

TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



ANNUAL REPORT
for the Fiscal Year ending
December 31, 2005

2006 TOWN MEETING

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NEW HAMPSHIRE



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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS,
BOARDS AND OTHER AGENCIES
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

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*On the cover:
"Will's Velocipede"*

Work #4 of 169 Paintings

An original oil painting by Laurids "Bud" Lauridsen dated 1980. A gift to his best friend William F. Kidder, Sr., in the spring of 1981 in appreciation for the encouragement and support of his new art career. Bud borrowed the velocipede from Bill to "build" a still life around. He also thought it fitting to include the antique document box with his own initials. The early tricycle may be seen at the William F. Kidder Ice House Foundation Museum, along with many other modes of transportation, toys and gadgets Bill accumulated over his many years of collecting. – *Ade Lauridsen*

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

Incorporated June 25, 1779
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
Population Estimate (2005 Office of Energy and Planning) 4490

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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Bob Odell of Lempster through 2006
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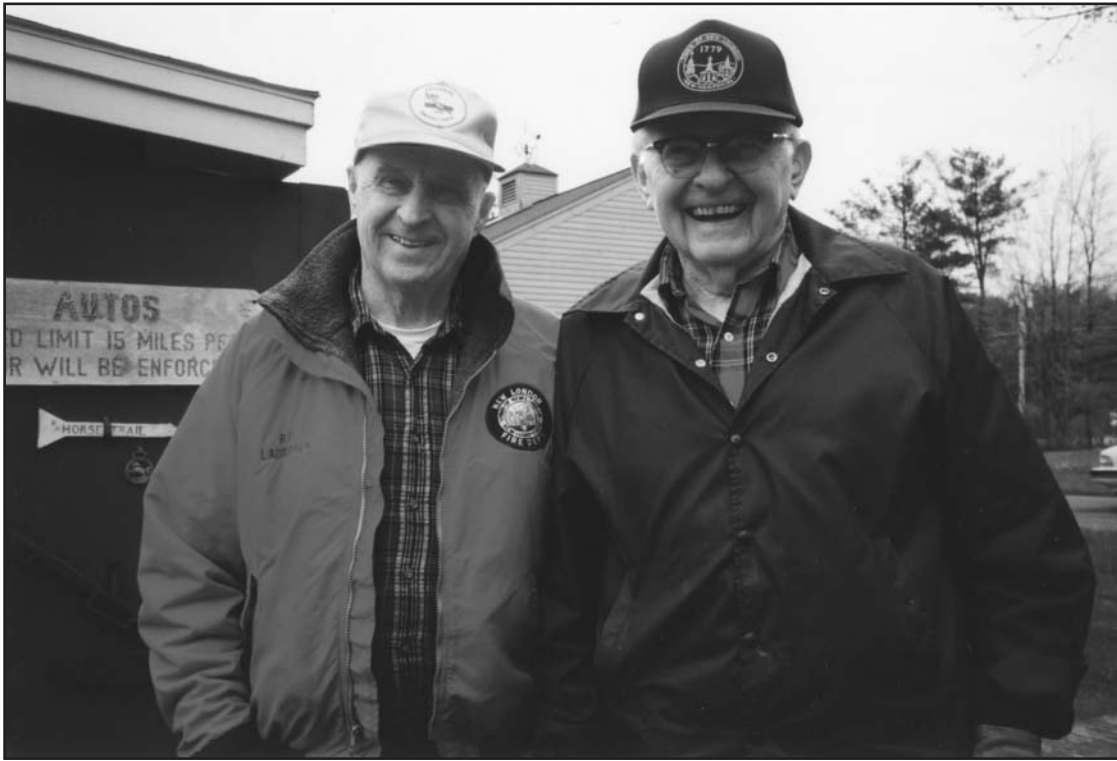
County Commissioner

JD Colcord through 2006
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Executive Councilor

Peter J. Spaulding of Hopkinton through 2006
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THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO:



LAURIDS T. LAURIDSEN, JR.

April 22, 1920 - September 22, 2005

WILLIAM F. KIDDER

September 16, 1912 - February 16, 2005

In 2005, this community felt the loss of two of its most revered citizens. Bill Kidder and Bud Lauridsen were great friends, not only of each other but also of the Town of New London. Bud and Bill were unique individuals who shared many common interests and goals. The achievement of their goals benefited our whole region. These men, and those they gathered around them, put in place ideas and institutions that have forever shaped this area. The void they have left has caused many to stand and stare at the vast hole. But that chasm isn't really empty; it contains their love and respect, seeds of good fellowship and energy to fuel the completion of good works. Those of us who have been comforted by their friendship and challenged by their dreams will never forget, nor will future generations that will come to know this special place among the hills, so cherished by Bill and Bud.

— *Debra Lamson Perkins, January 2006*

IN MEMORY OF



Ryan J. Haynes
Highway Department
July 13, 1985 – December 1, 2005



Robert C. Andrews
Recreation Director
September 26, 1960 – December 4, 2005

*We think of you in silence,
and make no outward show.
But what it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.
You wished no one a last farewell,
no one even said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
A golden heart stopped beating,
your tender hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
he only takes the best.
To some you may be forgotten,
to others a part of the past,
But to those who love you dearly
your memories will always last.*

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

Board of Selectmen

Mark Kaplan, Chair	2006
Douglas W. Lyon	2007
Ruth I. Clough	2008

Town Clerk

Linda M. Hardy	2006
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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

William C. Horn Jr., Chair	2006
Theodore S. Brown	2007
Patricia H. Sheehan	2008

Budget Committee

W. Barry Wright, Chair	2008
Constance W. Appel	2006
Douglas S. Baxter	2006
John G. Diemar	2006
Clayton R. Shedd	2006
James P. Wheeler	2007
John B. Wilson	2007
Robert S. Meck	2008
Patricia H. Blanchard	2008
Douglas W. Lyon, Selectmen's Representative	
Sarah A. Denz, Recording Secretary	

Sewer Commissioners

H. Gordon Starkey, Jr.	2006
Elizabeth F. Boege	2007
F. Augustus Seamans, Chair	2008

Cemetery Commissioners

Thomas A. Ginter, Chair	2006
Charles M. Hafner	2007
Marion C. Hafner	2008

Supervisors of the Checklist

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

Tracy Library Trustees

Barbara J. Hambley, Chair	2006
Joseph C. Kun	2006
Barbara M. Rosenfield	2006
Patricia W. Brewster	2007
George S. Doolittle	2007
Nancy S. Donnelly	2008
Emily W. Drew	2008
Charles E. Dean, Alternate	
Shelby C. Blunt, Treasurer	

KRSD School Board

Barbara C. Brown	2007
Kimberly A. Giles	2008

KRSD Municipal Budget Committee

Jay Rosenfield	2007
Daniel Snyder	2008

KRSD Moderator

Robert E. Bowers	2006
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Photo by Nancy Lyon

Ruth I. (Sue) Clough

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

Town Administrator: Jessie W. Levine

Finance Officer: Carolyn E. Fraley

Town Assessors: Normand G. Bernaiche
Daniel S. Fitzgerald

**Land Use and
Assessing Coordinator:** Amy A. Rankins

Zoning Administrator: Peter S. Stanley

Office Assistant: Connie D. McBride

Deputy Treasurer: D. Russell Cooper

Tax Collector: Linda M. Hardy

**Deputy Town Clerk/
Tax Collector:** Joan F. Pankhurst

Health Officer: Donald F. Bent

Welfare Director: Celeste C. Cook

Tree Warden: David A. Carey

Police Department

David J. Seastrand, Chief
Edward G. Andersen, Sergeant
Christopher C. Currier, Detective
Thomas H. Anderson, Detective
Marshall R. Osgood, Officer
Jodi Bailey, Officer
Matthew S. Pickering, Officer
Robert L. Thorp, Officer
Jeffrey M. Downing, Officer/Part-Time
Matthew A. McClay, Officer/Part-Time
James S. Valiquet, Officer/Part-Time
David A. White, Officer/Part-Time
Donna M. Davis, Administrative Assistant

Communications Department

Heather R. Cusanelli
William R. Hardy Jr.
Joseph J. McCarthy
Gregory M. Barthol
Christopher R. Pankhurst, Part-Time
Kenneth D. Seastrand, Part-Time

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
Michael J. McElman, Maint. I
Shane M. Pillsbury, Maint. I
Elise B. Allard, 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

Sewer Department

Ann S. Bedard, Admin. Bookkeeper
Douglas L. Gay, Superintendent
Peter K. Johnson, Collection Operator

Tracy Memorial Library

Virginia C. Foose, Co-Library Director
Linda E. Miller, Co-Library Director
Sondra C. Vanderploeg, Assistant Director
Kathryn M. Tracy, Children's Librarian
Raymond L. Heath, Custodian
Ashley E. Grace, Student Aid
Shamus A. Heffernan, Student Aid
Gena S. Edmunds, Library Assistant, P/T
Melissa L. Carroll, Circulation Desk Supervisor, P/T
Janice H. Baron, Circulation Assistant, P/T
Nancy S. Dutton, Circulation Assistant, P/T
Timothy T. Poh, Technical Services, P/T

Recreation Commission

Gerald I. Coogan	2006
Scott P. Devoe	2006
Laura James	2006
Keith Pomkoski	2008
William G. Ross	2006
Mitch Stone	2007

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

Conservation Commission

Leslie W. Norman, Chair 2006
 Dan H. Allen 2006
 Victoria V. Koron 2006
 Dale L. Conly 2007
 Ruth A. White 2007
 Laura A. Alexander 2008
 Emma R. Crane 2008
 Terence E. Dancy, Alternate 2006
 Peter S. Stanley, Alternate 2007

Planning Board

Karen E. Ebel, Chair 2007
 Celeste C. Cook 2006
 Dale L. Conly 2006
 Sue Ellen Andrews 2007
 Thomas A. Cottrill 2008
 John F. Hollinger 2008
 Ruth I. Clough, Selectmen's Representative
 Judith P. Condict, Recording Secretary

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Lawrence B. Ballin, Chair 2008
 D. Russell Cooper 2006
 William D. Green, Jr. 2006
 Brian J. Prescott 2007
 Cheryl B. Devoe 2008
 Robert A. Foose, Alternate 2006
 Elizabeth J. Herrick, Alternate 2006
 Laurie T. DiClerico, Alternate 2006
 Caroline E. Newkirk, Alternate 2007
 Sarah A. Denz, Recording Secretary
 Amy A. Rankins, Clerk

Ballot Clerks

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

Regional Planning Representatives

Terence E. Dancy 2006
 Peter S. Stanley 2006

NHVT Solid Waste Representatives

Martin S. Feins 2006
 Donald F. McGuinness 2006
 Mark Kaplan, Alternate 2006
 Douglas W. Lyon, Alternate 2006
 Ruth I. Clough, Alternate 2006
 Jessie W. Levine, Alternate 2006

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Cynthia L. Adie 2007
 Sue Andrews 2007
 Connie 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
 Stephanie P. Wheeler 2007
 W. Barry Wright 2007
 Celeste C. Cook 2008
 Michael Doheny 2008
 David J. Dunning 2008
 Raymond J. Ettenborough 2008
 Robert R. Gray 2008
 Karen B. Hoglund 2008
 Steve P. Landrigan 2008
 Robert P. Lavoie 2008
 Harmon G. Lewis 2008
 Joseph J. McCarthy 2008

Town Archives

Margaret L. Moreland, Archivist 2008
 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

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

Board of Firewards

Laurids T. Lauridsen III 2008
Stephen W. Ensign 2006
Richard N. Brady 2006
Karen B. Hogle 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, 1st Lieutenant & Clerk
Peter A. Lewis, 2nd Lieutenant
Karl R. Bjorklund, 3rd Lieutenant
Christian E. Hoffman, 4th Lieutenant
Matthew A. McClay, 5th Lieutenant
Janet M. Ellis, Safety Officer
Edward A. Bailey
Ethan A. Ballin
Robert W. Barrett, Emeritus
Edgar I. Broadhead, Jr.
Sue E. Burmann
Samuel C. Cahan
James J. Cahill
Brian R. Campbell
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
Edward M. Johnson
Eric C. Johnson

Amy D. Lewis
Todd A. Livingston
Glen W. Lohmann
Nancy E. Lyon
James G. MacKenna
Joseph J. McCarthy
Michael J. McElman
Paul A. Messer, Emeritus
Corey M. Oxland
Walter E. Partridge Jr.
Jen E. Pine
James R. Rhodes
George A. Robertson
Richard V. Simek
Amy R. Tarte
Matthew R. Voss
James A. Walker
Blair M. Weathers
Jessica M. Whelehan

Emergency Management Committee

Jessie W. Levine, Acting 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 Department

Street Lighting Committee

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

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MARCH 8 AND 9, 2005

Ballot Voting, March 8, 2005

Whipple Memorial Town Hall at 8:00 A.M.

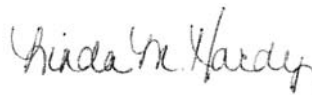
Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were to be called at 1:00 P.M. Upon closing of the polls, Moderator Cleveland announced that the Town Meeting would reconvene at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, 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 Moderator Cleveland called the results at 8:15 P.M.



Attest:

Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 1A: Results of Non Partisan Balloting for Town Officials

Total Registered Voters: 3496 including 1 new voter registering at the Polls
1085 ballots including absentee ballots were cast; 31% of registered voters

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

Ruth I. (Sue) Clough	958
Write Ins	17

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

Write Ins	111
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Tracy Memorial Library Trustee (For 3 Years) – Vote for not more than Two

Charles E. Dean	486
Nancy Donnelly	519
Emily W. Drew	602
Write Ins	4

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

Patricia H. Blanchard	811
Robert Meek	795
W. Barry Wright	786
Write Ins	8

Sewer Commissioner (For 1 Year) – Vote for not more than One

Gordon Starkey	842
Write Ins	4

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

F. Augustus Seamans	899
Write Ins	4

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

Marion Chadwick Hafner	954
Write Ins	0

Town Clerk (For 1 Year) – Vote for not more than One

Linda M. Hardy	969
Write Ins	4

ARTICLE 1B: Ballot Results on 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.).

YES 927 NO 83

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.

YES 964 NO 59

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.).

YES 922 NO 82

- 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.

YES 811 NO 172

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.

YES 908 NO 112

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.

YES 897 NO 106

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.

YES 925 NO 106

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."

YES 928 NO 106

Continuation of Town Meeting, March 9, 2005
Kearsarge Regional Middle School at 7:00 P.M.

At 7:00 P.M., Kearsarge Regional Elementary Students, accompanied by Donald Clark, opened the Town Meeting by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Cleveland thanked the Pot Luck Dinner Committee. The dinner was attended by approximately 150 people prior to the meeting. Moderator Cleveland then read the election results from Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Cotton Cleveland.

There were 256 of 3496 registered voters who attended the 2005 Town Meeting.

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

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>
TOTAL	1,027,205	984,971

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 3

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>
TOTAL	40,300	250,300

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 4

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>
TOTAL	1,120,738	1,044,228

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 5

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>
TOTAL	1,071,759	1,012,567

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 6

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>
TOTAL	1,047,204	993,510

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 7

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>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
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
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	815	815
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,699	3699
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3500</u>
TOTAL	111,919	\$ 121,940

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 8

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>1000</u>
TOTAL	480,630	458,485

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 9

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>
TOTAL	31,370	19,372

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 10

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>
TOTAL	246,923	187,393

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 11

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>
TOTAL	652,000	\$ 653,825

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO SHOW TOWN HALL NAME AS
"WHIPPLE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL" – AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON AMENDMENT
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 12**

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)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 13

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 14

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)

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO WITHDRAW ARTICLE DUE TO ABSENCE OF ROAD AGENT – NEGATIVE VOTE ON AMENDMENT
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 15**

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)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 16

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 17

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 18

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)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 19

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 20

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)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 21

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)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 22

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)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 23

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 24

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)

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 **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.)

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 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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 27

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 28

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 29

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 30

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.)

**MOTION MADE TO TABLE ARTICLE 31 – NEGATIVE VOTE ON MOTION
WRITTEN REQUEST BY 5 REGISTERED VOTERS FOR SECRET BALLOT VOTE**
YES 202 NO 18 ARTICLE PASSED

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.)

WRITTEN REQUEST BY 5 REGISTERED VOTERS FOR SECRET BALLOT VOTE
YES 96 NO 117 ARTICLE DID NOT PASS

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 33

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.)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 34

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)

**LINDA HARDY, TOWN CLERK, STEPPED IN AS TEMPORARY MODERATOR;
MODERATOR CLEVELAND RECUSED HERSELF DUE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT
OF INTEREST**

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 35

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)

**MOTION WAS MADE TO PASS OVER THIS ARTICLE – NEGATIVE VOTE ON MOTION
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 36**


ARTICLE 37

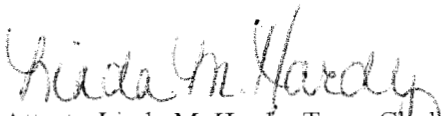
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 37

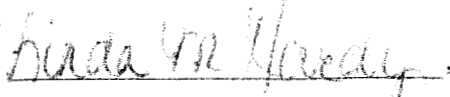
There being no further business to be conducted at the meeting, Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland put forth the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT


Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk


A True Copy Attest: Linda M. Hardy, Town Clerk

Received and Recorded this 13th Day of April, 2005.

, Town Clerk

THE STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2006
TOWN WARRANT



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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Street Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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

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

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).

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW LONDON
2006 TOWN WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Whipple Memorial Town Hall in New London on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 8:00 in the forenoon to act upon the subjects below. By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 AM for the consideration of Articles 1A & 1B. 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 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon Articles 2 - 29.

ARTICLE 1

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

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| 1 Selectman (3-year term) | 1 Sewer Commissioner (3-year term) |
| 1 Town Clerk (3-year term) | 1 Cemetery Commissioner (3-year term) |
| 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term) | 3 Tracy Library Trustees (3-year term) |
| 1 Budget Committee Member (1-year term) | 1 Treasurer (3-year term) |
| 3 Budget Committee Members (3-year term) | 1 Town Moderator (2-year term) |
| | 1 Supervisor of the Checklist (6-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? YES ___ NO ___*

AMENDMENT NO. 1: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 proposes to amend ARTICLE I Preamble to clarify that the zoning ordinance is constructed as a permissive Zoning Ordinance.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the zoning ordinance is a permissive zoning ordinance. That is to say, a use must be identified as either a permitted use or a use permitted by special exception in a Zone District in order for that use to be allowed in that Zone District.

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 ___ NO ___*

AMENDMENT NO. 2: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 proposes to amend ARTICLE II General Provisions, Paragraph 8. Sanitary Protection to clarify current state and local agency responsibilities for permitting sanitary systems.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to update the zoning ordinance with the current local and state agencies responsible for permitting sanitary systems.

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 ___ NO ___*

AMENDMENT NO. 3: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 proposes to amend ARTICLE II General Provisions, Paragraph 11. Temporary Structures to clarify that the use of trailers as temporary storage facilities is not permitted, except during construction.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the existing regulation that trailers cannot be used as temporary storage facilities, except during construction.

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 ___ NO ___

AMENDMENT NO. 4: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend ARTICLE XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District to:

- A. Amend the prohibited uses section to clarify that construction and development are not allowed in wetlands as defined by the Ordinance;
- B. Add a new provision requiring erosion and sedimentation control plans for any construction or development that may be permitted by variance in the wetlands and/or wetland buffers, as defined by the Ordinance;
- C. Revise the ordinance to reduce the amount wetlands can be used in calculating minimum residential lot size and/or density for new lots and developments as described in the Ordinance;
- D. Add a new provision to allow cutting and removal of natural vegetation in the wetland buffers, as defined by the Ordinance, if a cutting plan is first approved by the Planning Board; and
- E. Add a new provision requiring a minimum contiguous area for building a house, accessory structures, and any necessary on-site water and wastewater treatment systems. This minimum contiguous building area excludes wetlands and areas with slopes in excess of 25%. It is applicable when creating new lots in all residential Zone Districts.

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of this amendment is to provide further protection for all of the surface and groundwater resources located in each watershed. These include wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams and aquifers. Among other things, this amendment would result in an increase in the size of newly-created lots with wetlands by decreasing the percentage of wetlands that count toward minimum lot size and density. The upper reaches of three watersheds begin in New London: the Lake Sunapee watershed, which includes Little Lake Sunapee; the Pleasant Lake watershed; and the Lyon Brook watershed. Recent water quality testing information provided by the area lake protective associations indicates the trend is towards declining water quality. A major factor causing this decline is sediment generated by new construction or development reaching and negatively impacting these water resources. Studies indicate that the health of water bodies is related to the percentage of impervious surface coverage in a watershed. Impervious surfaces include improvements such as buildings, parking lots, roads and driveways. New London is situated at the top of the watershed, so it is particularly important to protect these critical water resources not only for New London, but for the downstream communities as well.

This amendment is intended to provide these protections by:

- 1. Managing any development that may be permitted by variance to require approval of a sedimentation and erosion control plan before the development begins; and
- 2. Supporting all seven (7) of the specific purposes spelled out in ARTICLE XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District in Paragraph A. Purpose.

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 ___ NO ___

AMENDMENT NO. 5: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 proposes to:

- A. Amend ARTICLE XIV Steep Slope Overlay District to:
 - 1. Add a new provision requiring erosion and sedimentation control plans for any construction or development on slopes in excess of 15%; and
 - 2. Add a new section that would exclude areas with slopes in excess of 25% in calculating the minimum lot size and density for new lots and developments.
 - 3. Add a new section that would exclude areas with slopes in excess of 25% in calculating the minimum lot size and density for new lots and developments; and

4. Add a new provision requiring a minimum contiguous area for building a house, accessory structures, and any necessary on-site water and wastewater treatment systems. This minimum contiguous building area excludes wetlands and areas with slopes exceeding 25%. It is applicable when creating new lots in all residential Zone Districts.

B. Amend ARTICLE XVIII Cluster Development and XIX Planned Unit Development to cross-reference the effect of excluding areas with slope in excess of 25% on calculating the density for Cluster and Planned Unit Developments.

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of this amendment is to provide further protection for all of the surface and groundwater resources located in each watershed. Among other things, this amendment would result in an increase in the minimum lot size of newly-created lots that include areas with slopes in excess of 25% so that runoff from such steep slope areas can be better accommodated without damaging water resources. Please also refer to the rationale for Amendment No. 4, above, which is also applicable to this amendment.

This amendment is intended to provide these protections by:

1. Managing construction and development on slopes in excess of 15% to require approval of a sedimentation and erosion control plan before construction or development; and
2. Not allowing areas with slopes in excess of 25% to be used in calculating the minimum lot size or density for new residential lots or developments.

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 ___ NO ___

AMENDMENT NO. 6: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 proposes to amend ARTICLE XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph H. Nonconforming Buildings & Structures to permit new foundations under specified conditions to be built for nonconforming structures located entirely within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of lakes and ponds.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to make it easier to maintain or replace an existing foundation for structures located entirely within the first fifty (50) feet inland from the normal high water level of lakes and ponds. Currently, the Zoning Ordinance prohibits any construction within this 50-foot zone; this amendment would allow the maintenance or replacement of a structure's foundation, pending an approved building permit.

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 ___ NO ___

AMENDMENT NO. 7: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 proposes to amend ARTICLE XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District to add a new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first one hundred (100) feet inland from the ordinary high water mark of all streams regulated by the Ordinance. These streams are shown on the Streams and Wetland Protection Map dated March 13, 2001. A copy is available for viewing in the Selectmen's Office.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to add a new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first one hundred feet inland from the ordinary high water mark of all streams protected by the ordinance. These protected streams are shown on the New London Streams and Wetlands Protection Map dated March 21, 2001.

The purpose of this new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development within these areas along streams is to minimize the effect any construction or development may have on the quality of the downstream water resources. Please also refer to the rationale for Amendment No. 4, above, which is also applicable to this amendment.

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 NO

AMENDMENT NO. 8: The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 8 proposes to amend ARTICLE XIV Shore Land Overlay District to revise the current provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of all lakes and ponds to be consistent with the new language proposed for comparable sections in the Wetlands and Steep Slopes Overlay Districts.

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to revise the current provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of all lakes and ponds to be consistent with the new language proposed for comparable sections in the Wetlands, Steams and Steep Slopes Overlay Districts Please also refer to the RATIONALE for AMENDMENT NO. 4, above, which is also applicable to this amendment.

9. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by Petition for the New London Zoning Ordinance?* YES NO

AMENDMENT NO. 9: This Petitioned Amendment proposes to amend the definition of Structure in ARTICLE III Definitions to exempt “equipment providing necessary utilities servicing buildings” from the definition of a structure.

Specifically, the Petitioned Amendment proposes to amend the definition of Structure in ARTICLE III Definitions 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 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). Equipment providing necessary utilities servicing Buildings, f 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.

The Planning Board DISAPPROVES this petitioned zoning amendment.

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 a sum not to exceed **\$275,000 (two hundred seventy five thousand dollars)** for the purpose of engineering evaluation and upgrade construction to the Georges Mills Pump Station to meet current federal and state regulations, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$275,000 (two hundred seventy five thousand dollars)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33, and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners or Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners or the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any federal, state or other available funds towards the project according to the terms under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of receipt of such aid or the issuance of such bonds or notes. The Board of Sewer Commissioners or Board of Selectmen are hereby directed to establish fees sufficient to pay 100% of the principal and interest due on the bonds or notes issued hereunder to be paid by those served or receiving benefit from this Pump Station in accordance with RSA 149-I:7; and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners or Board of Selectmen to take all other actions as may be necessary to carry out the project in the best interest of the Town of New London. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.*** (2/3 ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars)** for the purpose of engineering and constructing the repair of the Mountain Road landfill, which was damaged in the October 2005 rains, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33 and to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any federal, state or other available funds towards the project, according to the terms under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of receipt of such funds. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.* (2/3 ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE 5

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>2006</u>
Executive	236,418	267,815
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	61,406	70,485
Financial Administration	217,385	240,778
Reassessment of Property	22,500	77,500
Personnel Administration	186,164	203,890
Planning and Zoning	40,457	48,432
General Government Buildings	165,950	158,333
Cemeteries	29,603	32,583
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	52,400	67,100
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>14,922</u>	<u>15,128</u>
TOTAL	\$1,027,205	\$1,182,044

ARTICLE 6

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>2006</u>
Legal	40,000	40,000
Animal Rescue Fees	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL	\$40,300	\$40,300

ARTICLE 7

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>2006</u>
Police Department	688,563	736,160
Dispatch Center	262,156	276,300
Fire Department	162,944	201,055
Firewards	581	493
Emergency Management	<u>6,494</u>	<u>14,394</u>
TOTAL	\$1,120,738	\$1,228,402

ARTICLE 8

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>2006</u>
Highway Administration	565,259	615,691
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	484,400	547,300
Street Lighting	<u>22,100</u>	<u>66,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,071,759	\$1,228,991

ARTICLE 9

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>2006</u>
Transfer Station Admin. and Operations	412,654	469,045
Solid Waste Cleanup	16,550	25,395
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>618,000</u>	<u>705,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,047,204	\$1,199,440

ARTICLE 10

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>2006</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	7,664	7,875
Kearsarge Council on Aging	9,600	9,600
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association	11,495	11,664
New London Ambulance	75,146	85,260
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	815	815
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,699	3,699
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$111,919	\$123,913

ARTICLE 11

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>2006</u>
Recreation Department	122,955	115,129
Tracy Memorial Library	353,375	397,950
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture, History and Archives	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$480,630	\$514,379

ARTICLE 12

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>2006</u>
Conservation Administration	21,370	7,420
Other-Care of Trees	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$31,370	\$17,420

ARTICLE 13

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>2006</u>
Principal -Bonds and Notes	169,324	118,897
Interest - Bonds and Notes	<u>77,599</u>	<u>84,040</u>
TOTAL	\$246,923	\$202,937

ARTICLE 14

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>2006</u>
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000
Computer Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	1,000
Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	0
Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund	150,000	150,000
Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	72,000	75,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	162,500	155,000
Intersection Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	52,000
Main Street Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Master Plan Update Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Milfoil Treatment & Prevention Fund	28,000	28,000
New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	29,000	32,000
Police Computer Updates Reserve Fund	7,500	9,000
Recreation Land Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000
Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund	47,000	20,000
Town Building Maintenance Fund	20,000	63,000
Town Hall Basement Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	50,000
Town Office Copier Replacement Reserve Fund	5,000	0
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund	15,000	15,000
Tracy Library Community Garden Maintenance Fund	6,000	5,000
Transfer Station Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	0	5,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	15,000
Tracy Library Computer Fund	7,000	7,000
Police Department Photocopier Capital Reserve Fund	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$673,000	\$741,000

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$203,000 (two hundred three thousand dollars)** for the vehicle and equipment purchases listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the amounts below. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Purchase new dump truck with plow & sander to replace 2003 1-ton dump truck with plow & sander and purchase new tractor to replace 1993 tractor</i>	109,000
Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Purchase new pickup truck to replace 1999 pickup truck</i>	37,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Purchase unmarked vehicle to replace 1995 Explorer</i>	25,000
Police Computer Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Police Department computer hardware upgrade</i>	18,000
Town Office Photocopier Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Purchase new photocopier for Town Offices to replace 2000 model</i>	9,000
Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Upgrade Microsoft Office software for Town Offices</i>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$203,000

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$149,600 (one hundred forty-nine thousand six hundred dollars)** for the building repair and maintenance purposes listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the amounts below. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Town Building Maintenance Fund <i>Purpose: Replace carpeting at Police Station/Courthouse and Town Offices; complete interior restoration of Whipple Memorial Town Hall; paint exterior of Old Academy Building</i>	73,000
Whipple Memorial Town Hall Basement Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Demolish interior to determine use of space</i>	30,000
Transfer Station Improvements Reserve Fund <i>Purpose: Reappropriation of funds from 2005 to cover loading dock and other improvements</i>	35,000
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund <i>Purpose: Replace carpet in meeting room, install air conditioning, window film, conduct tree work and some painting</i>	<u>11,600</u>
	\$149,600

ARTICLE 17

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 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$88,000 (eighty-eight thousand dollars)** for final engineering design of the Newport and County Road intersection and sidewalks on Newport Road and County Road, and to authorize the acceptance of **\$70,400 (seventy thousand four hundred dollars)** from a federal grant, and to further authorize the withdrawal of **\$8,800 (eight thousand eight hundred dollars)** from the Intersection Improvement Capital

Reserve Fund and **\$8,800 (eight thousand eight hundred dollars)** from the Sidewalk Improvement 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 **\$33,200 (thirty-three thousand two hundred dollars)** for the following elements of a mosquito control program to reduce the chance of infection with Eastern Equine Encephalitis and/or West Nile Virus: collection and species identification of mosquito larvae; mapping of mosquito breeding areas; control of mosquito larvae in stagnant waters by application of a bacterial insecticide (larvicide); and adult mosquito population monitoring and testing. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2011. *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 **\$15,000 (fifteen 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 21

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 \$200 to \$500? *Petitioned Warrant Article.* (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tracy Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to designate the Board of Selectmen and the Tracy Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Recycling Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. The revenues received from the sale of recyclables and other items related to recycling shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund or general surplus. Provided, however, that at the end of every fiscal year, the Recycling Revolving Fund shall be reduced to \$5,000 (five thousand dollars), and the balance of the Recycling Revolving Fund above \$5,000 shall be deposited into 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 Road Agent. Pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, these funds may be expended only to facilitate recycling (as defined by RSA 149-M:4), 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 revolving fund, the monies in such fund shall not need further Town Meeting approval to be expended. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000 (five thousand dollars)** for **Transfer Station Equipment Maintenance**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2010. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish, per RSA 31:19-a, an expendable trust fund for the purpose of restoring and repairing the Town Clock located in the tower of First Baptist Church; (b) to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,260 (ten thousand two hundred and sixty dollars)** to be placed into this fund, which shall be known as the Town Clock Fund; (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.)

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 231:43, to discontinue and relinquish all interest therein a portion of Maple Lane approximately 260' long by 48' wide, beginning at a point approximately 310 feet from King Hill Road. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.*

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to 1) negotiate and accept the gift or transfer of land and appropriate easements from the owners of Map 77, Lot 28 (456 Elkins Road, known as the "Mesa property"), said land to consist of the dam and appurtenant property, for the purposes of conservation, fire protection, historic preservation and other public benefits; 2) consult with state and/or local officials, engineers, historians, and others to determine whether said dam may be restored, breached, or left as-is; and 3) return to Town Meeting before expending funds other than engineering and design expenses. The Town will incur no expenses relative to the process of gifting or transferring the land, other than the Town's legal fees, without returning to Town Meeting. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 673:6 to provide for the appointment of not more than 5 (five) alternate members to any appointed local land use board, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Conservation Commission, who shall be appointed by the appointing authority. The terms of alternate members shall be 3 years. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article.* (Majority vote required)

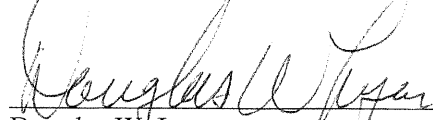
ARTICLE 29

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).

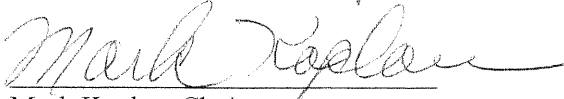
Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, two thousand and six.

*New London Board of Selectmen
Douglas W. Lyon
Mark Kaplan, Chair
Ruth I. Clough*


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



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2006
PROPOSED
ZONING AMENDMENTS

**2006 AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW LONDON ZONING ORDINANCE
AS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK ON FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

The ballot for the amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance proposed by the New London Planning Board as submitted to the Town Clerk on February 7, 2006 is outlined below. The amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance proposed by the New London Planning Board as submitted to the Town clerk on February 7, 2006 are also outlined below. The additions are **highlighted** and the deletions are ~~crossed-out~~.

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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE I Preamble** to clarify that the zoning ordinance is constructed as a permissive Zoning Ordinance.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the zoning ordinance is a permissive zoning ordinance. That is to say, a use must be identified as either a permitted use or a use permitted by special exception in a Zone District in order for that use to be allowed in that Zone District.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 proposes to amend **ARTICLE I Preamble** to clarify that the zoning ordinance is constructed as a permissive Zoning Ordinance.

Specifically, Amendment No 1 proposes to amend **ARTICLE I Preamble** as follows:

ARTICLE I Preamble

In pursuance of the Laws of the State of New Hampshire (Title LXIV N.H. Statutes Annotated), in accordance with the intent of the New London Master Plan - 1987 as amended and to protect and promote the general welfare of the Town's inhabitants by preserving the Town's rural charm, the following Ordinance is enacted by the voters of the incorporated Town of New London, New Hampshire in official Town Meeting convened (March 8, 2005).

Where a conflict exists between this Ordinance and the Statutes, the more restrictive standard shall prevail.

This Zoning Ordinance is constructed as a permissive Zoning Ordinance; if a Use is not specifically identified as a permitted Use or a Use permitted by Special Exception in a Zone District, then the Use is not permitted in that Zone District.

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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II General Provisions**, Paragraph 8. Sanitary Protection to clarify current state and local agency responsibilities for permitting sanitary systems.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to update the zoning ordinance with the current local and state agencies responsible for permitting sanitary systems.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2: The Planning Board’s Amendment No 2 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II General Provisions**, Paragraph 8. Sanitary Protection to clarify current state and local agency responsibilities for permitting sanitary systems.

More specifically, Amendment No. 2 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II General Provisions**, Paragraph 8 Sanitary Protection as follows:

8. Sanitary Protection

- a. No cesspool, septic tank or sewage disposal area shall be constructed or maintained less than 75 feet from the edge of a public water body; from a well; or from a dwelling other than that to which it is appurtenant.

As per ARTICLE XIII F.(1), no septic tank or leach field may be constructed or enlarged closer than 100 feet to any Wetland whenever excessively well-drained soils with rapid permeability are encountered, otherwise 75 feet shall govern.

- b. No waste waters or sewage shall be permitted to run free into a public water body or be discharged in any way that may be offensive or detrimental to the health of others. All such waste shall be conveyed away underground through use of an accepted sanitary system or in such a way that it will not be offensive or detrimental to health.

- c. All ~~dwellings and~~ sanitary systems shall be **designed**, constructed and maintained in accordance with standards set and enforced by the N.H. ~~State Department of Health and the N.H. Water Pollution Commission.~~ **Department of Environmental Services.**

- d. ~~If percolation test is satisfactory but fill is required to meet septic system regulations, and if water flow is not altered, and the characteristic of the terrain is not significantly changed, the Selectmen may issue a permit.~~
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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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II General Provisions**, Paragraph 11. Temporary Structures to clarify that the use of trailers as temporary storage facilities is not permitted, except during construction.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the existing regulation that trailers cannot be used as temporary storage facilities, except during construction.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II General Provisions**, Paragraph 11. Temporary Structures to clarify that trailers cannot be used as temporary storage facilities, except during construction.

More specifically, Amendment No 3 proposes to amend **ARTICLE II General Provisions**, Paragraph 11. Temporary Structures as follows:

11. Temporary Structures:
 - a. Any property owner or lessee may accommodate one Trailer of a non-paying guest for a period not exceeding 30 days in any one year.
 - b. The Board of Selectmen may approve the temporary Use of a Trailer or Manufactured 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.
 - c. Residing in the Basement of foundation Structures before the completion of the total Structure may be permitted by the Board of Selectmen until construction is complete so long as the Building permit for the residence is kept active and has not expired.

- d. The temporary use of trailers is limited to the provisions in a. and b. above. The use of trailers as temporary storage facilities is not permitted except during construction as provided in subparagraph b. above.
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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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District** to:

- A. Amend the prohibited uses section to clarify that construction and development are not allowed in wetlands as defined by the Ordinance;
- B. Add a new provision requiring erosion and sedimentation control plans for any construction or development that may be permitted by variance in the wetlands and/or wetland buffers, as defined by the Ordinance;
- C. Revise the ordinance to reduce the amount wetlands can be used in calculating minimum residential lot size and/or density for new lots and developments as described in the Ordinance;
- D. Add a new provision to allow cutting and removal of natural vegetation in the wetland buffers, as defined by the Ordinance, if a cutting plan is first approved by the Planning Board; and
- E. Add a new provision requiring a minimum contiguous area for building a house, accessory structures, and any necessary on-site water and wastewater treatment systems. This minimum contiguous building area excludes wetlands and areas with slopes in excess of 25%. It is applicable when creating new lots in all residential Zone Districts.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of this amendment is to provide further protection for all of the surface and groundwater resources located in each watershed. These include wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams and aquifers. Among other things, this amendment would result in an increase in the size of newly-created lots with wetlands by decreasing the percentage of wetlands that count toward minimum lot size and density. The upper reaches of three watersheds begin in New London: the Lake Sunapee watershed, which includes Little Lake Sunapee; the Pleasant Lake watershed; and the Lyon Brook watershed. Recent water quality testing information provided by the area lake protective associations indicates the trend is towards declining water quality. A major factor causing this decline is sediment generated by new construction or development reaching and negatively impacting these water resources. Studies indicate that the health of water bodies is related to the percentage of impervious surface coverage in a watershed. Impervious surfaces include improvements such as buildings, parking lots, roads and

driveways. New London is situated at the top of the watershed, so it is particularly important to protect these critical water resources not only for New London, but for the downstream communities as well.

This amendment is intended to provide these protections by:

1. Managing any development that may be permitted by variance to require approval of a sedimentation and erosion control plan before the development begins; and
2. Supporting all seven (7) of the specific purposes spelled out in **ARTICLE XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District** in Paragraph A. Purpose.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District** to:

- A. Amend the prohibited uses section to clarify that construction and development are not allowed in wetlands as defined by the ordinance;
- B. Add a new provision requiring erosion and sedimentation control plans for any construction or development that may be permitted by variance in the wetlands and/or wetland buffers, as defined by the ordinance;
- C. Revise the ordinance to reduce the amount wetlands can be used in calculating minimum residential lot size and/or density for new lots and developments, as described in the Ordinance.
- D. Add a new provision to allow cutting and removal of natural vegetation in the wetland buffers, as defined by the Ordinance, if a cutting plan is first approved by the Planning Board; and
- E. Add a new provision requiring a minimum contiguous area for building a house, accessory structures, and any necessary on-site water and wastewater treatment systems. This minimum contiguous building area excludes wetlands and areas with slopes in excess of 25%. It is applicable when creating new lots in all residential Zone Districts.

More specifically, Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District** as follows:

- A. Amend Paragraph H. Prohibited Uses as follows:
 - H. Prohibited Uses: Uses prohibited within the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) The establishment or expansion of salt storage sheds, automobile Junk yards, solid waste facilities, or hazardous waste facilities.
 - (2) The bulk storage of chemicals, petroleum products, toxic or hazardous materials.

- (3) The dumping or disposal of snow or ice collected from roadways and parking areas located outside the Overlay District.
- (4) The erection or construction of any Structures or Buildings except as provided in Paragraph E. Special Exceptions or Paragraph F. Special Provisions.
- (5) The addition of any fill or dredging that would alter the natural surface configuration of the land except as provided in Paragraph E. Special Exceptions or Paragraph F. Special Provisions.

B. Add a new paragraph J. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan as follows:

J. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan:

- a. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for all construction, filling, grading, dredging, and other activities requiring land disturbance that may be permitted in Wetlands or Wetland buffers under paragraphs D, E or H. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall describe the nature and purpose of the land-disturbing activity; the amount of grading involved; and a description of the soils, topography, vegetation, and drainage. For minor land disturbances such as utility line or stairway construction, the Board of Selectmen may reduce the amount of detail needed in an erosion and sedimentation control plan.
- b. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be developed in conformity with guidelines of the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service and with guidelines of the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of the Department of Environmental Services under RSA 485-A:17.
- c. The Board of Selectmen shall review and decide to approve or deny all plans before issuing a Building permit. The Board of Selectmen shall request the Conservation Commission to review the plan and make recommendations.
- d. The Board of Selectmen may require the applicant to post a bond or other security to assure conformance with approved plans. The security shall not be released until the Board of Selectmen has certified completion of the required improvements in accordance with the plan.
- e. Erosion control measures shall be installed before construction and grading.

C. Add a new paragraph K. Effect on Minimum Lot Size/ Density as follows:

K. Effect on Minimum Lot Size/Density

- 1) **Lots Using Public Water & Sewer:** If any portion of a Lot *using* public water and sewer lies within a Wetland, 25% of the Wetland can be counted in the calculation of minimum Lot size and density requirements of the underlying zoning district in which it is located. Wetland buffers shall count toward the calculation of minimum Lot size and density. Non-wetlands shall count toward the minimum Lot size and density, provided that there are no other site constraints such as areas with slopes greater than 25%, and this area must meet the minimum Lot size and density requirements of the underlying zoning district in which it is located. Within the area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density, there must be at least 15,000 sq. ft. of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes greater than 25% in the R-1 Zoning District and a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of an acre of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes greater than 25% in all other residential districts.

For example, the Lot area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density is calculated as follows for a Lot *using* public water and sewer. For a 3.5 acre parcel containing 2.0 acres of Wetlands, 0.5 acres in Wetland buffers and 1 acre of land not including Wetlands or areas with slopes in excess of 25%:

Category: Lot using Public Water & Sewer	Area in Acres	% of Area Counting Towards Minimum Lot Size	Area Counting Towards Minimum Lot Size
Area of Wetlands	2.0 acres	25%	0.5 acres
Area in Wetland buffers	0.5 acres	100%	0.5 acres
Area <u>not</u> in Wetlands or Slopes in excess of 25%	1 acre	100%	1 acre
Total	3.5 acres		2 acres*

- 2) **Lots not using Public Water & Sewer:** If any portion of a Lot *not using* public water and sewer (Lots use on-site water well and sanitary disposal system) lies within a Wetland, 15% of the Wetland can be counted in the calculation of minimum Lot size and density requirements of the underlying zoning district in which it is located. Wetland buffers shall count toward the calculation of minimum Lot size and density. Non-wetlands shall count toward the minimum Lot size and density, provided that there are no other site constraints such as areas with slopes greater than 25%, and this area must meet the minimum Lot size and density requirements of the underlying zoning district in which it is located. Within the area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density, there

* Within this area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density, there must be a minimum of 15,000 sq. ft. of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes in excess of 25% in the R-1 Zoning District and a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of an acre of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes greater than 25% in all other residential districts.

must be at least three-fourths (3/4) of an acre of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes greater than 25%.

For example, the Lot area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density is calculated as follows for a Lot **not using** public water and sewer. For a 4.9 acre parcel containing 3.4 acres of Wetlands, 0.5 acres in Wetland buffers and 1 acre of land not including Wetlands or areas with slopes in excess of 25%:

Category: Lot not using Public Water & Sewer	Area in Acres	% of Area Counting Towards Minimum Lot Size	Area Counting Towards Minimum Lot Size
Area of Wetlands	3.4 acres	15%	0.5 acres
Area in Wetland buffers	0.5 acres	100%	0.5 acres
Area <u>not</u> in Wetlands or Slopes in excess of 25%	1 acre	100%	1 acre
Total	4.9 acres		2 acres*

D. Delete existing provisions addressing the effect of Wetlands on minimum Lot size as follows:

F. Special Provisions:

- (1) No septic tank or leach field may be constructed or enlarged closer than 100 feet to any Wetland whenever excessively well-drained soils with rapid permeability are encountered, otherwise 75 feet shall govern.
- ~~(2) Areas designated as Wetlands, except freshwater Marshes or alluvial soils, may be used to fulfill 25 percent of the minimum Lot size required by the Use district of the Zoning Ordinance, unless Town water and sewer serve the Lot. If Town water and sewer serve the Lot, then areas designated as Wetlands, except freshwater Marshes or alluvial soils, may be used to fulfill 50 percent of the minimum Lot size required by the Use district of the Zoning Ordinance.~~
- ~~(3) Areas designated as freshwater Marsh or alluvial soils may not be utilized to fulfill minimum Lot size.~~
- ~~(4)~~ (2) Any fill of Wetlands for erection or construction of any Structure, Building or Sign which may be permitted following appropriate public hearing for a Special Exception shall be offset by the builder/developer through creation of new Wetlands equal in area to those sections being filled. The creation of new Wetlands shall be on the same site and within the same surface drainage sub-watershed as where the Wetlands are proposed to be filled. Location of the replacement Wetlands may be

* Within this area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density, there must be a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) acre of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes in excess of 25%.

permitted on another site within the same surface water sub-watershed if it can be demonstrated by a Wetlands study that the functions performed by the Wetland on the site in question can be performed by the proposed off-site replacement Wetlands. Any proposal to fill and replace Wetlands shall be accompanied by a Wetlands study performed by a licensed professional in the Wetland field. The Conservation Commission shall be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as part of their deliberations on the application for a Special Exception.

- E. Add a new Paragraph L. Cutting & Removal of Natural Vegetation in Wetland Buffers as follows:

- L. Cutting and Removal of Natural Vegetation in Wetland Buffers: The preservation of natural vegetation in Wetland buffers is important for the protection of the water quality and temperature, for preservation of wildlife habitat and corridors, for controlling soil erosion and for the preservation of the aesthetics and rural character.
- a. A cutting or clearing plan shall be approved by the Planning Board for any cutting of Trees or removal of natural vegetation within the wetland buffer except as provided in subparagraph b. below. The intent is to retain a well distributed mix of trees, shrubs and groundcover in the Wetland buffer. The Planning Board shall request the Conservation Commission to review the plan and make recommendations.
 - b. A Natural Woodland Buffer 100 feet in depth shall be maintained from the boundary of the Wetland as defined by this Ordinance except that the following may be permitted if a cutting plan is approved by the Planning Board as per Section a. above:
 1. Trees less than 4 inches in caliper measured 4.5 feet above ground may be cut; and
 2. Normal trimming, pruning, and thinning is permitted;
 - c. Dead or diseased Trees are an important part of the forest ecosystem providing a valuable source of food. Dead or diseased Trees which pose a safety hazard to Structures or to landowners using outdoor spaces such as patios, decks or walkways may be removed if a cutting plan is approved by the Planning Board as per Section a. above.
 - d. Stumps and their root systems located within Wetland buffers shall be left intact in the ground.
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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 proposes to:

- A. Amend **ARTICLE XIV Steep Slope Overlay District** to:
 - 1. Add a new provision requiring erosion and sedimentation control plans for any construction or development on slopes in excess of 15%; and
 - 2. Add a new section that would exclude areas with slopes in excess of 25% in calculating the minimum lot size and density for new lots and developments.
 - 3. Add a new section that would exclude areas with slopes in excess of 25% in calculating the minimum lot size and density for new lots and developments; and
 - 4. Add a new provision requiring a minimum contiguous area for building a house, accessory structures, and any necessary on-site water and wastewater treatment systems. This minimum contiguous building area excludes wetlands and areas with slopes exceeding 25%. It is applicable when creating new lots in all residential Zone Districts.

- B. Amend **ARTICLE XVIII Cluster Development** and **XIX Planned Unit Development** to cross-reference the effect of excluding areas with slope in excess of 25% on calculating the density for Cluster and Planned Unit Developments.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of this amendment is to provide further protection for all of the surface and groundwater resources located in each watershed. Among other things, this amendment would result in an increase in the minimum lot size of newly-created lots that include areas with slopes in excess of 25% so that runoff from such steep slope areas can be better accommodated without damaging water resources. Please also refer to the **RATIONALE** for **AMENDMENT NO. 4**, above, which is also applicable to this amendment.

This amendment is intended to provide these protections by:

- 1. Managing construction and development on slopes in excess of 15% to require approval of a sedimentation and erosion control plan before construction or development; and
- 2. Not allowing areas with slopes in excess of 25% to be used in calculating the minimum lot size or density for new residential lots or developments.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5: The Planning Board’s Amendment No 5 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIV Steep Slope Overlay District** to:

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 5 proposes to:

- A. Amend **ARTICLE XIV Steep Slope Overlay District** to:

1. Amend the definition and boundaries of steep slopes to include slopes in excess of 15%;
 2. Add a new provision requiring erosion and sedimentation control plans for any construction or development on slopes in excess of 15%;
 3. Add a new section that would exclude areas with slopes in excess of 25% in calculating the minimum lot size and density for new lots and developments; and
 4. Add a new provision requiring a minimum contiguous area for building a house, accessory structures, and any necessary on-site water and wastewater treatment systems. This minimum contiguous building area excludes wetlands and areas with slopes exceeding 25%. It is applicable when creating new lots in all residential zoning districts.
- B. Amend **ARTICLE XVIII Cluster Development** and **XIX Planned Unit Development** to cross-reference the effect of excluding areas with slope in excess of 25% has on calculating the density for Cluster and Planned Unit Developments.

More specifically, Amendment No. 5 proposes to:

- A. Amend **ARTICLE XIV Steep Slope Overlay District** as follows:

ARTICLE XIV Steep Slope Overlay District

- A. Purpose: The purpose of the Steep Slope Overlay District is to prevent Development on slopes in excess of 25 percent and to regulate Development on slopes in excess of 15% through and including 25%. Development on such slopes causes soil erosion and stream sedimentation; unnecessary loss of vegetative Ground Cover and destruction of Trees; on-site waste disposal problems; difficult Street construction; and expensive Street maintenance.
- B. Overlay District Boundaries: The boundaries of the Steep Slope Overlay District include all areas of New London with slopes in excess of 15 25 percent with an elevation change of more than 20 feet. The slope of the natural terrain shall be determinative of whether or not land is within the Overlay District. As a general guide, areas of slope in excess of 15 25 percent are portrayed on the December 2005 December 1986 Steep Slopes Map prepared by the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.
- C. Permitted Uses:
- (1) Land with slopes in excess of 25%: No Development of any kind including No Buildings, Structures, driveways, on-site wastewater systems, wells, or roads shall be permitted. in the Steep Slopes Overlay District. Otherwise, the following Uses are permitted:

(a) 1) Forestry and Tree farming using best management practices in order to protect Streams from damage and to prevent sedimentation.

(b) 2) Wildlife refuges, conservation areas and nature trails.

(c) 3) Open Space and outdoor recreation.

(2) Land with slopes in excess of 15% through and including 25%: Development associated with permitted Uses or Uses permitted by Special Exception in the underlying zoning district provided an Erosion and Sedimentation Control plan is approved by the Board of Selectmen per paragraph D. below.

~~D. Special Exceptions: A Special Exception may be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment after proper public notice and hearing for Development in the Steep Slope Overlay District to avoid or minimize Development in the Wetland Conservation Overlay District. Such applications shall be referred to the Conservation Commission for review and comment prior to the hearing. 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:~~

- ~~(1) no reasonable alternative exists which affects neither the Steep Slope Overlay District nor the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District;~~
- ~~(2) the encroachment into the Steep Slope Overlay District is the least amount needed to avoid or minimize Development in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District; and~~
- ~~(3) by encroaching into the Steep Slope Overlay District, the proposed Development would impact the environment less adversely than if the Development avoids the Steep Slope Overlay District and encroaches only into the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, as otherwise required by this provision.~~

D. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan:

a. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for all construction, filling, grading, dredging, and other activities requiring land disturbance that may be permitted in the Steep Slopes Overlay District. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall describe the nature and purpose of the land-disturbing activity; the amount of grading involved; and a description of the soils, topography, vegetation, and drainage. For minor land disturbances such as utility line or stairway construction, the

Board of Selectmen may reduce the amount of detail needed in an erosion and sedimentation control plan.

- b. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be developed in conformity with guidelines of the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service and with guidelines of the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of the Department of Environmental Services under RSA 485-A:17.
- c. The Board of Selectmen shall review and decide to approve or deny all plans before issuing a Building permit. The Board of Selectmen shall request the Conservation Commission to review the plan and make recommendations.
- d. The Board of Selectmen may require the applicant to post a bond or other security to assure conformance with approved plans. The security shall not be released until the Board of Selectmen has certified completion of the required improvements in accordance with the plan.
- e. Erosion control measures shall be installed before construction and grading.

E. Effect on Minimum Lot Size/Density for Land with slopes in excess of 25%:

If any portion of a Lot includes an area with slopes in excess of 25%, no part of that area shall be counted in the calculation of minimum Lot size and density. Consistent with and including other site constraints such as Wetlands, this area must meet the minimum Lot size and density requirements of the underlying zoning district in which it is located. Within the Lot area counting towards minimum Lot size and density, there must be at least three-fourths (3/4) acre of contiguous area excluding areas with slopes in excess of 25% and Wetlands.

For example, the Lot area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density is calculated as follows. For a 6.5 acre parcel containing 2.5 acres of area with slopes in excess of 25%, and 1 acre of area with slopes less than 15%:

Category	Area in Acres	% of Area Counting Towards Minimum Lot Size	Area Counting Towards Minimum Lot Size
Area with slopes greater than 25%	2.5 acres	0%	0 acres
Area <u>not</u> in Wetlands or Slopes in excess of 25%	3 acres	100%	3 acres
Total	5.5 acres		3.0 acres*

- B. Amend **ARTICLE XVIII Cluster Development**, Paragraph B. General Requirements, Sub-paragraph 3. Density as follows:

* Within this area counting towards the minimum Lot size and density, there must be a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) acre of contiguous area excluding Wetlands and areas with slopes in excess of 25%.

3. Density: The number of Dwelling Units permitted within a Cluster Development shall not exceed the number allowed by the underlying Zone District(s). The applicable provisions of the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance), the applicable provisions of the Steep Slopes Overlay District (Article XIV of the Zoning Ordinance) and the Minimum Lot Size by Soil Type requirements (Section VI. B-2 of the Land Subdivision Control Regulations) shall be accounted for in calculating the permitted number of units. The Planning Board may permit the transfer of density from one part of a contiguous Lot to another within the Cluster Development so long as the total number of dwellings permitted does not exceed the number allowed by the underlying Zone District.

C. Amend **ARTICLE XIX Planned Unit Development**, Paragraph B. General Requirements, Sub-paragraph 3. Density as follows:

3. Density: The number of Dwelling Units permitted within a Planned Unit Development shall not exceed the number allowed by the underlying Zone District(s). The applicable provisions of the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance) and the applicable provisions of the Steep Slopes Overlay District (Article XIV of the Zoning Ordinance) shall be accounted for in calculating the permitted number of units. The Planning Board may permit the transfer of density from one part to another within the Planned Unit Development so long as the total number of dwellings permitted does not exceed the number allowed by the underlying Zone District(s).

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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XVI Shore Land Overlay District**, Paragraph H. Nonconforming Buildings & Structures to permit new foundations under specified conditions to be built for nonconforming structures located entirely within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of lakes and ponds.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to make it easier to maintain or replace an existing foundation for structures located entirely within the first fifty (50) feet inland from the normal high water level of lakes and ponds. Currently, the Zoning Ordinance prohibits any construction within this 50-foot zone; this amendment would allow the maintenance or replacement of a structure’s foundation, pending an approved building permit.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 6: The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 6 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XVI Shore Land Overlay District**, Paragraph H. Nonconforming Buildings & Structures to permit new foundations under specified

conditions to be built for nonconforming structures located entirely within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of lakes and ponds.

More specifically, Amendment No 6 proposes to amend the Nonconforming Buildings & Structures section of **ARTICLE XVI Shore Land Conservation Overlay District** to allow for new foundations as follows:

A. Amend **ARTICLE XVI Shore Land Conservation Overlay District**, Paragraph H. Nonconforming Buildings & Structures, sub-paragraph 1 to replace the last paragraph with the following:

d. Improvements may include a new foundation, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(1)

The new foundation shall be constructed from a vantage point entirely outside the 50' vegetative buffer, or from within the structure itself, in a manner that does not disturb any part of the vegetative buffer beyond the footprint of the existing building.

(2)

No living space or basement area is added as a result of the new foundation.

(3)

No change in the footprint (drip line) of the structure (within the 50' vegetative buffer) will result from the new foundation.

~~These improvements are permitted only if the existing foundation for the Building or Structure 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.~~

B. Amend **ARTICLE III. Definitions** to define the following term:

XX. **Building Maintenance:** Work on an existing structure that is intended to preserve the building in its current configuration in order to retain its value and practical viability. Building Maintenance may include re-roofing or re-siding, repair or replacement in-kind of decaying structural members, adding insulation or insulated glass (provided there is no alteration of existing door and window openings), painting and/or replacement of interior and exterior finished surfaces, re-flooring, modernization of plumbing and utility services to meet current standards.

C. Amend **ARTICLE XX Legal Nonconforming Uses, Nonconforming Buildings and Nonconforming Lots**, Paragraph B, subparagraph 3, b, to add the following sentence:

This section does not include Building Maintenance within the types of work that comprise Substantial Improvement.

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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District** to add a new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first one hundred (100) feet inland from the ordinary high water mark of all streams regulated by the Ordinance. These streams are shown on the Streams and Wetland Protection Map dated March 13, 2001. A copy is available for viewing in the Selectmen’s Office.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to add a new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first one hundred feet inland from the ordinary high water mark of all streams protected by the ordinance. These protected streams are shown on the New London Streams and Wetlands Protection Map dated March 21, 2001.

The purpose of this new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development within these areas along streams is to minimize the effect any construction or development may have on the quality of the downstream water resources. Please also refer to the **RATIONALE** for **AMENDMENT NO. 4**, above, which is also applicable to this amendment.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 7: The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 7 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District** to add a new provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first one hundred (100) feet inland from the ordinary high water mark of all streams regulated by the Ordinance. These streams are shown on the Streams and Wetland Protection Map dated March 13, 2001. A copy is available for viewing in the Selectmen’s Office.

More specifically, Amendment No 7 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District** to add a new paragraph I. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan as follows:

I. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan:

- a) Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for all construction, filling, grading, dredging, and other activities requiring land disturbance within the first 100 feet inland from the Ordinary High Water Mark of all Streams as

defined by this Ordinance. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall describe the nature and purpose of the land disturbing activity; the amount of grading involved; and a description of the soils, topography, vegetation, and drainage. For minor land disturbances such as utility line or stairway construction, the Board of Selectmen may reduce the amount of detail needed in an erosion and sedimentation control plan.

- b) Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be developed in conformity with guidelines of the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service and with guidelines of the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of the Department of Environmental Services under RSA 485-A:17.
- c) The Board of Selectmen shall review and decide to approve or deny all plans before issuing a Building permit. The Board of Selectmen shall request the Conservation Commission to review the plan and make recommendations.
- d) The Board of Selectmen may require the applicant to post a bond or other security to assure conformance with approved plans. The security shall not be released until the Board of Selectmen has certified completion of the required improvements in accordance with the plan.
- e) Erosion control measures shall be installed before construction and grading.

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 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIV Shore Land Overlay District** to revise the current provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of all lakes and ponds to be consistent with the new language proposed for comparable sections in the Wetlands and Steep Slopes Overlay Districts.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE: The purpose of this amendment is to revise the current provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of all lakes and ponds to be consistent with the new language proposed for comparable sections in the Wetlands, Steams and Steep Slopes Overlay Districts Please also refer to the **RATIONALE** for **AMENDMENT NO. 4**, above, which is also applicable to this amendment.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 8: The Planning Board’s Amendment No 8 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XIV Shore Land Overlay District** to revise the current provision requiring an erosion and sedimentation control plan for any construction or development located within the first fifty feet inland from the normal high water level of all lakes

and ponds to be consistent with the new language proposed for comparable sections in the Wetlands and Steep Slopes Overlay Districts.

More specifically Amendment No. 8 proposes to amend **ARTICLE XVI Shore Land Overlay District** to revise and reorganize paragraph F. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan as follows:

F. Erosion Control:

1. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan: ~~Construction~~
 - a. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for all construction, filling, grading, dredging, and other activities requiring land disturbance within the first 50 feet of the Normal High Water level within the Shore Land Overlay District.
 - b. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for construction, filling, grading, dredging, and other activities disturbing an area of more than 2,500 square feet which is located beyond the first 50 feet from Normal High Water within the Shore Land Overlay District.
 - c. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall describe the nature and purpose of the land disturbing activity; the amount of grading involved; and a description of the soils, topography, vegetation, and drainage. For minor land disturbances such as utility line or stairway construction, the Board of Selectmen may reduce the amount of detail needed in an erosion and sedimentation control plan.
 - d. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be developed in conformity with guidelines of the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service and with guidelines of the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of the Department of Environmental Services under RSA 485-A:17.
 - e. The Board of Selectmen shall review and decide to approve or deny all plans before issuing a Building permit. The Board of Selectmen shall request the Conservation Commission to review the plan and make recommendations.
 - f. The Board of Selectmen may require the applicant to post a bond or other security to assure conformance with approved plans. The security shall not be released until the Board of Selectmen has certified completion of the required improvements in accordance with the plan.
 - g. Erosion control measures shall be installed before construction and grading. ~~if possible.~~
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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by Petition?

AMENDMENT NO. 9: This Petitioned Amendment proposes to amend the definition of Structure in **ARTICLE III Definitions** to exempt “**equipment providing necessary utilities servicing buildings**” from the definition of a structure.

YES ___ NO ___

Specifically, the Petitioned Amendment proposes to amend the definition of Structure in **ARTICLE III Definitions** 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 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). **Equipment providing necessary utilities servicing Buildings**, ~~f~~ 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.

The Planning Board DISAPPROVES this petitioned zoning amendment.

END

THE STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2006 TOWN BUDGET

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

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 form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 22, 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Douglas W. Ryan
Patricia H. Blanchard
Robert A. March
Charles D. Taylor
W. Bruce Wright
John B. White

[Signature]
James S. Wheeler

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Appropriation/Expenditures January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005
Proposed Budget January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Purpose of Appropriation	2006 Warrant Article	2005 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-05	2006 Selectmen Proposed	2006 Budget Committee Proposed
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	5	236,418	224,562	267,815	267,815
Election, Registration & Vital	5	61,406	59,609	70,485	70,485
Financial Administration	5	217,385	209,021	240,778	240,778
Revaluation of Property	5	22,500	22,433	77,500	77,500
Legal Expense	6	40,300	31,437	40,300	40,300
Employee Benefits	5	186,164	194,389	203,890	203,890
Planning & Zoning Boards	5	40,457	33,435	48,432	48,432
General Government Buildings	5 & 25	165,950	148,750	168,593	168,593
Cemeteries	5	29,603	25,202	32,583	32,583
Insurance	5	52,400	51,681	67,100	67,100
Advertising (Tourism) & Reg. Assoc.	5	14,922	14,631	15,128	15,128
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department	7	688,563	648,071	736,160	736,160
Fire Department	7	162,944	175,425	201,055	201,055
Board of Firewards	7	581	468	493	493
Emergency Management	7	6,494	3,495	14,394	14,394
Communications	7	262,156	219,647	276,300	276,300
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highway Administration	8	565,259	544,529	615,691	615,691
Highway & Streets	8	484,400	476,244	547,300	547,300
Street Lighting	8	22,100	22,692	66,000	66,000
SANITATION					
Transfer Station	9 & 24	412,654	425,877	474,045	474,045
Solid Waste Cleanup	9	16,550	10,572	25,395	25,395
Sewage Collection & Disposal	9	618,000	618,000	705,000	705,000
HEALTH					
Health Administration	10 & 19	7,664	7,209	41,075	41,075
Health Agencies	10	96,241	96,047	106,524	106,524
WELFARE					
Welfare-Administration	10	815	812	815	815
Intergovernmental Welfare	10	3,699	3,699	3,699	3,699
Welfare-Vendor Payments	10	3,500	5,566	5,000	5,000

Purpose of Appropriation	2006 Warrant Article	2005 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-05	2006 Selectmen Proposed	2006 Budget Committee Proposed
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Parks & Recreation	11	122,955	120,194	115,129	115,129
Tracy Memorial Library	11	353,375	353,375	397,950	397,950
Patriotic Purposes	11	300	300	300	300
Other Culture	11	4,000	488	1,000	1,000
CONSERVATION					
Conservation-Administration	12	21,370	2,166	7,420	7,420
Other Conservation	12	10,000	400	10,000	10,000
DEBT SERVICE					
Bonded Debt Principal	13	169,324	168,897	118,897	118,897
Interest	13	77,599	68,843	84,040	84,040
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Capital Outlay: Vehicles, Mach., Equip.	15,17	213,500	166,680	245,500	245,500
Capital Outlay: Buildings	16	102,000	74,473	149,600	149,600
Capital Outlay: Improvements	18, 20	59,500	32,896	613,000	613,000
Transfers to Capital Reserves	14	683,000	683,000	741,000	741,000
TOTAL		6,236,048	5,945,216	7,535,386	7,535,386

LIMITATION OF APPROPRIATIONS PER RSA 32:18

RSA 32:18 Limitation of Appropriations: In any municipality electing this subdivision, or any district wholly within a town electing this subdivision, the total amount appropriated at any annual meeting shall not exceed by more than 10 percent the total amount recommended by the budget committee for such meeting. . . . These totals shall include appropriations contained in special warrant articles. Money may be raised and appropriated for purposes included in the budget or in the warrant and not recommended by the budget committee, but not to an amount which would increase the total appropriations by more than the 10 percent allowed under this paragraph. The 10 percent increase allowable under this paragraph shall be computed on the total amount recommended by the budget committee less that part of any appropriation item which constitutes fixed charges. Fixed charges shall include appropriations for:

- I. Bonds, and all interest and principal payments thereon.
- II. Notes, except tax anticipation notes, and all interest and principal payments thereon.
- III. Mandatory assessments imposed on towns by the county, state or federal governments.

TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$7,535,386
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
Principal-Long Term Debt (Article 13)	\$118,897
Interest-Long Term Debt (Article 13)	\$84,040
Proposed Bonds (Articles 3 & 4)	\$525,000
TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	\$727,937
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSION AMOUNT	\$6,807,449
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE (10% LIMITATION)	\$680,745

BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Estimated 2006 Revenue/Actual 2005 Receipts
Estimated Revenue January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Source of Revenue	2005 Estimated Revenues	Received 12-31-05	2006 Selectmen Proposed Revenues	2006 Budget Committee Proposed Revenues
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax (CU)	51,500	51,500	20,000	20,000
Yield Tax	8,873	8,873	2,000	2,000
Interest & Penalties	31,900	34,923	32,400	32,400
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Business Licenses	25,300	24,690	23,300	23,300
Motor Vehicles Fees	764,800	799,394	774,800	774,800
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	48,440	52,012	46,350	46,350
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
Federal Emergency Management Grant	13,331	13,331		
Sidewalk & Intersection Grant	0	2,316	70,400	70,400
Police/Highway Safety Grant	4,102	1,372	0	0
Help America Vote	150	150		
Other Federal Grants	0	0	0	0
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524	57,685	30,524	30,524
Meals & Rooms Tax	159,936	159,936	150,000	150,000
Highway Block Grant	120,774	120,774	122,000	122,000
Water Pollution Grants	16,232	16,232	15,606	15,606
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	136,333	149,930	135,801	135,801
Other Charges	400	480	400	400
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	14,200	19,190	17,100	17,100
Interest on Investments	33,500	50,486	35,225	35,225
Other	240,255	260,733	250,504	250,504
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
Enterprise Fund – Sewer	650,186	650,186	735,981	735,981
Capital Reserve Funds	424,610	334,380	385,200	385,200
Trust & Agency Funds	5,000	5,000	8,000	8,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	480,000	480,000	0	0
Proceeds from Bond	0	0	525,000	525,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	3,260,346	3,293,573	3,380,591	3,380,591

THE STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2005
YEAR-END
FINANCIALS

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005
(UNAUDITED)**

Account Name	Appropriations	Total Available	Expended 12-31-05	Encumbered Forward	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	236,418.00	236,418.00	224,561.84	3,250.00	8,606.16	
Election & Registration	61,406.00	61,406.00	59,608.98		1,797.02	
Financial Administration	217,385.00	217,385.00	209,021.33		8,363.67	
Revaluation of Property	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,433.00			7,795.61
Legal Expense	40,300.00	40,300.00	31,436.52		8,863.48	
Employee Benefits	186,164.00	186,164.00	194,389.49			8,225.49
Planning & Zoning	40,457.00	40,457.00	33,435.32	3,220.00	3,801.68	
General Govt. Buildings	165,950.00	165,950.00	148,749.84	3,146.00	14,054.16	
Cemeteries	29,603.00	29,603.00	25,202.44		4,400.56	
Insurance	52,400.00	52,400.00	51,680.80		719.20	
Regional Associations	14,922.00	14,922.00	14,631.45		290.55	
Police Department	688,563.00	688,563.00	648,070.97		40,492.03	
Fire Department	162,944.00	162,944.00	175,424.57			12,480.57
Board of Firewards	581.00	581.00	468.21		112.79	
Emergency Management	6,494.00	6,494.00	3,494.77		2,999.23	
Communications	262,156.00	262,156.00	219,646.72		42,509.28	
Highway Administration	565,259.00	565,259.00	544,529.46		20,729.54	
Highways & Streets	484,400.00	484,400.00	476,243.90		8,156.10	
Street Lighting	22,100.00	21,000.00	22,692.08			592.08
Transfer Station	412,654.00	412,654.00	425,876.93			13,222.93
Solid Waste Cleanup	16,550.00	16,550.00	10,572.26		5,977.74	
Sewage Collection & Disposal	618,000.00	618,000.00	618,000.00		0.00	
Health Department	7,664.00	7,664.00	7,209.28		454.72	
Health Agencies	96,241.00	96,241.00	96,047.00		194.00	
Welfare - Administration	815.00	815.00	812.38		2.62	
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,699.00	3,699.00	3,699.00		0.00	
Welfare - Vendor Payments	3,500.00	3,500.00	5,566.27			2,066.27
Parks & Recreation	122,955.00	122,955.00	120,193.88		2,761.12	
Tracy Memorial Library	353,375.00	353,375.00	353,375.00		0.00	
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	300.00		0.00	
Other Culture - Archives	4,000.00	4,000.00	487.59		3,512.41	
Conservation - Admin.	21,370.00	21,370.00	2,166.02	6,000.00	13,203.98	
Other Conservation - Trees	10,000.00	10,000.00	400.00		9,600.00	
Bonded Debt	169,324.00	169,324.00	168,897.00		427.00	
Bonded Debt - Interest	77,599.00	77,599.00	68,842.88		8,756.12	
Capital Outlay: Vehicles, Mach.	213,500.00	213,500.00	166,679.79		46,820.21	
Capital Outlay: Buildings	102,000.00	102,000.00	74,473.42		27,526.58	
Capital Outlay: Improvements	59,500.00	59,500.00	32,895.61	26,604.00	0.39	
Transfers to Capital Reserves	683,000.00	683,000.00	683,000.00		0.00	
2004 Encumbered Forward		56,841.09		56,841.09		
TOTAL	\$6,236,048.00	\$6,291,789.09	\$5,945,216.00	\$99,061.09	\$285,132.34	(\$44,382.95)
NET UNEXPENDED					\$240,749.39	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005
(UNAUDITED)

Revenue Account	2005	2005
	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Land Use Change Taxes	51,500.00	51,500.00
Yield Taxes	8,873.00	8,873.11
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	31,900.00	34,922.69
Business Licenses	25,300.00	24,689.92
Motor Vehicle Fees	764,800.00	799,393.50
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	48,440.00	52,011.75
FEMA Grant	13,331.00	13,331.21
Highway Safety Grant	4,102.00	1,371.56
Sidewalk Grant	0.00	2,316.49
Help America Vote Grant	150.00	150.00
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524.00	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	159,936.00	159,936.25
Highway Block Grant	120,774.00	120,774.34
State Aid Water Pollution Control	16,232.00	16,231.50
Income from Departments	136,333.00	149,929.66
Income from Sewer Department	618,000.00	618,000.00
Other Charges	400.00	480.00
Sale of Municipal Property	14,200.00	19,190.49
Interest on Investments	33,500.00	50,486.32
Rent of Town Property	52,194.00	52,218.96
Fines & Forfeits	8,750.00	8,301.00
Insurance Reimbursements	76,232.00	91,317.31
Contributions & Refunds	19,950.00	30,302.76
Revenue - Other Misc. Sources	83,129.00	78,593.13
Transfers - Sewer Department	32,186.00	32,186.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	424,610.00	334,379.69
Transfers - Trust & Agency Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	480,000.00	480,000.00
TOTAL	3,260,346.00	3,293,572.64

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005
(UNAUDITED)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$224,561.84
Election, Registration & Vitals	59,608.98
Financial Administration	209,021.33
Revaluation of Property	22,433.00
Legal Expenses	31,436.52
Personnel Administration	194,389.49
Planning and Zoning	33,435.32
General Governmental Buildings	148,749.84
Cemeteries	25,202.44
Insurance	51,680.80
Regional Associations	14,631.45

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	648,070.97
Fire Department	175,424.57
Board of Firewards	468.21
Emergency Management	3,494.77
Communications	219,646.72

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Administration	544,529.46
Highways and Streets	476,243.90
Street Lighting	22,692.08

SANITATION

Transfer Station	425,876.93
Solid Waste Cleanup	10,572.26
Sewage Collection & Disposal	618,000.00

HEALTH

Health Department	7,209.28
Health Agencies	96,047.00

WELFARE

Welfare – Administration	812.38
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,699.00
Welfare-Vendor Payments	5,566.27

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	120,193.88
Tracy Memorial Library	353,375.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Other Culture - Archives	487.59

CONSERVATION

Conservation – Administration	2,166.02
Care of Trees	400.00

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long Term Debt	168,897.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	68,842.88

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Vehicles, Machinery, Equipment	166,679.79
Buildings (Maintenance Projects)	74,473.42
Improvements	32,895.61

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	683,000.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS - 2005 WARRANT ***\$5,945,216.00****OTHER PAYMENTS**

Kearsarge Regional School District	6,559,029.00
Merrimack County Taxes	2,275,449.00
State School Taxes	1,514,885.00
Water Precinct Taxes	306,181.00
Taxes Bought by Town	42,666.47
Tax Abatements	311,432.73
Tax Deferrals	3,901.68
State of New Hampshire	18,884.50
Milfoil Project Reimbursements	18,000.00
Trustee of the Trust Fund	3,200.00
Refunds	51,108.14
Library Appropriation Adjustment	(30,600.00)
NL Sewer (Job Seamans/Birch Acres)	15,030.46
NL Sewer (Edmunds Road)	16,503.19
Wastewater Grant Payment	16,232.00
Sewer Appropriation Adjustment	(104,650.80)
Salaries - Library	214,237.32
Salaries - Sewer	107,055.39
Payroll Deductions	1,489.78
2004 Encumbered	104,626.46
2004 Accounts Payable	26,593.53

TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS**11,471,254.85****2005 SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID****\$17,416,470.85**

* Total Payments - 2005 Warrant	\$5,945,216.00
Adjustment - Sewer Payments	(104,650.80)
2004 Accounts Payable	26,593.53
2004 Encumbered	104,626.46
Expended Dec. 31, 2005	<u>\$5,971,785.19</u>

SUMMARY OF GROSS RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005
(UNAUDITED)

BY TAXATION:

Prior Year Property Tax	433,895.60
Interest	25,753.54
Tax Sales Redeemed	36,657.27
Yield Tax	4,258.75
Land Use Change Tax	7,500.00
2005 Property Tax	12,082,353.42
Interest	9,169.15
Over Payments	44,701.43
Yield Tax	5,056.84
Land Use Change Tax	44,000.00

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Revenue Sharing Block Grant	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	159,936.25
State Aid Water Pollution Control	16,232.00
Highway Block Grant	120,774.34

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA Grant	13,331.21
Sidewalk & Intersection Grant	2,316.49
Help America Vote Grant	150.00
Emergency Action Grant	1,371.56

FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES

Business Licenses	24,714.92
Motor Vehicle Fees	802,300.50
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	51,986.75
Income from Departments	150,256.64
Sewer User Charges	618,000.00
Other Charges	480.00
Sewer Betterment/Goose Hole	153.44
Sales of Municipal Property	19,190.49
Interest on Investments	50,486.32
Rents of Property	52,243.96
Fines & Forfeits	8,301.00
Insurance Reimbursements	91,829.52
Contributions & Refunds	33,245.10
Revenue-Other Misc. Sources	47,993.13
Transfers - Sewer Department	48,417.50
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	334,379.69
Milfoil Capital Reserves	18,000.00
Transfers - Trust & Agency Fund	5,000.00
Cemetery Plot Sales	3,200.00
Payments Due State	18,884.50
Payments Due NL Sewer Comm.	(73,117.15)
Refunds from Library (Payroll)	214,237.32
Refunds from Sewer (Payroll)	107,055.39
2004 Accounts Receivable	883,558.07

TOTAL RECEIPTS

16,576,077.51

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT*

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

	Sewer Construction July 9, 1993		Facilities Bond & Edmunds Road Sewer July 22, 1999		Highway Garage & Fire Station June 2005	
	Original Amount \$345,000	Interest Rate	Original Amount \$1,250,000	Interest Rate	Original Amount \$877,940	Interest Rate
2006	20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00	43,897	3.72
2007	20,000	5.50	55,000	5.00	43,897	3.72
2008	20,000	5.60	60,000	5.00	43,897	3.72
2009			60,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2010			65,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2011			65,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2012			65,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2013			65,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2014			70,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2015			75,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2016			75,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2017			80,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2018			85,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2019			80,000	5.25	43,897	3.72
2020					43,897	3.72
2021					43,897	3.72
2022					43,897	3.72
2023					43,897	3.72
2024					43,897	3.72
	<u>\$ 60,000</u>		<u>\$ 955,000</u>		<u>\$ 834,043</u>	

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS*

Comparative Balance Sheet
December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2005

Amount to be provided for retirement of Long Term Debt:

	2004	2005
Due from General Fund		
Town's Share	\$885,000.00	\$1,629,043.00
Due from Sewer Commission	\$238,154.00	\$203,768.00
Due from N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission	<u>\$16,846.00</u>	<u>\$16,232.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,140,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,849,043.00</u>
Long Term Debt Outstanding		
Tracy Library & G H Sewer Bond - 1990	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Sewer Construction Bond - 1993	\$80,000.00	\$60,000.00
Facilities & Edmunds Rd Sewer Bond - 1999	\$1,010,000.00	\$955,000.00
Highway Garage & Fire Station Bond - 2005	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$834,043.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,140,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,849,043.00</u>

* These statements do not include debt of the Kearsarge Regional School District.

2005 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Form MS-1 (as of April 1, 2005)

	2005 Acreage	2005 Assessed Valuation	2004 Assessed Valuation	% change
Current Use Land	6,704	815,300	708,400	15%
Conservation Restriction Assessment (at Current Use Value)	34	3,100	3,100	
Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved)	5,206	405,758,465	354,385,468	14%
Commercial Land	323	23,641,435	21,350,200	11%
Total Taxable Land	12,667	\$430,218,300	\$376,447,168	14%
<i>Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land</i>	<i>1,131</i>	<i>\$ 23,365,300</i>		
Residential Buildings		541,603,620	452,717,620	20%
Manufactured Housing (defined by RSA 674:31)		0	47,400	
Commercial Buildings		58,303,280	50,412,780	16%
Total Taxable Buildings		599,906,900	\$503,177,800	19%
<i>Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings</i>		<i>\$ 45,296,200</i>		
Public Utilities		4,413,800	4,413,800	
Valuation before exemptions:		\$1,034,539,000	\$884,038,768	17%
Exemptions:				
Elderly Exemptions per RSA 72:39-a & b	13	(675,000)	(405,000)	67%
Blind Exemptions per RSA 72:37	4	(60,000)	(60,000)	
Exemption for Disabled Veterans per RSA 72:36-a	1	(231,600)	(180,200)	29%
Solar Exemptions per RSA 72:62	4	(74,926)	(74,926)	
School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions per RSA 72:23 IV	1	(650,000)	(650,000)	
Total exemptions:		\$(1,691,526)	\$ (1,370,126)	23%
NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE		\$1,032,847,474	\$882,668,642	17%
Valuation without utilities, used for State Education Taxes		\$1,028,433,674	\$878,254,842	17%

TAX RATE HISTORY

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Townwide Valuation	1,032,847,474	882,668,642	877,882,126	686,112,001	513,590,439	508,181,597	502,580,662
Town Tax Rate	3.33	3.51	3.33	3.97	4.09	3.86	3.64
Local Education Tax Rate	3.71	5.47	4.51	5.24	6.78	6.16	5.53
State Education Tax Rate	2.56	3.39	3.03	4.49	6.71	6.54	6.61
County Tax Rate	2.19	2.24	2.08	1.77	2.47	2.24	2.11
Tax Rate	11.79	14.61	12.95	15.47	20.05	18.80	17.89
Water Precinct Tax Rate	0.85	1.33	1.22	1.69	0.88	0.62	0.60
Tax Rate in Water Precinct	12.64	15.94	14.17	17.16	20.93	19.42	18.49

EXPLANATION OF 2005 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Town Tax Calculation

Town Appropriations per 2005 Town Meeting (see Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures)	6,236,048	
Less Revenues (see Comparative Statement of Revenues)	(2,780,346)	
Less Surplus to Offset Tax Rate (see Comparative Statement of Revenues)	(480,000)	
Less Shared Revenues	(16,832)	
Plus Overlay	397,503	
Plus War Service Credits	83,400	
Total to be raised by taxes	\$3,439,773	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	1,032,847,474	
Town Rate per \$1000		3.33

Local School Tax Calculation

KRSD Apportionment due from New London	6,461,079	
Less State Adequate Education Grant	(2,633,160)	
Total to be raised by taxes	\$3,827,919	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	1,032,847,474	
Local School Rate per \$1000		3.71

State Education Taxes Calculation

Equalized Valuation at 84.2% (not including utilities)	927,169,133	
Multiplied by Statewide Property Tax Rate	x 2.84	
Total to be raised by taxes	\$2,633,160	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (not including utilities)	1,028,433,674	
State Education Tax Rate per \$1000		2.56

Merrimack County Tax Calculation

Merrimack County Budget	30,035,072	
Due to Merrimack County from New London	2,275,449	
Less Shared Revenues	(10,329)	
Total to be raised by taxes	2,265,120	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation	1,032,847,474	
County Tax Rate per \$1000		2.19
Total Tax Rate per \$1000		11.79

New London-Springfield Water Precinct Tax Calculation

Amount to be raised per 2005 Annual Meeting	306,181	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (within NLSWP)	360,212,882	
New London-Springfield Water Precinct Tax Rate per \$1000		0.85
Total Tax Rate for property within NLSWP		12.64

Total Property Taxes to be Collected	12,165,972	
Plus New London-Springfield Water Precinct commitment	306,181	
TOTAL RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES IN 2005	12,472,153	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

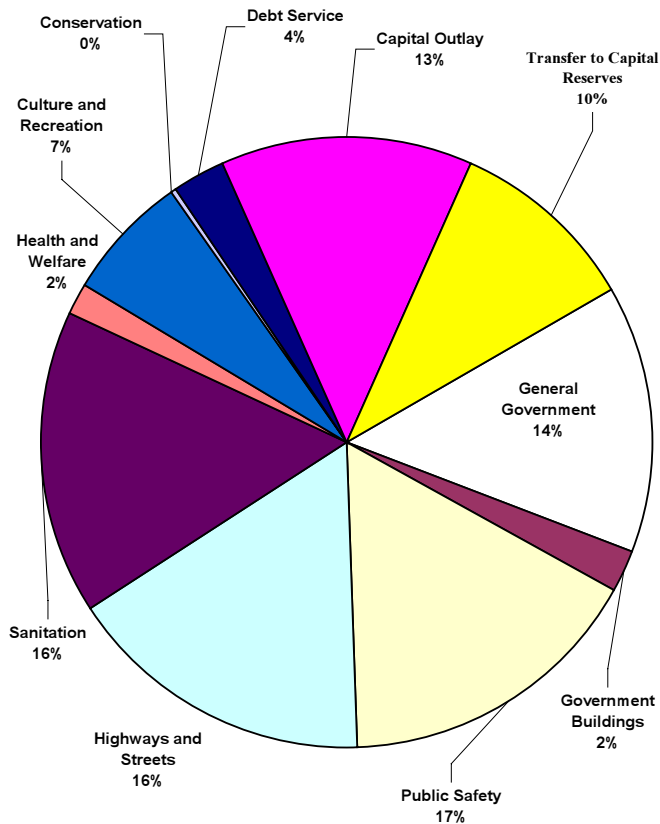
		Map/Lot	Acreage	Value
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & LAND				
Whipple Memorial Town Hall	429 Main Street			
Harold W. Buker Jr. Municipal Building	25 Seamans Road	085-002	0.68	\$934,000
Old Colby Academy Building	375 Main Street	084-090	0.41	\$678,100
Tracy Memorial Library	304 Main Street	084-054	1.00	\$1,385,000
Ausbon Sargent Common & Bandstand	401 Main Street	085-001	3.80	\$605,400
Little Common, Main Street	328 Main Street	084-009	1.00	\$245,500
Fire Department Land & Buildings	237 Main Street	084-066	0.95	\$849,800
Highway Department Land & Buildings	186 South Pleasant Street	095-052	4.13	\$723,900
Transfer Station/Recycling & Disposal	1213 Newport Road	056-008	4.80	\$528,000
Sewer Plant	64 Frothingham Road	095-015	11.40	\$715,000
Brush & Metal Disposal Center	74 Old Dump Road	033-023	6.70	\$77,300
BEACHES				
Bucklin Beach, Land & Buildings	549 Little Sunapee Road	033-009	0.88	\$428,300
Elkins Beach, Bathhouses & Post Office	349 Elkins Road	077-012	1.50	\$676,400
CEMETERIES				
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
CONSERVATION LAND				
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	\$46,400
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	\$253,300
		093-014	16.90	\$167,000
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
 Backland off Squires Lane/lagoons
 Mountain Road, Landfill Closure
 Mountain Road, Landfill Closure
 Mountain Road, Landfill Closure
 Mountain Road, Landfill Closure
 Mountain Road, Landfill Closure
 Landfill, Mountain Road
 Land, Bog Road
 Land, Soo Nipi Park Road

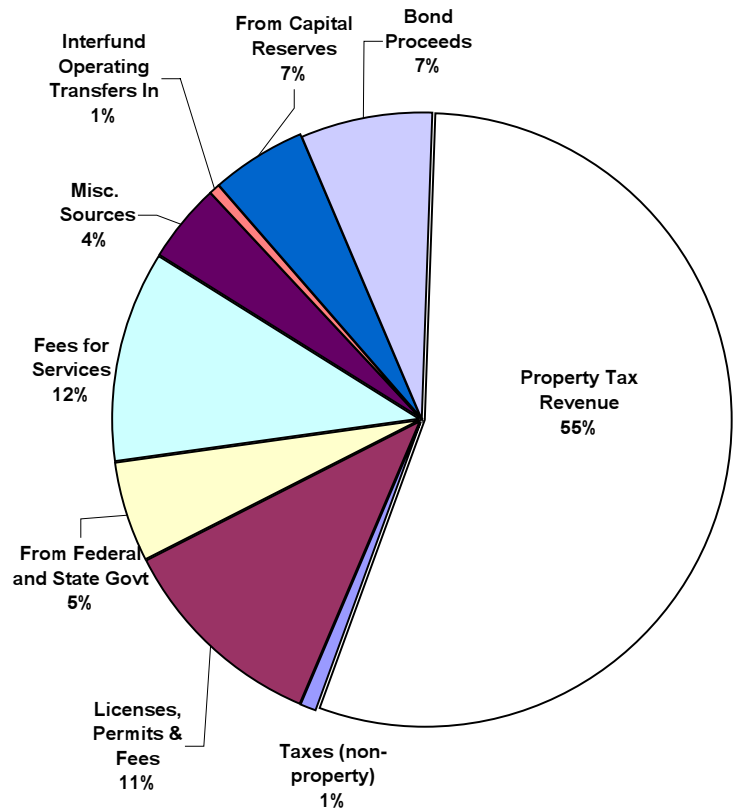
Map/Lot	Acreage	Value
078-031	0.95	\$10,000
096-040	37.00	\$77,700
101-003	8.50	\$100,400
101-004	2.00	\$55,100
101-005	13.90	\$112,900
101-006	6.40	\$65,000
101-007	2.30	\$5,800
101-008	14.07	\$106,000
119-002	23.80	\$75,200
126-002	0.07	\$3,400
TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY	693.44	\$12,365,100

PIE CHARTS SHOWING 2006 PROPOSED EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Expenses



Revenues



TREASURER'S REPORT

During 2005, as short-term interest rates trended upward, the Town was able to invest excess cash in short-term bank certificates of deposit, which yielded better than expected interest income. In addition, as in past years, the Town utilized the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP), which provides safe and reasonable returns, to deploy overnight funds. The Pool was established in accordance with NH RSA 383:22 and is now managing over \$280 million in public funds. Investments include short-term US Treasury obligations, state and municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from A1/P1-rated banks, and overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements. As we look into 2006, borrowings to cover the repair of the Town's previously closed landfill caused by the heavy rains during the fall of 2005 and improvements to the Town's sewer plant will be voted on at the annual Town Meeting. The flat interest rate yield curve has allowed long-term interest rates to remain relatively low, which should provide the Town with favorable funding opportunities.

Carolyn Fraley, the Town's Finance Officer, skillfully manages the Town's expenditures and is invaluable in maintaining the Town's financial records. Also, the entire staff at the Town Offices, under Jessie Levine's leadership, 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

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 continued to be relatively flat during 2005, we are pleased to report that we distributed approximately \$21,000 to the Library and reinvested approximately \$11,000 for the Cemetery Fund.

The Trustees intend to continue to manage the Town's 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, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

General Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$4,448,222.64	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$16,576,077.51	
		\$21,024,300.15
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$17,416,470.85	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$3,607,829.30	
		\$21,024,300.15

Conservation Commission Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$8,613.63	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$71.59	
		\$8,685.22
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$8,685.22	
		\$8,685.22

Conservation Commission Esther Currier Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$1,001.79	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$2.50	
		\$1,004.29
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$1,004.29	
		\$1,004.29

Conservation Commission Low Plains Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$3,604.99	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$8.98	
		\$3,613.97
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$3,613.97	
		\$3,613.97

Tree Relief Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$183.24	
Amounts Received January 1-December 31, 2005	\$5.45	
		\$188.69
Amounts Paid Out January 1-December 31, 2005	\$5.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$183.69	
		\$188.69

Snow Construction Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$3,003.50	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$4.11	
		\$3,007.61
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$1,700.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$1,307.61	
		\$3,007.61

New London Recreation Revolving Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$19,222.28	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$34,219.04	
		\$53,441.32
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$18,738.27	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$34,703.05	
		\$53,441.32

Ephemera Purchases (Archives Committee)

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$3,000.97	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$3.01	
		\$3,003.98
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$3,003.98	
		\$3,003.98

Disease Prevention & Control (Health Department)

Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$5,001.63	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$5.00	
		\$5,006.63

Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$5,006.63</u>	\$5,006.63
Quarry Ridge AE LLC Escrow Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$11,463.58</u>	\$11,463.58
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$11,463.58	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$11,463.58
Carlton F Barton Escrow Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$1,000.61</u>	\$1,000.61
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$1,000.61</u>	\$1,000.61
Andrews Family Scholarship Fund		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$11,318.00</u>	\$11,318.00
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$11,318.00</u>	\$11,318.00
Paige Fischer Scholarship Fund		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$780.00</u>	\$780.00
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$780.00</u>	\$780.00
SEWER COMMISSION ACCOUNTS (Unaudited)		
Sewer Operating Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$178,135.77	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$726,092.83</u>	\$904,228.60
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$713,803.57	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$190,425.03</u>	\$904,228.60
Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Accounts		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$366,854.54	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$19,127.30</u>	\$385,981.84
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$135,773.75	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$250,208.09</u>	\$385,981.84
Sewer (Edmunds Road) Construction Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$19,147.59	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$25,668.62</u>	\$44,816.21
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$24,037.50	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$20,778.71</u>	\$44,816.21
Job Seamans/Birch Acres Operating Accounts		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2005	\$11,289.20	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2005	<u>\$24,176.00</u>	\$35,465.20
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2005	\$24,380.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	<u>\$11,085.20</u>	\$35,465.20

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Theroux

Treasurer

2005 TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORTS

MS-9 TRACY LIBRARY & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gain/Loss	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Market Value 12/31/04	Principal Only Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value 12/31/2005	Total Market Value
1951	Jane A Tracy Fund	PDIP #0024	(1,796.05)	1,796.05			-	1,975.04	0.86	1,975.90	(0.00)	(1,796.05)		-	(0.00)
		AGEdwards Money Mkt Fund	607.46	2,119.04		1,796.05	930.45	424.22	34.65	438.22	20.65	607.46		930.45	951.10
		Midcap 400 S&P Dep. Receipts (357 shs.)	33,044.23				33,044.23		478.26	478.26	-	43,197.00	4,887.33	48,084.33	48,084.33
		S&P 500 Depository Receipts (112shs.)	13,083.36				13,083.36		228.95	228.95	-	13,537.44	407.68	13,945.12	13,945.12
		GMAC 7.125% 8/15/12	20,000.00				20,000.00		1,425.00	1,425.00	-	20,039.60	(3,582.40)	16,457.20	16,457.20
		Pimco Corp Income Fund	19,615.58		254.30	254.30	19,615.58		1,731.70	1,731.70	-	19,614.60	(653.82)	18,960.78	18,960.78
		Pimco Corp Opportunity Fund	23,732.87		864.74	864.74	23,732.87		2,219.28	2,219.28	-	23,833.40	(1,116.35)	22,717.05	22,717.05
		US TREAS NOTE 3.875% due 2/15/13	44,746.25				44,746.25		1,743.76	1,743.76	-	44,398.80	(784.80)	43,614.00	43,614.00
		US TREAS NOTE 6 1/2% 5-05	20,706.25		(706.25)	20,000.00	-		650.00	650.00	-	20,292.20	(256.20)	20,036.00	20,036.00
		US TREAS NOTE 5 5/8% 2-06	19,963.80				19,963.80		1,125.00	1,125.00	-	20,618.80	15,305.20	35,924.00	35,924.00
		US TREAS NOTE 6 1/8% 08-07	34,793.85				34,793.85		2,143.76	2,143.76	-	37,562.00	(27,290.00)	10,272.00	10,272.00
		US TREAS NOTE 5 5/8% 05-08	9,984.10				9,984.10		562.50	562.50	-	10,725.80	9,466.20	20,192.00	20,192.00
		US TREAS NOTE 4 3/4% 11-08	19,991.00				19,991.00		950.00	950.00	-	20,947.60	(40.20)	20,907.40	20,907.40
		Fed Farm Credit Bk 6.01% 06-10	18,554.00				18,554.00		1,202.00	1,202.00	-	21,636.80	(3,038.84)	18,597.96	18,597.96
		Discover Bank 5% CTF DEP 5/13/13		19,000.00			19,000.00		478.90	478.90	-		-		
		25000 FHLB 4.5% 2/23/2011	24,255.00				24,255.00		1,125.00	1,125.00	-	24,810.00	(461.25)	24,348.75	24,348.75
		Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund (1123.678 shs)	23,771.18				23,771.18		542.74	542.74	-	39,632.12	1,213.57	40,845.69	40,845.69
		Fidelity Spartan Market Index (656.180 shs)	31,028.41				31,028.41	928.35	909.76	1,608.45	229.66	54,729.54	1,749.14	56,478.68	56,708.34
		Fidelity Money Market Fund						3.01	0.04	3.05					
		Fidelity Matthews China Fund (889.774 Shs)	13,866.86				13,866.86	126.26	200.58	326.84	0.00	12,924.23	693.56	13,617.79	13,617.79
		Tracy Fund Total	369,948.15	22,915.09	412.79	22,915.09	370,360.94	3,456.88	17,752.74	20,959.31	250.31	427,311.34	(3,501.18)	425,929.20	426,179.51
1913	Sarah & Elizabeth Brown Fund	NH PDIP #0013	1,692.34				1,692.34	2.34	48.13	44.83	5.64	1,692.34		1,692.34	1,697.98
1945	Ann Mary Jelly Fund	NH PDIP #0011	129.87				129.87	0.31	3.65		3.96	129.87		129.87	133.83
1962	Kathleen L Whitcomb Fund	NH PDIP #0012	39.09				39.09				-	39.09		39.09	39.09
		Fidelity Muni Money Market						0.10			0.10				0.10
		500.290 Puritan Fund Shares	6,519.69				6,519.69	62.33	260.06	322.39	-	9,918.09	193.71	10,111.80	10,111.80
		Whitcomb Fund Total	6,558.78				6,558.78	62.43	260.06	322.39	0.10	9,957.18	193.71	10,150.89	10,150.99
TOTAL LIBRARY INVESTMENTS			378,329.14	22,915.09	412.79	22,915.09	378,741.93	3,521.96	18,064.58	21,326.53	260.01	439,090.73	(3,307.47)	437,902.30	438,162.31
1992	Fire Vehicle Fund	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund	455.25	6,171.50			6,626.75	2,786.87	176.39		2,963.26	455.25		9,590.01	9,590.01
		U.S. Treas Note 4.25% due 8/15/2013	68,544.75				68,544.75	-	2,932.50	2,932.50	-	69,544.41	(1,165.41)	68,379.00	68,379.00
		Doral Bank 4.1% CD due 11/10/2011	79,000.00				79,000.00	-	3,239.00	3,239.00	-	77,239.09	(2,942.75)	74,296.34	74,296.34
		NH PDIP #183-0003	(2,332.82)	72,000.00			69,667.18	2,523.74	969.37		3,493.11	(2,332.82)		69,667.18	73,160.29
		Fire Vehicle Fund Total	145,667.18	78,171.50	-	-	223,838.68	5,310.61	7,317.26	6,171.50	6,456.37	144,905.93	(4,108.16)	221,932.53	225,425.64
1986	Police Dept. Scholarship Fund	NH PDIP #183-0020	146.32				146.32	44.09	5.37		49.46	146.32		146.32	195.78
1983	General Cemetery Maint. Fund	NH PDIP #183-0007	18,412.52	1,280.00		5,000.00	14,692.52	656.64	501.87		1,158.51	18,412.52		14,692.52	15,851.03
1993	Waste Water Treatment Equipment	AGEdwards Money Mkt Fund	(1,665.00)	4,903.76			3,238.76	7,742.31	209.09		7,951.40	(1,665.00)		3,238.76	11,190.16
		45000 FHLB 6.665% 6/23/2006	48,605.00				48,605.00	2,999.26	2,999.26	2,999.26	-	47,096.10	(1,626.75)	45,469.35	45,469.35
		20000 FHLB 6.06% 5/24/2006	21,305.00				21,305.00	1,212.00	1,212.00	1,212.00	-	20,727.20	(594.20)	20,133.00	20,133.00
		10000 FHLB 6.925% 4/17/2006	10,755.00				10,755.00	692.50	692.50	692.50	-	10,447.40	(374.30)	10,073.10	10,073.10
		NH PDIP #183-0005	(42,246.66)				(42,246.66)	50,228.46	227.93		50,456.39	(42,246.66)		(42,246.66)	8,209.73
		Waste Water Fund Total	36,753.34	4,903.76	-	-	41,657.10	57,970.77	5,340.78	4,903.76	58,407.79	34,359.04	(2,595.25)	(42,246.66)	95,075.34
1993	Highway Heavy Equipment	NH PDIP #183-0016	99,035.11	162,500.00		139,041.84	122,493.27	22,319.37	4,617.10		26,936.47	99,035.11		122,493.27	149,429.74
1993	Revaluation Fund	NH PDIP #183-0006	(1,626.00)				(1,626.00)	31,633.97	850.66	30,000.00	2,484.63	(1,626.00)		(1,626.00)	858.63
1993	Tracy Library Building Maint. Fund	NH PDIP #183-0009	29,521.91	15,000.00		27,000.00	17,521.91	566.26	837.64		1,403.90	29,521.91		17,521.91	18,925.81
1995	Conservation Comm. Land Fund	NH PDIP #183-0010	150,000.00	150,000.00			300,000.00	4,091.17	6,410.47		10,501.64	150,000.00		300,000.00	310,501.64
1995	Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0017	708.55	5,000.00			5,708.55	4,555.13	219.26		4,774.39	708.55		5,708.55	10,482.94
1996	Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0018	61,974.78	47,000.00		579.12	108,395.66	3,710.43	2,505.63		6,216.06	61,974.78		108,395.66	114,611.72
1996	Town Generator Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0019						1,729.04	49.30		1,778.34				1,778.34

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gain/Loss	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Market Value 12/31/04	Principal Only Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value 12/31/2005	Total Market Value	
1997	Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0021	(6,000.00)				(6,000.00)	6,398.67	11.34		6,410.01	(6,000.00)		(6,000.00)	410.01	
		AG Edwards Money Fund	70.00	2,249.00			2,319.00	10.72	28.85		39.57	70.00		2,319.00	2,358.57	
		5000 FFCB 3.5% due 7/28/2008	4,930.00				4,930.00		175.00	175.00	-	4,930.00	(85.20)	4,850.80	4,850.80	
		Midamerica Bk 3.4% due 11/13/2007	61,000.00				61,000.00	-	2,074.00	2,074.00	-	59,978.86	(924.76)	59,054.10	59,054.10	
		Standard Bk and Trust CD 4.25% 8/20/07		5,000.00			5,000.00				-	-			4,924.90	4,924.90
	Bridge Maintenance Fund Total	60,000.00	2,249.00			62,249.00	6,409.39	2,289.19	2,249.00	6,449.58	58,984.86	(1,009.96)	60,223.90	71,598.38		
1997	Computer Maintenance Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0022		5,000.00			5,000.00	83.92	69.53		153.45			5,000.00	5,153.45	
1998	Dictaphone Replacement Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	-	1,441.98			1,441.98	1,112.56	54.72		1,167.28	-		2,609.26	2,609.26	
		Discover Bank 4.8% due 6/19/07	15,000.00				15,000.00	721.98	720.00	1,441.98	-	15,306.60	(388.20)	14,918.40	14,918.40	
		NH PDIP #183-0023	(1,997.00)				(1,997.00)	2,518.66	15.06		2,533.72	(1,997.00)		(1,997.00)	536.72	
	Dictaphone Replacement Total	13,003.00	1,441.98			14,444.98	4,353.20	789.78	1,441.98	3,701.00	13,309.60	(388.20)	15,530.66	18,064.38		
1999	Copier Replacement Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0025	5,000.00	5,000.00			10,000.00	465.32	223.19		688.51	5,000.00		10,000.00	10,688.51	
1999	New Highway Equipment Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0026	17,942.00	29,000.00			46,942.00	3,817.91	1,044.22		4,862.13	17,942.00		46,942.00	51,804.13	
2000	Bucklin Beach Project Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0028	241.29				241.29	7.60	6.97		14.57	241.29		241.29	255.86	
2000	Hayes Dam Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0029						538.74	15.52		554.26			-	554.26	
2000	Fire Breathing Apparatus Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0030	91.37				91.37	1,417.07	43.15		1,460.22	91.37		91.37	1,551.59	
2001	Kezar Lake Watershed Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Market Fund						6,166.17	29.50	6,195.67	-	-		-	-	
		NH PDIP # 183-0031	80,000.00	6,188.81		86,188.81	-	3,443.88	505.76	3,949.64	0.00	80,000.00		-	-	
	Kezar Lake Watershed Total	80,000.00	6,188.81		86,188.81	-	9,610.05	535.26	10,145.31	-	80,000.00		-	-		
2002	Milfoil Prevention & Treatment Fund	NH PDIP #183-0033	23,446.86	28,000.00		17,824.50	33,622.36	398.89	929.48		1,328.37	23,446.86		33,622.36	34,950.73	
2002	Town Building Maintenance Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0034	43,530.00	20,000.00		45,975.92	17,554.08	536.71	1,516.86		2,053.57	43,530.00		17,554.08	19,607.65	
2002	Transfer Station Improvement Cap.	NH PDIP # 183-0036	50,000.00			2,685.00	47,315.00	725.84	1,448.55		2,174.39	50,000.00		47,315.00	49,489.39	
		AG Edwards Money Market Fund		562.50			562.50	571.71	25.18		596.89			562.50	1,159.39	
		Cornerstone Bk-CD 2.25% due 2-21-06	25,000.00				25,000.00	-	562.50	562.50	-	24,593.50	326.50	24,920.00	24,920.00	
	Transfer Station Improvement Total	75,000.00	562.50		2,685.00	72,877.50	1,297.55	2,036.23	562.50	2,771.28	74,593.50	326.50	72,797.50	75,568.78		
2002	Bandstand Unrestricted Fund	NHPDIP#183-0037	330,938.45			330,938.45	-	6,723.45	2,115.01	8,838.46	-	330,938.45		-	-	
		37000 1st Charter Bk CD 3.85% 12/01/06		37,000.00			37,000.00		718.10	718.10	-			36,567.10	36,567.10	
		37000 Discover Bk CD 4.4% due 6/01/10		37,000.00			37,000.00		816.23	816.23	-			35,781.22	35,781.22	
		37000 Wash. Trust Bk CD 4.3% due 6/03/09		37,000.00			37,000.00		797.68	797.68	-			35,969.92	35,969.92	
		4072 Nuveen Floating Rate Inc Fd		55,563.85			55,563.85		2,227.38	2,227.38	-			51,266.48	51,266.48	
		3659 Pioneer High Inc Trust		56,571.06			56,571.06		4,361.20	4,361.20	-			61,365.08	61,365.08	
		944 Standard and Poors Dep Ropt		113,351.08			113,351.08		952.79	952.79	-			117,537.44	117,537.44	
		AG Edwards Money Market Fund		13,164.30			1,464.30		562.31		-			1,464.30	2,026.61	
			Total Bandstand Unrestricted	330,938.45	349,650.29		342,638.45	337,950.29	6,723.45	12,550.70	18,711.84	562.31	330,938.45		339,951.54	340,513.85
		2002	Bandstand Restricted Fund	NHPDIP#183-0038	98,804.55			98,804.55	-	1,906.82	630.81	2,537.63	-	98,804.55		
34000 Washington Trust Bk CD 4.3% 6/3/09				34,000.00			34,000.00		733.00	733.00	-			33,053.44	33,053.44	
34000 Discover Bk CD 4.4% 6/1/10				34,000.00			34,000.00		750.05	750.05	-			32,880.04	32,880.04	
32000 1ST CHARTER Bk CD 3.85% 12/1/06				32,000.00			32,000.00		621.06	621.06	-			31,625.60	31,625.60	
AG Edwards Money Fund				3,446.29		1,000.00	2,446.29		179.52		179.52			2,446.29	2,625.81	
	Total Bandstand Restricted	98,804.55	103,446.29		99,804.55	102,446.29	1,906.82	2,914.44	4,641.74	179.52	98,804.55		100,005.37	100,184.89		
2003	Library Garden Maintenance Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0039		6,000.00		6,000.00	-	28.15	26.88		55.03			-	55.03	
2003	Kearsarge Regional Building Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0040	88,784.72	10,000.00		41,850.00	56,934.72	1,046.11	1,835.28		2,881.39	88,784.72		56,934.72	59,816.11	
2003	Kearsarge Regional Roof Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0041	334,174.98	75,000.00		409,174.98	3,471.89	10,203.66		13,675.55	334,174.98		409,174.98	422,850.53		
2003	Computer Software	NH PDIP # 183-0042	4,965.00	5,000.00		9,965.00	98.36	211.84		310.20	4,965.00		9,965.00	10,275.20		
2003	Kearsarge Special Education	NH PDIP # 183-0044	150,000.00	75,000.00		225,000.00	887.75	4,868.53		5,756.28	150,000.00		225,000.00	230,756.28		
2003	Town Hall Basement Fund	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	25,027.15	937.52			25,964.67	128.16	688.15		816.31	25,027.15		25,964.67	26,780.98	
		US Treas. Note 3.125% due 9/15/2008	14,972.85				14,972.85	468.76	468.76	937.52	-	14,850.60	(330.60)	14,520.00	14,520.00	
		NH PDIP 183-0008		25,000.00			25,000.00		334.74		334.74			25,000.00	25,334.74	
	Town Hall Basement Total	40,000.00	25,937.52			65,937.52	596.92	1,491.65	937.52	1,151.05	39,877.75	(330.60)	65,484.67	66,635.72		
2003	Main Street Rebuild Fund	AG Edwards Money Market Fund	48.10	619.50			667.60	387.66	20.11		407.77	48.10		667.60	1,075.37	
		FHLB3.07% 4/27/07	9,955.00				9,955.00		307.00	307.00	-	9,908.30	(81.90)	9,826.40	9,826.40	
		US Treas. Note 3.125% due 9/15/2008	9,996.90				9,996.90	-	312.50	312.50	-	9,900.40	(220.40)	9,680.00	9,680.00	
		NH PDIP 183-0004		10,000.00			10,000.00		133.93		133.93			10,000.00	10,133.93	
	Main Street Rebuild Total	20,000.00	10,619.50			30,619.50	387.66	773.54	619.50	541.70	19,856.80	(302.30)	30,174.00	30,715.70		

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gain/Loss	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Market Value 12/31/04	Principal Only Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value 12/31/2005	Total Market Value
2004	Police Department Computer Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0045	1,647.50	7,500.00			9,147.50	57.87	149.13		207.00	1,647.50		9,147.50	9,354.50
2004	Intersection Improvement Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0046	20,000.00	20,000.00			40,000.00	122.85	842.72		965.57	20,000.00		40,000.00	40,965.57
2004	Recreation Land Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0047	25,000.00	25,000.00			50,000.00	153.66	1,053.24		1,206.90	25,000.00		50,000.00	51,206.90
2004	Master Plan Update Fund	NH PDIP # 183-0048	10,000.00	10,000.00		140.00	19,860.00	61.54	421.23		482.77	10,000.00		19,860.00	20,342.77
2005	Public Works Study Fund	NH PDIP #183-0032		10,000.00			10,000.00		133.93		133.93			10,000.00	10,133.93
2005	Tracy Library Computer Fund	NH PDIP #183-0035		7,000.00			7,000.00		93.74		93.74			7,000.00	7,093.74
2005	Police Vehicle Fund	Standard Bk and Trust CD 4.25% 8/20/07		10,000.00			10,000.00							9,849.80	9,849.80
2005	Police Dept. Photocopier Fund	R-G Premier Bank CD 4.45% 8/19/08		4,000.00			4,000.00							3,925.88	3,925.88
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			378,329.14	22,915.09	412.79	22,915.09	378,741.93	4,923.32	18,064.58	21,326.53	3,053.62	439,090.73	(3,307.47)	437,902.30	440,955.92
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			1,983,163.43	1,315,451.15	-	814,728.19	2,483,886.39	177,066.86	75,725.23	80,384.65	172,407.44	1,978,627.39	(8,407.97)	2,395,494.72	2,647,610.73
TOTAL COMMON FUNDS (MS-10)			197,151.88	37,557.96	684.21	35,637.96	199,756.09	92,420.10	13,841.77		106,261.87	241,361.42	(1,031.50)	244,195.18	350,457.05
REPORT TOTAL			2,558,644.45	1,375,924.20	1,097.00	873,281.24	3,062,384.41	274,410.28	107,631.58	101,711.18	281,722.93	2,659,079.54	(12,746.94)	3,077,592.20	3,439,023.70

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Cemetery Fund

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Number of Shares	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					GRAND TOTAL	Beginning of Year	Unrealized Gains or (Losses)	End of Year	Total Market Value
		Beginning Balance	ADDITIONS Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance Year End	Beginning Balance	Income During Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance					
	NH PDIP #183-0015	(27,783.58)	1,920.00				(25,863.58)	41,560.64	392.8		42,618.04	16,754.46	(27,783.58)	(25,863.58)	16,754.46	
10000	Ford Motor 6.5% 2/15/06	9,975.00					9,975.00		650			9,975.00	10,273.90	(320.70)	9,953.20	9,953.20
	A.G. Edwards MMF	(17,809.86)	632.96				(17,176.90)	34,003.60	598.17		44,185.11	27,008.21	(17,809.86)	(17,176.90)	27,008.21	
15000	FFCB 6.75% 7/7/09	16,087.50					16,087.50		1,012.50			16,087.50	16,567.65	(646.50)	15,921.15	15,921.15
15000	FFCB 3.875% 2/01/05	14,943.75			15,000.00	56.25	-		290.63			-	15,011.25	-	-	-
15000	FHLB 6.045% 5/12/14	15,093.75					15,093.75		906.76			15,093.75	16,273.50	(188.10)	16,085.40	16,085.40
15000	USTN 4% 11/15/12	14,884.05					14,884.05		600.00			14,884.05	14,974.80	(298.80)	14,676.00	14,676.00
10000	FHLB1.81% 4/7/2006	9,780.00					9,780.00		181.00			9,780.00	9,834.00	109.10	9,943.10	9,943.10
20000	USTN 6 1/8 08/15/07	19,882.20					19,882.20		1,225.00			19,882.20	21,464.00	(936.00)	20,528.00	20,528.00
10000	USTN 5 5/8 05/15/08	9,984.10					9,984.10		562.50			9,984.10	10,725.80	(453.80)	10,272.00	10,272.00
15000	Anchor Mutual Svgs Bk 4.15% 2/16/10		15,000.00				15,000.00		308.69			15,000.00			14,398.05	14,398.05
312	S&P Midcap Dep Receipts	25,702.55					25,702.55		417.98			25,702.55	37,752.00	4,271.28	42,023.28	42,023.28
183	S&P 500 Dep Receipts	15,894.94					15,894.94		374.10			15,894.94	22,119.21	666.12	22,785.33	22,785.33
1700	Pimco Corp Inc. Fd	25,288.63		337.21	337.21		25,288.63		2,295.18			25,288.63	26,010.00	(867.00)	25,143.00	25,143.00
460	Pimco Corp Opport. Fd.	7,685.33		295.75	295.75		7,685.33		759.00			7,685.33	8,151.20	(381.80)	7,769.40	7,769.40
335.658	Vanguard Index Fnd	18,127.17					18,127.17		664.60			18,127.17	37,472.86	1,100.96	38,573.82	38,573.82
	Matthews China Fund	5,295.23					5,295.23	52.80	84.68		137.48	5,432.71	5,404.47	292.14	5,696.61	5,834.09
TOTAL		163,030.76	17,552.96	632.96	15,632.96	56.25	165,639.97	75,617.04	11,323.59	-	86,940.63	252,580.60	206,441.20	210,727.86	297,668.49	

General Endowment Fund

	A.G. Edwards MMF	(2,298.66)			5.00		(2,303.66)	5,863.67	120.48		8,357.35	6,053.69	(2,298.66)	(2,303.66)	6,053.69	
	FHLB 6.25% 6/17/09	26,500.00					26,500.00		1,631.26			26,500.00	27,374.50	(1,031.50)	26,343.00	26,343.00
	FHLB 5.5% 5/19/2014	20,005.00			20,000.00	-5.00	-		614.16			-	19,929.60	-	-	-
	FHL MTG 5% 1/29/14		20,005.00				20,005.00		127.78			20,005.00			19,513.20	19,513.20
	NH PDIP #183-0014	(10,085.22)					(10,085.22)	10,939.39	24.50		10,963.89	878.67	(10,085.22)	(10,085.22)	878.67	
TOTAL		34,121.12	20,005.00	-	20,005.00	(5.00)	34,116.12	16,803.06	2,518.18	-	19,321.24	53,437.36	34,920.22	(1,031.50)	33,467.32	52,788.56
COMMON FUNDS TOTAL		197,151.88	37,557.96	632.96	35,637.96	51.25	199,756.09	92,420.10	13,841.77	-	106,261.87	306,017.96	241,361.42	(1,031.50)	244,195.18	350,457.05

TRACY LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

<i>Cash on Hand January 1, 2005</i>			<u>\$ 11,109.98</u>
Income:			
Town Appropriation	\$322,775.00		
Trust Funds	18,854.07		
Fines	6,344.00		
Lost/Damaged Materials	698.03		
Gifts and Memorials	8,611.41		
Non-Resident Fees	5,521.87		
Copier	1,216.00		
Interest	<u>2,935.93</u>		
Income:	\$366,956.31		
From TML Bldg. Maint. Cap Res Fund	<u>1,614.23</u>		
Total Income		368,570.54	
Expenditures:			
Personnel	\$269,466.56		
Books and Related Materials	43,291.28		
Supplies	5,923.69		
Equipment	6,425.66		
Public Relations	1,419.90		
Maintenance	28,019.05		
Travel and Dues	1,972.36		
Audit	1,252.50		
Special Projects	<u>1,953.99</u>		
Expenditures:	\$359,724.99		
Capital Projects	<u>1,614.23</u>		
Total Expenditures		361,339.22	
 <i>Cash on Hand December 31, 2005</i>			<u>\$ 18,341.30</u>
Balance of Other Funds as of January 1, 2005			
Friends of Tracy Library	\$ 8,216.48		
Community Garden Account	7,374.63		
Gift Funds	<u>182,511.37</u>		
Total balance as of January 1, 2005		\$198,102.48	
Income of Other Funds			
Friends of Tracy Library	\$25,761.50		
Community Garden Account	7,092.44		
Gift Funds	<u>14,490.81</u>		
Total		47,344.75	
Expenditures of Other Funds			
Friends of Tracy Library	\$22,819.79		
Community Garden Account	9,600.21		
Gift Funds	<u>11,640.30</u>		
Total		(44,060.30)	
Balance of Other Funds as of December 31, 2005			
Friends of Tracy Library	\$11,158.19		
Community Garden Account	4,866.86		
Gift Funds	<u>185,361.88</u>		
Total balance as of December 31, 2005		<u>\$201,386.93</u>	

Respectfully submitted,
Shelby Blunt
Tracy Library Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

ISSUE OF DOG LICENSES:

611 Dog Licenses	2,462.50
Payments due State on Dog Licenses	305.50
Payments due State on Pet Overpopulation Fund	920.00

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER 3,688.00

AUTO REGISTRATIONS:

Auto Permits Issued	786,897.00
Title Fees	1,780.00
Municipal Agent Fees	13,107.50

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER 801,784.50

BOAT REGISTRATIONS:

Boat Permits Issued & Agent Fees	2,851.34
Payments due State on Boat Registrations	6,720.00

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER 9,571.34

ALL OTHER FEES:

Articles of Agreement	10.00
Dog Fines	50.00
Footpath Maps	416.00
Wetlands Applications	225.00
Town Histories	260.00
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	2268.00
Filing Fees	11.00
Passport Fees	12,750.00
Checklists	100.00
Miscellaneous Fees	171.00
Non-Sufficient Funds Charge	125.00
Town Vital Statistics	5,759.00
Town Marriage Licenses	119.00
Payments to State on Certified Copies & Marriage Licenses	10,939.00

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER 33,198.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 848,241.84

TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER 848,241.84

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Hardy
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

Summary of Tax Accounts

	LEVIES OF	
	2005	2004
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax		400,252.00
Land Use Change Tax		3,500.00
Yield Taxes		442.48
Sewer Rent		16,104.00
Sewer Betterment		2,978.44
Taxes Committed to Collector During Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax	12,400,767.95	
Land Use Change Tax	77,000.00	7,500.00
Yield Taxes	5,056.84	3,872.94
Sewer Rent	524,098.75	
Sewer Betterment	31,880.00	
Overpayments: Property Tax	(5,460.92)	9,718.99
Overpayments: Sewer Rents	47.52	
Rounding	(11.00)	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	9,457.47	14,939.09
Penalties Collected on Taxes		
Costs Before Lien		1,161.50
TOTAL DEBITS	13,042,836.61	460,469.44
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Tax	12,082,323.77	376,813.72
Land Use Change Tax	44,000.00	7,500.00
Yield Taxes	5,056.84	4,258.75
Sewer Rent	496,251.57	13,965.02
Sewer Betterment	28,592.00	2,528.44
Interest on Taxes	9,457.47	14,939.09
Conversion to Lien		39,239.77
Costs/Penalties		1,161.50
Other Charges		
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Tax	28,012.89	
Land Use Change Tax	33,000.00	0
Yield Tax	0	56.67
Sewer Rent	2,885.33	6.48
Sewer Betterment	0	0
Current Levy Deeded	0	0
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year		
Property Tax	284,959.37	
Land Use Change Tax	0	
Yield Tax	0	
Sewer Rent	25,009.37	
Sewer Betterment	3,288.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	13,042,836.61	460,469.44

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Levies of		
	2004	2003	Previous
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$30,519.67	\$19,180.51
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	\$42,666.47		
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	940.28	4095.23	5,391.08
TOTAL DEBITS	\$43,606.75	\$34,614.90	\$24,571.59
Remittance to Treasurer – During Fiscal Year - Redemptions	\$21,510.42	\$20,380.13	\$15,191.33
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	940.28	4,095.23	5,391.08
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			3,989.18
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0	0	0
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Year	21,156.05	10,139.54	0
TOTAL CREDITS	\$43,606.75	\$34,614.90	\$24,571.59

SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

LEVY OF 2004 - FIRST & SECOND BILLINGS

Balance due Uncollected Rents	\$16,104.00
Sewer Rents Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	16,097.52
Abatements on Sewer Rents	6.48
Interest Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	659.89
Fees & Costs	229.00

LEVY OF 2005

RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Sewer Warrant	\$524,098.75	
Overpayments	47.52	
Interest Collected	282.63	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$524,428.90

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$496,251.57	
Abatements	2,885.33	
Interest Collected	282.63	
Uncollected Rents	25,009.37	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$524,428.90

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIENS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

		Levies of	
		2004	2003
Barber, Jacqueline M.	096-034-000 353 Barrett Road	\$ 476.23	\$ 211.26
Dodge, Emilie	065-013-000 239 Wilmot Center Road	1,003.41	
Fraize, Paula M.	082-036-000 579 County Road	1,705.69	
Gould, Jamie	113-011-000 Route I-89	3,969.33	
Grace, Daniel L. & Cohen, Lenard & Ottobriani, Harold	081-006-000 Columbus Avenue	967.65	871.07
Heffron, Stephen L. & Shawn M.	076-008-000 363 Hall Farm Road	5,952.56	5,227.65
McRae, Dorsett Bell	059-039-000 183 Little Sunapee Road	4,308.80	3,829.56
Messer, Joseph E.	139-001-000 41 Stonehouse Road	2,772.38	
TOTAL		\$21,156.05	\$10,139.54

I hereby certify that the above list showing name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 2005, on account of levies of 2003 and 2004 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. All taxes for years prior to 2003 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 financial statements of the Town of New London, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 as shown on pages 3 through 7. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of New London's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 opinions.

Management has chosen not to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. Therefore these financial statements are presented following the principles that were in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. The financial statements presented do not contain separate statements for governmental, proprietary, if applicable and fiduciary fund types, nor are major and non-major funds separately identified and classified. The financial statements presented report expendable and nonexpendable trust funds, some of which should be reported as special revenue and permanent funds under the new reporting model. The financial statements also present a general long-term debt account group which should not be reported as such, but the information contained therein should be included in the government-wide financial statements were they presented. Also, the financial statements do not contain any information on capital assets because the government has not maintained historical cost records of such assets. Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis as required. The amounts that would be reported in the missing statements and required supplementary information, and the effects of reclassifying and properly reporting the information presented are not reasonably determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of New London as of December 31, 2004, or the changes in its financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

*Town of New London
Independent Auditor's Report*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of New London basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. For reasons stated in the third paragraph of this report, we expressed an opinion that the financial statements of the Town of New London do not fairly present financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying combining and individual fund statements.

March 23, 2005

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2004
(AUDITED)**

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUNDS		ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,761,376	\$ 428,169		\$ 69,231					\$ 4,258,776	
Investments	695,332	335,873	52,173	2,867,261					3,950,639	
Accounts Receivable	5,619	16,051							21,670	
Taxes Receivable	435,894								435,894	
Special Assessments	153	420,215							420,368	
Intergovernmental	811,349	3,360							814,709	
Amount to be provided for general long-term debt and other obligations							1,395,458		1,395,458	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,709,723	\$ 1,203,668	\$ 52,173	\$ 2,936,492			\$ 1,395,458		\$ 11,297,514	
LIABILITIES										
Accounts Payable	\$ 84,504	\$ 37,853							\$ 122,357	
Contracts Payable			17,643						17,643	
Retainage Payable			35,452						35,452	
Intergovernmental Payable		3,360	811,349						814,709	
Due to School District	4,578,140	48,095					578,556		5,204,791	
Escrow & Performance Deposits							3,004		3,004	
Deferred Revenues		417,390							417,390	
General Obligation Bonds Payable							880,000		880,000	
Special Assessment debt payable							260,000		260,000	
Compensated Absences Payable							11,558		11,558	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs							243,900		243,900	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,662,644	\$ 506,698	\$ 864,444	\$ 581,560			\$ 1,395,458		\$ 8,010,804	
FUND EQUITY										
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED										
Endowments										
Encumbrances	97,202						1,179,596.00		1,179,596	
Special Purposes							1,175,336		97,202	
FUND BALANCE-UNRESERVED									1,228,393	
Designated										
Undesignated	949,877	696,970	(865,328)						696,970	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,047,079	\$ 696,970	\$ (812,271)	\$ 2,354,932			\$ 1,395,458		\$ 3,286,710	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 5,709,723	\$ 1,203,668	\$ 52,173	\$ 2,936,492			\$ 1,395,458		\$ 11,297,514	

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Things that are worth doing often take time to accomplish. During the past year, we have begun or brought to closure a number of significant projects.

Renovation of Town Hall: We rejuvenated the Whipple Memorial Town Hall by painting and repairing the ceiling, walls, and windows. Many thanks to those of you who helped us pick a new color for the interior of the hall. Next, we will add new chairs and a new stage curtain. The end result will greatly improve the appearance of this most important town building, and improve its functionality for the many meetings and events that take place there.

Closing the Loop on Reval: Last summer, New London joined with the towns of Newbury and Sunapee to form an intermunicipal agreement for the purpose of hiring assessors who will perform assessing services for all three towns (read more about this in the Assessing Office report). We were fortunate to have chosen Norm Bernaiche, former assessor for the City of Lebanon, to head up the new department. This will enable our property owners to ask questions and receive answers regarding their properties on a day-to-day basis rather than trying to deal with an out-of-town assessing company that comes to New London on an occasional basis. While this program did not go into effect until the fall of 2005, the reaction has been very positive. Valuation problems have been examined and resolved in a non-adversarial, friendly manner. The accuracy of our property database has been improved, more detailed and equitable evaluation factors have been created, and the level of customer service is improved. As described in the assessors' annual report, the valuation of property will now be an annual, ongoing process, not a once-every-five-years event. Property inspections will be done at least every five years, with about 20-25% of the town inspected every year.

The Future of Elkins: At the end of last summer, the Board of Selectmen contracted with Victoria Boundy of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) to conduct a land use study of Elkins Village. The study, which will be incorporated into the Town's next Master Plan, sought Elkins residents' feedback on the following questions: What is the future plan for commercial uses and zoning in the village? Should the Elkins Post Office be relocated and, if so, where? What are the recreation and open space needs in the village? What are the parking and traffic flow issues at the beach/Post Office site, the boat launch site and commercial sites in the village? What are the pedestrian circulation needs in the village? Ultimately, the Board of Selectmen learned that residents want to enhance the historic village environment of Elkins while improving parking enforcement and providing better pedestrian accommodations. For the time being, the Post Office will stay where it is.

The Continuing Effect of Growth: Growth in the population of New London continues; while the number of housing permits may vary somewhat, new houses continue to be built and the number of residents is increasing. This causes additional strain on our public services and thus affects our annual budget.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
New Buildings	20	43	33	28	17
Decks/Porches	19	21	19	26	26
Garages/Barns	20	22	18	14	9
Living Space Additions	31	36	31	33	20
Dormers/Windows	1	2	2	4	4
Interior Renovations	4	5	12	6	9
Demolition	5	15	7	4	8
Shed	12	12	8	5	10
Building Moved	1	0	1	1	7
Miscellaneous	33	19	23	15	18
Commercial	6	16	6	8	3
Excavation/Erosion Control	3	4	2	1	3
Total Permits	155	195	162	145	134

Maximizing Recreational Opportunities: Last fall, our Town Administrator Jessie Levine and Recreation Director Bob Andrews met with representatives of the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Center and the New London Outing Club. As a result of that meeting and several subsequent meetings, the members of these entities felt more could be accomplished for area residents by working together to create additional recreational programs and facilities. These folks are in the process of drawing up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which would outline how they would function as a team. As progress is made, the public will be advised.

Farewell to a Good Friend: In September 2005, Anne Ponder stepped down as President of Colby-Sawyer College to become Chancellor of the University of North Carolina in Asheville. Her ten years at the College were marked by growth in student body, faculty, building, endowment and financial stability. Anne was instrumental in persuading the College's Board of Trustees to give the Academy Building to the Town for use as an administration building. All of this was accomplished with grace and warmth, and we commemorated her by planting a tree in front of the Town Offices.

Sadly, more farewells: Tempering our sense of accomplishment this year is our sense of grief. The Town of New London lost two wonderful town employees to untimely deaths. On December 1, 2005, Ryan Haynes, age 20, was killed by a passing van while doing road repairs on Old Main Street. Three days later, we lost Bob Andrews, age 45, to an apparent aortic aneurysm. Both these individuals were respected members of the community, and through their hard work and dedication added greatly to the quality of life in our town. We are saddened by their loss, and will remember their many contributions.

We thank the employees and volunteers who do such good work for the Town of New London. We appreciate all that you do for this wonderful place.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kaplan, Chair
Ruth I. (Sue) Clough
Douglas W. Lyon



Photo by Nancy Lyon

Members of the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission accept the gift of Clark Lookout from Sydney L. Crook to the Town of New London (December 5, 2005). Mr. Crook also donated a conservation easement on the property to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Pictured are (Seated, from left to right): Doug Lyon, Selectman; Debbie Stanley, Executive Director, ALSPT; Sydney L. Crook; Les Norman, Conservation Commission. (Standing, from left to right): Dan Allen, Dale Conly, and Peter Stanley, Conservation Commission; Sue Clough and Mark Kaplan, Selectmen; Emma Crane, Vicki Koron, and Ruth White, Conservation Commission.

TOWN MODERATOR

Elections: 2005 was a relatively “light” year for voting. While there were no statewide or federal elections, townspeople turned out on a snowy, blustery March town and school voting day, casting 1085 ballots (31% of registered voters), with 977 voting in person and 108 voting absentee. Plan on voting three times at beautifully renovated Whipple Memorial Hall in 2006. This is a statewide voting year. The polls are open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The dates in 2006 are:

- Tuesday, March 14: Town and School Votes
- Tuesday, September 12: New Hampshire State Primary
- Tuesday, November 7: New Hampshire General Election

Town Meeting: For the first time, we used the “shoebox ballot” to expedite the time it takes for ballot voting. As you know, requesting a secret ballot is the right of any town citizen. In the past people have groaned or expressed disapproval when a secret ballot is called for, because it is time consuming and results in very late nights for Town Meetings. This disapproval has made it difficult for individuals to request a secret ballot, so this year we tried a different procedure.

The “shoebox ballot” approach – borrowed from Steve Taylor, Town Moderator of Plainfield, NH – shortens the voting time considerably. The procedure goes like this: when the ballot vote comes, Ballot Clerks distribute slotted shoeboxes bound tightly with thick rubber bands. Nobody has to leave his or her seat to vote; voters just put their correctly colored ballot into the slot and pass it to the next voter down the row. As soon as all ballots have been cast, the boxes are brought forward, opened and the count conducted. We used it twice at the 2005 Town Meeting. Each vote took approximately ten minutes, and while the Ballot Clerks counted, we proceeded with items on the warrant.

Look for yet another new development at our upcoming Town Meeting: we will film this important event in order to televise it later in the week for any citizen who was unable to attend. This will be a great way to open up our town decision-making and make everyone better informed of town issues.

Moderator Rules in New London: As in previous reports, I am including New London Town Moderator Rules for your interest and convenience:

- Please state your name clearly into the microphone before making your statement.
- No non-voters to participate, except Police Chief or similar resource person, who may speak only to offer information.
- All substantive motions and amendments in writing. In all motions or amendments, try to avoid situations where a negative vote is needed to express a positive intent.
- Only one amendment at a time. No amendments to amendments.
- Voice vote, show of hands (holding colored card for visibility) or secret (“yes/no”) paper ballot.
- Request for secret ballot must come with five (5) signatures of voters registered in New London, and be handed to the moderator prior to voice vote on the article.
- A ruling by the moderator may be challenged by a qualified voter. The moderator will then poll the house. A simple majority controls.
- Try to avoid shutting off debate prematurely. A 2/3 vote is necessary to call the question and a call itself is not debatable.
- Give all the opportunity to speak once, beginning with the presenter of the motion, then recognize speakers giving a second chance after all have spoken at least once.
- All speakers should direct their remarks to the Moderator. In case of questions, the moderator shall call upon the appropriate person to respond.
- Each article remains open for further action until the moderator moves to the next article. After that, the meeting must vote to reconsider a previous article.
- No substantive actions may be taken under the “any other business” article. Votes of appreciation or recognition may be taken, and the moderator will only call for ayes.

Town Meeting is a forum at which to ask questions, but more important, it is a place for debate. Proper respect and decorum will be expected of all. I look forward to seeing you all at the 2006 Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in New London.

Respectfully submitted,

Cotton M. Cleveland

Town Moderator

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town was dealt a double blow in December 2005 that taught me what it meant to live and work in a community as close knit as New London. Prior to the death of Ryan Haynes, I had known that New London was a safe and special place and almost believed it to be immune from the world's hardships. In the hours following Ryan's death, as we worked through the shock and grief of losing our young friend, Bob Andrews sat in my office and told me that after losing his infant son, he never looked at life through the same eyes. No bad experience, no argument, no amount of stress, and no difficult decision can compare to the sudden loss of a loved one. Three days later, Bob, too, was gone. As I look back at last year and ahead to 2006, I am thankful to have both the benefit of Bob's perspective and the support of this town. You have helped us overcome our grief by sharing it, teaching us that we, as public employees, are part of the community. And as employees, we realized our importance to one another and the void created – at work and in our hearts – by the absence of one. A special word of thanks goes out to the administration and staff of New London Hospital, who took us in the morning of Ryan's death and cared for our bodies and spirits.

When Bob passed away, he and I had been actively working with the New London Outing Club and Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Center to develop an agreement under which the three organizations could work together to improve the delivery of recreational, cultural, educational, social, and other community-based programs to New London residents and the greater community. The focal point of these discussions was the development of a recreational center comprising a building, playing fields, and skating pond. By aligning resources, we hope to conserve them. We plan to continue these discussions into 2006; in fact, this work has become Bob's legacy.

Also on tap for 2006 is to complete the redesign of the Newport and County Road intersection in anticipation of intersection reconstruction and installation of sidewalks in 2007 (this project is 80% funded by a federal Transportation Enhancement grant). The engineers' preliminary traffic counts in December recorded 1200 cars through the intersection during the peak hour (3:00-4:00). The State of New Hampshire estimates a 6% peak hour traffic increase in the summer months, to 1300 cars per hour. Based on that count and traffic circulation, the engineers determined that the current layout of the intersection – with stop signs on County Road and through traffic on Newport Road – results in a "level of service" of F on a scale of A-F (level of service is defined by the amount of wait time). In other words, the current intersection received a failing grade, and a four-way stop would decrease the level of service even further. State and federal guidelines would not allow the Town to design an intersection that would perform that poorly now, let alone in 20 years (the year 2027 is the "design year" for the intersection). Before us now is the decision between a small modern roundabout and a traditional traffic signal. The roundabout would result in a level of service of B (both in the construction year and in 2027), while the traffic signal would be B or C in 2007 and 2027. By 2006 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen will have determined what recommendation to make to voters to improve the safety and circulation of the Newport and County Road intersection.

In just about every discussion about the Newport and County road intersection, someone asks about improvements to the intersection of Pleasant and Main Streets. We have applied for a Transportation Enhancement grant for this intersection as well, and hope to hear from the State Department of Transportation in early 2006. If approved, the grant would fund a similar analysis and redesign of this intersection to accommodate a traffic light or roundabout (with traffic counts exceeding 1200 cars per peak hour, it is unlikely that the existing two-way stop or a four-way stop would meet state and federal standards for level of service). The grant application also asks for funds for a sidewalk on Pleasant Street, from Gould Road to the entrance to Job Seamans Acres. Through grants and Highway Department planning, we hope to gradually increase the number of sidewalks to provide for safe pedestrian access to town.

Of course, safe sidewalks need safe street lighting, and the Street Lighting Committee worked over the past year to analyze New London's street lights with a goal of converting the current lamps to low energy, high efficiency lamps. During the course of their analysis, the Street Lighting Committee recommended the removal of a number of lights, which will reduce the conversion and operating costs, as well as decrease the amount of light pollution cast to our skies. See a longer explanation of the Street Lighting Committee's work in their report within these pages.

As we approach the 2006 Town Meeting, we are in the midst of an organizational study of the Highway and Sewer Departments to consider whether these two departments should be combined into one Public Works Department. We expect the study to inform the Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners as to whether there would be cost, efficiency, and accountability improvements by combining the two departments.

Speaking of cost, efficiency and accountability improvements, the joint assessing agreement with the towns of Sunapee and Newbury has been very well received. Norm Bemaiche was hired as the towns' assessor in September 2005 and soon

thereafter was joined by his former colleague at the City of Lebanon, Dan Fitzgerald. These two split their time among the three towns and have already met with hundreds of taxpayers to further their goal of providing timely and accurate assessing services. They conducted a statistical (market) update of property value in 2005, to make sure that all property in New London was assessed equitably and fairly. Please read more about the assessors' approach and philosophy in their report in these pages.

Recently, I've been an active participant in the West Central New Hampshire Regional Homeland Security Communications Consortium, a budding partnership among towns in the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee region with a goal of improving communications through the installation of a regional fiber optic network. The towns of Newbury, New London, Sunapee, Hanover, Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, Orford, Lyme, Newport, and Cornish have been actively pursuing this regional development, which will enhance the quality of life in member communities by improving communication between security agencies, increasing educational opportunities for all learners and teachers, enhancing healthcare services, and increasing opportunities for business and economic development.

This is my sixth year as your Town Administrator, and I feel incredibly fortunate. Mark Kaplan, Sue Clough and Doug Lyon, individually and as a Board of Selectmen, are a pleasure to work with. My never-ending thanks goes out to the wonderful folks who work for the Town, who come in at all hours and in all kinds of weather to make our roads safe, our lives protected, and our homes secure. The Town Office staff did not hesitate to agree to open a half hour earlier in the morning and stay open through lunch to allow residents another 7.5 hours per day to conduct town business. We are now open 8-4, Monday-Friday. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers serving on our boards and committees and to those who volunteer for the Town's non-profit organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie W. Levine

Town Administrator



Photo by Kittie Wilson

July 2005: Teenage bear emerges from the Chapins' driveway on Bunker Road.

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Another busy, eventful year has come and gone in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office. Although current residents of the Town of New London expect and receive a wide variety of services, new residents of the State and Town are surprised to learn about the "one-stop shopping" philosophy of our office. One visit to the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's with the proper documents and a resident can register a vehicle and a boat, register to vote, register a dog, pay property taxes and sewer bills, apply for a passport and, if they were born or married in New London, get certified vital records! We have experienced increased volume in all aspects of our services, as the Town population grows.

In 2005, we increased the hours during which we are open to the public by 7½ hours per week. We now open at 8 AM and close at 4 PM, without closing for a lunch break as we did previously. These changes have been very well received by our residents. Town of New London residents are also able to do vehicle renewals and animal registration renewals by mail, as well as mailing property tax and sewer payments. We continue to strive to make our services as accessible and convenient as possible. It is always a pleasure to have our great residents appear in person to complete their tasks as well. We enjoy assisting, and visiting with, one and all.

In 2006, we will have three elections after the welcome respite of only Town elections in 2005. We will have the State of New Hampshire primary in September and the general election in November in addition to the traditional ballot voting and Town Meeting in March. New statewide voter registration software will be in place for the state elections. In 2005 we spent many hours preparing our checklist to be converted to this new system.

We are hopeful that 2006 will be the year that we finally go online with the State of New Hampshire for vehicle registrations. This will allow us to provide additional registration services to the New London residents that we now send away to complete the state portions of their registrations. We will most likely accomplish this in the second half of 2006, after our software vendor certifies with the State.

Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector Joan Pankhurst and I have worked hard this past year to bring the best service to you in the most efficient ways. We know from your comments that you notice and appreciate the job we are doing and we thank you for your part in making this a wonderful job to have!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hardy

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

NOTICES FROM THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

DOG OWNERS must 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; adult dogs: \$6.50 altered, \$9.00 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 WORKING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS must file a Dredge and Fill application with the Town Clerk before beginning work (RSA 483-A). Fines may be assessed for non-compliance.

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS: We process applications for first-time passports and passport renewals:

- Applicants 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 do not sign applications in advance of your visit.
- Total fees for standard processing are \$97.00 (adults) and \$82.00 (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.

TOWN HISTORY BOOKS: We sell copies of the *Mirror to America, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1900-1950*, for \$20.00 and *Our Voices, Our Town, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1950-2000*, for \$30.00.

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

ASSESSING OFFICE

The Town of New London's Assessing Office is a combination of many different individuals who make the process work. The setup is new to New London after the approval of an intermunicipal agreement between New London, Newbury and Sunapee, which formed a five-member Joint Board representing the three towns. The cooperation among the three communities has been admirable. This is key to the success of the tri-town relationship. The first of its kind in the state, this arrangement is being observed closely by other New Hampshire communities that share some common element such as a school district. We are all hopeful that it becomes a model for others.

In New London the office is staffed by Dan Fitzgerald, assistant assessor; Amy Rankins, assessing coordinator; and me. Don't be alarmed by the number of people performing the assessing task because everyone here has many other duties and responsibilities which is common in a smaller town. Dan is here and usually available on Mondays and I'm available on Wednesdays. The other days Dan and I will rotate among the three communities including New London, while Amy will remain in New London full-time. I have over 20 years experience in the appraisal/assessment business, Dan has about 15 years in the business and Amy has been working for New London for about 12 years and provides extensive institutional memory to our department. I think you will find the process now and in the future to be informative, open and professional.

What you can expect from us in the future:

- Every year we will conduct a physical inspection of a certain percentage of properties in town to continually improve the accuracy of our database. This means that at least every five years, all property in New London will be inspected.
- Every year, we will conduct a market analysis to determine the current ratio of assessments to sales. If the analysis shows that the fair market value of property is changing (i.e. either going up *or* coming down), we will adjust property values accordingly. This means that in a rapidly changing market environment, the assessed value of your property could change every year.
- Every month we will inspect properties that sold during the previous month. Actual sales are the basis on which we conduct the annual market analysis, so the more accurate our database of sale properties, the more accurate the annual sales analysis will be. In the past, assessors inspected sale properties only during a revaluation or market update, so their inspection was often one or two years after a property sold. Monthly inspections will give us more information about the condition of the property when it actually changed hands (experience indicates that most properties undergo significant change close to the time of a sale).
- We will be particularly diligent in reviewing any evidence of disproportional values between classes of property. All classes of property must be at the same proportion of fair market value.
- We will notify you as soon as your property value changes due to construction, renovation, market update, or abatement. You will not have to wait until you receive your property tax bill to know how your value changed.
- We will no longer conduct revaluations in the traditional way, on town-wide basis every five years (or more, in New London's case). Going forward, the valuation of property will be a two-part process consisting of valuation and inspection.

Valuation: The assessment on your property is based on its market value as compared to other similar properties (i.e., what would your property sell for?). New Hampshire law (RSA 75:8) requires that we annually review and make adjustments to property value to reflect any change in market value. In the past, many towns and cities simply had not conducted any market analysis until it was necessary to conduct a town-wide revaluation, a 10-15 year gap in many communities. To keep property assessments fair and proportional, towns should conduct an annual sales analysis and make necessary adjustments if a neighborhood or category of property is under- or over-assessed (this is called a "market update" or "statistical update"). We want to stress that any market adjustment will be made for a whole neighborhood or the whole town and not for individual properties. We cannot, for instance, re-assess a property at \$500,000 simply because that property recently sold for that amount. This method is called "sales chasing," and although it is followed in some states it is not allowed in New Hampshire.

Inspection: Since property value is based on market comparisons, the purpose of inspection is to be sure that the information we have about your property is accurate. The Board of Selectmen concluded that it would be more efficient to inspect 20-25% of property each year than to inspect all property in one year. The inspection itself will *not* result in a change of property value unless we pick up changes to your property or correct errors in our records. The inspection data

will also be used for neighborhood market analysis, which may be used at a future date to adjust values. Inspecting a portion of the town each year allows us to manage the cost of inspection while minimizing the coordination and disruption of a mass revaluation and inspection.

In keeping with the two-part process described above, we completed a statistical update in the fall of 2005. As a result of the update we talked with about 100 property owners and performed inspections of about 150 properties and processed changes as a result of the informal reviews. This was all done within a four-month period. The staff performed extremely well during this condensed time period and should be commended.

The total value of all property in town, including exempt property (called the “grand list”) is about \$1.1 billion. Of the taxable property, 50% is residential non-waterfront, 32% direct waterfront, 9% condominiums, and 8% commercial.

There is about 13,397 acres represented by almost 2,800 separate parcels in New London. About 7,406 acres, or 55% of the landmass, is enrolled in the State of New Hampshire Current Use Program to promote open space.

This office is here to serve the taxpayer. We believe that transparency should be evident, openness is a must, and customer service a top priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Normand G. Bernaiche

Town Assessor

A special note about security: When we make property inspections, we will not ask to come in to the home unless we had scheduled a *prior appointment* and are expected. However, we will knock at the door and ask you to verify data on the property tax card and measure the *exterior* of the property. We will carry identification cards and our vehicles are registered with the Police Department. If someone comes to your house claiming to be a town assessor and asking for indoor access, please contact the Police Department.



Spillway at Elkins Boat Launch, Pleasant Lake, October 2005.

TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The following tax relief programs are permitted by state law and were 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.

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.

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 \$150,000 (*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, \$35,000; for ages 75-79, \$50,000; and for over 80 years old, \$70,000. *Applications are due by April 15 for the current tax year.*

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 \$200 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 \$2,000 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 \$2,000 tax credit. *Applications are due by April 15 for the current tax year.*

Low & Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief: The next Low and Moderate Property Tax Relief Program will begin May 1, 2006. In the past, the State has made applications available at the Selectmen's Office by April 15, and required them to be filed directly with the state between May 1-June 30. Anyone interested in learning more about this program should visit the DRA website at http://webster.state.nh.us/revenue/forms/low_mod_program.htm or contact the Department of Revenue Administration at (603) 271-6000 or Taxpayer Assistance at (603) 271-2191. 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, 2005.

ROAD AGENT

As we close another year we look back at what we have accomplished and what we can see in the future that needs to be done. The Highway Department was at full staff all year until early December when we lost Ryan Haynes to a tragic accident. Ryan was a very energetic person, well liked in the department and around town. He had been with us for two years and showed great potential and desire to learn the job from one end to the other. He is and will be greatly missed now and for a long time.



Photo by Tony Edgecomb

Highway Work: During the summer we continued our program of cleaning ditches and installing replacement culverts. This will be an ongoing function of the department due to culverts rusting and ditches filling up with dirt, leaves, grass and brush. This has proven to be very successful. This past spring and fall when we had the heavy rains we had very few washouts compared to other towns around us. We felt this was due to spending a lot of time cleaning ditches with machines and by hand. This takes time but it is well-spent time. Some of the roads we worked on with machines were Rowell Hill Road, Little Briton Road, Old Coach Road, Wilmot Center Road, Pleasant Street, and Lakeshore Drive. Our major construction projects this summer were Squires Lane, Balsam Acres, Maple Lane and Stoney Brook Road.

On Squires Lane we installed some new culverts and cleaned ditches. On Balsam Acres we installed new cross culverts and small drainage systems connected to them. This allowed us to fill in some of the open ditches that had standing water in them most of the time and were not healthy. After this was done we had a contractor come in and grind all of Squires Lane and Balsam Acres, and grade and repave the roads. This area looks and rides a lot better than before. During the rains this fall the drainage work performed well. We have some loaming and seeding to do in the spring along with a couple of other items to finish. We would like to thank the Water and Wastewater departments for the assistance they provided us during these projects. We also want to give a very big thank you to the residents of this area for being patient and understanding while we completed this work.

Stoney Brook Road: Last spring we monitored the areas where we had installed drainage fabric under the road in 2004. These areas had very little if no mud at all. We did have a couple of places that needed more fabric, which we installed. After this was done we had our paving contractor grade the road to a good crown and pave from King Hill Road to the Newbury Town Line. Most of the neighbors were happy with the finished product. But as with anything there were some people who wanted the road to stay gravel.

Maple Lane: We installed a drainage system from King Hill Road to just above the intersection. This consisted of pipe and drop inlets on both sides of the road. We had been having problems with the existing culverts filling up with silt and overflowing and running out into King Hill Road. We also removed some rocks that were bothering us. After this was all done we had a paving contractor pave the road from King Hill Road to the end of the straight section. This fall this also proved to be a great improvement when we had all the rain.

This fall we put out approximately 1,000 yards of crushed gravel on the following roads: Morgan Hill Road, Old Main Street, Whitney Brook Road, Maple Lane, and Forest Acres Road. Over the summer we installed approximately 2,400 feet of culvert and 24 catch basins. We used about 800 tons of ¾" stone and 400 tons of 3" trap rock in drainage projects.

With the rest of our paving funds we were able to shim Barrett Road from Squires Lane to South Pleasant Street, Bog Road from Old Main Street to just past Forest Acres Road, Hayfield Lane, part of Fieldstone Lane and part of Wilmot Center Road. We were planning to install new sidewalks along Main Street from C.B. Coburn to Seamans Road in October, but with all the rain we did not get it done. This section and possibly a section from the Library to Hayes Road are on the list for 2006.

Our projects over the next few years will be in the following areas: the drainage along Tracy Road, Page Road, Birch Acres and Lakeshore Drive all need some attention, and we will be installing some drainage and underdrain to get rid of the water along the edge of these roads.

Transfer Station Division: We have a full staff at the Transfer Station. Glenn, Steve and Robin do a good job of running and keeping the place clean. We installed the two new balers last spring and they have been working out well. We are able to make a larger bale of cardboard and plastic, allowing us to sell our plastic to a larger vendor and see more revenue. This also allowed us to need less storage room for plastic. It was a lot less expensive to buy a baler than build more building. This is especially true since one of the balers was paid for with a grant. As of right now the markets for recyclables have been steady; we are able to move all the items we recycle. Who knows if this will last or not but as long as it does the revenue side looks good. We continue to crush our glass and use it in projects all over town.

Recycling and Disposal Report:	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Trash (tons) hauled to Claremont incinerator	3181.24	3049.10	3150.40	2933.80	2948.78
Recycling Material Sold (tons)	<u>787.99</u>	<u>782.32</u>	<u>660.15</u>	<u>873.42</u>	<u>693.48</u>
Total Solid Waste	3969.23	3831.42	3810.54	3807.22	3642.26
Revenue from Material Sold	\$25,602.03	\$30,711.84	8,401.29	4,453.18	6,287.54
Cost Avoidance (\$91/ton in 2005)	<u>\$71,707.09</u>	<u>\$61,466.23</u>	<u>57,432.83</u>	<u>76,860.96</u>	<u>58,945.80</u>
Total Benefit from Recycling	\$97,309.12	\$92,178.07	\$65,833.47	\$81,314.14	\$65,233.34

Weight in tons	% change in tons recycled since 2003	2005 Weight	2005 Revenue	2004 Weight	2004 Revenue	2003 Weight	2003 Revenue
Paper	52%	294.71	4544.5	247.00	7,221.09	193.56	2477.8
Cardboard	-16%	224.57	6463.78	293.15	10,967.93	268.17	2862.4
Glass*	15%	150.04	0*	136.99	0*	129.92	0*
Light Metal (Scrap)	187%	84.13	3928.7	152.50	5,579.26	29.30	478.85
Steel Cans (Tin)	-38%	18.60	277.77	16.04	286.63	30.13	0
Aluminum Foil/Plates		0		0.30	0	0.64	0
Aluminum Cans	-24%	2.61	1751.35	2.83	2,897.29	3.42	1,585.72
Batteries (Home)		0.22		1.25	18.4	0.00	0
Plastic Bottles (HDPE)	92%	7.55	3251.35	6.72	364	3.93	0
Plastic (PETE)	415%	5.56	1412.7	3.78	154.8	1.08	0
Returnables		0	3971.88	0.00	3,222.44	0.00	996.52
TOTAL:	19%	787.99	\$25,602.03	782.32	\$30,711.84	660.15	\$8,401.29

* 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. Although we derive no revenue from the sale of glass, we save money by mixing glass with gravel and using it for road construction projects.

Just a final note: without the support of the people who work and use the Transfer Station we would not have such a successful program and it would cost a lot more to send trash to the incinerator. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Cemetery Division: This past summer we had John Wiltshire back again. Doug Palmer started this spring but had to take the summer off. He was greatly missed and we hope all is well with him and his family. We were able to hire Ellise Allard to mow and trim the Elkins Cemetery, Beach and parks. She did a great job for us. If some of you may have recognised her she used to work at the Transfer Station a few years ago. They continue to do stone repair, spread loam, trim shrubs and general maintenance of the cemeteries.

After all that I would like to extend a very large thank you to the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and the residents of New London for providing us with the facilities, equipment, personnel and funds to be able to do our jobs. I also want to thank the other departments such as Wastewater, Water, Fire, Police, Dispatch and the Town Office staff for all the help they provide to us during the year. It is a great pleasure to work with people who are willing to help out no matter when.

In closing I would like to make a request: when traveling through a work zone on any road, please slow down and proceed with caution. We have to work in the road to keep them safe for you. A couple of minutes longer and a couple of miles an hour slower through a work zone would make them a lot safer for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard E. Lee
 Road Agent

NEW LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

This was a difficult year for the New London Fire Department. Although we have come to expect a certain amount of tragedy in our line of work, we are never quite prepared for the violent or untimely deaths of friends, colleagues or neighbors. Many of this year's emergencies left an intense emotional burden in their wake, and we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims of these tragic events.

The 2005 calendar year registered 597 total fire calls – that's a 30% increase in just one year! And this increase is not just in one category, it's pretty much across the board. Once again, nearly all of the increase is an effect of population growth in the town and the region. Motor vehicle accidents and motor vehicle fires, requests for public assistance (residential unlocks, unusual odors or sounds, fire safety issues, etc.), structure fires (in and out of town), alarm responses, weather related calls (wires down and flooded basements) seem to have contributed significantly to the overall increase. Of the total calls, 161 were general alarms (where all fire personnel are called to the scene), and an on-call fire officer responded to each of the remaining 436 calls. In this field, at 200 general alarms per year a reliable level of response begins to be problematic for a largely volunteer fire department, and at 400 general alarms per year it is nearly impossible to field an adequate force with anything other than a department of full-time personnel.

We continue to meet this increase in demand for service with roughly the same basic staffing resources that we have had for the past several years: one career fighter, one part-time firefighter and 43 call firefighters (a total of 45 members). This year, however we were somewhat over budget on our part-time wages, fuel and basic fire fighting supplies; we simply can't have a 30% increase in demand for service without some financial consequence. To put this in some perspective, however, most fire departments with this level of activity are 24/7 full-time paid organizations. Also, the increase in fire call activity that we are experiencing is also being felt in several of our neighboring communities

Certainly the rains of this past fall took everyone by surprise and resulted in many flooded basements. For those of you who have flooding problems during periods of torrential rain, take the time during the dry season to locate and clean floor and foundation drains or install a large capacity sump pump with a proper discharge where appropriate. This could save you many hours of discomfort and prevent substantial property loss.

Preparedness is the key to preventing most emergencies. I am continually amazed at how many homeowners don't know basic things about their property. The location and operation of the electrical panel, the emergency shutoff for the furnace, the water shutoff, the location of a fire extinguisher, and who to call for basic services (plumber, electrician, heating service contractor, tree services, etc.) are examples of information that every property owner should have at their immediate disposal. A simple instruction sheet posted in an obvious location that lists basic information about your home, and who to call in case of emergency will help not only your own family but emergency service personnel as well.



Photo by Captain Jason Lyon

Firefighters fight a blazing RV on Newport Road (March 22, 2005).

We often find ourselves in homes that have doors and windows blocked or painted shut and mountains of “stuff” stashed everywhere, limiting egress from the building and hindering firefighting activities. Regular housekeeping and periodic cleanup and disposal of clutter can not only prevent fires (by eliminating unnecessary fuel), but also improve access for firefighters in the event of an emergency.

Residential unlocks are becoming quite common as well. Although some of these are for police or medical emergencies, most are simply people who have locked themselves out of their homes. We urge you to hide a spare key somewhere on the outside of your home in one of the many commercially manufactured “hide-a-key” devices available on the market. A well-hidden spare key will save you the embarrassment and taxpayers the expense of involving the Fire Department.

Our wonderful and still new facilities continue to host many emergency service and municipal groups throughout the year, including a 6-month certified firefighter training program this past spring and summer attended by 25 personnel from New London and surrounding communities. The station serves as a “second home” for many of our members, with the attendant benefit of personnel standing by in the event of an emergency. In fact, we often have smaller emergencies that can be handled with a few “available” personnel, sometimes negating the need for a general alarm.

We are continually challenged with increasing demands for service, changes in the nature of the emergencies we respond to and keeping up with the technological improvements in emergency preparedness. I am confident that we will continue to meet the needs of the community with the same professionalism you have come to expect. As always, we are continually thankful for the support of the taxpayers in New London.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter S. Stanley

Fire Chief

Fire Calls	2005	2004	Change
Structure Fire	7	2	+5
Chimney Fire	5	6	-1
Vehicle Fire	13	4	+9
Vehicle Accident	139	106	+33
Extrication	5	1	+4
Brush Fire	8	2	+6
Kitchen Fire	7	5	+2
Electrical Fire	7	5	+2
Wood Stove Malfunction	0	2	-2
Furnace Malfunction	8	10	-2
Sprinkler Malfunction	10	10	0
Rescue	5	4	+1
Search	2	0	+2
Illegal Burn	13	11	+2
Wire Down – tree on the line	26	18	+8
Hazardous Material Spill	7	7	0
Hazardous Condition (BIO)	2	0	+2
Smoke Report	15	17	-2
Alarm Response	47	25	+22
False Alarm	93	91	+2
Public Assistance	49	39	+10
Flood Control	22	3	+19
Mutual Aid Structure	21	12	+9
Mutual Aid Other	3	7	-4
Other	21	21	0
DHART Transfer	1	0	+1
Gas Leak/LP	15	8	+7
Bomb Threat	0	1	-1
Carbon Monoxide Detector	14	14	0
Medical Assist	32	24	+8
TOTAL	597	457	

POLICE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

“I don’t know how you do it,” or “I could never do what you do,” are common statements made to me each year. They are made after someone has witnessed some action that one of my fellow officers or I have done in the course of our duties. My response is generally, “that’s just part of the job,” or “I don’t mind because the good parts of the job far outweigh the bad parts of this job.” As police officers, we accept that our job is filled with responsibilities that no one wants to do, and that can be dangerous from time to time, even here in New London. However, nothing prepared me or the members of my department for how to deal with the loss of two Town employees this past year, one from the Highway Department and the other our Recreation Director. The loss of Bob Andrews to the Town and to the employees of this department is felt just as much as the loss of Highway Department employee Ryan Haynes. Those friends will be greatly missed.

This year was no different when it came to changes in personnel within the departments. In the Police Department in 2005 Ed Andersen became sergeant, after holding the position of corporal, and we hired Robert Thorp as a full-time patrolman. Officer Thorp had been a part-time patrolman and the superintendent of the Water Precinct. Matthew McClay was brought on as a part-time patrolman, taking the position that was held by Thorp. Also hired this year, as the Administrative Assistant, was Donna Davis. Donna worked for Mascoma Savings Bank before coming to work with us. In the Communications department, Greg Barthol moved to full-time from the part-time position he held, and Chris Pankhurst, a Sunapee Fire and EMS provider, came on board as a part-time dispatcher.

Training continues to be a very important component of this department, and last year was no exception. Several of us participated in a course sponsored by the Sutton Police Department and taught by the New Hampshire State Police at the Kearsarge Regional High School entitled “Responding to the Active Shooter.” This was a two-day hands on course providing the surrounding departments with the opportunity to work together to develop a plan in the event there was tragic occurrence in this school district similar to the ones we have seen in this country as of late. Other training courses attended this year by one or more members of the department include: Incident Command training, Criminal Analysis investigation, Sig Sauer Armorer School, asset forfeiture school, D.A.R.E. school, Street Survival school, alcohol enforcement training, breath test operator training, and the 138th Police Academy training. The University of New Hampshire JusticeWorks Program sent Detective Currier to Tulsa Oklahoma this past fall to receive training from Tulsa University on Cyber Security Education, Digital Forensics and Information Assurance.

The department continues to see a lot of fraud cases again this year, many involving online auction fraud. These cases generally involve suspects from other jurisdictions, and we rely heavily on those jurisdictions for a successful conclusion. If you are a victim of online fraud please contact us, and after contacting us we remind you to also report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. Another type of fraud that this department saw a lot this year is people stealing, forging, and passing checks here in New London. One individual alone was charged with 13 counts of forgery and a second pending case will probably surpass the number of charges.

Officer Osgood and Detective Anderson responded to a suspicious person complaint this year and found a burglary in progress. It was later discovered that this person had burglarized a second residence on the same street before being apprehended by these officers. While on the subject of solved burglaries, Detective Anderson was able to resolve two business burglaries from last year as well.

This year the department worked with the State Liquor Enforcement Bureau in conducting compliance checks on businesses that serve alcoholic beverages. We are always relieved to see the clerks and wait staff review the documents and not serve under age customers when presented with this issue.

As you compare the statistics from this year to last, you will see that for the most part, we are remaining consistent with the level of activity. One noticeable increase this year is in the number of arrests, due in part to added patrols over this past year. Also adding to this number is an increase in activity due to the increase in population, both in the general area and at the College. I feel that the reporting system that we now have is better at tabulating these results more accurately.

This past fall, members of the department established a benevolent association, and sent out a mailing letting everyone know that they had. Some confusion came out of this as it was a new organization within the department, and people have seen all too often scams that look and feel similar to this. Let me assure you that this is a bona fide association registered with the Attorney General’s Office. More importantly though, I want to let you know that while the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have always supported our budget requests, we are concerned that you might interpret that the department is not adequately being funded through the budget process. This just isn’t true. We also want to make sure that the residents are freely contributing to this association, if they desire to do so.

This past year the Police Department with the assistance from the Highway Department was able to setup the traffic control board that allowed us to monitor speeds and provide a report of the number of vehicles that had passed the board, along with the speeds of the vehicles. If you would like to have this speed board set up in your neighborhood this year, please contact the department to set this up.

As always, we want to thank you for your continued support, and we ask you to assist us when you see anything that appears to be out of place or illegal, to call us right away. And I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Office staff, the Highway and Fire Departments, and Campus Safety for all of your assistance through out the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Seastrand

Chief of Police

2005 Police Department Incident Counts

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Change</u>
911 Hangups	56	73	-17	Littering	21	8	+13
Abandoned Vehicle	93	79	+14	Log Note	223	164	+59
Alarm	324	381	-57	Lost Property	51	57	-6
Animal Complaint	196	336	-140	Medical Call	97	51	+46
Arrest	258	81	+177	Missing Person	19	9	+10
Assist Citizen	60	73	-13	MV Complaint	129	192	-63
Assist Motorist	231	179	+52	MV Unlock	31	48	-17
Assault	5	17	-12	Noise Disturbance	47	40	-33
Assist Other Agency	169	132	+37	OHRV Complaint	5	4	+1
Fraud/Bad Checks	17	11	+6	Open Container	2	5	-3
Be On Lookout	57	70	-13	Open Door/Window	18	18	0
Burglary	6	10	-4	Other	18	31	-13
Burn Permit	9	37	-28	Paperwork Service	82	37	+21
Business Check	166	57	+109	Parking Violation	230	209	+21
Business Check Request	3	2	+1	Passing a School Bus	14	0	+14
Civil Issue/Stand-by	15	29	-14	Pistol Permit	23	16	+22
Computer related	7	0	+7	Police Information	59	37	+22
Counterfeiting	1	1	0	Property-Stolen Related	1	12	+11
Criminal Threat	11	14	-3	Property-Found	46	43	+3
Criminal Trespass	3	7	-4	Protective Custody	8	7	+1
Criminal Mischief	53	56	-3	Protective Order	2	2	0
Death/Suicide	2	1	+1	Reckless Conduct	1	1	0
Directed Patrol	184	69	+115	Residential Lockout	6	11	-5
Disorderly Conduct	8	16	-8	Road Complaints	124	0	+124
Domestic Dispute	17	26	-9	MV Repossession	5	5	0
Drug Related	15	11	+4	Sexual Assault	2	0	+2
Escort	6	6	0	Shoplifting/Willful Concealment	0	3	-3
Facility Used	17	28	-11	Shots Fired	8	5	+3
Fingerprints	247	564	-317	Stalking	1	2	-1
Fire Call	1	40	-39	Subject Stop	8	0	+8
Forgery	5	0	+5	Suicide – Attempted	2	3	-1
Fraud	28	5	+23	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	281	233	+48
Fireworks Violation	5	3	2	Theft	66	112	-46
Harassment	35	19	+16	Unwanted Subject	28	37	-9
House Check	391	278	+113	Traffic Accident	195	223	-28
House Check Request	115	115	0	Traffic stops	2312	2417	-105
Internet Crimes – Children	1	3	-2	VIN Inspection	23	13	+10
Indecent Exposure	2	0	+2	Vehicle off road – no damage	27	19	+8
Juvenile Complaint	29	31	-2	Welfare Check	40	40	0
Liquor Law Violations	20	42	-22	Wires down	16	10	+6
				TOTAL INCIDENTS	7139	6803	

NEW LONDON RECREATION COMMISSION

It is with a heavy heart that we submit the annual report to the Town of New London. While 2005 brought the continued success of programs developed by the New London Recreation Department, it is also the year we bid farewell to our director, Robert “Bob” Andrews. With Bob’s passing in December 2005, we remember his enthusiasm for our community, his love of sports and his desire to make our committee one that served all ages and ability levels. As a coach, friend and a devoted husband and father, Bob’s warm smile brought joy to all our lives. He will be missed and remembered.

As a facilitator, Bob made 2005 a year of partnerships for the Recreation Department. Through meetings with town officials, the New London Outing Club and the community center action committee, the collaborative effort for a new community center continued. The location established last year (on Pleasant Street, next to Bittersweet) still stands and this past year, voters at Town Meeting approved the donation of a small piece of town land to be used as a large skating and detention pond. The Recreation Department remains committed to working with the public through the Planning Board to offer residents a true community center that will meet the needs of citizens of all ages and interests.

It was another busy summer season for the Recreation Department. The formation of the “Adventure Camp” program proved successful for children in grades 6-8! We look forward to another successful summer for the program. It was our third year of summer day camp and once again, it ran at near full capacity as children entering grades K-5 spent the day swimming, creating and playing cooperative games & sports! While continuing to travel to Bucklin Beach, the camp was again held at New London Elementary School (thanks to Principal Dr. Kevin Johnson, KRES-NL and KRSD for their assistance and cooperation!). Children continued to enjoy the British soccer and swim program this summer. Residents of all ages enjoyed the varied offerings of sailing & kayaking lessons and trips such as Red Sox games, Fisher Cats Double-A games, etc.

Winter activities and events were in full swing in 2005, with another year of skating on the property of the New London Inn. Many thanks to owners Bridget LeRoy and Eric Johnson for their continued commitment of offering skating to the community and for dedicating the Bob Andrews Memorial Skating rink in Bob’s memory.

Due to Bob’s commitment for keeping the community informed, our website traffic continued to increase both in distribution of our newsletter and the number of hits on our website. We continue to have active community participation and encourage residents to visit our website at www.nlrec.com. Please feel free to offer any input on how we can further meet the needs of the community through our website!

We always welcome your comments and suggestions on any matter at 526-6401, or by e-mail at nlrec@adelphia.net.

Respectfully submitted,

The New London Recreation Commission, with recognition and fond memories of Director, Robert Andrews.



Bob Andrews and area residents at Fenway Park.

TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2005 was a busy and exciting year for Tracy Library. The ALA ratings once again placed us as one of the top 10 libraries in towns with a population of 2500-4900 in the United States. We are grateful to the citizens of New London for the valued support we receive, enabling us to maintain our high standings. Among our valued citizens, we have 4985 registered patrons of whom 2668 are resident adults, and 716 are resident juveniles. In addition, we have 153 temporary borrowers, 67 CSC student cards, 332 non-resident adults, and 461 non-resident juvenile borrowers who attend KRSD. During the year we circulated over 51,000 items and added 2745 new books, audios and videos to our collection. From other libraries we borrowed 756 items for our patrons, and loaned 1312 to other libraries.

Through the generosity of our Friends Book Sale and Membership Drive, we were able to sponsor our newsletter and the Summer Reading Program for children; purchase many costly reference books including new encyclopedias; sponsor the Great Decisions Program through the Foreign Policy Association; and purchase new seating in part of the Children's Department. In conjunction with Morgan Hill Bookstore we were also able to sponsor visits and lectures from four different authors. Our wonderful volunteers are an arm of the Friends, and they continue to enhance the daily operation of the Library with countless hours of dedication. Each week they contribute the equivalent time and effort of about two additional full-time staff members to help keep us running smoothly.

We were pleased and delighted to welcome several new staff members this year. Sondra VanderPloeg joined us in May as the new Assistant Director. Her duties include inter-library loans, leading book discussions, and the design and maintenance of our webpage: www.tracylibrary.org. Missy Carroll started part-time in February as our new Circulation Desk Supervisor, keeping track of all the materials that go in and out, and Gena Edmunds works part-time helping in whichever department she is needed. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet all of them if you haven't already.

Growing more beautiful every year, the Community Garden was the backdrop in June for cookbook author Ellen Ogden's delightful afternoon visit. She discussed her latest book and even provided some "tastings" for the attendees. The Town is indeed fortunate to have such a treasure as the Community Garden in its midst, and we are so grateful to the tireless volunteers who weed, plant, clip and mow in all weather to maintain its splendor.

Our Children's Department continues to attract a large number of our young people to a great variety of fun programs and activities. Story hours, craft and activity programs, holiday gift making, and reading to Daisy the dog are a few of the varied happenings that have occurred in 2005. The Summer Reading Program culminated in a very imaginative float in the Hospital Day Parade. Over 123 programs were attended by almost 2000 enthusiastic participants.

In the summer, the Library was the recipient of a very generous bequest from the estate of former New London resident Marcus Clement. This contribution enabled the Library to finish several critical ongoing building maintenance projects. As an added benefit, the Community Garden is now clearly visible through the newly installed windows in the New Hampshire Room.

We hope that all of you will take advantage of everything that YOUR library has to offer in 2006, and we thank all the citizens of New London for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Foose and Linda Miller

Library Co-Directors

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Registered Patrons	4985	5101	4922	4529	4438	4186
Resident Adults	2668	2823	2726	2672		
Resident Juveniles	716	798	818	623		
Non-resident adults	332	371	379	466		
Non-resident juveniles (KRSD)	461	492	492	486		

COMMUNITY GARDEN AT TRACY LIBRARY

As the garden matures, and more plants and shrubs are added, it becomes an even greater pleasure to stroll past the beds or sit on a bench and read. The garden is constantly changing with a sequence of blooms and emphasizing varying shades of color throughout the growing season. Our new welcome box containing informational brochures about the garden and garden guides with plant lists has been very popular.

New plantings last summer included shrubs and perennials to provide a background for the Gary Haven Smith sculpture that is on the terrace outside the library stacks. All of those plants are from the original Olmsted Brothers list. This fall, 940 spring bulbs were planted by the side entrance to the library and in the garden beds below.

We are so very grateful for the support of the town and the individual donors who provide the funds for us to maintain the garden. In addition to the professional gardener's hours, close to 900 hours were spent planting, dividing, and doing all the general maintenance by a devoted crew of volunteers. Without the generosity of *all* these people the garden could not flourish. Thank you to everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Little

NEW LONDON GARDEN CLUB

The New London Garden Club has been a very active service organization in the New London area since 1928. The Club met each month throughout the year 2005 with programs on the environment, gardening and flower arranging. The annual Flora and Fauna program introduced the public to the Audubon Society's Important Bird Areas in New Hampshire.

The New London Garden Club was at its busiest during the summer months. The Club maintained 17 small gardens throughout New London from May to October. In June, they celebrated National Garden Week with balloons and signs at the pocket gardens, and planted a tree near the Transfer Station.

Our public fundraiser, the annual Antique Show, was held on the fourth Saturday of July on the Town Green. All of the members of the club participated in this event. The proceeds funded the civic beautification projects, books for the three school libraries and the Tracy Library, and scholarships for students at the University of New Hampshire. The Garden Club continued to support the New London Hospital with a birthday party in May for continuing care residents, a flower and plant booth at Hospital Days, and provided flower arrangements throughout the Hospital each week. The Club also contributed to the support of projects at the Community Garden at Tracy Memorial Library and The Fells in Newbury, and state and local conservation and environmental organizations.

The New London Garden Club has a membership of 150 active members and welcomes those interested in its activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Danella Pearson

President, New London Garden Club

HEALTH OFFICER

Public Health is concerned with the factors that affect the health of all members of the community, from reducing heart and vascular disease through reduced tobacco use; to reducing asthma in children through improved school air quality; to preventing enteric diseases by preventing well water contamination through proper disposal of human waste; to encouraging the use of seatbelts to reduce mortality and severity of injuries in automobile accidents; to preventing disease through immunization programs. These are just a few of the functions included in a comprehensive public health program.

In the State of New Hampshire only our largest cities, Manchester and Nashua, maintain comprehensive public health programs that include inspections of restaurants and other food handling facilities. In all other towns, with the exception of about a half dozen “self inspecting” communities, such inspection programs are conducted by the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Most towns depend upon the state for other public health services but DHHS is severely underfunded and is unable to conduct programs such as statewide mosquito control to prevent mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus disease and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The City of Manchester spends over \$40 per capita on its public health department programs whereas most towns spend less than \$1 per capita on public health. Various groups of municipalities in the state have or are in the process of forming cooperative regional public health organizations as part of a New Hampshire Public Health Network. Through the efforts of Sean Lyon, ARNP, of the New London Hospital and the New London Health Department, we are in the early stages of organizing such a regional public health cooperative with most of the towns in the service area of New London Hospital. Anyone having an interest in organizing or participating in this undertaking is encouraged to contact Sean Lyon or me.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a potentially very serious viral disease of humans and horses and can produce brain damage and death in both species. The disease is transmitted from various kinds of birds by way of a mosquito that has previously bitten a bird infected with the disease. West Nile Virus (WNV), transmitted the same way, is generally less severe than EEE causing anything from undetected infection to flu-like disease to encephalitis (infection of the brain) that can be fatal, particularly in those over the age of 50. Of the dead birds reported to me in 2005, I was able to retrieve and submit for testing six, of which none was positive for either WNV or EEE. A mosquito pool collected in Andover tested positive for EEE and there have been positive WNV birds in our area in the past. Although both diseases tend to be cyclical, there is no reason not to expect to find infected birds for both diseases in the New London area in the future. If we have mosquitoes we can expect that some humans may become infected, and we could even have mortalities.

The dilemma for public health is determining when risk factors are sufficiently high to warrant expending town funds to carry out disease control programs, such as mosquito control, as there is presently no human immunization available for either disease. For this reason, DHHS, with reference to a document entitled “Public Health Confronts the Mosquito”¹ has promulgated a State of New Hampshire Arbovirus Illness Surveillance, Prevention and Response Plan² that will serve as a basis for mosquito control decisions for the Town of New London. The plan defines risk on a scale of 1-5: 1 (Remote); 2 (Low); 3 (Moderate); 4 (High); and 5 (Critical)). Based on this document, New London is defined as a “Low Risk” area for the probability of an EEE outbreak in humans and a “Remote Risk” for the probability of a WNV disease outbreak in humans. We will plan our response based on “Low Risk,” which is the higher risk category (see the chart on the next page). This risk level could change in the next few months depending upon whether or not we find positive dead birds and whether or not we collect positive mosquito pools.

The chart on the next page, taken from the state’s Surveillance, Prevention and Response Plan, summarizes New London’s probability of a human outbreak and recommended response levels. I believe that New London could satisfy the ASTHO criteria for being designated as a town capable of supporting a Level II or Intermediate Program for the control of mosquitoes. A Level II mosquito control program based on the “Low Risk” category would include the following recommended elements:

1. Population reporting of dead birds with collection and submission to DHHS for WNV and EEE testing.
2. Intensive education program for citizens and school children on personal protection from mosquitoes.
3. Purchase of mosquito collection traps with submission of mosquito pools to DHHS for testing for WNV and EEE.

¹ Recommendations of the Mosquito Control Collaborative, a project of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in partnership with the National Association of County and City Health Officials and supported by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

² A complete copy of the plan can be downloaded from the State Department of Health and Human Services website: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/CDACS/LIBRARY/Policy-Guideline/arboviral-response-plan.htm>.

4. An expanded education program aimed at ridding public and private properties of mosquito breeding sites such as water containers, abandoned tires, ditches, etc.
5. Initiating application procedures for acquisition of a state application permit to be able to use larvicides and if seriously threatened, adulticides for the control of mosquitoes. The NH Pesticide Control Board requires three months to process town pesticide application permits.
6. Maintain a passive surveillance of human meningitis/encephalitis and equine illness.
7. If possible, depending upon the availability of adequate funding or trained volunteer services, assessing the mosquito populations with monitoring of larval and adult mosquito density.

<u>Probability</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Recommended Response</u>
Remote	All of the following conditions must be met: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No prior year virus activity detected in a community or adjacent community. 2. No horse (non-human mammal) or human cases in current year. 3. Limited or sporadic current year EEE virus activity in birds. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surveillance activities are routine. 2. Assess local ecology for mosquito abundance. 3. Routine collection and testing of mosquitoes. 4. Passive human and horse surveillance. 5. Emphasis on reducing mosquito breeding. 6. No EEE virus-specific supplemental control efforts are recommended.
Low	Areas anticipating EEE virus epizootic activity based on EEE virus activity in the prior year in the community or adjacent community. A risk category 2 condition exists if any of the following conditions are met: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior year virus activity: EEE virus mosquito isolates; 1 EEE horse case; no human cases; or 2. Current year virus activity: EEE virus mosquito isolate identified in an enzootic mosquito species; no horse or human EEE cases. 	Incorporates previous category response, plus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess mosquito populations, monitor larval and adult mosquito density. 2. Initiate source reduction; use larvicides at specific sources identified by entomologic survey and targeted at bridge vector species. May consider adulticiding. 3. Enhance passive surveillance of human encephalitis/meningitis and equine illness. 4. Expand community outreach and public education programs focused on risk potential and personal protection, emphasizing source reduction.

If New London should become a high risk area, especially with human cases of WNV and/or EEE, and if presently proposed state legislation is successful, it may become possible to receive emergency state aid for emergency mosquito control measures. Even without state aid it could become essential to use larvicides and even adulticides to protect our population from arbovirus infection. Under such circumstances the conservation of human life and human wellness will become our highest conservation priority.

The oversight of septic system test pits and designs in 2005 saw a reduction in the number of proposed septic systems:

<u>Function</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Sites visited	37	45
Test pits witnessed and recorded	34	55
Total number of plans reviewed before state submission	57	69
Systems in failure	2	2
Systems for new housing construction	27	40
Replacement systems	24	12
Septic loading increased by house expansion or increased use	5	4

Although the septic system workload has somewhat decreased over the last few years, the added training and participation in planning and exercises for protection against a possible terrorist attack and for coping with natural epidemics has considerably increased New London's public health workload.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Bent, PhD.

Health Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The New London Conservation Commission has now entered the high-tech era. Thanks to the computer expertise of Bob Crane, the Town website now includes extensive coverage of the work of the Commission, including maps and descriptions of all the town trails. Go to www.nl-nh.com, and look for the Conservation Commission under Departments.

Several new trails were added during the year. These include the Cook Interpretive Loop Trail, the Pleasant Lake High Trail, the Messer Pond Trail, the Clark Lookout trail, and the Little Sunapee Associates Forest trail. Most of these trails, and many of the existing trails, cross private property, and we are grateful to the property owners who make access available for public recreational use. We are especially grateful to Sydney L. Crook for his generous gift to the Town of the Clark Lookout property. All of the trails are shown on the website, and will be printed on the new town trail map that goes to press as this report is being written. The revised map will be printed on waterproof, tear-proof stock.

Early in the year we lost one of our long-serving members, Wayne Warriner. Wayne was the organizer of our trail maintenance work and an active contributor to all the work of the Commission. We miss him. Trail maintenance is now in the hands of Dan Allen, who is a new member of the Commission this year though he has long been active in trail activity in the region. Dan has instituted a trail maintenance organization with specific people being responsible as adopters of each of the Town's trails, while others act as monitors of trail condition or as maintenance workers. If you are interested in this work, please contact Dan.

You may have noticed that this past year has been somewhat wet. This has had an effect on our work. Vicki Koron has done sterling work in keeping up with water monitoring at the Bog after heavy rainfall. Elsewhere, several trail bridges were washed away by spring runoff and needed to be hauled back into place and firmly affixed. The sodden condition of the ground meant that work at Phillips Preserve on the new field, opened up last winter, could not be completed. We hope to do the work this year using funds received from the forestry harvest at the site. Despite the wet weather, work on the Beaver Pipe at the Chandler Brook outlet at Low Plain was completed, thus bringing the water level down below flooding.



Photo by Richard Cavallaro

The almost completed bridge over the Dura Crockett Brook on the new trail developed under the direction of the late Wayne Warriner. With Wayne, who is on the right, are Terry Dancy (former chair of the Commission) and Les Norman (current chair).

Monitoring of conservation easements was performed in accordance with the terms of each easement. Some of the properties were acquired with government assistance, and this year these properties were monitored with participation from state personnel. The Commission regularly works in cooperation with state and area agencies. In particular, we are represented on the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition.

Last year's winter and spring walks, organized by Ruth White, again proved a big draw. The walks help to give residents a glimpse of the variety of natural resources that surround us. One walk turned into a work session, when a hardy crew installed over a dozen new duck boxes around Low Plain. Another view of nature is provided by the Invasive Species brochure, prepared by Colby-Sawyer students under the direction of Commission member Laura Alexander. The brochure was printed out of the Commission's budget and distributed throughout the town.

During the year, we were faced with an application for development that appeared to run the risk of causing soil erosion and deterioration of water quality. The Commission can, of course, only apply already existing regulations, and we learned that this was not completely understood by all of those who would be affected by the project. We therefore composed an open letter to the community stating our role, and inviting participation in our efforts to develop regulations that will help to preserve the quality of the natural resources on which we all rely. We are now beginning to outline what we hope to achieve in this area, which will be reflected in the next update of the Town Master Plan.

Thankfully, residents show by their actions that an appreciation of the Town's physical attributes is at the forefront of their concerns. We salute the protective associations of the town lakes, which are taking appropriate measures, supported by town funding, to counter the intrusion of milfoil and other invasive plants. We are also most appreciative of applicants who come before the Commission to seek approval for wetland passage or shoreline work and who present plans that show their concern for the environment. It is a privilege to serve in such a community.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie W. Norman

Chair

BUDGET COMMITTEE

There have been many changes to the Budget Committee this year, but one thing remains constant. We are determined, as a group, to oversee the budgeting process to see that the recommended expenditures and revenues are realistic and that services provided by the Town are either necessary, consistent with long range plans or follow the expressed will of Town Meeting.

We have lost the services of two long time budget committee members: Shelby Blunt, who decided that she had served long enough and trained the rest of us adequately, and Stefan Timbrell, who moved from town and is thus ineligible to participate. Both are greatly missed. Added to the committee are Bob Meck and Connie Appel, who have proved to be valuable additions to the group. Doug Baxter, who previously chaired the committee, has taken on new work-related responsibilities and felt he no longer had the time to devote to being chairman. He has, thankfully, continued to be a valued advisor. Thanks Doug!

This year the Budget Committee reviewed the proposed budgets of all departments within the Town. In all instances where there was a question as to the need for an expense, a subcommittee was selected to review that item with the department head and report back to the committee. We all came away from the process thankful that we have such dedicated and knowledgeable department heads. We also concluded that the proposed budget is sound and meets the needs of New London.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Barry Wright

Chair

SEWER COMMISSION

The Sewer Commission is committed to providing efficient and cost effective service to New London sewer users. Long term replacement and rehabilitation programs of an aging system remain in effect. However, significant increases in electrical, fuel and sludge removal rates and higher flows to the Sunapee Treatment Plant during the past year unfortunately required us to raise user rates for the first time since 2003.

In a separate and ongoing issue, the Commissioners have proceeded with an engineering evaluation of the Georges Mills Pump Station that was involved in the previously reported April 2004 sewage spill into a tributary of Lake Sunapee. Although tests taken immediately thereafter showed no degradation of water quality, this was a regrettable event. Under the guidance of the NH Department of Environmental Services and the Attorney General's office all necessary steps to prevent a reoccurrence have been undertaken. We hired Underwood Engineers of Concord to study the pump station and make recommendations for corrective measures to bring the 26-year-old facility into full compliance with current State regulations. The cost of the engineering study completed in 2005 and the required construction expenditures for this project in 2006 are beyond the scope of currently held sewer funds and will require approval of a warrant article at the March 2006 Town Meeting for a bond in the amount of \$275,000. The Commission is confident that the improvements made to the Georges Mills Pump Station will ensure a safe and cost efficient operation in the future.

The Sewer Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays each month and monthly in Sunapee with the Sunapee Water and Sewer Commission to maintain good communications and oversight of the jointly operated system. All such meetings are open to the public. In 2005 discussions with Sunapee focused on improving the accuracy of flow metering and reducing the cost of sludge removal.

The Commission reminds sewer users of several measures they can take to help reduce their sewer bills: periodically check the operation of your plumbing for leaky spigots and toilets with poor shut off valves to avoid paying for water needlessly metered and entering the sewer system. As New London sewer users pay a major percentage of the costs of operating the Sunapee Treatment Plant all unnecessary flows into the system ultimately increase New London sewer user rates. Be reminded that the discharge from sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system is expressly prohibited by sewer ordinance. Finally, sewer users can reduce their bills by purchasing from the Commission deduct meters which can be installed by a licensed plumber to measure water use outside the household.

While the past year has been difficult and challenging, the Commissioners look forward to a successful year in 2006 and the closure of all issues related to the April 2004 spill. 2006 will include a consulting firm's study to see if the concept of combining Sewer and Highway operations into the Department of Public Works would be financially and operationally sound for the Town of New London.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Augustus Seamans, Chair

Elizabeth Boege

H. Gordon Starkey

PLANNING BOARD

For the Planning Board, the year began and ended with crafting and conducting public hearings on amendments proposed to the Zoning Ordinance. The zoning amendments presented at the public hearings in January 2005 for ballot vote at the 2005 Town Meeting were the culmination of diligent work by the Planning Board and the Town staff throughout the fall. The Planning Board begins public work sessions on developing these amendments in late September by prioritizing the amendments to address that year and conducting public work sessions until early December to craft the specific language for each amendment that was then presented at public hearings in January.

Many of the zoning amendments presented for ballot vote at the 2005 Town Meeting addressed issues encountered by the Zoning Administrator and Planning Board in administering the ordinance and were primarily “housekeeping” in nature with the intent of adding further clarity to the ordinance. The most significant amendment proposed by the Planning Board and approved by the voters was amending the Shore Land Overlay District to conform to new state legislation prohibiting upward expansions of nonconforming structures in the shore lands. The year ended as it began with the Planning Board crafting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to be considered by ballot vote at the 2006 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board addressed a wide variety of current planning activities during the 20 Planning Board meetings held over the past year. A significant part of time was spent reviewing site plans for a number of different projects including:

- Addition of a new underground water storage tank and above ground booster pump for the New London/Springfield Water Precinct located on the Colby-Sawyer College campus;
- Expansion of office space for Rob Daly at the Sublime Civil/Jesseman Associates site on Little Sunapee Road;
- Addition of garages and off-street parking for a multi-family residential use on the Barton property on Main Street;
- Expansion of two off-street parking areas at the New London Hospital located on County Road;
- Addition of a new building for retail and office use on the Bicknor property located on Main Street; and
- Redevelopment of the old gasoline service and repair garage for a gas station and convenience store (New London Mini Mart) on the Souliotis property on Main Street

Regarding 2005 subdivision activity, the Planning Board approved one minor subdivision with two lots, three annexations and three lot mergers, but no major subdivisions. However, the Planning Board expended a great deal of effort carefully reviewing one major subdivision and cluster development proposal for 14 lots off Pleasant Street before the application was withdrawn. By then, the Planning Board had conducted seven public hearings as well as several site walks and numerous subcommittee meetings on the proposal. The Planning Board engaged an independent engineer to review the project and was in the process of selecting an independent hydrogeologist when the application was withdrawn. During the well-attended public hearings, the Planning Board listened closely to the many concerns expressed by area residents regarding the future health of local watersheds, wetlands, lakes and streams.

This project and other recent proposals indicate that as land that is easier to develop is being used up, more environmentally sensitive sites are being considered for development and will be in the future. Such sites present greater challenges because they can have more steep slopes and wetlands and/or less soil cover or depth to the water table and/or bedrock. Issues presented by new developments can be complicated by the effects of existing development. Recent development proposals highlight the need and the local desire to improve planning efforts to address how and where development will occur in New London’s watershed areas. The Planning Board intends to work through these issues, among others, with our growing, multi-faceted community as part of the Master Plan process discussed below.

In November, the Planning Board approved the annual update of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the 2006-2015 time period. Following the established practice, the Planning Board appointed a working CIP Committee to develop a draft of the CIP. This CIP Committee consisted of two members from the Planning Board, two members from the Budget Committee, and one member 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 inclusion in the annual budget process. Highlighted below are some of the major changes included in the CIP update this year:

- **Recreation:** The capital reserve contribution for recreation land acquisition was increased in 2006 from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to provide a large enough reserve to be able to hold a piece of property while securing voter approval for its acquisition.
- **Library:** A long-term plan for library improvements was developed as presented on the new table 11 in the report. An annual allocation of \$15,000 is needed to meet their needs.
- **Fire:** The annual capital reserve allocation for fire equipment was increased from \$69,000 to \$75,000 to accommodate replacement of the pick-up truck every five years.
- **Highway:** By extending the life expectancy of a few pieces of equipment, the annual allocation for the highway equipment replacement program decreased from \$162,500 to \$155,000. Additionally, a sidewalk tractor was added to the list of new highway equipment requested by the Highway Department. Finally, the Highway Department would like to purchase the new 10-wheel dump truck in 2007 at a new estimated cost of \$95,000.
- **Sanitation:** The Town was successful in securing some grant money to assist with improvements to the transfer station. As a result, the annual capital reserve contribution was decreased from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Again this year in updating the CIP, it has become apparent that growth is affecting the capital improvement needs of the community. The Planning Board has begun work on updating the last Town Master Plan adopted in 1998 to address the growth-related issues facing the community. The Master Plan update will reassess the vision for the future growth and development of the community through a combination of workshops and a community survey. After gathering public input on the key growth related issues facing the community over the next ten to fifteen years, the Planning Board will reassess and update the recommendations from the 1998 Master Plan in ongoing work sessions on the Master Plan update over the next couple of years. All of this effort will culminate in a draft updated Master Plan to be presented to the community in one or more public hearings. After incorporating the public input received on the draft plan, the Planning Board will prepare and adopt, by majority vote, the updated Town Master Plan. The Planning Board welcomes participation by interested citizens in this planning process. Please advise a staff person at the Town Offices of your interest and you will be contacted when you can become involved in the process of updating the Master Plan.

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; Amy Rankins, Land Use and Assessing Coordinator; 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. The Board especially wants to thank area citizens who served on its subcommittees and worked so diligently. Public 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. 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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met eight times during the year 2005. The following report reflects a summary of the cases heard.

April 11, 2005

Molly and Domenic Ferrante requested a Variance to the terms of Article XX, §B-3 of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicants sought a variance in order to do substantial renovations to an existing non-conforming structure located at 53 Lighthouse View road, Tax Map 126-005-000, in the R2 zone. **Granted**

Landforms Ltd. Representing Robert Ewing requested a Special Exception as provided by the terms of Article XIII, §E-2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicants sought a special exception to create two ponds on property located off of Main Street, Tax Map 096-010-000, 096-015-005, in the ARR zone. **Granted**

June 6, 2005

Carl Williamson representing Edgar & Cathleen Gerwig requested an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement as provided by Article XXI §H-1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a covered entranceway to their home on Bunker Road, within the setback requirement, Tax Map 063-005-000, in the R-2 zone. **Granted**

Carolyn and Scott Ellison requested a Special Exception as provided by Article XIII §E-3 of the New London Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a reduction of the depth of the required wetland buffer on their property at the corner of County Road and Forest Acres Road, Tax Map 105-010-000 in the R2/Conservation zones. **Granted**

July 11, 2005

John and Bernice White (Scarrington LTD) requested the following for their property located at 63 Murray Pond Road, Tax Map 045-003-000 in the R-2 zone:

- An Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement as provided by Article XXI, §H-1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance, in order to retain a screened porch on their house, with less than the required side yard setback. **Granted**
- A Variance as provided by Article V, §C-2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance, in order to retain a deck on the rear of their house, with less than the required side yard setback. **Granted**

Frank and Karen Voellmann represented by RCS Designs requested a Special Exception as provided by Article XIII, §E,1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance for a wetland crossing to access their waterfront home on 101 Forest Acres Road, Tax Map 105-011-000 in the R-2 zone. **Withdrawn by applicant**

July 25, 2005

Murray and Marjorie Forbes requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, §A.1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to permit the continuation of a second dwelling unit on their property located at 37 Boulder Point, Tax Map 115-003-000 in the R2 zone. **Granted**

Nancy C. Robertson-Allen requested an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement for property located at 56 Laurel Lane, Tax Map 089-017-000 in the ARR zone due to her home being to close to the property line along the road. **Granted**

Bicknor-Wilmot Inc. requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, §A of the New London Zoning Ordinance to allow a parking lot in a residential district. This property is Tax Map 073-080-000 and is in the Commercial and Urban Residential zones. **Granted**

September 19, 2005

Mill Stream Structures, for Michael and Anita Gelcius requested a Special Exception as provided by the terms of Article XIII, §E (1) of the New London Zoning Ordinance for permission to cross wetlands in order to connect to town sewer. The property is located on Fairway Lane (Tax Map 124-010-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

David & Lynn Annicchiarico requested a Variance as provided by the terms of Article V, §C of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a variance for a shed that was constructed with less than the required side yard setback. The property is located on Bunker Road (Tax Map 076-025-000) in the R2 Zone. **Granted** with the stipulation that the applicants annex their two lots together (Tax Map 076-025-000 and 076-042-000).

Susan Hankin-Birke, Esq. for John & Joan Hughes requested a Variance as provided by the terms of Article XVI, §C,2 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a deck (after the fact) and a fence within the 50'

setback from the shore of Messer Pond. The deck was constructed in the summer 2004 without an approved building permit. Applicant also seeks a variance to the terms of Article XXV, §A.3.a which requires a building permit prior to the construction of any structure. The property is located at 63 White Pine Lane (Tax Map 105-008-000) in the R2 zone.

The Zoning Board heard testimony from the applicants and their representative and reviewed photographs of the fence and wooden platform in question. The Zoning Board did not think that they should hear a variance of an enforcement provision and the applicants withdrew the request for a Variance to the terms of Article XXV, Section A.3.a. The Zoning Board determined that pursuant to RSA 674:33 V, the Hughes did not have to meet the hardship requirement, and granted the Variance to Article XVI, Section C.2, as follows:

- (a) The Hughes may keep the fence as is until replacement or repair is required. At that point the fence must be moved to comply with the regulations in place at the time of repair or replacement.
- (b) The Hughes may have a 160 sq. ft. platform no closer to the lake than the present platform, which must be removed entirely at the time of sale of property or upon good faith of the homeowner when the handicapped use is no longer required by the family.

September 26, 2005

Pamela Perkins representing Susan McLeod for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement provided by the terms of Article XXI, Section H,1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance to allow for less than the required front setback of 50 feet. The property is located on 31 Hayfield Lane (Tax Map 128-016-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Peter Schiess of Landforms Ltd. representing Robert Ewing for a Special Exception as provided by the terms of Article XIII, §E,1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a Special Exception for a wetland crossing in order to extend a driveway for access onto an abutting house lot. The property is located on Main Street (Tax Map 096-015-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Wiggin & Nourie, P.A. representing Michael Todd for an Appeal of an Administrative Decision as provided by the terms of Article XXI, §E regarding the need for a building permit for the installation of a structure on which electrical meters and panels are located. The property is located at 159 Main Street (Tax Map 107-005-000) in the ARR zone. **Denied**

November 7, 2005

Blanc and Bailey Construction representing Elaine Goldberg for a Variance to the terms of Article XX, §B.3.b of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a variance to allow for substantial improvements to be made to an existing nonconforming structure. The property is located on 305 Forest Acres Road (Tax Map 118-016-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted**

Aristotle Souliotis and George Souliotis for a Variance to the terms of Article VII, §B1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a variance for the purpose of adding a canopy over the existing gas pumps with less than the required front yard setback. The property is located on 384 Main Street (Tax Map 103-015-000) in the Commercial zone. **Granted**

Maria Dolder, Esq., Herbert & Uchida Law Offices representing Howard G. Davis III for a variance to the terms of Article XVI, §H & Article XX, §B(3)(b) of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a variance to construct a foundation for an existing cottage which already encroaches within the 50' shoreland buffer area and to allow substantial improvements to a nonconforming structure, while maintaining its nonconforming status. The property is located on 143 Lighthouse View Road (Tax Map 115-001-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted**

December 12, 2005

Bristol Sweet and Associates representing Richard Putnam et al for an Appeal of an Administrative Decision to the terms of Article XIII, Section G of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks an Appeal of an Administrative Decision made by the New London Planning Board for the requirement to have a 100-foot buffer around jurisdictional wetlands described as "fingers and bumps" identified on the proposed subdivision plan. **Denied**

Paul and Joanne Lazdowski for a Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Section H, 1 of the New London Zoning Ordinance. The applicant seeks a variance to install a new foundation under an existing house and deck within the 50' setback from Lake Sunapee. **Granted**

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Ballin

Chair

BANDSTAND COMMITTEE

Seventeen years of concerts at the Mary D. Haddad Bandstand on the Ausbon Sargent Common – what a lovely way to spend Friday evenings in the summer! In 2005 had three concerts inside at Whipple Memorial Town Hall, one concert where we shared the Green with the New London Garden Club and used their tents when it began to rain, and four concerts on the open Green.

Without the help of many people our summer concerts would not happen. Missy Owen, Program Chair, sifts through the increasing number of bands available each year and books all the groups; Nancy Snow, Secretary, ably writes all the thank you notes and records the minutes of our meetings; Bob Lull signs up our sponsors; Barbara Green is our able Treasurer; and Marge Sherman continues to do great work as our publicity person. Jody Arnold, Bill Green, Townes Harris, Norman Leger, Mike Meller, Peg Moreland, Frank Sherman and April Whittaker, committee members, all pitch in to do their share to make the concerts a success. Two members of our committee, Ellie Norris Wall and Bud Snow, decided to retire from the Bandstand Committee in 2005. Thank you Ellie and Bud for your good work. We miss you.

**WANTED:
NEW MEMBERS**

Do you enjoy music, the camaraderie of a great group of people, and providing the community with free entertainment? If you do, please consider joining the Bandstand Committee. Please contact any member of the Committee.

Additional kudos go to Clayton Miller, Inc. for making sure the lights work, Lee Morrill of On Track Design for designing and printing our posters and placing the weekly ads, Chris Murphy of Murphy Art Sounds for his work with Frank on the sound system, the New London Garden Club for the beautiful plantings, the Highway Department for keeping the Common beautiful, the Chamber of Commerce for faithfully displaying our sandwich board each week, and friends who assist us in many ways. Our generous sponsors continue to make it possible to provide you, our audience, with the variety of music that we hope pleases you. The Committee expresses its gratitude to our sponsors, many of which have underwritten the concerts from the beginning. We ask you to thank the sponsors when you see their names listed with the concerts.

Keep your comments and suggestions coming – they help us plan the concerts. We look forward to seeing you at our first concert on June 23, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Marshall

President

2006 BANDSTAND CONCERT SCHEDULE

All concerts start at 6:30 PM. In the event of rain, concerts will be held indoors at Whipple Memorial Town Hall.

Friday, June 23, 2006	Fountain Square Ramblers
Friday, June 30, 2006	Upper Valley Community Band
Friday, July 7, 2006	39th Army Band of the NH National Guard
Friday, July 14, 2006	The Nevers Regimental Band
Friday, July 28, 2006	Brady Baxter, David DiLorenzo & Andrew Root
Friday, August 11, 2006	New England Noise
Friday, August 18, 2006	Kearsarge Community Band
Friday, August 25, 2006	Quintessential Brass

PUBLIC NOTICE: As of May 12, 2003, it is illegal to possess, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages in or on any Town building, cemetery, park, common, library, beach, skating rink or other town facility. This includes the Town Commons and Town beaches, as well as any public roads, sidewalks, or parking areas. The fine for violations of this Town ordinance is \$1000.

NEW LONDON OUTING CLUB

It was a wonderful summer and fall at the Outing Club. All the folks who made the Outing Club possible are breathing a little easier as our lacrosse, tennis, baseball, horseshoe, bocce ball and soccer programs are now concluded, although this year closed on somewhat a wet note, given the heavy rains that put more than a few constraints on our end-of-season soccer tournaments. Oh, were those fields soaked! We are deeply indebted to the many volunteers who spent their personal time coaching and supporting the hundreds of children involved in these programs in 2005.

Sumner Woodward and the volunteers who spend so many hours keeping our park beautiful throughout the year have now put Woodward Park to bed for the winter. A special effort was made to keep the park open as long as possible this year, as many parents and children continued to use the playground during those last days of nice weather.

And for 2006...The Outing Club board of directors has worked to continually expand the breadth and reach of recreational programs available to residents of **all** ages within the Keasarge area. Our horseshoe, bocce ball and tennis programs were very successful in attracting a new group of residents to the park. Plans are to continue building participation in these programs next year along with hosting more special events that proved very popular in 2005, such as our moonlight snowshoe hike in March (which concluded with a great bonfire and the best hot chocolate ever!), the Old Fashioned Town Picnic and our Kayaking Your Local Waters program.

Very new on the horizon, thanks mainly to Program Committee Chair Bob Sullivan, is an exciting new downhill ski program to be hosted at Ragged Mountain. This program centers on Sunday afternoons and begins with one-hour small group ski lessons followed by three hours of quality skiing. Bob has targeted the program for children and adults alike, and has worked out an extremely economical package with Ragged Mountain to assure good affordability for everyone. What a great opportunity for novice and intermediate skiers!

And at our Knight's Hill Nature Park subsidiary...Many folks don't realize that Knight's Hill Nature Park is part of the New London Outing Club, and what an exciting part it is! Such a large and beautiful acreage, preserved forever, right here in the center of New London abutting Woodward Park. We believe there are ways to increase the hiking and snowshoeing opportunities afforded by Knight's Hill and to better advertise the many quality environmental and nature programs offered throughout the year to our New London Outing Club membership.

And speaking of membership...Big changes are occurring in our membership base! It used to be that membership was "pushed" as a means to gain bargain pricing on the fees charged for various NLOC sports programs. The sports programs have always been priced to basically break even, which left little or nothing to help with the huge cost of maintaining all of our park facilities. With that in mind, we began membership drives directed to all of the residents of our area communities, and with great success! It became evident quickly that many people, often without children in the household, realized the role the Outing Club plays in providing important recreational opportunities to our communities and joined as new members as a way to express their support. We're so fortunate to such people in our community! What is even more pleasing is the huge increase in membership that has occurred during these last two years of our 57 years of existence. Thank you!!

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Snyder

President



Photo by Dee Doherty

Dan Snyder, Ben Cushing and Michael Doheny toss horseshoes at NLOC.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

In July 2004, the Board of Selectmen met to discuss the Town's streetlights and a conversion report from PSNH. The report suggested 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 trespass. 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, then inventoried all the lights.

In 2005, the Committee evaluated decorative fixtures and the implications of the Main Street Study Committee. We then presented our findings to the Selectmen, the Budget Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Committee recommends removal of 43 lights, including eight on Main Street, and the addition of one light. Further, we propose deferral of the Main Street light conversion until the Main Street Committee makes its recommendations. PSNH offers two lamp types: High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) or Metal Halide (MH). HPS lamps, which cast a yellow-orange light, are more energy efficient, environmentally friendly and due to their lower conversion cost and lower operating cost, offer shorter payback. MH lamps, which cast a white light, provide better color rendering. The Committee recommends HPS but supports conversion to either type.

In December, both lamp types were installed on Gould Road for demonstration purposes, and we asked townspeople to let us know which of the choices they preferred. The voting results were surprisingly close: High Pressure Sodium received 32 votes and Metal Halide came in at 29 votes. Pending the outcome of the Town Meeting vote, New London's streetlights will be converted in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Vernon

Street Light Committee Chair

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This year, it is with heartfelt sadness that we must report that New London's near-perfect safety record suddenly ended by the tragic and untimely death of highway crew member Ryan Haynes. Ryan's accidental passing and the sudden death of Bob Andrews, New London Recreation Director and member of this committee, have cast a shadow over all of New London's municipal employees, who until this year were proud of one of the best safety records in the state.

Our efforts toward and commitment to greater safety for all of New London's employees continues to move forward, however. Not only will the JLMC continue with all of the safety measures that we have instituted and followed till now, but you can rest assured that even greater efforts will be made from now on to insure a greater safety margin for all of New London's workforce.

In such a close-knit group of workers where everyone knows everyone else, a loss of one is a loss to all. In 2006, the JLMC will rededicate itself to reclaiming New London's safety record as one of New Hampshire's safest places to work.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Heath

Chair

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Town of New London has three active cemeteries: Old Main Street Cemetery is located at the corner of Old Main Street and Bog Road; West Part Cemetery is on County Road near the intersection of 103A; and Elkins Cemetery is on Elkins Road near the intersection of Bunker Road. There were 36 interments in 2005. There are lots available in all three cemeteries for the current price of \$200 per gravesite, which includes perpetual care of the grounds. Although there is still space available in our current cemeteries, we are starting to look ahead at the need for another cemetery location in New London. It is important that we find a fourth location while the land is still available, and would appreciate your thoughts on potential cemetery sites.

Maintenance of the cemeteries is provided by the Town Highway Department and a sexton, John Wiltshire. The cemeteries continue to be well cared for and provide a place of comfort for family members and visitors. Damage from the 1998 ice storm has finally resulted in the removal of several large trees this past summer due to safety concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ginter
Charles Hafner
Marion Chadwick Hafner

In Loving Memory of



Virginia J. Chadwick

September 23, 1923

October 2, 2005

Walton W. Chadwick

September 18, 1924

September 6, 2002

WELFARE OFFICER

As you read this, you may know that Celeste Cook is the new Welfare Officer for the Town of New London. After nine years as your Welfare Officer I felt it was time to give the town the opportunity to have someone who would bring new energies and new ideas to the position.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time as Welfare Officer. I operated under two basic principles: that your money would be spent fairly and that I did all I could to make sure clients took advantage of all state, federal, and private assistance programs that may have been more appropriate for their needs.

I want to thank all of you for your support of this very worthwhile town program.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Clement
Welfare Officer

NEW LONDON ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

As usual, the Archives Board meets the first Wednesday afternoon of the month in the Archives at 2:00 p.m. Our members are Connie Granger, Arrolyn Vernon (Secretary), Nancy Dutton, Connie Reece, Doris Cutter (Treasurer), Verne Barrett, Bob MacMichael, Barbara Stearns and myself, Peg Moreland (Archivist). We were glad to have Hope Howard join us again for the December meeting. For people wishing to research in the Archives, it would be best to call me at home (526-6526) so we can get material available for you to look at. Otherwise, all who are curious about the Archives are welcome any Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Doris Cutter, Arrolyn Vernon and I have been working here since the building was renovated for the Town Offices. Previously Doris and I were in the Archives at the Town Hall. Connie Reece joined us a number of years ago. The storage room across the hall (not climate controlled like the Archives office) is used to store town histories (for sale in the Town Clerk's office) and the large bulky town maps that Arrolyn has been organizing and labeling for over a year. Quite a job! There are far too many to put in our two map cases. Doris has kept many clipped obituaries in alphabetical order after reading them for content. Those containing incomplete information are discarded. We will soon have to photocopy and insert them in notebooks for convenience.

A few projects being done in the Archives:

- Collect obituaries from local newspapers of people connected to New London.
- A project of locating 50 year or older barns (measuring, describing and photographing) has been started but put on hold for warmer weather and health reasons. Help would be welcome!
- Members of the board are starting a new old-house project, using available history plus genealogies of families who called these houses home. A useful profile, in time, will be available to interested people.
- Clipping and filing articles concerning New London is a long arduous task for us, but down the road, someone will be looking for them.
- Boxes of town family folders, started a number of years ago, are still being filled with material concerning families.
- Our photograph collection, especially the old photographs, is active. Recently, the First Baptist Church's older photographs were used for documentation for both the NH State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.
- It seems that New London Archives is the only place where a run of the *Intertown Record* newspaper can be found from 1993 to the present. If you know of a place collecting them, please let us know. We are interested.
- The town maps, recently organized, are an extensive and varied collection: picture and highway, property (tax map/lot) and zoning, surveyor's (lakes, watersheds and wetland), USGS topographic, bedrock, footpaths, bike routes, 1934 theme map (large 32x55) blue; series residence maps from the mid 19th century to present; reprints of Indian trails in NH (regional).

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Moreland

Archivist

RESTORATION OF NEW LONDON'S TOWN CLOCK

In 1884 a tower clock was given to the Town of New London and placed in the steeple of the Baptist Meeting House. For almost 100 years, the clock kept the time and struck the hour 24 hours a day, powered only by the force of falling weights. Because of the night striking of the hours, some people complained, and the clock was silenced in the late 1960s. Later it was electrified.

Many people feel it appropriate to restore the authenticity of our mechanical clock for timekeeping and to restore the hour striking ability for daytime operation. A number of interested townspeople, including the late Bill Kidder and the late Bud Lauridsen, met in recent years to discuss restoration of the tower clock, and Bud formed an informal clock task force in 2004. This group has expanded and has been meeting to develop a restoration plan. At the group's initiative, the original workings of the clock now all reside at the Baptist Church (some of the works had been moved to the New London Historical Society after the electrification).

The "Clock Watch" group has met with clock repair experts and the First Baptist Church Council. A plan to ensure that attic access to the tower of the church is in satisfactory condition has been approved, with the cost of attic upgrades to be borne by the church. Clock repair experts have been considered. The chosen proposal was submitted by Philip A. D'Avanza and includes restoring the clock so that the original clockworks are in place and the clock strikes the hour during the daytime (hours of striking can be adjusted as desired). Funding for this project would be borne by either the taxpayers or private donations, or by a combination of the two.

History of the New London Town Clock: Common practice was to install town clocks in the tallest structures in order to be viewed by the greatest number of citizens. In 1884 General Luther McCutchins and Mark Nelson gave a marvelous gift of a tower clock, built by George M. Stevens of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Town of New London. It naturally followed that New London's Town Clock would be placed high atop Colby Hill in the 1826 Baptist Meeting House steeple, which also houses the Church's Revere bell.

The Town Clock fills much of the space in the Meeting House's tower below the bell. Its many wheels, cogs, rods, universal joints, drums, windlasses, cranks, cables, and weights are a sight to behold. Originally, a box containing about 500 pounds of rocks dropped at intervals, during a week's time, from the tower through two stories of the Meeting House to the basement, in order to strike the hour. Another weighted box of about 250 pounds of stone descended about 16 feet, slowly and steadily, during the week, in order to keep the time. At the end of the week, those appointed to wind the clock would use one size crank to wind the longer, bell-striking cable back to the top and a second size crank to bring up the lesser-weighted cable that prepared the timekeeping function for another week.

During the many years that the clock and bell strike were mechanically driven, Frank Butler, Willie Ray, Berk Hunter, Stu Andrews, and many others took care of maintaining and winding the mechanisms. During the late 1960s, the cable was cut to the striking system to silence the clock because the night striking of the hours bothered some people along Main Street. Stu Andrews was the last person to wind the bell strike. Later, when the clock stopped working and repair costs were thought unreasonable, an electric motor was installed to keep the clock working. More recently, Bob Rogers from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has been traveling to New London once a year to inspect, oil, and service the clock. Peter Stanley has also worked on the clock, and, with the passing of Bud Lauridsen, may now be the person most knowledgeable about its maintenance history. Around 1990, Mr. Stanley rebuilt all three clock faces and repaired several worn mechanical parts.

Restoration Recommendation from Philip A. D'Avanza: After soliciting bids from three clock restorers and checking a dozen references, Clock Watch proposes that Philip D'Avanza restore the Town Clock. Mr. D'Avanza recommends a two-part approach to the restoration. First, restore the timekeeping portion of the clock to its original mechanical wind operation. Second, install a new striking system: a bell hammer to be operated by an electric actuator with a controller that provides for programmable night silence and corrects for power outages, daylight saving, and leap year. Mr. D'Avanza does not recommend the more expensive reinstallation of the original Crane striking system for several reasons, including potential damage to the church's 1987 Schantz organ, absence of the required weight shaft due to conversion of the shaft to a storage closet, and the lack of a provision for night silence with the Crane system.

Maintaining the Restored Clock: The Town of New London has taken responsibility through the year for the clock's service and maintenance and will continue to do so (routine servicing cost \$225 in 2005). Mr. D'Avanza estimates that the cost for the recommended semiannual servicing of the restored clock will be approximately \$500 per year. In addition,

Clock Watch has requested that Peter Stanley or someone designated by the Town inspect the clock quarterly to ensure that it is working properly.

Winding the Restored Clock: Of course, a clock restored to mechanical wind operation will have to be wound, in this case weekly. A fair amount of strength and skill will be necessary to wind the restored clock. Clock Watch will organize a small group of volunteers willing to be trained to inspect and properly wind the clock, and those volunteers, with help from the church sexton, will wind the restored clock.

Improving Access to the Clock: In 2005 New London's Baptist Meeting House was listed to both the National and the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places, and the First Baptist Church Council endorses restoration of the historic Town Clock in the church steeple. The church has agreed to widen the Meeting House attic walkway and add handrails, make electrical and lighting upgrades, and clearly mark and pad structural and mechanical obstructions along the pathway to the clock. The church is accepting donations to fund this part of the clock restoration project (\$2,500).

Restore Time Portion to Mechanical Wind	2,875
Install New Striking System	<u>7,385</u>
Total Clock Restoration Cost Estimate	\$ 10,260
Upgrade Walkway and Access to Clock	1,100
Upgrade Electrical	800
Structural Engineer's Report	<u>600</u>
Total First Baptist Church Attic Upgrade Cost Estimate	\$ 2,500
Miscellaneous Costs: Publicity and Fundraising Expenses, Donor Acknowledgment, Clerical Expenses	\$ 900
Contingency Fund (10%)	<u>\$ 1,366</u>
Total Cost of Clock Restoration Project	<u>\$ 15,026</u>

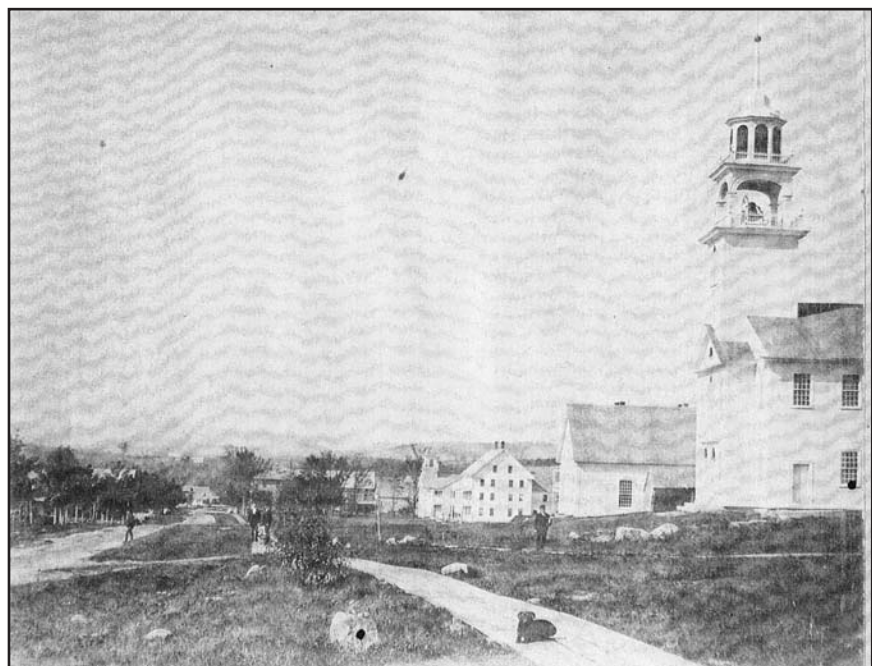
We hope voters at Town Meeting will approve the expenditure of \$10,260 for the restoration of the Town Clock. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts to raise private funds to reduce or eliminate the necessity of a contribution from the taxpayers. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions about this effort to restore and preserve a part of New London's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Lamson Perkins

for Clock Watch:

- Lynne Bell
- Cheryl Cook
- Evan Fradenburgh
- Laurie Lauridsen
- Hank Otto
- Bruce Parsons
- Debra Perkins
- Peter Stanley



From the Archives

The First Baptist Church prior to 1884.

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New London Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1954 for the purpose of collecting and preserving artifacts from the area and offering educational programs. More recently, we have added collaboration with other local organizations to our mission. The Society is staffed by volunteers and financed by its membership dues, special events, project grants, and other donations. Granted tax-exempt status, the Society is also supported by all the residents of New London.

The Society's 2005 calendar was full. In addition to regular tours from Memorial Day through Columbus Day, we offered three recurring events: the 4th Grade Open House, the Art Show & Sale, and the Holiday Open House. We held two winter dessert & lecture presentations: one on New Hampshire tourism, given by Steve Barba of The Balsams, and another on the use of oxen around the world, given by UNH professor Drew Conroy. We hosted workshops on three diverse topics: the use of PastPerfect museum cataloging software, the care and conservation of textiles, and the history and use of the scythe. We repeated the popular guided walking tours of Scytheville/Elkins. And finally, we staged Old New London Day, featuring a pageant of characters from New London's history. Altogether, more than 100 volunteers made these events possible; they drew new and returning visitors, provided insight into local history, and helped extend our mission well beyond the town boundaries. We thank all those preservers of the past.

The Society also rented facilities to individuals and organizations for a variety of events, ranging from a Scottish wedding ceremony to a town meeting with Senator John Sununu to the annual meetings of several local non-profit groups. Rentals are not a core function of the Society but they do provide a portion of the funds needed for routine maintenance of our 16 buildings. That money is multiplied by the work of the "Tuesday Gang," a dedicated group of volunteers that maintains the campus every week, all year round. We thank all those preservers of the past.

The deaths of Bill Kidder, Bud Lauridsen, and Sheri Ensign leave the Historical Society much diminished. Their time, energy, personal connections and vision are largely responsible for the quality and breadth of our exhibits, and we can only hope to build upon their contributions faithfully. It is our challenge for 2006 and beyond.

The New London Historical Society is a unique town asset, and all are welcome to visit, volunteer, and join in its future. More information is available on the web at www.NewLondonHistoricalSociety.org.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Perkins

President



Photo by James Perkins

One early Sunday morning in June, a group passed through town that was making a carriage trip across the state (raising money for the equestrian program at Camp Spaulding/Child & Family Services). They overnighted at the Historical Society.

AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

For nearly 20 years the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) has been a leader in the conservation of our natural resources in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region. This non-profit citizen-based group's mission is to protect the rural landscape of this region. It is especially important because New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in New England. Since 1970 the population of Merrimack County has increased by 68% with New London experiencing a growth rate of 84%. It is predicted that by 2025 we could see another 30% jump in population growth in New London. Because of this substantial growth, our open space and special places are disappearing as they are converted to developed uses each year. As an organization we are challenged to do what we can to preserve our valuable natural resources for all the citizens who live in the region today and for future generations.

Because of development pressure, ASLPT has made it our mission to increase the number of conservation easements completed each year. In May, Beth McGuinn was hired as our first land protection specialist. It is her responsibility to respond to inquiries from landowners interested in conservation options, assess land according to ASLPT's criteria, and coordinate all aspects of the donation of land and easements. Since joining the organization, Beth has been extremely busy fulfilling our mission to protect the rural landscape of our region.

Since our founding in 1987, ASLPT has completed 79 projects and protected a total of 3,950 acres. 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. 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, organize fund raising events and serve on various committees. We are especially thankful for their support and the countless hours that they give us during the year. Our members are the lifeblood of ASLPT and if you are not already a member, I urge you to become one.

In June a conservation easement was completed on a 317-acre property owned by the Courser family and straddling the town line of Warner and Webster. The Coursers worked with The Nature Conservancy and ASLPT which, in turn, partnered with the towns of Warner and Webster to create the Courser conservation easement. The land has significant turtle habitat and contains a network of trails for summer and winter use by the public. Another significant project completed in 2005 was a very successful fundraising effort by ASLPT and the Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association to raise monies for the Evergreen Point project. Evergreen Point was bequeathed to ASLPT by Marjorie Young; however, money was needed to meet the conditions of the will. This 9-acre tract on the south side of Little Lake Sunapee includes 1,000 feet of shore frontage. Its protection will help to preserve the quality of the Lake.

Also protected was 88 acres on Lake Massasecum in Bradford owned by Nelson Farm. And in December, the Town of New London held a public hearing to accept a gift from Syd Crook of 4.47 acres overlooking Lake Sunapee off Davis Hill Road in New London (the actual closing is scheduled in early 2006). This property has a magnificent view of the Lake and includes trails that are available to the public.

As in prior years, our two progressive dinner fundraisers held in July proved to be extremely popular and everyone involved had a great time. In August we held a potluck picnic on the Gerry and Lisa Putnam easement in Sutton and in December we held our third annual Holiday Party at Foxstand in Springfield. We very much look forward to seeing many of our members at these events.

I would like to thank the New London Conservation Commission and the Town for working cooperatively with the ASLPT throughout the past year on the Syd Crook easement, 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

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Bookkeeper: Wendy Johnson

PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

We are very thankful to the Town of New London for the 2005 grant of \$7,000 from the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund. Together with a state grant of \$3,000 and the generosity of our membership, we were able to cover the cost of almost \$12,000 for our 2005 Lake Host Program. The PLPA Lake Hosts, Teri Lee and Allison Boucier, inspected 953 vessels this summer and we appreciate all their hard work as our first line of defense against invasive exotic weeds. Our dedicated team of weed watchers continues to carefully check on our underwater environment. Aggressive fishing derbies are helping to control the Rock Bass population. Our Lake continues to shine as a jewel in this very special Town.

Under the excellent leadership of President Dick Clayton, the Pleasant Lake Protective Association works very hard to preserve and protect this natural treasure. We are so thankful that we are able to work with the Town Planning Board and the Conservation Commission on matters of development within our watershed. Working with the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition, we hope to promote responsible watershed stewardship. As an extra bonus this year, the Community and Environmental Studies Program of Colby-Sawyer College is studying Pleasant Lake. The students are working on the New Hampshire Comprehensive Lake Inventory which will establish baseline information about the Pleasant Lake watershed. We will have a full report in May.

Sadly, no baby loons were born on Pleasant Lake in 2005. Our loon pair nested on Blueberry Island, but the egg was destroyed by crows. Another nesting attempt was made deep in Turtle Cove, but these eggs were plunged underwater in the torrential flooding of late May. We are hopeful that 2006 will prove successful for our loon family and that summer will bring the joy of watching a loon chick (or two) on our waters.

Pleasant Lake is blessed with a membership that is passionate about the Lake and her protection. We encourage all of you who love nature to join our e-mail list as we celebrate "All Things Pleasant On The Lake." Please call 526-4069 or e-mail lanesend@adelphia.net, if you would like to become a member of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Wilson

Secretary, Pleasant Lake Protective Association

SUNAPEE AREA WATERSHED COALITION

The SAWC Mission Statement is "To raise community awareness of important issues concerning the Lake Sunapee watershed and surrounding areas, to formulate clear guidelines for responsible, long-term stewardship of the water resources in those areas, and to promote cooperation among Sunapee watershed towns in using those guidelines for the implementation of programs effective in addressing the salient issues to the common benefit of the area communities."

The Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC) was organized in January 2005 by local residents concerned with the future of water resources in the Sunapee region. Since all water within the boundaries of a watershed is connected, collaboration among watershed towns and residents is essential when dealing with water issues.

SAWC is made up of representatives from each watershed town (Goshen, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee and Sutton), the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Colby Sawyer College, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Mt. Sunapee, 13 area lake and pond associations and interested watershed residents. The inter-town Coalition was formed to develop a long-term watershed management plan for the Lake Sunapee watershed. When completed, it will be one of the first watershed management plans in the State of New Hampshire.

Town Representatives: Katheryn Holmes, Suzanne Levine, Deane Geddes, Newbury; Terry Dancy, New London; Charles Smith, Sunapee; Bill Thomas, Charlie Forbes, Sutton; Cynthia Hayes, Ken Lawson, Springfield

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room 201 of the Ivey Science Center at Colby Sawyer College. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~sunapeewatershed> for more information.

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Since its beginning in 1992, COA's mission has been to serve our nine communities by organizing volunteers to provide needed services, recreational opportunities and entertainment to those 55 years and older. In the 13 years since its inception, COA has neither asked for nor received federal or state funds for the services it provides to Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Sunapee, Springfield, Sutton and Wilmot. We are grateful for the annual appropriations we receive from each of the towns that we serve. The balance of the operating expenses for maintaining and staffing our year round center on Pleasant Street in New London is covered by donations from individuals and businesses who recognize the ever growing need for the services we offer. COA does not require dues or fees for any of the more than 25 ongoing programs, with the exception of cost recovery for day or overnight trips.

What many of us consider our most important service is providing door-to-door transportation for those unable to drive. Our volunteer drivers clocked 57,317 miles last year (12,276 miles for New London residents, delivering them to medical appointments as far away as Lebanon or Concord). In addition, appreciating that the quality of life is important for good health, COA provides transportation for grocery shopping, hair appointments, visits with friends and programs at the center. Friendly help is just a phone call away from 9AM-4PM, weekdays. Most of our drivers are also seniors, so there is always room for new volunteers to assure rides for anyone who needs one.

Hard though it may be to believe, the first of the "baby-boomers" are now classified as "seniors." We know, and they know, that 55 is just a number and senior is just a word. Given good health, Act II can be more stimulating, less stressful, and perhaps more fun than Act I. The need for the services and the social interaction offered by COA will only grow as the boomers and their parents live longer and healthier lives and find the charms of New Hampshire irresistible in spite of blackflies, January and mud season.

We thank all of our supporters— towns, individuals and businesses – and we hope that anyone with suggestions for programs will present them to us. We work in conjunction will all of the other service agencies in the area to improve the quality of life for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Andrews

Chairman

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

Over the past 29 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 local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. 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

A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY FROM NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

2005 has been another significant year for New London Hospital. Thanks to you, our physicians, staff and Board leadership, our hospital continues to provide excellence in patient care to our community.

We are pleased to share these notable achievements of our recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2005.

- Our patient care quality evaluation scores continue to be high as reflected in our Press Ganey surveys, our 100% scores on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) quality indicators, and our high scores on Surgical Infection Prevention.
- Our primary care providers were joined by three new colleagues – Serena Baskin, M.D., Family Practice, Heather Marks, M.D., Internal Medicine, and Maureen Cullen, ARNP, MSN, NP-C, AOCNP – and there was no provider turnover.
- We acquired New London Pediatric Care Center, in collaboration with Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth (ChAD), in June and welcomed Sara Lester, M.D, Jim McGuire, M.D, Aram Kalpakgian, PA-C, and the staff.
- New clinical services were added to meet the needs of our community: Oncology, Coumadin Clinic, Sleep Lab, Plastic Surgery.
- The Clough Center expanded its clinical and rehabilitation capabilities, including a dedicated therapy staff with a certified geriatric physical therapist.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with support from all seven towns.
- On October 1, we became the 12th member of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Alliance after successfully completing a year of evaluation and review by both organizations’ Boards and two state agencies.
- New London Hospital became the first hospital in New England to receive a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services Program to implement a new Health Information System that will include advanced technology and electronic medical records.
- For the second year in a row, we completed the year with a modest gain from operations.
- Community support for New London Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful Annual Fund and record attendance and proceeds from our second annual golf tournament and Hospital Days.
- Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 12,000 hours, with a value of over \$219,000.

Respectfully submitted,

G. William Helm, Jr.

Chairman, New London Hospital Board of Trustees

Bruce P. King

President & CEO, New London Hospital



Courtesy of New London Hospital

New London Hospital administration accepts the RUS grant from the US Department of Agriculture.

NEW LONDON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

A Year of Reflection and Change

The Auxiliary celebrated its 80th year of service to the Hospital with a birthday luncheon this past spring, honoring many of the past presidents who served the Hospital in past years. Spring also marked a huge leap forward for the Auxiliary. Recognizing the Auxiliary has played an important role in supporting the Hospital for more than 80 years, it became increasingly apparent to me and to members of the Board that some changes were necessary to allow the organization to keep pace with the Hospital and the evolving needs of the community.

With support from Hospital management, input from an outside consultant and advice from community members, our Board members met several times over the spring and summer of 2005 to discuss how best to move forward with our work. Our meetings resulted in several recommendations to the Hospital Board of Trustees. The Trustees of the Hospital voted unanimously at their October 2005 meeting to adopt the following resolution: *That effective November 1, 2005, the association known as the New London Hospital Auxiliary be disbanded and replaced by a new association to be known as Friends of New London Hospital. The mission of Friends of New London Hospital shall be "To support New London Hospital through active service and philanthropy."*

The Friends organization is now being constructed by an ad hoc committee appointed by Bill Helm, Chairman of the New London Hospital Board. When the formation is complete, Friends of New London Hospital will be a broad reflection of our community. With the inclusion of hospital volunteers in this new organization, more involvement will be brought to fundraising activities and events.

In the interim, much of the work that successfully raised \$67,750 in fiscal year 2005 to support the Hospital continues, including preparation for the spring rummage sale, annual book sale, Easy Aces Bridge Players, Sail Away Cash Raffle, Festival of Lights, Barn Pillow program and much more. I'm certain we will continue to attain greater heights of volunteer and fundraising success for the hospital and community we all cherish with our new Friends group. Many thanks to all of the volunteers and community members who have contributed to our success this past year and through all the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Perry

Outgoing President, 2005



Past Presidents honored at the Auxiliary's 80th Anniversary Celebration held at Eastman in Spring of 2005 (l to r): Pam Low, Frances Hoke, Doreen DeNatale, Jean McKee, Carol Graham Waller, Ginny Callahan, De Segerson, Joan Clarke, Gretchin White, Ellie Norris Wall, Sandra Toman, Fran Sawyer, Priscilla Ohler.

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VNA AND AFFILIATES

Lake Sunapee Region VNA is proud to provide home health, hospice and community services to residents of the town of New London, a member town of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association since 1970. We are committed to being able to meet the health care needs of residents of your community to the best of our ability. During the past year, 4387 home care, 1565 hospice, and 228 pediatric visits were made to individuals needing skilled home health services. More than 17,095 hours of support services were provided for those with long-term care needs. Seventy-five residents used our Lifeline program and 53 individuals had their health status monitored daily using our telemedicine technology. Other services utilized include caregiver training and support, bereavement support, parent child program, and prevention and wellness services including screening clinics, foot care clinics, and immunization clinics.

Our mission remains at the heart of our care. LSRVNA provides many services that are integral to our mission but which are not reimbursed and are often provided at minimal or no cost. These include support groups (bereavement, caregiver, parent/child), community education, certain hospice services, telemonitoring of patient health status, clinics, health fairs and more.

Cost saving and efficiency measures are constantly explored. We believe that innovation is essential for a strong future. Thoughtful hiring and cross-training of staff, a growing volunteer base, and use of telemedicine and other technology like laptop computers for clinical staff are key to controlling costs. Our costs per episode of care are among the lowest in our region. We now have five years of experience in utilizing telemedicine. This tool helps us encourage patients and families to take an active role in managing their illness, reduce unplanned emergency visits to the hospital, schedule nursing visits with greater efficiency, and communicate useful trended data to physicians for improved disease management. LSRVNA's rate of unplanned hospitalization is 31% below the state average and 21% below the national average. We know that it's important to you as a patient and consumer to manage your illnesses and avoid emergency situations that put you at increased risk.

Staff competence is highly valued and LSRVNA annually invests in education of staff to ensure their skills will meet our patients' needs. We have over 130 staff and more than 70 active volunteers. Nurses are certified in areas like wound care, hospice and palliative care, and advance care planning. Others specialize in cardiac care, diabetes, bereavement care and nutrition. Longevity of VNA staff means continuity of care for our patients. Twenty percent of the staff has worked for the VNA for over ten years, with the average length of employment at over six years.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA depends on support from our communities. Funds appropriated by the towns help us to care for more patients in the face of declining reimbursement and increasing costs. About 65% of our revenue comes from Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid reimburses about 60% of what it costs us to care for a patient; and does not reimburse at all for mileage, care coordination or travel time. Our staff travels about 400,000 miles a year. In 2006, we expect the burden of high prices of gasoline alone to add as much as \$32,000 in expense to our budget for mileage. Other challenges include a growing and aging NH population, nursing and therapy shortages, costly federal regulatory requirements, increasing fixed costs such as health care and other insurance, and high costs of technology upgrades.

When you, your family or neighbors need home care or hospice services, it is your right to choose the agency that provides that care. We are fortunate to have a strong base of support from towns, businesses and individuals and will strive to maintain our reputation in the community as an agency that is responsive, innovative, caring and worthy of your choice. Town support helps us maintain our commitment to our patients and the greater community to provide the care that you expect and deserve. Thank you for your confidence in our organization.

Sincerely,

Andrea Steel

President and CEO

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

As part of the New London community, Colby-Sawyer College offers a variety of programs and services that engage and benefit local residents. This year's report highlights three areas in which the college and the community have collaborated to improve New London's quality of life.

In the 2004-5 academic year, members of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) enlisted students in the college's Community and Environmental Studies (CES) Program to assist them in identifying conservation priorities in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region. As part of their third-year project, seven CES students worked with ASLPT and local officials to research and analyze the qualities and characteristics of 12 towns in the region, including ecologically important lands, water resources, wildlife habitat and land use. Using a variety of research tools such as geographical information systems, the students created an extensive portfolio of maps and detailed geographical information for each town. ASLPT now uses the portfolio as a research tool to assist New London and surrounding towns in planning for future land use and conservation. To view the CES Project on Kearsarge/Sunapee Region Conservation Priorities, visit <http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/academic/ces/curriculum/thirdyearprojects/2005thirdyear/Index.html>.

The CES project will assist the ASLPT in meeting its goals of protecting the region's farmlands, unfragmented forested areas and wildlife habitat, watersheds and scenic views, according to Deborah Stanley, the organization's executive director. "This partnership with Colby-Sawyer provided us with detailed maps and information about our region," said Stanley. "The students helped us to identify and focus in on the areas of our region that need protection." John Callewaert, director of Colby-Sawyer's Institute for Community and Environment, said the students enjoyed putting their skills and knowledge to work to provide real and lasting benefits to the community. "The project was a good opportunity to collaborate with ASLPT and the surrounding communities, who provided great support and encouragement to the students," he said.

Through a variety of exercise programs at the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, many local residents are finding opportunities to improve their health and overall well being. The center's fitness classes begin at 6:05 a.m. and extend into the evening to accommodate people's work schedules. Programs include conditioning, yoga, Pilates, step, kickboxing, power spin and water aerobics classes, as well as classes focused on strengthening cardiovascular systems and core muscle groups. The classes develop either aerobic or anaerobic fitness and allow individuals to participate at their own pace, according to Aerobics Coordinator Mark Pederson. "Everyone has to feel like they are being challenged," he said. Local residents are his "most enthusiastic" participants. "As people get older, they know they have to keep moving to stay healthy. They're our most enthusiastic and dedicated members."

The Hogan Center also offers a "Healthy Heart" cardiac rehabilitation program for members who are at risk of a cardiac incident and those who have already experienced cardiac problems. In supervised exercise sessions three times per week, small groups of people, ranging from about 60 to 90 years old, participate in cardiovascular workouts and strength and flexibility training. Some participants join the program as part of a rehabilitation regime after surgery. "The program helps them to feel better and perform their daily activities," explained Fitness Specialist Anne Goucher. "They also develop friendships with others in their group and have a chance to socialize." Goucher and Pam Sanborn, coordinator of the Elizabeth Kind Van Cise Fitness Center, lead the Healthy Heart Program. For information about Hogan Center programs, call 526- 3600 or visit <http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/campus-life/hogan/>.



The construction of a 500,000-gallon water storage tank that will become part of the New London-Springfield water system began in June 2005 on Colby-Sawyer's campus and will be completed in early 2006. The storage tank, placed underground on the former Colby Farm property, will increase the system's storage capacity and water flow and serve as an alternative water source in case of fire or a water main break. The site was selected by the New London-Springfield Water Precinct following an engineering study that identified the college property as ideal due to its central location and high elevation.

"The college had an asset which presented itself as an excellent location for the water storage tank, and we're pleased to see that it will benefit all of New London and the college," said Doug Atkins, Colby-Sawyer's vice president for administration. Although the property is protected by a view easement, an underground storage tank is a permissible land use, according to Atkins, who noted that the college received no payment and has granted use of and access to the tank in perpetuity. James Cricenti, a member of the Water Precinct's Board of Commissioners, said it's in New London's best interest to have an additional "reservoir" in town. "We had a water main break awhile back that put everyone out of business for the day," he said, explaining that the Water Precinct's current reservoir is located on land behind Twin Lake Villa. "We wanted to have additional storage to draw from." Cricenti found college officials cooperative and eager to help in the project. "It was a good experience to work with the college for the benefit of the whole town," he said.

To learn more about Colby-Sawyer College, visit the Web site at www.colby-sawyer.edu or contact the Office of College Communications at 526-3728.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Swick Slover

Director of Communications

Colby-Sawyer College



Photos of the New London-Springfield Water Precinct's water storage tank under construction at Colby-Sawyer College.

NEW LONDON INFORMATION BOOTH AND LAKE SUNAPEE REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New London Information Booth fundraising has been going great guns in the past few months and as of January 13, 2006 there is a little over \$12,000 in the account for building! That doesn't include the donations of a roof, all the bathroom fixtures and faucets, and more. We hope to break ground in the fall. Thank you to everyone who has donated in any way toward the new Information Booth. If you haven't donated yet but would like to, please send checks to PO Box 532, New London, or contact the Chamber of Commerce at 526-6575 to discuss in-kind donations.

Buy Locally: The Community Investment Program allows you to buy gift certificates that can be used at nearly all Chamber member businesses. In the first year, people have used them for donations to the Katrina Fund of the American Red Cross, to pay their phone bill with TDS, for dinner, flowers, groceries, and more. What flexibility! There is no service charge to buy them, and the businesses get reimbursed the full value of the gift certificate. The gift certificates do not expire and are used like cash, so you will get change back if you don't spend the entire amount. They can be purchased in any denomination.

Inside the Booth: The Chamber of Commerce continues to operate the New London Information Booth at 328 Main Street from mid-May through mid-October. As always, we thank the Town for its continued support in budgeting \$10,000 to staff the booth. More than 2,000 people entered the Information Booth in 2005 between Memorial Day and Columbus Day, our "official" opening and closing days, and the Chamber responded to thousands more requests via phone, email or mail for information about our region. Among the things we do for "locals" and "guests":

- 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 trails;
- 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
- Acting as a central calendar for organizations setting dates for events so major events don't overlap.

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 27.2 million visitors in 2004. Direct spending by visitors during FY2004 reached \$3.97 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, representing 71% of all rooms & meals receipts (information on how much money towns receive in Rooms & Meals Tax can be found at www.nhlra.com). The Return on Investment Model for FY2003 shows that for every \$1 spent by the Division of Travel and Tourism Development, \$8.31 was returned in the form of state and local taxes and fees. 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.

From FY1996 to FY2004, the Chamber used over \$62,000 from the state Department of Travel & Tourism Development's Joint Promotional Program (JPP) to attract visitors and publicize events. In FY05, the Chamber received \$13,058.14 in JPP funds for promotions, including the production and distribution of our annual Map & Guide and Information Guide. These two publications were distributed in the Boston area, at the Manchester and Lebanon airports, at state Welcome & Information Centers, and at member businesses and organizations throughout the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

Upcoming events: The Chamber holds a few events each year, including ChocolateFest (this year on March 4 at the New London Inn), the Black Fly Open golf tournament in May, and the Reindeer Run 5K road race in December. We continue our collaboration with the Sunapee PTO to sponsor the ChowderFest in Sunapee Harbor in the fall. 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 526-6575 (e-mail: Chamberinfo@nhvt.net or web: www.lakesunapeenh.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie McClory

Information Director

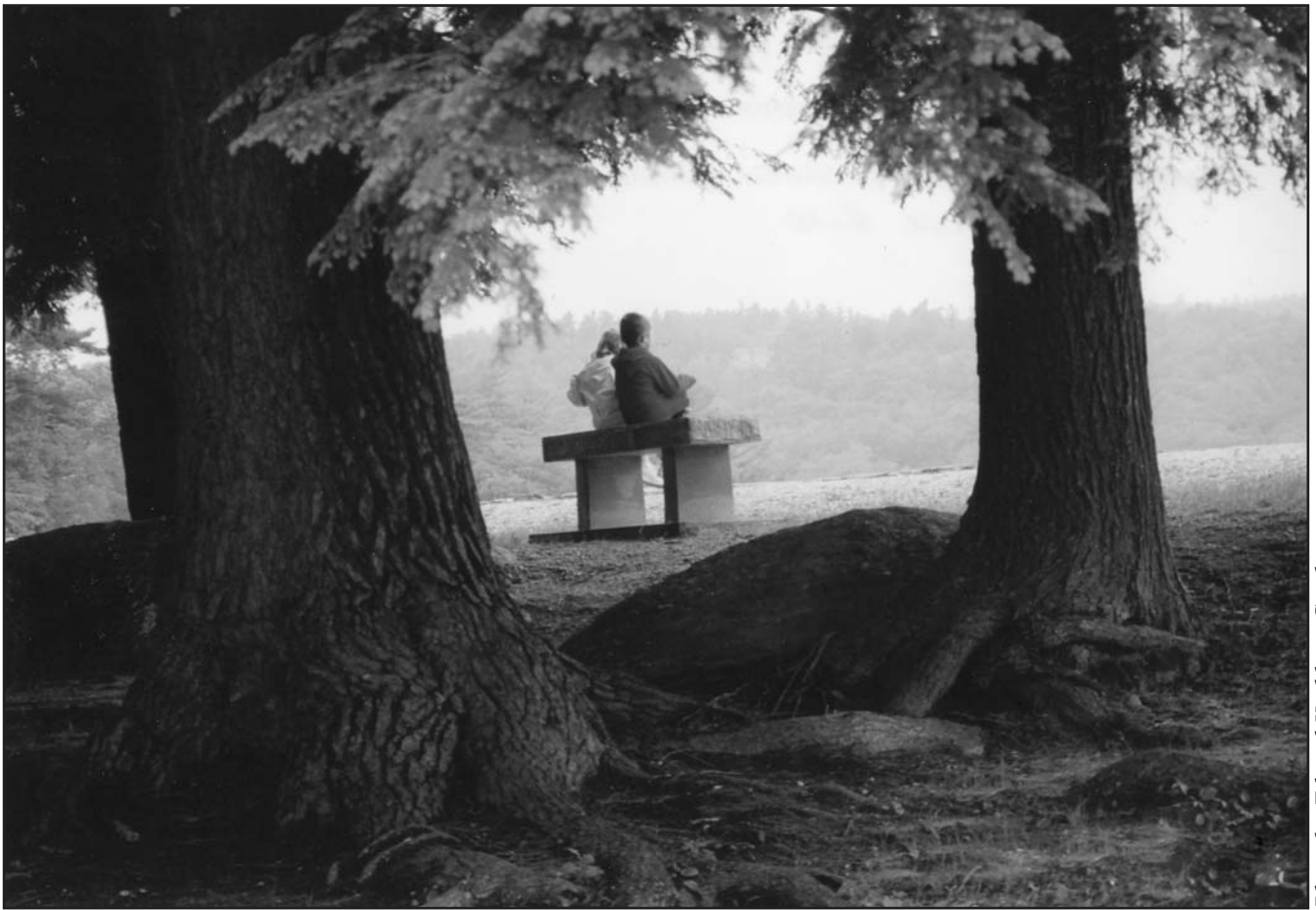


Photo by Ed and Kathleen Gawle

Jesse and Anna Garrett of North Carolina at Pleasant Lake during their first visit to New London (their grandparents, Ed and Kathleen Gawle, own property on Bunker Road).

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 work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine 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 for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a five-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged ten structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES 2005 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 4, 2005)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>		<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Belknap	55	16	2005	513	174
Carroll	80	5	2004	482	147
Cheshire	12	30	2003	374	100
Coos	45	8.5	2002	540	187
Grafton	50	12			
Hillsborough	142	16.5			
Merrimack	85	27			
Rockingham	41	25			
Strafford	24	34			
Sullivan	9	1			

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2
Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Debris	284
Railroad	1
Lightning	5
Equipment	7
Misc*	111

*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the Region does not lower the quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in the UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of each area of the Region, while balancing the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that the needs of our Region's communities are understood and addressed. Specific activities included: facilitated sessions for local input to State Development Plan and NH Department of Transportation's long range plan; reviewed growth projections for state traffic model; participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies; worked with other regions on educational material on principles of good planning for NH and legislative priorities.
- Promoted our Region's priorities in development of state's transportation improvement budgets, and assisted municipalities and public transit providers with applications for transportation grant funds.
- Represented member communities on Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee; conducted review of expansion plans; facilitated regional discussions and opportunities for public comment.
- Completed comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements. Developed GIS database of Sullivan County industrial and commerce parks. Continued collaboration with economic development partners in Grafton County.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association to help communities collaborate on watershed management plan by forming Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition.
- Wrote, published and distributed "Planning for New Hampshire's Housing Needs: A Primer for Local Officials."
- Organized 3 hazardous waste collections in which 789 households participated to keep over 4,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the Region's groundwater.
- Facilitated 6 roundtable discussions for municipal representatives to discuss and get advice on issues of common concern.
- Assisted 13 communities with updates of local master plans, 10 with conservation planning efforts, 9 with zoning amendments; 7 with updates to subdivision or site plan review regulations, and 2 with capital improvement programs.
- Conducted traffic counts in 14 communities, and brought the number of communities with completed road inventories up to 16, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 8 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 4 with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Began assisting Sullivan county communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted 6 communities with review of proposed developments.
- Completed special projects to address local needs, including E911 readdressing in Claremont and New London Parking Study.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including law lecture series and bi-monthly programs on topics such as NH Energy Policy – What it Means for Communities, Outdoor Lighting, and Striking the Balance Between Preservation of Rural Character and Growth – What is the Public Interest.

- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., subdivision review process, earth excavation regulations, growth management, impact fees, development on unmaintained roads, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, and emergency zoning.
- Provided technical assistance to regional partner organizations, e.g. Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Cold River Local Advisory Committee, and Upper Valley Land Trust.
- Maintained website – www.uvlsrc.org – to share information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other are organizations.
- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up-to-date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS, and changes in NH land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.

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 to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara E. Bamford

Executive Director

UNH Cooperative Extension – Merrimack County

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year. Our programs offer non-formal education in parenting, family finances, food safety, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps, special interest programs and after school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low income families and life-skill development for welfare recipients. Merrimack County Extension staff provide education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources. This is important to community members because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low.

Merrimack County extension educators also work extensively with towns and school districts, organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields, landscaped areas, and town forests, as well as providing guidance to community boards on current use and other land use issues. Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces monthly “Coffee Chat” radio segments on WKXL radio, which offer information to residents throughout the station’s listening area.

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 800 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: 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, 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.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2005 was an exciting year, as well as a year of change, in the executive branch of New Hampshire state government. John Lynch was inaugurated as our new Governor in January and had an immediate impact on the state with his “easy-going” and bipartisan approach to the political process.

The New Hampshire Executive Council is a body consisting of five individuals who are elected from single member districts. Each district consists of approximately 220,000 citizens. The district I represent stretches from Milton, Somersworth and Rochester on the Maine border, through Concord, Franklin and New London in the central part of the state, to Walpole and Chesterfield on the Vermont border. The Executive Council’s two main responsibilities are to approve, by majority vote, any appointment the Governor wants to make to public office – from judicial appointees, to state department heads, to members of boards and commissions to which New Hampshire residents volunteer their services. Two outstanding appointments, in my opinion, that Governor Lynch made and the Council confirmed this past year were Dr. Lyonel Tracey as Commissioner of Education and Kelly Ayotte as Attorney General.

During 2005, the Governor and Council dealt with the implementation of the E-Z pass system for our turnpikes. After a number of difficult decisions, we were able to implement the new system and had well over 200,000 E-Pass transponders in use. This means that the turnpike system will be in solid financial shape and we should soon be able to make needed improvements to the Spaulding Turnpike in Rochester as well as future improvements to the Everett Turnpike in Concord. In 2005, the Council presented its recommendations to the Governor for upgrades to the Ten-Year Highway Plan. The Governor will then submit the plan to the legislature for adoption. My only regret is the slow progress in building the Manchester Airport Access Road.

Another responsibility of the Governor and Council is to consider the requests for pardons that may be submitted to us for approval. In July, the Governor and Council unanimously denied the pardon request of Pamela Smart for the murder of her husband.

The Executive Council deals with a variety of state issues, as well as hundreds of appointments to state positions, most of them voluntary, every year. If you have any problems, questions or want to be considered for a position, please do not hesitate to contact me: The State House, Room 207, Concord, NH 03301. Telephone 271-3632.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Spaulding

Councilor, District Two



Photo by Tom Cooper

Bud's passion.

2005 MARRIAGES

	Date	Groom's Name/Residence	Bride's Name/Residence
♥	January 26, 2005	Edgar R. Baez-Romero Wilmot, NH	Suzanne Stetson New London, NH
♥	April 2, 2005	Michael J. Newton Cambridge, MA	Melissa M. Richters New London, NH
♥	May 28, 2005	Charles L. Killam New London, NH	Jennifer M. Bascom New London, NH
♥	May 29, 2005	Jon B. Nelson New London, NH	Margaret A. Lyon New London, NH
♥	July 23, 2005	Mark Christensen New London, NH	Jaclyn A. Hurley New London, NH
♥	August 6, 2005	Scott A. Griswold New London, NH	Jenna M. Turgeon New London, NH
♥	August 6, 2005	Patrick A. Drummond New London, NH	Amy C. Potter New London, NH
♥	August 27, 2005	Donald Catino New London, NH	Pamela A. McClay New London, NH
♥	October 15, 2005	Jeffrey P. Keeler New London, NH	Brookie L. Adams Charlestown, MA
♥	November 12, 2005	Michael C. Hansen New London, NH	Erica Blizzard Laconia, NH
♥	November 26, 2005	Brandon J. Massey New London, NH	Jessica S. Collier New London, NH
♥	December 18, 2005	John H. MacKenna New London, NH	Tracey L. Ross New London, NH

2005 BIRTHS

	Date	Name	Parents' Names
👶	January 20, 2005	Christopher John Reeve	Michael & Rebecca Reeve
👶	January 24, 2005	Theodore Hoffman Mastin	Theodore & Alison Mastin
👶	January 31, 2005	Lauren Grace Anzalone	Frank & Donna Anzalone
👶	February 13, 2005	Anna Pearl McKeagney	David & Melissa McKeagney
👶	March 28, 2005	Charles Anthony Palmer	Charles Palmer & Jessica Orlovski
👶	April 2, 2005	Lausen Riley Holdsworth	Lawrence & Susan Holdsworth
👶	May 16, 2005	Margaret Elizabeth Frost	Hildreth & Jennifer Frost
👶	July 20, 2005	Shelby Mayer Hager	Andrew & Jennifer Hager
👶	August 15, 2005	Kathryn Anne Potter	Gregory & Linda Potter
👶	September 21, 2005	Elizabeth Spencer Walker	James Walker & Katharine Moses
👶	October 5, 2005	Elias Otto Smith Baer	Nicholas Baer & Kristin Smith
👶	November 11, 2005	Edward Christopher Kinzer	Edward & Tamra Kinzer

2005 DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Name
January 5, 2005	Harold Currier	Avon Currier	Lois Fletcher
January 13, 2005	Marshall Bassick	Edgar Bassick	Grace Morris
January 13, 2005	Rolland Kimball	Ray Kimball	Della Cole
January 17, 2005	Eleanor Andrews	Frederick Fuller	Antoinette Allmeyer
January 19, 2005	Paul Shepard	Frank Shepard	Sadie Wells
January 27, 2005	Lois Bitter	Walter Corry	Gertrude Frost
January 31, 2005	Clarence Crabb	Clarence Crabb	Georgia Woods
February 7, 2005	Eleanor Ensign	Herbert White	Mary Cowles
February 15, 2005	Marjorie White	Harold White	Isabel Owen
February 16, 2005	William Kidder	William Kidder	Edna Foster
February 18, 2005	Eleanor Coles	Richard Ward	Alma Oswald
February 19, 2005	Frank Teel	Edward Teel	Nora Rondowski
February 23, 2005	Patricia Ingersoll	Leslie Bockes	A Louise Murphy
March 17, 2005	Susanne Filkins	Howard Strong	Judith Darby
March 24, 2005	George Henderson	Charles Henderson	Christine Robb
March 27, 2005	Wayne Warriner	Walter Warriner	Frances Dolliver
March 31, 2005	Mona Rowell	Frank Davison	Elizabeth Barker
April 4, 2005	Ruth Minor	Ernest Warner	Helen Kennedy
April 7, 2005	Geraldine Messer	Roy Emery	Wilma Sanborn
April 15, 2005	Alice Harris	Charles Parsons	Gladys Walker
April 23, 2005	Daisy Hughes	Patrick Donaghue	Emily Hardwick
April 24, 2005	Ronald Rucker	Elton Rucker	Virginia Washborne
April 28, 2005	Lyle Chandler	Frank Chandler	Grace Elliott
May 9, 2005	Frances Hoyt	Edward Weston	Edith Parker
May 12, 2005	Robert Buckley	Ray Buckley	Unknown Unknown
May 16, 2005	Beverly Little	Frank Rowell	Georgeina Brock
May 16, 2005	Suzanne Pochelon	Willard Hathaway	Ruby Ward
May 17, 2005	Ben Drew	Benjamin Drew	Sarah Westcott
May 19, 2005	Jocelyn Whidden	Robert Davis	Elizabeth Toller
May 24, 2005	Walter Longnecker	William Longnecker	Helen McMichael
May 26, 2005	Alan McRae	Alfred McRae	Amy Dolliver
May 31, 2005	Melvin Prohl	Mans Prohl	Alma Johnson
June 29, 2005	Aldina Schooley	Ernest Reasso	Clotidia Unknown
July 2, 2005	Allan MacNicol	Allan MacNicol	Ann Lee
July 6, 2005	Elizabeth Paradise	Seth Loring	Ruth Cole

2005 DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Name
July 8, 2005	Nancy Ann Rice	William Kynoch	Rebecca Wyse
July 12, 2005	Evans Brewster	John Brewster	Ruth Vaughn
July 14, 2005	Jean Grinold	Francis Lawler	Martha Semrau
July 16, 2005	Ruth Jackson	Charles Lund	Nellie Haynes
August 2, 2005	Frederick Hintze	William Hintze	Johanna Schuessler
August 5, 2005	Ann Darrah	Robert Seabury	Mabel Benton
August 8, 2005	David Howard	Paul Howard	Dorothy Dey
August 13, 2005	Alice Brayshaw	Carl Anderson	Elna Swensen
August 26, 2005	Patricia Miller	William Horan	Grace Schmitt
September 3, 2005	Edna Medeiros	Victor Cardoza	Mary Perry
September 10, 2005	Gabrielle Healy	Leo Beaulieu	Robea Ducharme
September 11, 2005	Sidney Beall	William Beall	Caroline Campbell
September 17, 2005	Irene Donoghue	Maxime Albert	Elise Nadeau
September 20, 2005	Bertha Cushing	Willard Robbins	Annie Raymond
September 22, 2005	Pearl Holt	Jesse Holt	Iva Braley
September 22, 2005	Laurids Lauridsen, Jr.	Laurids Lauridsen	Amy Razee
October 2, 2005	Robert Morgan	Hugh Morgan	Agnes Law
October 2, 2005	Virginia Chadwick	Samuel Johnson	Rachel Tasker
October 17, 2005	Carleton Stevens	Carleton Stevens	Ruth Phillips
October 21, 2005	Margot Malool	Albin Lindholm	Naima Davidsson
October 29, 2005	Marion Getman	Carlton Hall	Grace Shaw
October 30, 2005	Barbara Littlefield	Caster Templin	Mamie Peerman
November 4, 2005	Paul Gove	Archie Gove	Harriet Holt
November 4, 2005	Edith Loring	Oscar Smith	Anna Tiger
November 24, 2005	Marion Stalk	Louis Evans	Lena Cybulski
November 24, 2005	Virginia Nelson	Alexander Battey	Myrtle Aylesworth
December 4, 2005	Robert Andrews	Stuart Andrews	Carolyn Memory
December 14, 2005	Peter McKee	James McKee	Eugenia McCandliss
December 17, 2005	Elizabeth Rayno	Gifford Wiggin	Almeda Caswell
December 17, 2005	Ann Ferris	Richard Ferris	Margot Still
December 20, 2005	Charles Haddock	Charles Haddock	Mary Shellabarger
December 20, 2005	Jacqueline Dolan	Unknown Unknown	Ethelyn Paige
December 22, 2005	Sherida Ensign	Clarence Keyser	Shirley Sandler

KEARSARGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

2005 NEW LONDON GRADUATES

Alisa Cermak
Thomas Conway
Heather Daley
Tara Driscoll
Julianne Gardner
Matthew Green
Henry Guion
Stephen Kent
Devin Kiely
Melissa Laughlin

Angela Makishi
Randy McGee
Samantha McGranaghan
Nicholas Messier
William Montanola
Andrew Morris
Kevin Murphy
Sarah Nixon
Marsel Novak
Ashley Owen

Avery Parkes
Ryan Parsons
Kerri Pomkoski
Erik Redding
Jameson Snow
Brienne Steel
Meghan Thomas
Schuyler VanBlommenstyn
Brett Alexander
Marlena DiMauro



Future graduates
enjoy the New
London Fire
Department's Open
House during
Hospital Days 2005.



NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2005**



Sunset at Colby Point

FOUNDED 1925

**Providing water service to customers
in the Towns of New London and Springfield**

Report to the Voters – 2005

The Annual meeting of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in March of 2005 saw the election of James A. Cricenti as water commissioner for a three-year term. Also elected on the same ballot were Marion Hafner 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 new pump station and water tank, funding for improvements to the distribution system, preventative maintenance on three (3) of the Colby Point wells, driveway paving at the Precinct Building and the purchase of a used pickup truck.

In 2005 the Board of Commissioners approved three applications for water service, a decrease from the twelve of the previous year.

After the Request for Proposal and bidding process the Board of Commissioners awarded contracts for the new water storage tank and booster pumping station to Weststate Construction and Natgun, respectively. Work on the project began in late May and progressed through the summer and fall. The new underground tank is nearly complete and the pump station will be worked on through the winter. We anticipate that the new project will be tied into the existing system and on line by the end of February, 2006. It is very appropriate to extend many thanks to Colby-Sawyer College for their help in making this addition to the Precinct possible.

The Precinct did experience a major personnel change during the month of June. Robert Thorp Jr., who had been the Superintendent for the past five (5) years decided to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Town of New London. After a summer interviewing process, the Commissioners hired Todd Cartier as the new superintendent in September. Todd has spent the fall months learning the system and keeping watch over the construction of the new water tank and booster pumping system. The Commissioners would like to extend a special thank you to Rod Reyelt and Jon Dame for their help in maintaining the Precinct during the hiring process.

During 2005 the Precinct completed the maintenance of the three (3) upper wells on Colby Point. This service was performed by Barrie Miller's Well and Pump Service. The new equipment garage was completed along with the paving of the driveway. The main computer at the office was replaced and updated. The original west side roof of the existing maintenance building was stripped and reshingled.

A Ford Ranger 4x4 used pickup was purchased to be used for meter reading and as an utility vehicle.

The Board of Commissioners would again like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that summer irrigation adds stress to the system and to please conserve. 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 2006. Thank You.

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

WATER CONSERVATION

The New-London Water System Precinct has not experienced a water shortage, but overuse of water during a dry spell can result in a lower water flow to fire hydrants causing problems in fighting fires. The Precinct offers the following "10 steps to conserve water." Using these steps as guidelines to lower water usage helps both the Precinct and you, the consumer, by keeping the system at full flow and in lower water bills.

Draw only the water you need when you turn the faucet on: Keep water in the refrigerator for cold water, do not let faucet run to get water cold. Rinse vegetables in short sprays and defrost foods in refrigerator instead of under running water.

Take quicker showers and invest in a low flow shower head available at the local hardware store. It takes about 50 gallons of water to fill a standard bathtub, try bathing in just 10 gallons.

Check for leaks, a silent leak in the toilet can use several gallons of water a day. Be sure all faucets are turned off tight. Once a year inspect all inside and outside faucets for leaks.

Instead of dumping that unwanted or used water down the drain use it to water indoor flowers or outside plants.

When doing laundry look at your washer's settings, waiting for full loads saves water but if it is necessary to do smaller loads check the water level setting.

Water lawn and plants only as they require, when the grass is dull green and you can see your footprint as you walk on it. Water only the dry areas and consider changing your landscape to include less grass, more mulch and native plants. Watering by hand allows you to place the water where needed, but if you need to water a large area use soaker hoses and timers. Water early mornings for best results.

Wash vehicles with a sponge and bucket using the hose for rinsing only.

Cover swimming pools when not in use to prevent evaporation loss and lower the water level to avoid loss due to splashing overflow.

Sweep driveways, walks and decks with a broom instead of hosing them off.

Check appliances' connecting hoses and faucets for leaks. Even a pinhole leak wastes up to 170 gallons a day.

**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 21, 2006 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 hear the reports of officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 3: To set the salaries of all officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to defray Precinct charges for the coming year:

	Approved Budget 2005	Proposed Budget 2006
Salaries, Benefits, Taxes	221,895	238,710
Maintenance	28,000	28,000
Utilities	40,000	45,000
Supplies	21,000	22,500
Insurance	10,600	12,000
Administration	7,500	8,000
Accounting Expense	4,000	4,500
Legal Expense	2,000	2,000
Election/Annual Meeting	1,800	1,800
Engineering Review	1,500	1,500
Equipment (Capitalized)	2,500	3,000
Contingency	1,000	1,000
Interest (Short Term)	1,000	1,000
Interest (Long Term)		74,721
Principal (Long Term)		101,844
Lease Expense	12,500	14,500
	<u>\$352,295</u>	<u>\$ 560,075</u>

- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars, (\$5,000.00) for improvements to the distribution system. This Article to be funded from the General Fund Balance. This Article to be non-lapsing until 2008. The Commissioners recommend this article.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000.00) to perform preventative maintenance on three wells at Colby Point. This Article to be non-lapsing until 2007. This Article to be funded from the General Fund Balance. The Commissioners recommend this article.
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,900.00) for building improvements at 72 Old Dump Road. This Article to be non-lapsing to 2007. This Article to be funded from the General Fund Balance. The Commissioners recommend this article.
- Article 8:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase a new one-ton dump truck with plow and accessories for the Precinct. This Article to be funded from the General Fund Balance. This Article to be non-lapsing to 2007. The Commissioners recommend this article.
- Article 9:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for fiber optic cable from the existing well field to the existing pumping station. This Article to be non-lapsing to 2007. This Article to be funded from the General Fund Balance. The Commissioners recommend this Article.
- Article 10: PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE**
To see if the district will vote to require the commissioners to set a water rate that in conjunction with other revenues will offset the entire appropriated operating budget with no amount coming from taxation.

NOTE TO WARRANT ARTICLE:

In the year ended December 31, 2004 the New London-Springfield Water Precinct's total appropriation was \$594,237. The revenues to support this appropriation were broken down as follows:
Taxation of properties-68.1% of total revenue or \$404,737
Water usages fees-28.5% of total revenue or \$169,500
Other revenue sources-3.4% of total revenue or \$20,000

Residential property taxpayers within the water precinct are subsidizing the districts institutional/commercial consumers of our water.

The purpose of this warrant article is to achieve a fair and equitable basis between homeowners and institutional/commercial entities on the total price they pay for the use of water within the district.

As an example, in FY02, Colby-Sawyer College contributed approximately \$15,000 or 4 % of the total \$382,542 water precinct taxes collected yet as a customer represented 18% of the total consumption. With water usage charges factored in, the college paid roughly \$40,500 or **6.9%** of the total precinct cash collected but accounted for **18%** of the precinct's annual water consumption.

Therefore this warrant article asks the taxpayers within the water precinct to change the revenue source to 100% usage based and **eliminate the Water Precinct Property Tax**. While the usage rates will increase under this scenario, **the typical residential water consumer will pay less overall** while the institutional/commercial consumers, will begin to pay their fair share for water usage.


THE COMMISSIONERS DO NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Richard L. Bott, Chairman
Kenneth R. Jacques
James A. Cricenti
Commissioners
New London-Springfield
Water System Precinct

A true copy of Warrant:


RICHARD L. BOTT, Jr. Chairman


KENNETH R. JACQUES


JAMES A. CRICENTI
Commissioners
New London-Springfield
Water System Precinct

NEW LONDON - SPRINGFIELD
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2005

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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, 2005 and 2004 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, 2006

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

	2005					
	OPERATING FUND	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS PUMP STATION AND STORAGE TANK	TOTAL (Memorandum only)	TOTAL 2004 (Memorandum only)	
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 195,444		\$ 860,962	\$ 1,056,406	\$ 301,735	
Receivables	722			722	19,362	
Due from other Funds		\$ 12,540		12,540	12,540	
Inventory	<u>22,941</u>			<u>22,941</u>	<u>23,274</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>219,107</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>860,962</u>	<u>1,092,609</u>	<u>356,911</u>	
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT						
Facilities		4,048,604		4,048,604	3,980,572	
Equipment		195,195		195,195	181,622	
Pump Station and Storage Tank			1,014,038	1,014,038		
Total Plant and Equipment		<u>4,243,799</u>	<u>1,014,038</u>	<u>5,257,837</u>	<u>4,162,194</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 219,107</u>	<u>\$ 4,256,339</u>	<u>\$ 1,875,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,350,446</u>	<u>\$ 4,519,105</u>	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	\$ 115			\$ 115	\$ 1,757	
Accrued Payroll	3,099			3,099		
Due to other Funds	12,540			12,540	12,540	
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt			\$ 27,123	27,123		
Total Current Liabilities	<u>15,754</u>		<u>27,123</u>	<u>42,877</u>	<u>14,297</u>	
LONG-TERM DEBT						
Note Payable to Bank, less current portion			1,645,671	1,645,671		
Total Liabilities	<u>15,754</u>		<u>1,672,794</u>	<u>1,688,548</u>		
FUND EQUITY						
Appropriated			202,206	202,206	85,803	
Unappropriated	<u>203,353</u>	<u>\$ 4,256,339</u>		<u>4,459,692</u>	<u>4,419,005</u>	
Total Fund Equity	<u>203,353</u>	<u>4,256,339</u>	<u>202,206</u>	<u>4,661,898</u>	<u>4,504,808</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 219,107</u>	<u>\$ 4,256,339</u>	<u>\$ 1,875,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,350,446</u>	<u>\$ 4,519,105</u>	

See Accountant's Review Report
and Notes to Financial Statement

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	OPERATING FUND			2004		CAPITAL		
	2005	ACTUAL		ACTUAL		PROJECT FUND	STORAGE TANK	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2005		2005		
Operating Revenue								
Water Charges and Fees	\$165,000	\$195,373	\$194,329					\$ 195,373
Interest		1,357	1,281					1,357
Other	4,500	582	1,028					582
NH DES Reimbursement			<u>15,932</u>					
Total Revenue	169,500	197,312	212,570					197,312
Operating Expenditures								
Salaries and wages	140,607	127,089	117,645					127,089
Payroll taxes and benefits	81,288	70,065	48,005					70,065
Maintenance	28,000	28,248	22,113					28,248
Utilities	40,000	38,912	31,704					38,912
Precinct supplies	21,000	18,711	24,968					18,711
Insurance	10,600	8,055	7,076					8,055
Administration and contingency	8,500	9,847	7,429					9,847
Accounting	4,000	3,561	3,500					3,561
Legal	2,000	399	674					399
Election/Annual meetings	1,800	728	1,784					728
Engineering review	1,500							
Equipment	2,500	5,043	2,222					5,043
Interest (short-term)	1,000							
Interest (long-term)	26,141	17,872	7,809					17,872
Lease	12,500	12,500	12,500					12,500
Bond principal payment			90,000					
Note principal payments	<u>2,206</u>	<u>2,206</u>	<u>119,392</u>					<u>2,206</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>383,642</u>	<u>343,236</u>	<u>496,821</u>					<u>343,236</u>
Operating (Loss)	<u>\$(214,142)</u>	<u>(145,924)</u>	<u>(284,251)</u>					<u>(145,924)</u>
Other Income								
Precinct taxes		316,058	404,572					316,058
Proceeds from sale of backhoe		<u>316,058</u>	<u>16,500</u>					<u>316,058</u>
		170,134	136,821					170,134

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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, 2005

	OPERATING FUND		PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2005	CAPITAL PROJECT FUND PUMP STATION AND STORAGE TANK 2005		TOTAL 2005 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2004 ACTUAL	2005	
Expenditures, Current Year						
Special Articles						
2005 Art. 2 - General Fund	\$1,675,000			\$ 814,038	\$ 814,038	\$ 814,038
2005 Art. 2 - Taxes	\$200,000	\$200,000			200,000	200,000
2005 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$17,500	15,818			15,818	15,818
2005 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$3,000	2,971			2,971	2,971
2005 Art. 9 - General Fund	\$10,000	10,000			10,000	10,000
2004 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$110,000	39,470	\$ 64,530		39,470	39,470
2004 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$20,000	19,149			19,149	19,149
2004 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$6,000		400			34
2004 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$8,000	34	5,658			
2004 Art. 9 - Taxes	\$70,000		68,689			
2004 Art. 10 - General Fund	\$1		1			
2003 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$30,000	9,413	20,587		9,413	9,413
1999 Art- 5 - General Fund	\$40,000		172			
Total Expenditures	<u>296,855</u>	<u>(126,721)</u>	<u>160,037</u>	<u>814,038</u>	<u>1,110,893</u>	<u>1,110,893</u>
Net Loss		(126,721)	(23,216)	(814,038)	(940,759)	(940,759)
Fund Balance, January 1, 2005	330,074		353,290	\$4,174,734	4,504,808	4,504,808
Transfer of Equipment Funding				13,573	13,573	13,573
Transfer of Facilities Funding				68,032	68,032	68,032
Transfer of Note Payment Funding				2,206	2,206	2,206
Transfer of Capital Project Fund				<u>1,014,038</u>	<u>1,014,038</u>	<u>1,014,038</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 2005	<u>\$203,353</u>		<u>\$330,074</u>	<u>\$ 202,206</u>	<u>\$4,661,898</u>	<u>\$4,661,898</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND PUMP STATION AND STORAGE TANK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> (memorandum only)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Net Loss	\$(126,721)		\$ (814,038)	\$ (940,759)
Decrease in accounts receivable	18,640			18,640
Decrease in inventory	333			333
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expense	<u>1,457</u>			<u>1,457</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(106,291)		(814,038)	(920,329)
Cash Flow from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Proceeds from long-term borrowing			1,675,000	1,675,000
Cash, January 1, 2005	<u>301,735</u>			<u>301,735</u>
Cash, December 31, 2005	<u>\$195,444</u>		<u>\$ 860,962</u>	<u>\$1,056,406</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2005

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.
- o Capital Project Fund - The fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the construction and equipping of a new pump station and storage tank.

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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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2005

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, 2005 and 2004 the deposits on hand were in excess of the insured limit by \$969,262 and \$201,735.

NOTE 3 - Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2005 and 2004 were comprised of the following:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Customers	\$722	\$ 300
State of New Hampshire	—	<u>19,062</u>
	<u>\$722</u>	<u>\$19,362</u>

NOTE 4 - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Activity for the fixed assets which are capitalized by the Precinct are summarized below:

	<u>BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2005</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>DISPOSAL</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2005</u>
Facility	\$3,980,572	\$ 68,032		\$4,048,604
Equipment	181,622	13,573		195,195
Pump Station and Storage Tank Project Cost	—	<u>1,014,038</u>		<u>1,014,038</u>
	<u>\$4,162,194</u>	<u>\$1,095,643</u>		<u>\$5,257,837</u>

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NOTE 5 - NOTE PAYABLE TO BANK

On April 4, 2005 the Precinct secured a 4.5% note payable from Lake Sunapee Bank for \$1,675,000. The loan was used to pay for construction cost associated with the new pump station and storage tank. The note agreement called for an interest only payment on the outstanding balance from May 2005 through November 2005. On December 4, 2005, the Precinct made a monthly principal and interest payment of \$8,486 that will continue through November 2035.

NOTE 6 - PUMP STATION AND STORAGE TANK PROJECT COST

The Precinct has recorded construction cost through October 2005. The Commissioners are disputing cost from Natgun Corporation associated with the project and their delay in finishing the work. Since the project was not completed in October 2005, the contract with Natgun Corporation called for daily penalties until it was completed. It is the commissioners position that the penalties plus the disputed work will offset any unrecorded invoices from Natgun Corporation .

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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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 - 2005

Is my drinking water safe?

To the best of our knowledge we are pleased to report that the drinking water supplied to our consumers 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 meet 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 at 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 which a water system must follow.
· TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant 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.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected / Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants: None detected						
Radioactive Contaminants:						
Radon	NO	630	pCi/l	0	None	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Copper	No	.529	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	No	.0073	ppb	.015	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	.1	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides: None detected						
Volatile Organic Contaminants: None detected						

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.

PO BOX 740
New London, NH
03257
(603) 526-4441

DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Assessment of Property	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 20	<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>nloffic@adelphia.net</i>
Hazardous Waste	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>nloffic@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>nloffic@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>nloffic@adelphia.net</i>
Town Hall/Conference Room Use	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10	<i>nloffic@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>nloffic@adelphia.net</i>

The Selectmen's Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed for the following holidays:

Monday, January 2, 2006	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16, 2006	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20, 2006	President's Day
Monday, May 29, 2006	Memorial Day
Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4, 2006	Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2006	Labor Day
Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24, 2006	Thanksgiving
Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26, 2006	Christmas

**In addition, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will close for elections on
Tuesday, March 14, September 12 and Tuesday, November 7, 2006.**

TOWN ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

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 15, 2006

7:00 p.m.

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD

WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Polls open 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2006

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.