunteers have devoted a great deal of time and effort to expanding and improving COA'S activities, programs and services, much of which was made possible by the acquisition of this building. For instance, we are now able to offer the use of a "lending inventory" of medical accessories such as crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, etc. Once again, COA takes this opportunity to thank all individuals, businesses and other contributors for making it possible for us to purchase this wonderful building and for establishing an endowment for its maintenance.

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Currently COA has more than 25 ongoing programs, activities and services tailored to the needs of our area seniors in a broad-gauge effort to enhance the quality of their daily lives in many ways. Overall participation increased by 15% in 2004 as compared with 2003. What many of us consider to be our most important service – providing free door-to-door transportation – continues to be well utilized. This service eases the lives of the many seniors who use it, and it is indeed critical to some as it provides the only means to get to medical appointments including those at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for such vital treatments as dialysis, radiation and chemotherapy. It also enriches the lives of those who would otherwise not be able to attend a book discussion, visit a friend or just go shopping. This vital community service is made possible by COA'S approximately 100 dedicated volunteer drivers who drove some 41,000 miles in 2004, spending some 2100 hours doing so.

All of the new and old programs and services are publicized by a monthly calendar of upcoming events in the COA Courier that is mailed each month to approximately 1700 households and businesses.

By way of changes and hoped-for improvements for the coming years, COA, late in 2004, amended its Bylaws to provide for a Board of Advisors that will meet periodically with the COA Board of Trustees to offer the input of representatives from each of the nine COA towns and from many other regional organizations in an ongoing effort to provide our senior population with needed enrichment for their lives.

COA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town supports its work. COA would also like to acknowledge all of the individual, business, civic organization and foundations that respond so generously to COA'S annual appeal for operating funds and cooperate in so many ways to cosponsor programs and services. COA considers it a privilege to serve all of its communities.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hugh Chapin*

Chairman

## LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

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As a health service organization, a primary responsibility of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and affiliates is responding to changing community needs for home health and hospice care. We must continually “re-invent” ourselves in response to changes in regulations, provider reimbursement and best clinical practice standards so we can bring you value for your dollar as a member town of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association.

This year has been a memorable one for Lake Sunapee Region VNA in so many ways that we are referring to it as a “*renaissance*,” a rebirth. Over the past several years we adapted to changes in Medicare reimbursement, inadequate Medicaid reimbursement, changes in clinical practice, shortages of nursing personnel, three-fold increases in insurance costs and increased technology demands. With 80% of our costs related to salaries and benefits it became essential to look for ways to reduce overhead. One way to control costs was to invest in our own building.

This spring, guided by the Board of Trustees and with a great deal of support from the greater community, we were able to purchase a building. Our new office, The Halsey Building, will meet our needs for many years and will help ensure the availability of exceptional home health and hospice services in our community. Necessary building renovations were supported by generous gifts from individuals who believe in the mission of Lake Sunapee Region VNA.

*“Your town appropriation dollars help us to provide medically necessary care to residents of New London.”*

Recently, Friends of the VNA opened *The Renaissance Shoppe* in the lower level of our building at 107 Newport Road in New London. These volunteers created the shop to raise funds and to raise awareness of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Quality furniture, estate pieces, glassware, china, jewelry and more generously donated by people in our area who may be moving or downsizing will be sold with all proceeds to benefit the VNA. Donors will, of course, receive documentation for tax purposes.

Support from the Town of New London makes a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors for whom Lake Sunapee Region VNA provides care. The number of individuals and families who are uninsured or underinsured is rising. Currently, Medicaid reimburses at about 55-60% of what it costs to provide care. There has been no adjustment in Medicaid rates since 1999. Looking to the future, we expect Medicare reimbursement to decrease as the Federal Government tries to ensure solvency of the Medicare program and a continued problem with Medicaid funding due to State budget challenges.

Your town appropriation dollars help us to provide medically necessary care to residents of New London. Town support also helps cover costs of things like medications and equipment for hospice patients; care for newborns and children, bereavement support for families of hospice patients for the year following the death of a loved one and bereavement support groups for adults and for children in our local schools. We are grateful for this support because it helps bridge the gap between reimbursement and our costs. Town support and our other fund-raising efforts allow us to continue our mission to keep people healthy and independent at home for as long as that is feasible.



Lake Sunapee Region VNA also offers many services either at no charge or with some subsidy from insurance plans to residents of the town including:

- ◆ Parent Child Program
- ◆ Well Child Clinics



- ◆ Hospice Volunteer Training
- ◆ Blood pressure and other screenings
- ◆ Home Telemonitoring to prevent unplanned hospitalizations and help patients learn self care
- ◆ Administration of the Lifeline program
- ◆ Storage space and distribution for the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry
- ◆ Speaker's Bureau for local organizations and churches
- ◆ Health Fairs
- ◆ Kearsarge Community Christmas project
- ◆ Educational programs on chronic illness and advance care planning
- ◆ File of Life and emergency information for each patient admitted to service
- ◆ Caregiver Support Groups

This year more than 1550 residents of New London used one or more of the services offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Services included 3310 home care visits and 1732 hospice visits for adults and children, nearly 16,000 hours in long-term care services, and over 1000 immunizations. In addition, 57 residents used our Lifeline program, 55 residents used our home telemonitoring program and 98 residents attended our support programs including parent child program, caregiver support and bereavement support.

The Board of Trustees, the staff and our volunteers join me in expressing our appreciation for your support and your confidence in the work of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. We welcome the opportunity to bring care and services to residents of the Town of New London.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Steel*  
 President and CEO



Photo by Bob Andrews

## COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

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As New London and Colby-Sawyer College have grown and changed in the course of their histories, the two communities have long shared a close and collaborative relationship. Today the town's administrative offices are housed in the college's first building, the former Colby Academy, which the college donated to the town in 1999. Conversely, Lethbridge Lodge, a gathering place on campus, was framed by the hand-hewn beams of New London's original meetinghouse. Just as the natural beauty, recreational opportunities and amenities of New London attract prospective students to Colby-Sawyer, the college serves as an attraction to many community members, who benefit from its cultural, recreational and educational programs.

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Each fall and spring the college provides a wide variety of cultural events to which community residents are invited. The Fine and Performing Arts Department hosts seven major exhibitions each year in the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery, with shows that feature internationally known artists and the works of the college's talented faculty and students. The department also presents spring and fall theatre productions at Sawyer Fine Arts Center, bringing a mix of classic musicals and contemporary theatre to the college and local communities. During the summer, Sawyer Center hosts the Summer Music Festival, a series of events organized jointly by college and community members.

The college's Cultural Events Committee, comprised of faculty, staff and students, is dedicated to enriching the community each year with a diverse arts program of music, theatre, dance, film, poetry and lectures. Most of these events are held in Wheeler Hall at Ware Campus Center, a handicapped accessible location, and are free to the public. As the volume and breadth of these events has grown, Colby-Sawyer has established itself as a vibrant cultural center for the New London area community.

Each year, as many as 800 community residents become members of the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, which enables them to use the fitness center, pool, indoor track and other facilities, as well as to participate in a wide range of fitness classes or the Cardiac Rehabilitation/Healthy Heart Program. Many more youngsters participate in the Hogan Center's summer camps and athletic programs, attend intercollegiate athletic events or use the center as part of the Kearsarge Regional School District's Winter Activity Program.

The Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center on campus also welcomes members of the New London community. Many community residents become members of the library, which allows them to use its services, such as book lending and access to a wide range of databases and periodicals. Friends of the Library, a group of community members, also organizes the Books Sandwiched In series, public events in the spring and fall which feature local authors and educators.

Some college programs have evolved through the collaborative efforts of community residents and college community members. Adventures in Learning (AIL), an adult education program sponsored by the college, serves more than 300 area community members, providing nine or 10 courses in each of its spring, fall and winter terms. Modeled after the Institute for Lifelong Education at Dartmouth (ILEAD), AIL enlists the expertise of community residents and Colby-Sawyer faculty to serve as leaders for study groups and classes that provide intellectual enrichment through the study of literature, history, the arts, current issues and other topics of special interest.

Similarly, WSCS-FM (90.9), the college's community radio station, provides an eclectic mix of music and spoken word programs hosted by college faculty, staff and students, as well as residents of the surrounding



communities. On air during the academic year, WSCS offers the community a diverse alternative to commercial radio and gives local people opportunities to share their knowledge and expertise and to hone their skills in radio production and broadcasting.

For many years, the Windy Hill School has provided a nurturing and stimulating environment for the community's children through its toddler, nursery and kindergarten programs on campus. This year Windy Hill has augmented its curriculum to include weekly visits for the children to the college's Hogan Center and Ray Climbing Wall. The school has also added after-school programs for children in grades K-3 and extended its hours until 5 p.m.

Approximately 97 percent of Colby-Sawyer students participate in internships during their college careers, many of which take place in the New London area. Colby-Sawyer's Education Department has developed a strong partnership with the Kearsarge Regional School District, through which the college students learn about their future professions and the K-12 educational environment by working closely with students, teachers, guidance counselors and administrators. The college's Nursing Program has also established partnerships with New London Hospital, the New Hampshire Visiting Nurses Association, and local residential care facilities to give our students opportunities to work with nurse mentors and experience first hand the rewards and challenges of community-based nursing.

The college's Department of Natural Sciences and the Community and Environmental Studies Program collaborate with community organizations to collaboratively address issues and work on projects related to protecting and managing the region's environmental resources. Students have worked on internships and on both small and large scale group projects with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, the New London Conservation Commission, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge.

The college's Harrington Center for Career Development and Community Service estimates that in addition to the above mentioned internships, Colby-Sawyer students completed approximately 22,240 hours of service to other internships in the New London area in 2004. Students also completed around 870 hours of community service last year in the local area through activities such as America Reads, After-School Buddies, the Mentor Program and Americorps.

At the request of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct, the college recently agreed to locate a 500,000-gallon underground water cistern in the field behind the college's Curtis L. Ivey Science Center. The Water Precinct had determined that a cistern located on campus, at a high elevation, would increase the New London water system's daily capacity, provide better water pressure, and serve as an alternative water source in the event of a water main break. "The college is pleased to be able to support and cooperate with the Water Precinct in this project," said Doug Atkins, vice president of administration at Colby-Sawyer. "It's a project that will benefit the entire town as well as the college."

Colby-Sawyer has grown to become one of New London's two largest employers. Clearly, the college and the town of New London are closely connected through a wide variety of multi-faceted relationships. This dynamic town-gown partnership has endured for 167 years and will likely only grow stronger and deeper well into the future.

To learn more about Colby-Sawyer College, visit the Web site at [www.colby-sawyer.edu](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu).

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Swick Slover*

Director of Communications

## NEW LONDON GARDEN CLUB

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The New London Garden Club has been a very active service organization for the New London area for more than 75 years. The purpose of the Club is “to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and flower arranging, to aid in the protection and perpetuation of desirable native plants and birds, to further civic beautification and improvement, and to cooperate with other agencies interested in these objectives.”

The Garden Club was originally formed to care for the garden that was donated by Jane Tracy at the Tracy Library. This care has continued; the Club currently helps to maintain the recently restored garden at the Library.

Over the years, the Garden Club has reached out to the community in many more ways. It is now responsible for the development, planting, and maintaining of 18 public areas: Crockett’s Corner, the Town Hall and Academy Building, the Bandstand and the Ausbon Sargent Stone on the Common, the Information Booth, the entrance to Tracy Library, the Fire Station, the Elementary and Middle Schools, Homan’s Corner, the Post Office, the Transfer Station, Bucklin Beach, the Elkins Post Office and Beach, and the Perennial Gardens and Herb Garden at the Historical Society. The club also maintains gardens at the intersections of South Pleasant Street and Knight’s Hill Road and at Knight’s Hill Road and County Road. Many members also work in the gardens at The Fells.

The annual Antique Show, on the fourth Saturday of July, is the club’s major fund raising event. The show finances the many activities that are supported by the Garden Club.

The Club provides flower care at the New London Hospital, and raises funds for the Hospital at the Garden Club booth at Hospital Days. It provides books and educational materials for all three levels of schools, and books and memorial gifts to the Tracy Library. Scholarships are awarded to students studying at the University of New Hampshire in the fields of Life Sciences and Agriculture, and at the Thompson School of Applied Science. Holiday wreaths and swags are made by members for town buildings. The newly initiated annual Flora and Fauna lecture is open to the community.

The New London Garden Club meets monthly for programs related to environmental subjects, gardening and growing plants and trees, and flower arranging. The Garden Club has a membership of 150 very active members. Anyone interested in supporting the activities of the Club is welcome to membership. Please call 526-2124 for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

*Danella Pearson*

2004 President



## THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

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Here in the Kearsarge/Sunapee region, people and the land still live comfortably with each other because of the insightful stewards who came before us. This gift of balanced growth and conservation is ours to enjoy. It is also ours to protect and to pass on. Indeed, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust is named for the generous act of just such a steward. Ninety-four year old lifetime resident of New London, Ausbon Sargent, used his life savings to purchase and preserve the New London Town Common.

The ASLPT has emerged into an organization with a membership of over 1,000 people. Many of our members are involved in our events, are easement monitors, volunteer to assist with office work and serve on various committees. I am especially thankful for their support and the countless hours that they give us during the year. Our members are the lifeblood of the ASLPT and if you are not already a member, I urge you to become one.

Last summer many residents of the Kearsarge/Sunapee region joined with the ASLPT, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, the Sunapee Conservation Commission and the Sunapee/Ragged/Kearsarge Greenway Coalition to purchase the development rights to the Red Water Creek wetlands. These 120 acres of wetland and upland located in Sunapee were dedicated in August. Abutting landowner Marcia Wright also donated a conservation easement on 20 acres to the north.

Also completed in 2004 was an easement on 43.4 acres in Sutton owned by Gerry and Lisa Putnam. The property is located on Hominy Pot Road and comprises open fields bounded by stone walls and sugar maples, an abandoned Christmas tree plantation, mixed forest, wetlands, frontage along Lyon Brook, a pond, and a network of trails. The property abuts other protected property known as the King Hill Reservation, thereby linking existing trails and public open space. The Property's vegetation is important to the water quality of the Kezar Lake watershed by filtering water runoff from storms.

Since our founding in 1987, the ASLPT has now completed 75 projects and protected a total of 3,490 acres (1,165 acres in New London), including 9,240 feet of shore frontage. All potential projects must provide for some public benefit and are evaluated according to a list of specific criteria, including whether the property protects a lake, stream, wetlands, or watershed; contains significant wildlife habitat; has the potential to be productive agricultural or forest land; or provides for a scenic view. Types of land protected by the ASLPT include productive farmlands such as Spring Ledge Farm in New London (53 acres) and Stiles Farm in Danbury (82 acres); forests; scenic views such as from Burpee Hill, Main Street and Route 11 in New London; wildlife habitats such as the Low Plain Natural Area in New London consisting of 200 acres; recreation lands including the Cook Interpretive Trail in Elkins (69 acres); and wetlands and watershed including 9,240 feet of undeveloped shoreline on Lake Sunapee, Little Lake Sunapee, Pleasant Lake and Otter Pond.

As in prior years, our two "progressive" dinner fundraisers held in May and July proved to be extremely popular and everyone involved had a great time. In December we held our second annual Holiday Party at Foxstand in Springfield and like last year it proved to be a huge success.

I would like to thank the New London Conservation Commission and the Town for working cooperatively with the ASLPT throughout the past year and the many residents of New London who support the ASLPT through their membership or through volunteer hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deborah L. Stanley*, Executive Director

### **Board of Trustees**

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## NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2004 was the New London Historical Society's 50<sup>th</sup> year. We had a very successful year, bringing many events to the Town of New London. A Retrospective Booklet was published of our first 50 years. Copies of this are available at Morgan Hill Bookstore.

We had three dessert socials: Bruce Parsons spoke on Star Island; Willem Lange, Upper Valley humorist and writer; and Nancy Dutton, tracing the history of Colby Sawyer. The Fourth Grade Open House in May, with students in costume from the New London Elementary School, was an outstanding success. It gave the students a chance to see what school life was like in the 1800's. Our Annual Art Show in late June, a three-day affair, featured many local area artists' paintings and collages.

August 14<sup>th</sup> was our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. It featured homemade ice cream making, cider pressing, blacksmith shop in operation, games for children, and hay rides, plus a magnificent pair of black oxen pulling our hay wagon. Driving horses pulling vintage carriages, one formerly used by Dr. Anna Littlefield (first woman doctor in New London), and one of Frank Boyden's (former head master at Deerfield Academy – a summer resident here for many years). Fifteen Stanley Steamers paraded into our grounds and were a "silent sight!"

We dedicated our Eagle Hose House at our 50<sup>th</sup> party (a former corn crib and Sewer Department office). Two 19<sup>th</sup> century fire pumpers reside in this building. In September, we held a Scytheville walking and bus tour of historic Elkins. This provided an insight into the early history of this area, especially the scythe works, and some of the characters who lived and worked there. This event was a resounding success.

Our Holiday Open House on December 5<sup>th</sup>, featuring "Joys and Toys of Christmas Past," drew a huge holiday crowd. Caroling by two choirs and a demonstration of how horse drawn vehicles used lights at night (and any moonlight) was keynoted by Bud Lauridsen.

*“The Society is continually working on collecting and conserving artifacts and bringing out new displays of periods of New London History.”*

In 2005, we look forward to evening dessert speakers, another Elkins Walk in the spring for those who missed last year's event, and our Annual Art Show in June.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our many hard working volunteers and membership support. Without these we would not have had such a successful year.

Respectively Submitted,

*Henry S. Otto, Jr.*

President



## PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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Beautiful Pleasant Lake continues to be monitored closely by a very dedicated and hard working lake association. Dick Clayton is our president and Doug Baxter is our vice-president. Under their excellent leadership we are ever vigilant against the threat of milfoil. John Wilson is our milfoil captain and heads up a team of snorkelers who patrol the water, checking our underwater environment. Dick Clayton has worked tirelessly on our Lake Host Program. You may have met our two wonderful Lake Hosts, Teri Lee and Allison Bourcier, who put in a total of 1,016 hours during the summer of 2004 at the boat launch on Pleasant Lake. They inspected 921 boats in 2004, 6% more than in the summer of 2003. This steadily increasing level of boating activity translates into a greater threat of infestation. We are most thankful to the Town of New London for a contribution of \$6,000 from the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund to help the PLPA with the cost of this \$11,757 project.

Under the leadership of Art O'Hara, we are also working hard to control the rock bass population in Pleasant Lake. Fishing Derbies seem to be our most effective weapon. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Derby was an extremely successful event in 2004. An aggressive fishing marathon is planned for the summer of 2005.

The fantastic Fourth of July fireworks that are held on Pleasant Lake each year are funded by the Pleasant Lake Protective Association. Please consider joining our membership if you would like to make a contribution. We hope you also enjoy our July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade. The theme for 2004 was "A Celebration of Holidays" and our Grand Marshals were Mr. and Mrs. David Heald.

*"We were blessed with the birth of another baby loon this year!"*

Affectionately named "Penny Loon," she brought great joy to our lake community. We also witnessed great blue heron babies and many offspring of mergansers and mallards. Pleasant Lake is a very important breeding ground and nesting area to these species.

The Pleasant Lake Protective Association will continue to work hard to protect this important New London lake. As we look ahead to 2005, we are more and more concerned about the steady increase of development around the lake and in the watershed area. We look forward to working with Town on these issues. We are very thankful to the Town of New London for all its support and encouragement.

We encourage you to visit our web site at [www.plpa.net](http://www.plpa.net). If you would like to become a member of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association, please call 526-4069.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katherine Wilson*

Secretary, Pleasant Lake Protective Association



*Photo by Kittie Wilson*

## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area work together towards balanced growth through UVLSRPC membership. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affect the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire-only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness of state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.
- Participated in transportation programs that will bring additional funding in the region for sidewalks, public transit, and a US Route 4 corridor study.
- Developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County, and continued to participate in CEDS programs in both East-Central Vermont and NH's Grafton County to guide growth in a manner consistent with local resources and needs, and increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.
- Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.
- Provided technical assistance to local boards and committees addressing a number of issues, such as natural resource and open space protection, capital improvements programming, downtown or village redevelopment, trail mapping, school building and transportation needs, and parking needs and traffic circulation.
- Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on the Connecticut River Joint Commissioners and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections in which 884 households participated to keep approximately 6,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste, including outreach to small businesses on affordable disposal.
- Conducted 911 re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 11 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete hazard mitigation plans for several more communities in the coming year; and assisted with all-hazard emergency operations plan for Southern Windsor County.
- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and to New Hampshire planning boards as requested.



- Collected traffic data in 22 communities and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials. Topics of bi-monthly program series included Smart Growth, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Solid Waste, Community Water Supply, and Small Shared Septic Systems. Assisted with series of educational workshops for conservation commission members and VLCT VT Interactive TV workshop, and provided training for local officials in VT on conducting effective public hearings.
- Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of storm water runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; storm water management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.
- Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.
- Developed new website – [www.uvlsrc.org](http://www.uvlsrc.org) – to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events. Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to expand regional socioeconomic database; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at [tbamford@uvlsrc.org](mailto:tbamford@uvlsrc.org) to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tara E. Bamford*

Executive Director

# COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

## ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

### 2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 18, 2004)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	61	6.00
Carroll	57	8.00
Cheshire	17	14
Coos	14	4.14
Grafton	77	78.40
Hillsborough	62	11.00
Merrimack	104	19.11
Rockingham	27	1.26
Strafford	30	2.1
Sullivan	13	4.5

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Lightning	5
Equipment	5
Misc*	163

(\*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

Respectfully submitted,  
*Douglas Miner*  
 Forest Ranger



## UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps and after school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low income families, strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

County extension educators work extensively with towns and school districts – organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields and landscaped areas, providing guidance to town planners and boards on current use and other land use issues. Because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, extension staff provides education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces monthly “Coffee Chat” radio segments that offer information to residents throughout the station’s listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension’s Strengthening Communities Initiatives offers community leaders, grassroots organizers and community development specialists opportunities for professional growth.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1-877-398-4769). Last year, the Info Line handled more than 1,000 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu).

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, parent mentors and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Respectfully submitted,

*UNH Cooperative Extension*

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### COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

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Over the past 28 years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large. As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for this combination allows the Kearsarge Valley CAP to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs that meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wishes to thank you and the Town of New London for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of our community.

Sincerely,

*Laura Hall*

Area Director, Kearsarge Valley Area Center

## 2004 BIRTHS

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Date	Name	Parents' Names
January 29, 2004	Lucas David Maloney	Brian & Kristin Maloney
February 1, 2004	Vera Elizabeth Rivard	Kevin & Darcie Deblois Rivard
February 21, 2004	Charles James Knoll	James & Kristine Knoll
February 24, 2004	Samuel Aden Scharff	Robert & Shelley Scharff
March 9, 2004	Daniel Talbot Courtine	Stephane Courtine & Elizabeth Talbot
April 10, 2004	Ty James Bears	Sean & Leigh Bears
April 11, 2004	McHale Kennedy Cahill	James & Tina Cahill
April 15, 2004	Lauren June Busch	Mark & Nicole Busch
April 16, 2004	Courtney Ross Diemar	John & Jody Diemar
April 20, 2004	Rachel Madison May	Mark & Tammy May
April 23, 2004	Addyson Rylee Stadler	Jason & Laurie Stadler
May 8, 2004	Margo Ann Del Giudice	Frank & Kathy Del Giudice
May 8, 2004	Luke Atticus Del Giudice	Frank & Kathy Del Giudice
May 17, 2004	Samson Joseph Gear	Michael & Susan Gear
May 21, 2004	John Thomas Chambers	David & Jennifer Chambers
May 21, 2004	Roxanne Crawford Chambers	David & Jennifer Chambers
May 24, 2004	Andrew William Power	Stephen & Katherine Power
June 3, 2004	Kristian Anders Nurme	Steven & Jennifer Nurme
June 11, 2004	Charles Benjamin Pike	William & Jennifer Pike
June 20, 2004	Tucker Stowe Cushing	Bernard & Amy Cushing
August 8, 2004	Elizabeth Scharpf	Daniel & Cathleen Scharpf
October 26, 2004	Madeline Timmins McColgan	Jude & Francine McColgan
November 18, 2004	Grace Elise Howe	Matthew & Carla Howe
November 27, 2004	Lilly Grace Clapp	Christopher & Ashley Clapp

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## KEARSARGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 2004 NEW LONDON GRADUATES

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J. William Andrews  
Justin Barnes  
Nancy Broom  
Matthew Bryant  
David Cherles  
Tyler Clarke  
Timothy Donahue  
Daniel Hafner

Michael Harris  
Geoffrey Kilar  
Andrew LeBlanc  
Jacqueline Lindamood  
Blake MacMichael  
Jordan Mills  
Corinne Newkirk  
Krystle Parenteau

James Rhodes  
Andrew Ross  
Claire Sanborn  
James Snyder  
Jacob Spadafora  
Peter Sweatt  
Sharon Wheeler  
Amy Wolfe



## 2004 MARRIAGES

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom's Name/Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name/Residence</b>
01/12/04	Thomas W. Smith New London	Adele W. Crolly New London
05/03/04	Justin S. Barnes New London	Rebecca G. Chase Canterbury
05/07/04	Peter J. Bridges New London	Heather J. Stockwell Manchester
05/30/04	David A. Sauerwein New London	Kimberly L. Whitney New London
06/19/04	William S. Calvert New London	Jennifer Van Veldhuizen Hanover
07/24/04	Walter L. Maxwell New London	Paula M. Fellows New London
07/31/04	Justin L. Wright New London	Megan S. Emerson Wilmot
08/07/04	Richard A. Leary Wilmot	Jayne Powers New London
08/21/04	Bruce P. Dorey New London	Tina M. Parenteau New London
08/28/04	Perry L. Wheaton New London	Barbara J. Fierce Quechee, VT
09/03/04	Jon L. Shuttle Acton, MA	Brenda L. Somerville New London
12/26/04	Carl F. Fitz III Manchester	Colleen E. Kochanek New London

## 2004 DEATHS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
January 25, 2004	Edward Parkhurst	Albert Parkhurst	Eleanor Chickering
February 6, 2004	Harry Weber	Harry Weber	Stella Kornfeld
February 7, 2004	Kevee Brenner	Benjamin Brenner	Ida Cohen
February 24, 2004	James Green	Charles Green	Margaret Mason
February 25, 2004	Gene Pressel	Henry Pressel	Irene Schwartz
February 28, 2004	Claire Egelman	Chaim Rudenstein	Sonia Saltzman
February 29, 2004	Lucille Behrens	William Harrison	Eleanor Roggenbucke
March 1, 2004	Lois Conklin	Robert Belden	Reba Graves
March 4, 2004	Eileen Huntoon	Cornelius Sullivan	Maxine Long
March 11, 2004	Robert Nelson	Frederick Nelson	Sarah Portt
March 23, 2004	Virginia Aufranc	John Cole	Phoebe York
March 27, 2004	Constance Jones	John Coughlin	Ruth Hannan
April 30, 2004	Cornelia McElroy	Charles Ransom	Jessie Hamilton
May 1, 2004	Grace Click	Eugene Nelson	Jennie Hurd
May 1, 2004	Helen Mills	Victor Hasler	Lydia Hearly
May 2, 2004	Ellen Merrigan	Norman Harrington	Laura Schultz
May 18, 2004	Marjorie Bigos	Thomas Donaghy	Mary Ingalls
June 1, 2004	Lena Place	Victor Forrest	Georgianna Cutter
June 6, 2004	Lorane Heath	Patrick Anderson	Margaret McCormick
June 6, 2004	Richard Birch	Everett Birch	Marion Jughardt
June 7, 2004	Arthur Little	Arthur Little	Marion Shepard
June 13, 2004	Lloyd Heath	Harland Heath	Marion Adams
June 17, 2004	Howard Wall	Thomas Wall	Corinne Mierop
June 22, 2004	Robert Nelson`	Harry Nelson	Frances Mansfield
June 26, 2004	Newman Durell	Richard Durell	Annie Day
June 29, 2004	Charles Jones	Chauncey Jones	Eva Clark
July 14, 2004	George Taylor	Linley Taylor	Bessie Johnson
July 19, 2004	Damon Carter	William Carter	Ruth Damon
July 23, 2004	Betty Fowler	Anthony Spiehler	Bonita Unknown
July 26, 2004	Anne Brazer	Thornton Motley	Anobel Parker
August 11, 2004	Phyllis Dunning	Oscar Bodler	Emeline Lain
September 1, 2004	Ruth Chamberlain	Albert Netsch	Erna Volkman
September 1, 2004	Rhoda Bellows	Henry Leet	Ada Bishop
September 4, 2004	Charles Marston	William Marston	Ada Braley
September 4, 2004	Kenneth Wachter	August Wachter	Edna Heithold
September 27, 2004	David Eberly	Arthur Eberly	Marion Stevens
October 6, 2004	Marian Bowditch	Lucian Rogers	Katherine Brown
October 23, 2004	George Kindermann	Frank Kindermann	Minnie Busker
October 24, 2004	Edward Church	Alfred Church	Katie Payne
October 26, 2004	Mary Webb	Unknown Unknown	Hazel Bartlett
October 28, 2004	Mildred Bottinger	William McMoran	Mabel Latch
October 30, 2004	Earl Hayward	Earl Hayward	Mae Root
November 4, 2004	Joel Goldthwait	Joel Goldthwait	Henrietta Atwater
November 6, 2004	Edwin Holmes	Unknown Holmes	Unknown Unknown
November 9, 2004	Eleanor Johnson	George Walter	Frieda Layer
November 11, 2004	David Woodward	Harold Woodward	Ethel Willcox
November 16, 2004	Elizabeth Horne	Albert Olsen	Gertrude Richards
November 21, 2004	Elizabeth Freiberg	Charles Venable	Unknown Unknown
November 29, 2004	John Deacon	Eugene Deacon	Effie Cartledge
December 2, 2004	Frederick Kulow	Carl Kulow	Emma Young
December 4, 2004	Virginia Righter	Earl Barkhuff	Irene Lee
December 5, 2004	Anna Heintz	Peter Smith	Susan Colwell
December 11, 2004	Andrew Beckwith	Ralph Beckwith	Edna Christensen
December 16, 2004	Louise Kelly	John Kelly	Mary O'Connor
December 23, 2004	Ruth Benfield	Frederick Wood	Carlotta Perpina



# **NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2004**



**Sunset at Colby Point**

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## Report to the Voters – 2004

The Annual meeting of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in March of 2004 saw the election of Kenneth Jacques as water commissioner for a three-year term. Also elected on the same ballot were Nancy D. Fifield as Treasurer/ Clerk and Cotton Cleveland as Moderator, both for one-year terms. All articles set forth on the warrant were passed including: the proposed budget, funding for the design phase for a new water tank, funding to complete an equipment garage, an article for a lead/copper study, funding for the improvement to the distribution system, approval to purchase a new backhoe and approval to purchase land from the town of New London.

In 2004 the Board of Commissioners approved twelve applications for water service, a small increase over the eleven of the previous year.

After meeting with representatives from NHDES some recommendations were made and implemented, and the Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce that the Precinct passed the last round of lead and copper testing which should result in a reduction of testing frequency.

After the Request For Proposal and bidding process the Board of Commissioners selected the engineering firm of Dufresne-Henry to design a new water storage tank and booster pumping station.. Work has progressed and with completion of final plans the Precinct should be in a position to put the project out to bid in early 2005. The Board of Commissioners is anxious to proceed with the project as it will improve the water flows throughout the town and also eliminate the vulnerability of a single line supply from our present water storage.

Working closely with the Board of Selectman of New London, and their dedicated staff at the town offices, the Precinct was able to procure a small piece of land next to our present office on which to erect an equipment garage. As of late 2004 the cement foundation and floors have been poured, with the rest of the garage to be completed in 2005.

The Precinct acquired a new Caterpillar backhoe in 2004. This piece of equipment was greatly appreciated in the course of replacing and repairing hydrants and gate valves during normal planned maintenance and on the occasions of water main failure, such as the main break that occurred on Main Street last June.

The Precinct has also experienced some personnel changes. As the Precinct infra structure grows, changes in regulations and technology that are used by the Precinct also increase, putting greater demands on the working personnel of the Precinct and has made it necessary to hire an extra man to help in the day to day duties. In late November Jon Dame was hired to help meet these demands. Also, late in the year, our treasurer/clerk Nancy J. Fifield (Dana to her friends) decided to relocate to a new residence outside of the Precinct. She will be greatly missed, but we are pleased to announce that her duties have been taken over by Marion Hafner who graciously agreed to do so.

The Board of Commissioners would again like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that water like all resources should be conserved. The Precinct has information on hand at our office for those who wish it.

The Board of Commissioners extends their appreciation to the voters for the opportunity to serve the Precinct, and look forward to continuing service in 2005. Thank You.

Commissioners:  
James A Cricenti., Chairman  
Kenneth R. Jacques  
Richard L. Bott Jr.

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The Annual meeting of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in March of 2004 saw the election of Kenneth Jacques as water commissioner for a three-year term. Also elected on the same ballot were Nancy D. Fifield as Treasurer/ Clerk and Cotton Cleveland as Moderator, both for one-year terms. All articles set forth on the warrant were passed including: the proposed budget, funding for the design phase for a new water tank, funding to complete an equipment garage, an article for a lead/copper study, funding for the improvement to the distribution system, approval to purchase a new backhoe and approval to purchase land from the town of New London.

In 2004 the Board of Commissioners approved twelve applications for water service, a small increase over the eleven of the previous year.

After meeting with representatives from NHDES some recommendations were made and implemented, and the Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce that the Precinct passed the last round of lead and copper testing which should result in a reduction of testing frequency.

After the Request For Proposal and bidding process the Board of Commissioners selected the engineering firm of Dufresne-Henry to design a new water storage tank and booster pumping station.. Work has progressed and with completion of final plans the Precinct should be in a position to put the project out to bid in early 2005. The Board of Commissioners is anxious to proceed with the project as it will improve the water flows throughout the town and also eliminate the vulnerability of a single line supply from our present water storage.

Working closely with the Board of Selectman of New London, and their dedicated staff at the town offices, the Precinct was able to procure a small piece of land next to our present office on which to erect an equipment garage. As of late 2004 the cement foundation and floors have been poured, with the rest of the garage to be completed in 2005.

The Precinct acquired a new Caterpillar backhoe in 2004. This piece of equipment was greatly appreciated in the course of replacing and repairing hydrants and gate valves during normal planned maintenance and on the occasions of water main failure, such as the main break that occurred on Main Street last June.

The Precinct has also experienced some personnel changes. As the Precinct infra structure grows, changes in regulations and technology that are used by the Precinct also increase, putting greater demands on the working personnel of the Precinct and has made it necessary to hire an extra man to help in the day to day duties. In late November Jon Dame was hired to help meet these demands. Also, late in the year, our treasurer/clerk Nancy J. Fifield (Dana to her friends) decided to relocate to a new residence outside of the Precinct. She will be greatly missed, but we are pleased to announce that her duties have been taken over by Marion Hafner who graciously agreed to do so.

The Board of Commissioners would again like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that water like all resources should be conserved. The Precinct has information on hand at our office for those who wish it.

The Board of Commissioners extends their appreciation to the voters for the opportunity to serve the Precinct, and look forward to continuing service in 2005. Thank You.

Commissioners:  
James A Cricenti., Chairman  
Kenneth R. Jacques  
Richard L. Bott Jr.



**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD  
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
PRECINCT WARRANT**

**Towns of New London and Springfield, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in the counties of Merrimack and Sullivan, respectively, qualified to vote in Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Whipple Hall in New London, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. to act on the following subjects:

(Note: By law the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 4:00 p.m. At 4:15 p.m. the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 7:30 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles 2 through 10.)

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary officers for the coming year.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,875,000.00 (one million eight hundred seventy-five thousand) for the construction and original equipping of a new pump station and storage tank; and to authorize the funding of said construction through the issuance of bonds or notes up to \$1,675,000 (one million six hundred seventy-five thousand) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1) et seq., to authorize the Commissioners to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the rate of maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Commissioners to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto, the balance of \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand) to be raised by taxes. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

**ARTICLE 3:** To hear the reports of officers for the coming year.

**ARTICLE 4:** To set the salaries of all officers for the coming year.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to defray Precinct charges for the coming year:

**Article 9:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to purchase a used pickup truck for the Precinct.  
This Article to be funded from the General Fund Balance.

JAMES A. CRICENTI, Chairman  
RICHARD L. BOTT Jr.  
KENNETH R. JACQUES  
Commissioners  
New London-Springfield  
Water System Precinct

A true copy of Warrant:  
JAMES A. CRICENTI, Chairman  
RICHARD L. BOTT Jr.  
KENNETH R. JACQUES  
Commissioners  
New London-Springfield  
Water System Precinct



NEW LONDON - SPRINGFIELD  
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DECEMBER 31, 2004





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# PHILIP E. GLEASON

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, P.A.

To the Commissioners  
New London-Springfield Water System Precinct  
New London, New Hampshire

I have reviewed the accompanying balance sheets of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and the related statements of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Precinct personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on my review, with the exception of the matter described in the following paragraph, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Precinct carries its facilities and equipment at cost and does not provide for depreciation. Generally accepted accounting principles require that facility and equipment be stated at an amount not in excess of cost, reduced by depreciation over the expected useful life of the asset. Since the facility and equipment have not been depreciated resulting in these assets remaining at their original cost and not the depreciated value, the net assets are increased and total expenses have been decreased.



January 31, 2005



NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
BALANCE SHEETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

	2004			TOTAL 2003
ASSETS	OPERATING FUND	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND	TOTAL (Memorandum only)	(Memorandum only)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$301,735		\$ 301,735	\$ 106,093
Receivables	19,362		19,362	232,395
Due from other Funds		\$ 12,540	12,540	12,540
Inventory	<u>23,274</u>		<u>23,274</u>	<u>27,342</u>
Total Current Assets	344,371	12,540	356,911	378,370
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>				
Facilities		3,980,572	3,980,572	3,980,572
Equipment		<u>181,622</u>	<u>181,622</u>	<u>154,711</u>
Total Plant and Equipment		<u>4,162,194</u>	<u>4,162,194</u>	<u>4,135,283</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$344,371</u>	<u>\$4,174,734</u>	<u>\$4,519,105</u>	<u>\$4,513,653</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,757		\$ 1,757	
Bonds Payable				\$ 90,000
Due to other Funds	12,540		12,540	12,540
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt				<u>119,392</u>
Total Current Liabilities	14,297		14,297	221,932
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>				
Appropriated	85,803		85,803	38,749
Unappropriated	<u>244,271</u>		<u>4,419,005</u>	<u>4,252,972</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>330,074</u>	<u>\$4,174,734</u>	<u>4,504,808</u>	<u>4,291,721</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$344,371</u>	<u>\$4,174,734</u>	<u>\$4,519,105</u>	<u>\$4,513,653</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	OPERATING FUND		2003 ACTUAL	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2004	TOTAL 2004 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL			
Operating Revenue					
Water Charges and Fees	\$169,500	\$194,329	\$194,270		\$ 194,329
Interest		1,281	1,349		1,281
Other		1,028	1,390		1,028
NH DES Reimbursement	<u>20,000</u>	<u>15,932</u>	<u>23,210</u>		<u>15,932</u>
Total Revenue	189,500	212,570	220,219		212,570
Operating Expenditures					
Salaries and wages	129,589	117,645	111,182		117,645
Payroll taxes and benefits	53,411	48,005	42,952		48,005
Maintenance	25,000	22,113	22,962		22,113
Utilities	37,500	31,704	32,179		31,704
Precinct supplies	21,000	24,968	12,362		24,968
Insurance	8,850	7,076	5,664		7,076
Administration and contingency	7,500	7,429	6,219		7,429
Accounting	3,500	3,500	3,000		3,500
Legal	2,000	674	792		674
Election/Annual meetings	1,600	1,784	1,600		1,784
Engineering review	1,500				
Equipment	2,500	2,222	3,892		2,222
Interest (short-term)	1,000				
Interest (long-term)	7,675	7,809	20,335		7,809
Lease	12,500	12,500	12,500		12,500
Bond principal payment	90,000	90,000	90,000		90,000
Note principal payments	<u>119,112</u>	<u>119,392</u>	<u>153,145</u>		<u>119,392</u>
Total Expenditures	524,237	496,821	518,784		496,821
Operating (Loss)	<u>\$ (334,737)</u>	(284,251)	(298,565)		(284,251)
Other Income					
Precinct taxes		404,572	360,938		404,572
Proceeds from sale of backhoe		<u>16,500</u>	<u>360,938</u>		<u>16,500</u>
		421,072			421,072

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	OPERATING FUND		2003 ACTUAL	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2004	TOTAL 2004 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL			
Other Expenses					
Cost of backhoe sold	\$ 421,072	\$ 360,938		\$ (44,000)	\$ (44,000)
Expenditures, Current Year	136,821	62,373		(44,000)	92,821
Special Articles	64,530				64,530
2004 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$110,000				400
2004 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$20,000				5,658
2004 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$6,000				68,689
2004 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$8,000				1
2004 Art. 9 - Taxes	\$70,000				
2004 Art. 10 - General Fund	\$1				5,539
2003 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$6,000	20,587	20,000		20,587
2003 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$30,000		890		
2003 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$20,000		6,000		
2002 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$6,500		1,303		
2002 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$6,000		318		
2002 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$5,000		727		
2001 Art. 2 - General Fund	\$520,000		3,337		
2001 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$10,500		1,368		172
2000 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$5,000				
1999 Art- 5 - General Fund	\$40,000				
Total Expenditures	160,037	39,482			160,037
Net Loss	(23,216)	22,891		(44,000)	(67,216)
Fund Balance, January 1, 2004	353,290	206,362		3,938,431	4,291,721
Transfer of Equipment Funding				70,911	70,911
Transfer of Bond Payment Funding				90,000	90,000
Transfer of Note Payment Funding				119,392	119,392
Transfer of Capital Project Fund		124,037			
Fund Balance, December 31, 2004	\$330,074	\$353,290		\$4,174,734	\$4,504,808

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 and Notes to Financial Statement



NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> (memorandum only)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net Loss	\$(23,216)	\$(44,000)	\$(67,216)
Decrease in accounts receivable	213,033		213,033
Decrease in inventory	4,068		4,068
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expense	1,757		1,757
Cost of equipment sold		<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	195,642		195,642
Cash, January 1, 2004	<u>106,093</u>		<u>106,093</u>
Cash, December 31, 2004	<u>\$301,735</u>		<u>\$301,735</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2004

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct (Precinct) have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below:

Fund Accounting - To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Precinct, the accounts of the Precinct are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by each fund group.

The assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Precinct are reported in self-balancing fund groups as follows:

- o Operating Fund - This fund serves as the general operating fund of the Precinct. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- o Plant Fund - This group of accounts is used to account for all fixed assets of the Precinct other than those being accounted for in the Capital Project Funds. These items are purchased through transfer from the Operating Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Precinct considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with remaining maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Depreciation - Plant and equipment is stated at cost. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at the fair market value at the date of transfer. Depreciation is not provided for on the assets which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles. Assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts at their original cost.

Inventory - The inventory of supplies are valued at cost.

Total Columns - The combined Financial Statements include a total column that is described as memorandum only. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund transactions have not been eliminated from the total column of each financial statement.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2004

## NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Data - The Precinct budgets revenue, expenditures, and other sources and uses of the Operating Fund. Appropriations in the Operating Fund are charged for encumbrances when commitments are made. Fund balances are reserved for outstanding encumbrances, which serve as authorizations for expenditures in the subsequent year. Budgetary comparisons in the financial statements are presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting. All unencumbered budget appropriation lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

## NOTE 2 - CREDIT RISK

The Precinct cash was deposited in one institution during the year. At various times the amount on deposit in this institution exceeded the \$100,000 federally insured limit. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003 the deposits on hand were in excess of the insured limit by \$201,735 and \$29,983.

## NOTE 3 - Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2004 and 2003 were comprised of the following:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Town of New London		\$208,945
Customers	\$ 300	240
State of New Hampshire	<u>19,062</u>	<u>23,210</u>
	<u>\$19,362</u>	<u>\$232,395</u>

## NOTE 4 - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Activity for the fixed assets which are capitalized by the Precinct is summarized below:

	BALANCE January 1, <u>2004</u>	ADDITIONS	DISPOSAL	BALANCE December 31, <u>2004</u>
Facility	\$3,980,572			\$3,980,572
Equipment	<u>154,711</u>	<u>\$70,911</u>	<u>\$44,000</u>	<u>181,622</u>
	<u>\$4,135,283</u>	<u>\$70,911</u>	<u>\$44,000</u>	<u>\$4,162,194</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2004

NOTE 5 - BONDS PAYABLE

On December 20, 1994 the Precinct secured \$935,000 from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank for the issuance of 1994 Series F Bonds. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 with principal payment due on January 15. The final principal payment was made December 28, 2004 for \$90,000.

NOTE 6 - REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Precinct applied for and received from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services a 20% reimbursement for monies spent from January, 2004 through December, 2004 toward compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act.

NOTE 7 - COMMITMENT

In April, 1995, the Precinct reached a settlement with the Cleveland Company, Inc. over an eminent domain action for easements to Colby Point. The Precinct agreed to pay as just compensation \$25,000 upon delivery of the proper easement and ten annual payments of \$12,500. At the commencement of the eleventh year and each five years thereafter the annual payment will be adjusted based on the average of two factors; the Consumer Price Index and the percentage increase in gallonage pumped. In no event shall the annual payment be less than \$12,500 nor greater than 30% of \$12,500 for year 11 through 15 and 30% greater of the amount calculated in year 11 for years 16 through 20. At the expiration of 20 years, the Precinct shall have the option to renew the Agreement every five years up to ninety-nine years, upon the same terms and conditions except annual payments which shall be renegotiated.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, P.A.

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# NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

PO Box 740  
New London, NH 03257

Dear Consumer,

As part of the provisions adopted in the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct is required to provide a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) designed to give consumers more information about their drinking water.

We hope the following report and information contained within is helpful and informative. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,

Board of Commissioners  
NL-SWSP

## Water Quality Report - 2004

### **Is my drinking water safe?**

To the best of our knowledge we are pleased to report that the drinking water supplied to our consumer's premises is safe and meets both Federal and State requirements.

### **What is the source of my water?**

The water is provided from six (6) gravel-packed wells, drawing from an aquifer located beneath Colby Point in the middle of Little Lake Sunapee.

### **Why are there contaminants in my water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **How can I get involved?**

The New London-Springfield Water System Precinct is served by an elected Board of Commissioners which meets the Monday of the first full week of each month at 7:00 p.m. These meetings, which the public is welcomed to attend, are held the Precinct office on Old Dump Road in New London. The Commissioners can be reached by calling 526-4441.

### **Other information**

The New London-Springfield Water System Precinct was formed in 1925 to provide domestic water and fire protection for the Town of New London and some sections of Springfield. Originally, the Precinct was served by Morgan Pond (a surface-water source in Springfield) via Kidder Brook to two (2) man-made reservoirs until May 1996. Since then, our water has been provided via the Colby Point wells and a one million-gallon storage tank. The Precincts 30 miles of water mains currently service approximately 875 domestic and 150 commercial customers.

### **Do I need to take special precautions?**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).



Definitions: **MCLG**: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. **MCLGs** allow for a margin of safety. **MCLs**: The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. They are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology **AL**: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements the water system must follow. **TT**: Treatment Technique or required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminate in drinking water.

Abbreviations: **PPT**: Parts per trillion · **PPB**: parts per billion · **PPM**: parts per million or · **N/A**: not applicable · **NTU**: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit · **MFL**: million fibers per liter · **ND**: not detectable at testing limits.

<b>TEST RESULTS</b>						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected / Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants: Total coliform was detected. Resampling found it to be absent.</b>						
<b>Radioactive Contaminants:</b>						
Radon	NO	660	pCi/l	0	None	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>						
Copper	N/A	N/A	ppm	.050	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	N/A	N/A	ppb	<.005	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	.05	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides: None detected</b>						
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants: None detected</b>						

### Health Effects Information:

**LEAD:** Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

**RADON:** Presently the US Environmental Protection Agency is determining a standard for radon in drinking water. Radon gas, which is inhaled, has been linked to lung cancer however, it is not clear that at what level radon in your drinking water contributes to this health effect.

The Precinct adds only caustic sodium to the water ph level 7.4  
No fluoride is added to the water

The water does not contain lead but some plumbing contains lead and this can transfer to water that sets in the pipes, we add caustic sodium to prevent this.



**PO BOX 740**  
**New London, NH**  
**03257**  
**(603) 526-4441**

## DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Assessment of Property	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>
Beach Parking Permits	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Beach Programs and Activities	Recreation Department	526-6401	<i>nlrec@adelphia.net</i>
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Boat Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Building Permits	Zoning Administrator	526-4821 ext. 16	<i>consplg@adelphia.net</i>
Burn Permits	Dispatch/Communications	526-2626	
Community Events Calendar	Recreation Department	526-6401	<i>nlrec@adelphia.net</i>
Death Certificates	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Election and Voter Information	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
False Alarm Reporting	Dispatch/Communications	526-2626	
Footpath/Hiking Maps	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>
Hazardous Waste	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>
Health Concerns/Violations	Donald Bent, Health Officer	526-4761	
Home Business Permits	Ken McWilliams, Town Planner	448-1680	
Maps of Town/Tax Maps	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>
Motor Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Passports	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Planning/Zoning Concerns	Ken McWilliams, Town Planner	448-1680	
Property Tax Payments	Tax Collector's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Recycling Information	Transfer Station	526-9499	<i>nlhd@tds.net</i>
Roads, Streets and Sidewalks	Highway Department	526-6337	<i>nlhd@tds.net</i>
Sign Permits	Zoning Administrator	526-4821 ext. 16	<i>consplg@adelphia.net</i>
Temporary Beach/Dump Permits	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>
Town Hall/Conference Room Use	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>
Transfer Station Permits	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Voter Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11	<i>tctclinda@adelphia.net</i>
Welfare Information	Marc Clement, Welfare Officer	526-3652	<i>consplg@adelphia.net</i>
Zoning Ordinances	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>admnasst@adelphia.net</i>

**The Selectmen's Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed for the following holidays:**

Monday, January 17, 2005	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 21, 2005	President's Day
Monday, May 30, 2005	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4, 2005	Independence Day
Monday, September 5, 2005	Labor Day
Friday, November 11, 2005	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25, 2005	Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 26, 2005	Christmas

**In addition, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will close for elections on Tuesday, March 8, 2005.**





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**TOWN ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2005**

**Whipple Memorial Town Hall**

**Polls open 8:00 a.m.**

**Polls close 7:00 p.m.**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2005**

**7:00 p.m.**

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD**

**WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT**

**Whipple Memorial Town Hall**

**Polls open 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2005**

**Polls close 7:30 p.m. – Meeting Opens 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting will recess at 4:15 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvenes 7:00 p.m.**