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# TOWN OF NEW LONDON NEW HAMPSHIRE



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year ending**  
**December 31, 2003**

**2004 TOWN MEETING**



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON DIRECTORY

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*Elizabeth Meller, Assistant Health Officer*

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*Charles M. Hafner, Chair*

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*Brenda Somerville, Court Clerk*

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**911 EMERGENCIES**

526-2626 NON-Emergencies

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** 526-6073

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**911 EMERGENCIES**

526-6073 NON-Emergencies

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**526-2626 EMERGENCIES**

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**526-2626 EMERGENCIES**

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# TOWN OF NEW LONDON

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

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

**Second Congressional District**  
**Second Councilor District**  
**Fifth State Senatorial District**

## United States Senators

**Judd Gregg** of Greenfield through 2004  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
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## Representative in Congress

**Charles Bass** of Peterborough through 2004  
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## State Senator of New Hampshire

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## County Commissioner

**JD Colcord** through 2004  
4 Court Street, Suite 2  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 228-0331

## Executive Councilor

**Peter J. Spaulding** of Hopkinton through 2004  
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*Robert and Mary Messer in 1998, upon receiving the New London Service Organization's "Third of a Century" Award for their "willing and constant support to those who suffer life's temporary setbacks."*

Born and raised in New London, Bob is remembered as an avid historian, a wonderful storyteller (whether you wanted to listen or not), a dear friend, a real character with a heart of gold, and as one of the last of the real New England farmer-entrepreneurs (though he'd prefer the term "dairy man"). Bob was a genuinely good man hiding behind a stern New England exterior, and would help anyone who really needed it.



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## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

### *Board of Selectmen*

Douglas W. Lyon, Chair	2004
Ruth I. Clough	2005
Mark Kaplan	2006

### *Town Clerk*

Suzy Holdsworth	2006
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### *Treasurer*

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

Cotton Cleveland	2004
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### *Trustees of the Trust Funds*

William Fellerman	2004
Martin Feins	2005
Barbara Herbert, Chair	2006

### *Budget Committee*

Douglas S. Baxter, Chair	2006
Suzanne Jesseman	2004
Stefan Timbrell	2004
April D. Whittaker	2004
Shelby C. Blunt	2005
Patricia H. Blanchard	2005
W. Barry Wright	2005
Jack Diemar	2006
Clayton Shedd	2006
Ruth I. Clough, Selectmen's Representative	
Sarah Denz, Recording Secretary	

### *Sewer Commissioners*

Robin F. Cook, Chair	2004
F. Augustus Seamans	2005
Richard Birch	2006

### *Cemetery Commissioners*

Charles M. Hafner, Chair	2004
Marion C. Hafner	2005
Thomas Ginter	2006

### *Supervisors of the Checklist*

Ann Jones, Chair	2004
Arlene Marshall	2006
Dana M. Stanley	2008

### *Tracy Library Trustees*

Neil Atkins, Chair	2004
Patricia W. Brewster	2004
Charles E. Dean	2005
Emily W. Drew	2005
Joseph Kun	2006
Barbara M. Rosenfield	2006
Barbara Hambley	2006

### *KRSD School Board*

Barbara C. Brown	2004
Daniel Snyder	2005

### *KRSD Municipal Budget Committee*

Jay Rosenfield	2004
Winsor L. Chase	2005

### *KRSD Moderator*

Daniel Coolidge	2004
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## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

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### ***Town Administrator***

Jessie W. Levine

### ***Administrative Assistant***

Amy A. Rankins

### ***Finance Officer***

Carolyn E. Fraley

### ***Zoning Administrator***

Peter S. Stanley

### ***Office Assistant***

Connie M. Rankins

### ***Deputy Treasurer***

D. Russell Cooper

### ***Recreation Director***

Robert C. Andrews

### ***Police Department***

David J. Seastrand, Chief

Edward C. Kinzer, Sergeant

Christopher C. Currier, Detective

Edward G. Andersen, Officer

Thomas H. Anderson, Officer

Michael J. Nelson, Officer

Marshall R. Osgood, Officer

James Valiquet, Officer/Part-Time

David A. White, Officer/Part-Time

Jeffrey M. Downing, Officer/Part-Time

Jodi Bailey, Administrative Secretary

### ***Communications Department***

Heather Wood, Supervisor

Joseph McCarthy

William J. Hardy, Jr.

Christopher W. Conroy

Gregory Barthol, Part-Time

Jennifer J. Grant, Part-Time

Kenneth D. Seastrand, Part-Time

### ***Tax Collector***

Suzy Holdsworth

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

Joan Pankhurst

### ***Health Officer***

Donald F. Bent

### ***Welfare Director***

Marc A. Clement

### ***Tree Warden***

David A. Carey

### ***NH/VT Solid Waste Representatives***

Martin S. Feins, Representative

Donald F. McGuinness, Representative

Jay Rosenfield, Alternate

Mark Kaplan, Alternate

Douglas W. Lyon, Alternate

Ruth I. Clough, Alternate

Jessie W. Levine, Alternate

### ***Sewer Department***

Ann S. Bedard, Admin. Bookkeeper

Douglas L. Gay, Superintendent

Todd R. McIntire, Collection Operator

### ***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

Ryan J. Haynes, Maint. I

Michael McElman, Maint. I

Steven L. Patten, Maint. I

Henry D. Palmer, P/T Maint.

John Wiltshire, P/T Maint.

### ***Transfer Station***

Robert Richardson, Supervisor

Steven R. Tighe, Recycling Attendant



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

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### ***Conservation Commission***

Sue Ellen Andrews, Chair	2004
Richard J. Cavallaro	2004
Ruth A. White	2004
Laura A. Alexander	2005
Peter S. Stanley	2006
Wayne J. Warriner	2006
Terence E. Dancy, Alternate	2004
Edward C. Parkhurst, Alternate	2004

### ***Planning Board***

Karen E. Ebel, Chair	2004
Sue Ellen Andrews	2004
Robert S. Foote	2004
Thomas A. Cottrill	2005
Celeste C. Cook	2006
Dale Conly	2006
Mark Kaplan, Selectmen's Representative	
Judith Condict, Recording Secretary	

### ***Recreation Commission***

William G. Ross, Chair	2006
Keith Pomkoski	2004
Diane M. Chadwick	2006
Gerald I. Coogan	2006
Scott P. Devoe	2006

### ***Zoning Board of Adjustment***

Lawrence Ballin, Chair	2005
Brian J. Prescott	2004
Caroline Newkirk	2005
D. Russell Cooper	2006
William D. Green, Jr.	2006
Charles H. Marston, Alternate	2004
Deirdre Sheerr, Alternate	2004
Robert A. Foose, Alternate	2006
Elizabeth J. Herrick, Alternate	2006
Laurie DiClerico, Alternate	2006
Carolyn E. Fraley, Clerk	

### ***Regional Planning Representatives***

Terence E. Dancy	2004
Peter S. Stanley	2004

### ***Emergency Management Committee***

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

### ***Ballot Clerks***

Richard Guerringue
Thelma Kaplan
Robert G. MacMichael
Lois E. Marshall
E. Waldo Sanders
Pamela J. Saunders
Margaret K. Theroux

### ***Tracy Memorial Library***

Virginia C. Foose, Co-Library Director
Linda Miller, Co-Library Director
Anne R. Ballin, Children's Librarian
Heather S. Shumway, Librarian
Raymond L. Heath, Custodian
Timathy Poh, Children's Librarian, Part-Time
Edith W. Garner, Library Assistant, Part-Time
Sally Davis, Circulation Assistant, Part-Time
Heather Grace, Student Aid
Shamus A. Heffernan, Student Aid

### ***Town Archives***

Margaret Moreland, Archivist	2005
Doris M. Cutter	2004
Hope P. Howard	2004
Robert MacMichael	2004
Arrolyn H. Vernon	2004
Verne Barrett	2006
Constance Reece	2006
Nancy Dutton	2006
Constance M. Granger	2006
Barbara Stearns	2006



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

### *Board of Firewards*

Barbara D. Green	2004
Gordon P. McKinnon	2004
Laurids T. Lauridsen III	2005
Stephen W. Ensign	2006
Richard N. Brady	2006

### *Forest Fire Wardens*

Peter S. Stanley, Warden  
 Karl R. Bjorklund, Deputy Warden  
 Shaun M. Caisse, Deputy Warden  
 Peter B. Crowell, Deputy Warden  
 Courtney C. Heath, 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	Eric S. Ensign
Shaun M. Caisse, Deputy Chief	Stephen W. Ensign
Jason B. Lyon, Captain	Nancy J. Erickson
Amy C. Lyon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant & Clerk	Richard A. Gauthier
Peter A. Lewis, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	William R. Hardy
Karl R. Bjorklund, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant	Kaisha E. Hayden
Christian E. Hoffman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Lieutenant	Courtney C. Heath
Matthew A. McClay, 5 <sup>th</sup> Lieutenant	Stephen E. Higgins
Janet Ellis, Safety Officer	Paul M. LaFreniere
Ethan A. Ballin	Amy D. Lewis
Robert W. Barrett	Glen W. Lohmann
James W. Blundon	Douglas R. Lovely
James D. Bresse	Joseph J. McCarthy
Edgar I. Broadhead, Jr.	Kara M. McCulloch
Robert W. Buckley	Michael J. McElman
James J. Cahill	Paul A. Messer
Brian K. Carey	Robert M. Nelson
David A. Carey	Walter E. Partridge Jr.
Peter B. Crowell	Mick C. Ricker
Ben B. Dougherty	George Robertson
Collin J. Dunn	Charles A. Steward
Thomas J. Durling	Elizabeth N. Thomas
David A. Eberly	James A. Walker
Anthony J. Edgecomb	
Kim Edgecomb	
Janet M. Ellis	

### *Citizen's Advisory Committee*

Cindy Adie	2004
Richard Birch	2004
Robert Bowers	2004
Richard Cavallaro	2004
Russ Cooper	2004
Phebe Downey	2004
Mickey Feins	2004
Robert Foote	2004
Tracey Godin	2004
Gordon Marshall	2004
Stephanie Wheeler	2004
Barry Wright	2004
Lawrence B. Ballin	2005
Celeste Cook	2005
Robert Gray	2005
Janet R. Kidder	2005
Joseph McCarthy	2005
Donald F. McGuinness	2005
R. Leigh Morse	2005
Jay Rosenfield	2005
Clayton Shedd	2005
Debbie Stanley	2005
Stefan H. Timbrell	2005
Sue Ellen Andrews	2006
Connie Appel	2006
Peter Bianchi	2006
Erle Blanchard	2006
Barbara Brown	2006
Hugh Chapin	2006
Judy Chapin	2006
William Clough	2006
Paul Gorman	2006
Peggy Holliday	2006
Bill Horn	2006
Marilyn Kidder	2006
Susan Little	2006
Robert MacMichael	2006
Lois Marshall	2006
Peter Messer	2006
Noel Weinstein	2006
Roger Zanes	2006



**TOWN OF NEW LONDON**  
**TOWN MEETING- MARCH 11 & 12, 2003**

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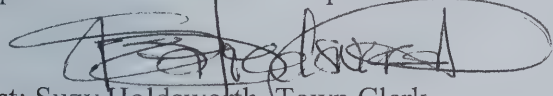
Deputy Moderator Ruth I. Clough called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Town Clerk Suzy Holdsworth swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. As per RSA 659:49 absentee ballots would be called at 1:00 p.m. upon closing of the polls Moderator Cleveland announced that the town meeting would reconvene at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 28.

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

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

**Voice vote in the affirmative**

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



Attest: Suzy Holdsworth, Town Clerk

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

Total registered voters 2,791; 907 regular ballots cast and 60 absentee ballots cast for a total of 967 ballots cast or 35 % of the total registered voters.

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

Mark Kaplan	845	Bob Gray	1
Peter Bianchi	1	Doug Homan	2
Sue Jesseman	1	Thomas Scully	2
Lois Marshall	2	Joe Messer	1
Barry Wright	2	Susan Sullivan	1
William Berger	2		

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

Suzy Holdsworth	884
William Rowett	1

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

Stephen R. Theroux	879
Peter Bianchi	1
Russ Cooper	1
Bob Friedlander	1

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

Barbara Herbert	851
Don Boxwell	1
Martin Feins	1



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

Douglas S. Baxter	702	Jay Donahue	1
Jack Diemar	516	Sharon Lavigne	1
William James Edgecomb	441	Dan White	1
Clayton Shedd	459	Bob Gray	1
Randy Foose	1	Emory Sanders	1
Doug Homan	1	Frank Hammond	1
Colin Campbell	1	Carlton Bradford	1
Marilyn Kidder	1	Mary Steproe	1
Maureen Prohl	1	Frank Dowd	1
Janet Bavicchi	1		

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

Richard J. Birch	814
Bill Green	1
Michele Holton	2
John Clough	1
Todd McIntire	1
Gus Seamans	1
Ann Beardsley	3

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

Thomas Ginter	838
Courtney Campe	1
Robert Pugliese	1
Laura Dow	1

**Tracy Library Trustees ( For 3 Years) Vote for not more than Three**

Barbara (Bobbie) Hambley	822	George Doolittle	1
Joseph Kun	737	Charles Masey	1
Barbara Rosenfield	752	Annie Ballin	2
Ginny Foose	1	Allison Angus	1
Joan Sweeney	2	Fred Coombs	1
Tom Scully	1	Linda Miller	1
Candy Reynolds	1	Karen Ebel	1
Laura Aiken	1	Sarah H. Wilson	1
John Donahue	1		

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

Daniel Coolidge	684	Hillary Cleveland	2
John Donahue	1	Wes Nichols	1
Alf Jacobsen	1	Daniel Snyder	1
Fred Coarser	1	Graham McSwiney	1
Cotton Cleveland	1	James Lightfoot	1
Bob Bowers	5		



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 proposes a zoning amendment which will enable the Planning Board to require developers to pay impact fees for off-site improvements necessitated by a development proposal.

**YES 787                      NO 101**

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 proposes to amend **Article II, Paragraph 15. Home Occupations/Home Businesses** to allow a Home Occupation by right and delete the requirement to secure approval of a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board for a Home Occupation. The amendment also revises the provisions on Home Occupations, adds a provision on company vehicles, adds a definition of “Company Vehicle” to **Article III**, and changes references to Home Occupation in the Residential and Conservation Districts.

**YES 750                      NO 150**

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 proposes to amend **Article II Paragraph 15., Section B., 2. Home Business** to edit the home business provisions, add provisions on employees and company vehicles, and to add a definition of “Company Vehicle” to **Article III**.

**YES 765                      NO 133**

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 4:** The Planning Board’s Amendment No.4 proposes to add “accessory uses and accessory uses of structures” to those uses permitted by right in **Article VIII Conservation District**.

**YES 765                      NO 112**

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 proposes to amend the zoning ordinance to add “Essential Services” as an accessory use in all Zone Districts where it is not currently permitted.

**YES 794                      NO 95**

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 proposes to amend the definition of “Public Body of Water” in Article III to add Murray Pond and Goose Hole Pond to be consistent with the Shore Land Overlay District Boundaries.

**YES 795                      NO 105**



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 proposes to remove references to provisions on Excavation, Removal and Filling of Land deleted by amendments last year.

**YES 734                      NO 72**

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 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District to clarify the types of land disturbances allowed in the vegetative buffer 50 feet from normal high water in this Overlay District.

**YES 725                      NO 88**

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 9:** The Planning Board's Amendment No.9 proposes to clarify that the boundaries of prime wetlands are determined by their jurisdictional boundaries.

**YES 727                      NO 84**

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 10:** The Planning Board's Amendment No.10 proposes to allow temporary signs for non-profit events.

**YES 742                      NO 80**

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 11:** The Planning Board's Amendment No.11 proposes to revise references to signs in the residential districts to be consistent with the sign regulations in Article II.

**YES 713                      NO 92**

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 12:** The Planning Board's Amendment No.12 proposes to authorize the Planning Board, when approving new subdivisions, to require environmentally sound measures, including cutting restrictions, building envelopes and erosion control procedures, for new lots located in the Shore Land Overlay District and to add a definition of building envelope.

**YES 699                      NO 99**



**CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2003  
KEARSARGE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:00 P.M.**

At 7:00 p.m. Lois Freeman and the New London Fourth Graders accompanied by Missy Owen led the townspeople in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Moderator Cleveland expressed gratitude to the singers, Thelma Kaplan and her Potluck Committee to include Kathy & Peter Bianchi, Pat Blanchard, Ted and Barbara Brown, Carol Fraley, Suzy Holdsworth, Joan Pankhurst, Michele Holton, Mark Kaplan, Jessie Levine, John MacKenna and the Mackenna's staff, Lois Marshall, Amy Rankins, Pam Saunders and Debbie Stanley. More than 150 people attended the dinner.

The Moderator read the election results from the previous day. This included KRSD local and district results, Town Officials and Amendments. Moderator Cleveland apologized to townspeople for several individuals having not been given the second part of the town ballot containing amendments 7-12. She then explained the contingency plan in the event of having close election results and how to fairly proceed with the amendments in question. As the results were so sweeping, the contingency plan was not needed.

Moderator Cleveland then officially re-opened the meeting.

Moderator Cleveland then went on to explain to voters how to use the pink voter cards which were given to all registered voters. Townspeople were to hold up the card to signify a yea or nay vote on each article or amendment. Also explained was the procedure on how to use the yes/no ballots in the event of a ballot election. 280 voters checked in and received ballots and voting cards.

**ARTICLE 2**

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number." (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 2**

Moderator Cleveland recognized Selectman Doug Lyon who asked committee volunteers to stand for recognition for their efforts. Doug thanked all of those standing for making it possible for the town to function so well. Doug then called for a moment of silence for recently deceased Town employee Mike Lachance, an employee of the Transfer Station. Doug recognized the following individuals for either past service or those who are currently serving the town: Sydney L. Crook (20 years on Planning Board); Randy Foose (15 years on Budget Committee, nine as chair); Karen Ebel (current chair of Planning Board); Marty Feins (representative to the NH/VT Solid Waste District); Richard Lee (special recognition for 30 years as exemplary Town of New London employee) and finally to Steve Mendelson for remembering the Bandstand Committee in his estate and bequeathing over \$400,000 to its future.

Selectman Lyon then provided an overview of the town's proposed budget, revenues and tax structure with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation slide show.

Moderator Cleveland then proceeded with the following articles.



**ARTICLE 3**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Executive	177,479	170,451
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	50,164	60,251
Financial Administration	189,984	205,475
Reassessment of Property	36,800	29,800
Personnel Administration	140,800	131,800
Planning and Zoning	33,775	32,512
General Government Buildings	83,330	114,055
Cemeteries	29,193	31,999
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	44,400	38,500
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>10,551</u>	<u>10,551</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>796,476</b>	<b>825,394</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 3**

**ARTICLE 4**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Legal	30,000	40,000
Portsmouth Coalition Contribution	5,000	5,000
Animal Rescue Fees	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>45,300</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 4**

**ARTICLE 5**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Police Department	561,680	492,105
Dispatch Center	216,625	209,715
Fire Department	138,915	124,994
Firewards	528	520
Emergency Management	<u>36,232</u>	<u>2,256</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>953,980</b>	<b>829,590</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 5**



**ARTICLE 6**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Highway Administration	502,417	428,843
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	481,200	477,900
Street Lighting	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,600</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,006,617</b>	<b>932,343</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 6**

**ARTICLE 7**

It was moved and seconded "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Transfer Station Admin. and Operations	401,786	392,160
Solid Waste Cleanup	21,790	16,600
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>522,000</u>	<u>522,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>945,576</b>	<b>930,760</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 7**

**ARTICLE 8**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		
Health Administration	11,783	11,558
Kearsarge Council on Aging	8,000	8,000
Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Assoc.	10,804	9,368
<b><u>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</u></b>		
Welfare Administration	541	541
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,363	3,203
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,991</b>	<b>36,170</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 8**

**ARTICLE 9**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Recreation Department	121,785	118,369
Tracy Memorial Library	306,000	254,350
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture History and Archives	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429,085</b>	<b>376,019</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 9**

**ARTICLE 10**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Conservation Administration	16,502	8,102
Other-Care of Trees	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,900</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,502</b>	<b>19,002</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 10**

**ARTICLE 11**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Principal / Bonds and Notes	120,000	125,000
Interest / Bonds and Notes	74,363	81,563
Tax Anticipate Note Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194,363</b>	<b>207,563</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 11**

**ARTICLE 12**

It was moved and seconded, "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>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	47,000	15,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	69,000	65,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	135,000	115,000
Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund	50,000	25,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	10,000
Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund	75,000	0
Computer Repair & Maintenance Fund	1,000	1,000
Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	37,698
Fire Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
Fire Protection Air Filling Station Capital Reserve Fund	12,000	12,000



New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	16,192	16,542
Town Building Maintenance Fund	20,000	10,000
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund	10,000	5,000
Milfoil Treatment & Prevention Fund	8,000	8,000
Transfer Station & Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>543,192</b>	<b>395,240</b>

The Moderator recognized Lois Marshall who made a motion to amend the sum of 75,000.00 for the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund to read zero.

There was a second to the motion.

**NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT**

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE 12**

**ARTICLE 13**

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,900** (one hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars) to purchase the following **Highway Department vehicles** and to authorize the amount of **\$131,900** (one hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars) to be withdrawn from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund for this purpose." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

16-Ton Dump Truck	90,900
Pickup Truck	31,000
Highway Mower	<u>10,000</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>131,900</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 13**

**ARTICLE 14**

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,000** (thirty-four thousand dollars) to purchase a new police cruiser." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 14**

**ARTICLE 15**

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** (twelve thousand dollars) to purchase replacement base radio equipment for the Police and Dispatch Departments, and to authorize the amount of **\$12,000** (twelve thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 15**

**ARTICLE 16**

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$110,000** (one hundred ten thousand dollars) to fund the remainder of the revaluation project, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$110,000** (one hundred ten thousand dollars) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 16**

### ARTICLE 17

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** (twenty-five thousand dollars) to fund the engineering and design of new Highway Department facilities and site plan, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$25,000** (twenty-five thousand dollars) from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 17**

### ARTICLE 18

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

Moderator Cleveland recognized Selectman Clough who made a motion to amend the article to read "from the information booth to the CB Coburn building" as opposed to the former Church's building. There was a second to the motion.

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE AMMENDED ARTICLE 18**

### ARTICLE 19

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to repair the bridge on Old Main Street, and to authorize the amount of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 19**

### ARTICLE 20

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to (1) create, per RSA 31:19-a, an expendable trust fund for the purpose of maintaining the Community Garden at Tracy Memorial Library; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,500** (seven thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in this fund; and (3) appoint the Tracy Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend this fund." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 20**

### ARTICLE 21

It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** (three thousand dollars) to purchase historical items and other ephemera by the Archives Committee, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$2,000** (two thousand dollars) from Town surplus as of December 31, 2002, for this account. The remaining **\$1,000** will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2008." *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 21**



**ARTICLE 22**

It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to (1) establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improving the basement of Whipple Memorial Town Hall; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** (fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, which will be known as the Town Hall Basement Capital Reserve Fund; and (3) appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 22**

**ARTICLE 23**

It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of rebuilding Main Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, which will be known as the Main Street Capital Reserve Fund.” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 23**

**ARTICLE 24**

It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to (1) establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing new computer software for the offices of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, which will be known as the Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund; and (3) appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 24**

**ARTICLE 25**

It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the New London Lake Sunapee Area Chamber of Commerce, in which the Town would lease to the Chamber a portion of property known as the Little Common (Map 84, Lot 9), and to approve, as a condition of the lease, the renovation or replacement of the building known as the Information Booth, at no cost to the Town of New London. Such renovation or replacement shall be contingent upon the approval of the building design and site plan by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.” (Majority vote required.)

**Amendment: insert “the” after “a portion of,” so that the phrase becomes “a portion of the property known as the Little Common”**

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 25**

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON AMMENDED ARTICLE 25**

**ARTICLE 26**

It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.” (Majority vote required.)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 26**

**ARTICLE 27**

It was moved and seconded, To see if the Town will vote to pass the following resolution:

- Whereas**, New Hampshire residents pay the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance in the country; and
- Whereas**, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and
- Whereas**, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and
- Whereas**, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire’s small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of New London, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost effective and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

**Submitted by petition.** (Majority vote required)

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 27**

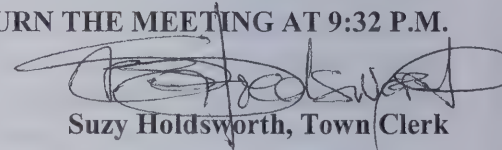
**ARTICLE 28**

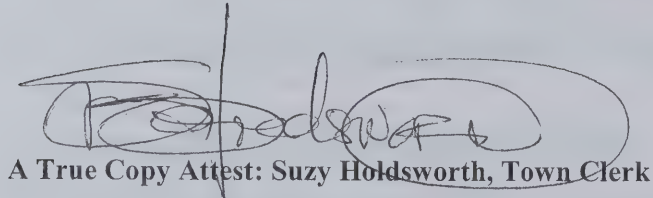
It was moved and seconded, “To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.” (Majority vote required).

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 28**

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

**AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:32 P.M.**

  
**Suzy Holdsworth, Town Clerk**

  
**A True Copy Attest: Suzy Holdsworth, Town Clerk**



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

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Whipple Memorial Town Hall in said New London on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:**

**ARTICLE 1**

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

- One (1) Selectman for three-year term;
- One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for three-year term;
- Two (2) Tracy Memorial Library Trustees for three-year terms;
- One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for six-year term;
- One (1) Town Moderator for two-year term;
- Three (3) Budget Committee Members for three-year term;
- One (1) Sewer Commissioner for three-year term;
- One (1) Cemetery Commissioner for three-year term;

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

**B.** To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance (complete text of the proposed zoning amendments is available at the Town Clerk's Office):

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 proposes to amend Article II General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to add a new paragraph pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 is to allow Accessory Dwelling Units within single-family homes in all residential districts in order to provide the opportunity for small rental housing units. These units will help improve New London's inventory of affordable housing, without significantly altering the rural character of the community. It is hoped that this type of housing will provide alternative housing options for the elderly, young adults, and small families. In addition, it makes more efficient use of existing housing stock.

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 proposes to amend the sign regulations to clarify that the size of temporary signs shall be no larger than permitted by the underlying zone district.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No.2 is to make it clear that temporary signs shall be no larger than the size allowed for permanent signs in the underlying zone district.

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

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

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 is to define the term "Use" which is referenced throughout the zoning ordinance.

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

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

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 is to define the term "Commercial Use" which is used in the zoning ordinance.

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 proposes to amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Farm".

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 is to define the term "Farm", which is used in the zoning ordinance, by referencing the definition enumerated in RSA 21:34-a.

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 proposes to amend the definition of "Dwelling, Two Family" in Article II to require a common roof and common wall or common ceiling/floor.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 is to clarify what constitutes a connection between dwelling units to be considered a two-family dwelling.

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 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph C. Permitted Uses, Section 1. to permit boathouses only if constructed over the water and to eliminate swimming facilities as a permitted use. In addition, the amendment proposes to add a definition of Boathouse to Article III Definitions.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 is to do several things: 1) to revise the permitted uses in the Shore Land Overlay District to only allow boathouses if they are constructed entirely over the water and not allow boathouses that are constructed into the shore land buffer area; 2) to delete "swimming facilities" from the list of permitted uses in the Shore Land Overlay District (Swimming is an allowed use. Only construction of swimming pools, bathhouses or other similar facilities within 50 feet of the normal high water line would be prohibited); and 3) to add a definition for "Boathouse".

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 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph D. General Provisions, Section 2 to amend the provisions for replenishment of an



existing beach to make them consistent with state requirements administered through the Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit Application.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 8 is to eliminate the inconsistency between the local regulations for beach replenishment specified in the Shore Land Overlay District and the Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit Application administered by the NH Wetland Board. This amendment would allow beach replenishment to occur every six years, as opposed to every eight years as currently allowed, and would require only a state permit for replenishment.

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

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

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 9 is to cross reference all of the Special Exception Uses permitted in Article XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District into the list of Special Exceptions spelled out in Article XXI Board of Adjustment.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 10: The Planning Board's Amendment No.10 proposes to revise the definition of "Structure" found in Article III Definitions.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 10 is to revise the definition of "Structure" primarily to clarify the specific items either included or excluded from the definition in order to ease administration of building permits and the zoning ordinance.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 11: The Planning Board's Amendment No.11 proposes to amend the definition of "Dwelling Unit" found in Article III.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 11 is to revise the definition of "Dwelling Unit" to clarify what minimum attributes constitute an independent housekeeping establishment.

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

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

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 12 is to amend the zoning ordinance to no longer require a sign permit for a temporary yard sale sign. The size limitation and the time frame for erecting and taking down these types of signs would remain the same as currently written.

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

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

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 13 is to clarify the uses permitted in the Commercial District. More specifically, the intent is to clarify the permitted use in the Commercial District identified as "Any use permitted in the Residential District" by adding the phrase "will be permitted in the same manner it is permitted in the Residential District".

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

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

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 14 is to ensure that the provisions of Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Non-conforming Lots pertaining to substantial improvement, restoration, reconstruction and/or replacement apply to Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District as they do anywhere else in Town.

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

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Accessory Uses: Accessory uses include, by way of example, gravel and unlighted access roadways, as well as gravel and unlighted parking and turnaround areas along the roadways for passenger vehicles, emergency vehicles, security vehicles, and maintenance equipment, restricted to daytime use only; parking and turnaround areas for the same; maintenance and storage facilities for recreation uses; restrooms and changing facilities; bleachers, goals, backstops, dugouts, flagpoles, benches, and other required athletic equipment; and other accessory uses involving no structures.

*The Planning Board approves of this petitioned zoning amendment.*

**NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 AM for the consideration of Articles IA & IB. At 12:00 noon, the meeting will recess, and the polls will remain open until 7:00 PM. The meeting will reconvene at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon Articles 2 - 37.**

## **ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number. (Majority vote required)

## **ARTICLE 3**

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



#### ARTICLE 4

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

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

#### ARTICLE 5

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

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

#### ARTICLE 6

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

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

#### ARTICLE 7

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

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

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **SANITATION**.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

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

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND**

**WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.** *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*

(Majority vote required)

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

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE.** *The*

*Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

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

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **CONSERVATION and OTHER**

**CONSERVATION.** *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote

required)

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



## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Principal / Bonds and Notes	120,000	120,000
Interest / Bonds and Notes	<u>67,393</u>	<u>74,363</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187,393</b>	<b>194,363</b>

## ARTICLE 13

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

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

## ARTICLE 14

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

## ARTICLE 15

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

## ARTICLE 16

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

#### ARTICLE 17

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

#### ARTICLE 18

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

#### ARTICLE 19

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

#### ARTICLE 20

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

#### ARTICLE 21

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

#### ARTICLE 22

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

#### ARTICLE 23

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

#### ARTICLE 24

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

#### ARTICLE 25

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



## ARTICLE 26

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

## ARTICLE 27

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

## ARTICLE 28

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

## ARTICLE 29

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

## ARTICLE 30

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

1. A larval survey of the town to identify mosquito breeding sites at a one-time cost of \$6000.00.
2. Larviciding of mosquito breeding sites to prevent mosquito larvae from developing into adult mosquitoes, to be conducted from April into September at a cost of \$18,000.

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

## ARTICLE 31

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

## ARTICLE 32

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

## ARTICLE 33

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

**ARTICLE 34**

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

**ARTICLE 35**

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

**ARTICLE 36**

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

**ARTICLE 37**

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

Given under our hands and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, two thousand and four.

New London Board of Selectmen

Douglas W. Lyon  
Douglas W. Lyon, Chair

Mark Kaplan  
Mark Kaplan

Ruth I. Clough  
Ruth I. Clough

A true Copy of Warrant - Attest

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2004  
PROPOSED  
ZONING AMENDMENTS





**2004 AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW LONDON ZONING ORDINANCE**  
**PROPOSED BY THE NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD**  
**AS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK ON FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

The amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance proposed by the New London Planning Board as submitted to the Town Clerk on February 3, 2004 are outlined below. The additions are underlined and the deletions are ~~crossed-out~~.

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would involve:

1. Amending Article II General Provisions by adding a new Paragraph 18. Accessory Dwelling Units as follows:

18. Accessory Dwelling Units

- A. Purpose: The purpose and intent of allowing Accessory Dwelling Units within single-family homes in all residential districts is to provide the opportunity for the development of small rental housing units. These units will help improve New London's inventory of affordable housing, without significantly altering the rural character of the community. In addition, it makes more efficient use of existing housing stock.
- B. Authorization: Accessory Dwelling Units shall be allowed by right in all zone districts, subject to compliance with the provisions of this regulation, and the granting of a permit by the Board of Selectmen.
- C. Requirements and Limitations:
  1. Accessory Dwelling Units are intended to be secondary to a principal single-family Dwelling Unit. In granting a permit, the Board of Selectmen must find that the Accessory Dwelling Unit is developed in a manner which does not alter the character or appearance of the principal Dwelling Unit as a single-family residence. Only one Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be allowed per principal Dwelling Unit and/or lot.
  2. There shall be no exterior modifications of the structure that will alter its character or appearance as a single-family residence. If any entrances or exits must be added to accommodate an Accessory Dwelling Unit, they shall be located to the side or rear of the building.

3. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be considered to be an additional Dwelling Unit for the purposes of determining minimum lot size and density.
4. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall have an area of no less than 300 square feet and no greater than 1,000 square feet. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall occupy no more than 35% of the heated and finished floor area of the original Dwelling Unit, including the Accessory Dwelling Unit.
5. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be designed to allow for re-incorporation into the principal Dwelling Unit. Internal access to the principal Dwelling Unit shall be maintained or constructed.
6. One of the Dwelling Units on the property must be owner occupied.
7. The original dwelling must be a minimum of 5 years old to be eligible for conversion to accommodate an Accessory Dwelling Unit.
8. There shall be no more than 2 bedrooms in any Accessory Dwelling Unit.
9. Pursuant to RSA 485-A:38, prior to converting to or occupying an Accessory Dwelling Unit in a manner that would increase the load on a sewage disposal system, the owner of the Primary Dwelling Unit shall submit an application for approval of the sewage disposal system to the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") (See also Code of Administrative Rules Env-Ws 1000). As specified in RSA 485:A-38 and Env-Ws 1004.16, the application shall include either evidence that the existing system meets the state and local minimum standards for handling and treating the wastewater flows generated by the structure, including the Accessory Dwelling Unit, or a design for a new system that meets these standards.
10. Adequate off-street parking, based on the number of bedrooms in both Dwelling Units, shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Appendix A of the Site Plan Review Regulations.

D. Existing Nonconforming Accessory Dwelling Units:

To be considered a nonconforming use, an Accessory Dwelling Unit must have been constructed or installed prior to March, 1958, or before whatever date the density in a zone district in question changed to make a legal two-family use nonconforming.

E. Existing Illegal Accessory Dwelling Units:

Accessory Dwelling Units constructed after March, 1958 shall apply to the Board of Selectmen for a determination of compliance with Article II, Section 18. Applications shall be accompanied by the filing fee, plans and other documentation required by the Board. The Board will then determine one of the following:

- a. A determination of compliance with Article II, Section 18 and approval, subject to inspection by the Board of Selectmen or their agent;



- b. A conditional determination of compliance with Article II, Section 18 and a description of the corrective changes needed to bring the Accessory Dwelling Unit into compliance. The required changes shall be completed within 90 days of the date of the determination of conditional compliance. Upon successful completion of the required changes, the Board of Selectmen or their agent will inspect the unit for compliance; or
- c. A determination that a zoning violation exists. In this instance, remedies include: discontinuing the use, referral to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for approval of a variance application, or enforcement action by the Board of Selectmen as provided in Article XXV Enforcement.

2. Amend Article III Definitions to add a new definition of “Accessory Dwelling Unit” as follows:

- xx. Accessory Dwelling Unit: A secondary Dwelling Unit attached to, incorporated into and subordinate to the primary Dwelling Unit with a common roof and common wall or common ceiling/floor, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units are not allowed.

***RATIONALE:** The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 1 is to allow Accessory Dwelling Units within single-family homes in all residential districts in order to provide the opportunity for small rental housing units. These units will help improve New London’s inventory of affordable housing, without significantly altering the rural character of the community. It is hoped that this type of housing will provide alternative housing options for the elderly, young adults, and small families. In addition, it makes more efficient use of existing housing stock.*

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would include amending Article II. General Provisions, Paragraph 14. Temporary Ancillary Sales, Section e. Permits, Sub-section 3) as follows:

- 3) Any temporary signs shall be in compliance with Article II General Provisions, Paragraph 10. Signs, Subparagraph f.(2) or a temporary sign no larger than ~~8-square feet shall be permitted~~ the size permitted by the underlying zone district. A temporary sign permit must be obtained from the Selectmen.

***RATIONALE:** The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No.2 is to make it clear that temporary signs shall be no larger than the size allowed for permanent signs in the underlying zone district.*

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Use" as follows:

- xx. Use: The purpose or activity for which land or buildings are designed, arranged, or intended or for which land or buildings are occupied or maintained.

***RATIONALE:*** *The primary purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 is to define the term "Use" which is referenced throughout the zoning ordinance.*

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Commercial Use" as follows:

- xx. Commercial Use: A land use classification that permits facilities for the buying, renting, leasing and selling of commodities and services. Legal accessory uses to residential uses, including home occupations and home businesses, are excluded from the definition of Commercial Use.

***RATIONALE:*** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 is to define the term "Commercial Use" which is used in the zoning ordinance.*

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would amend Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Farm" as follows:

- xx. Farm: The word "Farm" means any land, buildings, or structures on or in which agriculture and farming activities are carried out or conducted. See RSA 21:34-a for a complete definition of the term "Farm".



**RATIONALE:** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 is to define the term "Farm," which is used in the zoning ordinance, by referencing the definition enumerated in RSA 21:34-a.*

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would include amending the definition of "Dwelling, Two Family" in Article II as follows:

32. Dwelling, Two-Family: A detached residential building containing 2 Dwelling Units with a common roof and common wall or common ceiling/floor, designed for occupancy by not more than 2 families.

**RATIONALE:** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 is to clarify what constitutes a connection between dwelling units to be considered a two-family dwelling.*

### **PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO 7:**

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

Specifically, this amendment would include:

- A. Amending Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph C. Permitted Uses, Section 1. as follows:
  1. ~~Docks for boating, and~~ Boathouses constructed entirely over a body of water and swimming facilities, are permitted subject to required state permits and standards.
- B. Amending Article III Definitions to add a definition for "Boathouse" as follows:
  - xx. Boathouse: An enclosed or partially enclosed accessory structure constructed entirely over a body of water designed primarily for the use and storage of private watercraft and/or marine-related equipment.
- C. Eliminating Article XXI Board of Adjustment, Paragraph G. Special Exceptions, Section 4. Special Exception Uses, Sub-Section e as follows:

- e. ~~Erection of a boathouse or a bathhouse by an owner of a residence in the Town, who also owns lake shore property, on such shore property. The structure shall be considered an accessory building to the residence and shall be for the owner's use or for rental as part of the residence and not for public use. At least one off-street parking space shall be provided. The yard requirements shall conform to those specified in Article V, Section C, Sub-paragraph 2.~~

**RATIONALE:** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 is to do several things: 1) to revise the permitted uses in the Shore Land Overlay District to only allow boathouses if they are constructed entirely over the water and not allow boathouses that are constructed into the shore land buffer area; 2) to delete "swimming facilities" from the list of permitted uses in the Shore Land Overlay District (Swimming is an allowed use. Only construction of swimming pools, bathhouses or other similar facilities within 50 feet of the normal high water line would be prohibited); and 3) to add a definition for "Boathouse".*

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

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

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph D. General Provisions, Section 2 as follows:

2. Construction of a new beach or expansion of an existing beach is not permitted. Replenishment of an existing beach is permitted only under the following conditions:
  - a. no more than 6 cubic yards of replenishment material is permitted to be added in any 6 ~~8~~ year period; and
  - b. Approval is obtained from the NH Department of Environmental Services for a Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit Application after review and comment by the New London Conservation Commission.
  - ~~b. beach replenishment is permitted only above normal high water; beach replenishment is not permitted below normal high water in the water body;~~
  - ~~c. beach replenishment material must be washed before installation to remove sediments;~~
  - ~~d. material used for beach replenishment shall match the type of material which comprises the existing beach (i.e. an existing gravel beach can be replenished with gravel, but not with sand);~~
  - ~~e. Beach replenishment requires approval of an erosion and sediment control plan for a minor land disturbance in accordance with Section F. below. The erosion control plan shall show and explain what measures exist or are proposed to reduce~~



~~the erosion of the beach area. Installation of materials to slow down and dissipate water runoff such as railroad ties and/or the planting of indigenous species of shrubs and bushes on the uphill edge of the beach is encouraged; and~~

- ~~f. The property owner shall notify the Board of Selectmen in writing of the date and quantity of material deposited for beach replenishment.~~

***RATIONALE:** The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 8 is to eliminate the inconsistency between the local regulations for beach replenishment specified in the Shore Land Overlay District and the Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit Application administered by the NH Wetland Board. This amendment would allow beach replenishment to occur every six years, as opposed to every eight years as currently allowed, and would require only a state permit for replenishment.*

### **PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9:**

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

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending Article XXI Board of Adjustment, Paragraph G. Special Exceptions, Section 4. Special Exception Uses to add a new Sub-Section n. as follows:

- n. All of the Uses Permitted by Special Exception specified in Article XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District, Paragraph G. Uses Permitted by Special Exception.

***RATIONALE:** The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 9 is to cross reference all of the Special Exception Uses permitted in Article XXII Streams Conservation Overlay District into the list of Special Exceptions spelled out in Article XXI Board of Adjustment.*

### **PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 10:**

The Planning Board's Amendment No.10 proposes to revise the definition of "Structure" found in Article III Definitions.

Specifically, this amendment would revise the definition of "Structure" found in Article III Definitions as follows:

118. Structure: Anything constructed, placed or erected ~~with a fixed location~~ on the ground, or attached to something ~~with a fixed location on the ground~~ 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), mobile homes, walls, billboards, and poster panels, decks or platforms, temporary carports and storage structures, sheds, greenhouses and

other accessory structures (including dish antennas or satellite earth stations that are over 3 feet in diameter). Fences, stone walls, animal shelters under 15 square feet, children’s swingsets, dumpsters, flagpoles, sandboxes, playhouses and other playground equipment, signs and sign installation devices (see Article II, 10), tents for camping and temporary tent structures used for functions and gatherings are excluded from the definition of a structure. For floodplain management purposes only, Structure means a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

***RATIONALE:*** *The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 10 is to revise the definition of “Structure” primarily to clarify the specific items either included or excluded from the definition in order to ease administration of building permits and the zoning ordinance.*

### **PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 11:**

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

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending the definition of “Dwelling Unit” found in Article III as follows:

34. Dwelling Unit: One room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, rental or lease, and physically separated from any other rooms or Dwelling Units which may be in the same structure, ~~and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities.~~ For the purpose of this definition, an independent housekeeping establishment includes the following minimum attributes: space devoted to kitchen facilities for the storage, preparation and consumption of food (including counters, cabinets, appliances, and a sink for washing dishes), space for one or more bedrooms for sleeping, and a bathroom with a tub and/or shower. (A bar equipped with a bar-sink and an under-the-counter refrigerator shall not constitute kitchen facilities.)

***RATIONALE:*** *The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 11 is to revise the definition of “Dwelling Unit” to clarify what minimum attributes constitute an independent housekeeping establishment.*

### **PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12:**

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

Specifically, Amendment No.12 includes the following:

- 1) Amend Article II General Provisions, Paragraph 10. Sign Regulation to remove Section (f) (2) (a) from Section (f) SIGNS REQUIRING A PERMIT; and



- 2) Amend Article II, Paragraph 10. Sign Regulation to add the following as number 13. to Section (d) SIGNS NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT:

13. Sign for Temporary Yard Sale

- 1) One temporary on-premise sign not exceeding 4 square feet in size to be placed not more than 24 hours prior to the opening of the sale and to be removed within 24 hours after conclusion of the sale.
- 2) Please refer to the yard sale permit process in Article II, Section 14.

***RATIONALE:*** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 12 is to amend the zoning ordinance to no longer require a sign permit for a temporary yard sale sign. The size limitation and the time frame for erecting and taking down these types of signs would remain the same as currently written.*

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 13:**

The Planning Board's Amendment No.13 proposes to clarify uses permitted in the Commercial District.

Specifically, Amendment No.13 involves amending Article VII Commercial District, Paragraph A., Sub-Paragraph 1. as follows:

1. Any Use permitted in the Residential District will be permitted in the Commercial District in the same manner it is permitted in the Residential District. If the Use is a Use permitted by right in the Residential District, then it is a Use permitted by right in the Commercial District. If the Use is a Use permitted by Special Exception in the Residential District, then it is a use permitted by Special Exception in the Commercial District.

***RATIONALE:*** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 13 is to clarify the uses permitted in the Commercial District. More specifically, the intent is to clarify the permitted use in the Commercial District identified as "Any use permitted in the Residential District" by adding the phrase "will be permitted in the same manner it is permitted in the Residential District".*

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 14:**

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

Specifically, Amendment No.14 includes amending Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District, Paragraph H. Non-conforming Buildings & Structures, Sub-paragraph 3. as follows:

3. These provisions supersede the provisions outlined in Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Non-conforming Lots, Paragraph B. Non-conforming Buildings, Section 1. Alterations and Expansions. The provisions of Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Non-conforming Lots, Paragraph B. Non-conforming Buildings and Structures, Sub-paragraph 3. pertaining to substantial improvement, restoration, reconstruction and/or replacement apply to Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District.

**RATIONALE:** *The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 14 is to ensure that the provisions of Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Non-conforming Lots pertaining to substantial improvement, restoration, reconstruction and/or replacement apply to Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District as they do anywhere else in Town.*

#### **PETITIONED ZONING AMENDMENT NO. 15:**

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

##### Proposed Ordinance Amendment:

Accessory Uses: Accessory uses include, by way of example, gravel and unlighted access roadways, as well as gravel and unlighted parking and turnaround areas along the roadways for passenger vehicles, emergency vehicles, security vehicles and maintenance equipment, restricted to daytime use only; parking and turnaround areas for the same; maintenance and storage facilities for recreation uses; restrooms and changing facilities; bleachers, goals, backstops, dugouts, flagpoles, benches, and other required athletic equipment; and other accessory uses involving no structures.

*The Planning Board approves of this petitioned zoning amendment.*



THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2004 TOWN BUDGET  
NEW LONDON

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: NEW LONDON

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

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

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

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on February 18, 2004.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

*Please sign in ink.*

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 Suzanne Perseman  
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 Robert H. Richards  
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 April D. Whittaker  
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 W. Barry Wright  
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 Keith Clough  
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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

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



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Appropriation/Expenditures January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

Proposed Budget January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Purposes of Appropriation RSA 31:4	2004 Warrant Article	2003 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-03	2004 Selectmen's Proposed	2004 Budget Committee Proposed
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Executive	4	\$177,479	\$173,566	211,196	211,196
Election, Registration & Vital	4	50,164	46,428	57,463	57,463
Financial Administration	4	189,984	180,247	214,963	214,963
Revaluation of Property	4	36,800	41,189	62,500	62,500
Legal Expense	5	35,300	27,460	250,300	250,300
Employee Benefits	4	140,800	143,081	197,600	197,600
Planning & Zoning Boards	4	33,775	28,338	36,985	36,985
General Government Buildings	4	83,330	77,404	109,520	109,520
Cemeteries	4	29,193	21,951	29,193	29,193
Insurance	4	44,400	54,769	51,000	51,000
Advertising (Tourism) & Reg. Assoc.	4	10,551	10,192	14,551	14,551
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police Department	6	561,680	532,914	650,654	650,654
Fire Department	6	138,915	138,064	143,820	143,820
Firewards	6	528	467	583	583
Emergency Management	6	36,232	33,014	5,797	5,797
Police Dispatch	6	216,625	189,333	243,374	243,374
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>					
Highway Administration	7	502,417	449,117	515,367	515,367
Highway & Streets	7	481,200	385,331	476,200	476,200
Street Lighting	7	23,000	20,164	21,000	21,000
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Transfer Station	8	401,786	338,387	420,100	420,100
Solid Waste Cleanup	8	21,790	17,320	31,410	31,410
Sewage Collection & Disposal	8	522,000	522,000	542,000	542,000
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Health Administration	9, 28	11,783	6,657	12,675	12,675
Health Agencies	9	18,804	18,804	106,251	106,251
<b>WELFARE</b>					
Welfare-Administration	9	541	540	815	815
Intergovernmental Welfare	9	3,363	3,363	3,699	3,699
Welfare-Vendor Payments	9	3,500	2,725	3,500	3,500

Purposes of Appropriation RSA 31:4	2004 Warrant Article	2003 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-03	2004 Selectmen's Proposed	2004 Budget Committee Proposed
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Parks & Recreation	10	121,785	105,580	125,260	125,260
Tracy Memorial Library	10	306,000	306,000	331,925	331,925
Patriotic Purposes	10	300	300	300	300
Other Culture	10	4,000	403	1,000	1,000
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation-Administration	11	16,502	2,470	9,372	9,372
Other Conservation	11	10,000	9,609	10,000	10,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Bonded Debt	12	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Interest	12	74,363	74,363	67,393	67,393
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
Capital Outlay-Vehicles, Mach., Equip.	14-18, 20, 22	177,900	170,299	248,124	248,124
Capital Outlay - Buildings	3, 24	25,000	26,067	1,358,000	1,358,000
Capital Outlay-Improvements	19	149,000	89,303	19,000	19,000
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>					
Transfers to Capital Reserves	13,21,25-27	595,692	595,692	648,825	648,825
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,376,482</b>	<b>\$ 4,962,910</b>	<b>\$ 7,351,715</b>	<b>\$ 7,351,715</b>

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

TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$7,351,715
LESS EXCLUSIONS: Principal-Long Term Debt	(120,000)
Interest-Long Term Debt	<u>(67,393)</u>
TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	(187,393)
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSION AMOUNT	\$7,164,322
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE (10% limitation)	\$716,432

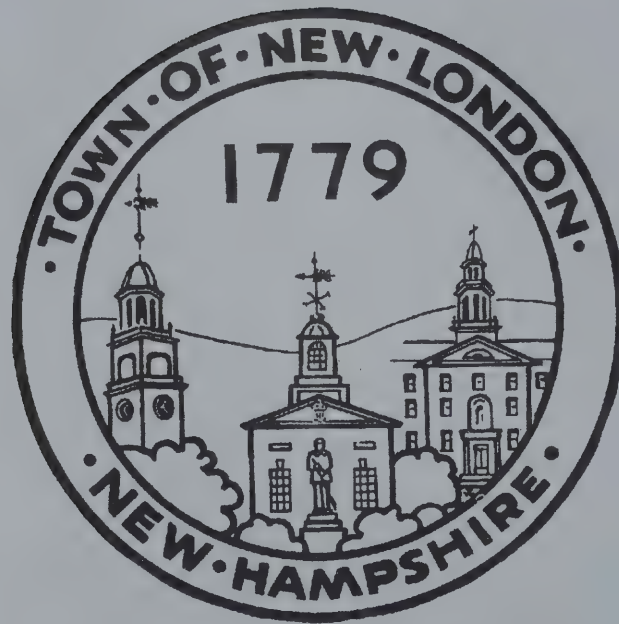


# BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Estimated 2003 Revenue/Actual 2003 Receipts  
Estimated Revenue January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Source of Revenue	2003 Estimated Revenues	Received 12-31-03	2004 Selectmen's Proposed	2004 Budget Committee Proposed
<b>TAXES</b>				
Land Use Change Tax (CU)	12,500	18,500	100,000	100,000
Yield Tax	1,116	1,020	4,000	4,000
Interest & Penalties	32,642	39,017	34,500	34,500
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>				
Business Licenses	30,250	45,684	39,150	39,150
Motor Vehicles Fees	713,600	779,157	764,800	764,800
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	37,045	40,764	36,450	36,450
<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
FEMA Storm Grant	10,445	10,445	0	0
Recycling Plastic Grant	0	0	10,000	10,000
Fire Grants	0	1,442	43,290	43,290
Police Grants	4,000	336	1,776	1,776
Generator Grant	24,000	24,000	0	0
Other Federal Grants	3,000	0	0	0
<b>FROM STATE</b>				
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524	57,685	30,524	30,524
Meals & Rooms Tax	126,664	126,664	110,000	110,000
Highway Block Grant	110,685	110,685	112,374	112,374
Water Pollution Grants	17,457	17,457	16,846	16,846
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
Income from Departments	104,079	112,783	113,912	113,912
Other Charges	15,600	14,294	800	800
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
Sale of Municipal Property	3,900	4,950	17,000	17,000
Interest on Investments	24,200	19,787	20,800	20,800
Other	199,141	212,928	246,099	246,099
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>				
Enterprise Fund – Sewer	564,254	564,254	583,094	583,094
Capital Reserve Fund	307,900	248,769	544,124	544,124
Trust & Agency Funds	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	300,000	300,000	0	0
Appropriation Voted from Surplus	2,000	2,000	0	0
Proceeds from Bond			990,000	990,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 2,680,002</b>	<b>\$ 2,757,621</b>	<b>\$ 3,824,539</b>	<b>\$ 3,824,539</b>

# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



## 2003 FINANCIALS NEW LONDON



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

(UNAUDITED)

Account Name	Appropriations	Total Available	Expended 12-31-03	Encumbered Forward	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	177,479.00	177,479.00	173,565.66	193.41	3,719.93	
Election & Registration	50,164.00	50,164.00	46,427.77		3,736.23	
Financial Administration	189,984.00	189,984.00	180,247.38	505.78	9,230.84	
Revaluation of Property	36,800.00	36,800.00	41,189.00	1,123.25		(5,512.25)
Legal Expense	35,300.00	35,300.00	27,459.82	867.22	6,972.96	
Employee Benefits	140,800.00	140,800.00	143,081.26			(2,281.26)
Planning & Zoning	33,775.00	33,775.00	28,338.22		5,436.78	
General Govt Buildings	83,330.00	83,330.00	77,404.26	313.00	5,612.74	
Cemeteries	29,193.00	29,193.00	21,951.23		7,241.77	
Insurance	44,400.00	44,400.00	54,769.48			(5,419.70)
Regional Associations	10,551.00	10,551.00	10,191.50		359.50	
Police Department	561,680.00	561,680.00	532,913.93	15,335.21	13,430.86	
Fire Department	138,915.00	138,915.00	138,063.62	176.67	674.71	
Firewards	528.00	528.00	466.62		61.38	
Emergency Management	36,232.00	36,232.00	33,013.52		3,218.48	(45.85)
Police Dispatch	216,625.00	216,625.00	189,332.80		27,292.20	
Highway Administration	502,417.00	502,417.00	449,117.46		53,299.54	
Highways & Streets	481,200.00	481,200.00	385,330.50	2,860.79	93,008.71	
Street Lighting	23,000.00	23,000.00	20,163.95		2,836.05	
Transfer Station	401,786.00	401,786.00	338,386.68	25,865.69	37,533.63	
Solid Waste Cleanup	21,790.00	21,790.00	17,320.25	264.00	4,205.75	
Sewage Collection & Disp.	522,000.00	522,000.00	522,000.00			
Health Department	11,783.00	11,783.00	6,657.48	4,800.00	325.52	
Health Agencies	18,804.00	18,804.00	18,804.00			(468.00)
Welfare - Administration	541.00	541.00	540.25		0.75	
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,363.00	3,363.00	3,363.00			
Welfare - Vendor Payments	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,725.08	56.50	718.42	
Parks & Recreation	121,785.00	121,785.00	105,579.80	1,295.00	14,910.20	
Tracy Memorial Library	306,000.00	306,000.00	306,000.00			
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	300.00			
Other Culture - Archives	4,000.00	4,000.00	402.63	3,000.00	597.37	
Conservation - Admin.	16,502.00	16,502.00	2,469.74	8,729.97	5,302.29	
Other Conservation - Trees	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,608.80		391.20	
Bonded Debt	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00			
Bonded Debt-Interest	74,363.00	74,363.00	74,362.50		0.50	
Capital Outlay: Vehicles,	177,900.00	177,900.00	170,299.31	10,719.70		(3,156.01)
Capital Outlay: Buildings	25,000.00	25,000.00	26,067.49	3,223.82		(1,067.49)
Capital Outlay: Improvements	149,000.00	149,000.00	89,303.00	20,000.00	39,697.00	
Transfers to Cap. Reserve	595,692.00	595,692.00	595,692.00			
2002 Encumbered Forward		205,545.58	137,748.36	67,797.22		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,376,482.00</b>	<b>\$5,582,027.58</b>	<b>\$5,100,658.35</b>	<b>\$167,127.23</b>	<b>\$339,815.31</b>	<b>\$(17,950.56)</b>
<b>NET UNEXPENDED</b>					<b>\$321,864.75</b>	

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

(UNAUDITED)

<u>TITLE OF REVENUE</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2003 Revenues</u>
Land Use Change Taxes	12,500.00	18,500.00
Yield Taxes	1,116.00	1,019.59
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	32,642.00	39,016.55
Business Licenses	30,250.00	45,684.45
Motor Vehicle Fees	713,600.00	779,157.30
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	37,045.00	40,764.01
FEMA Storm Grant	10,445.00	10,445.14
Highway Safety Grant	4,000.00	336.00
Emergency Action Grant	3,000.00	0.00
Generator Grant	24,000.00	24,000.00
Dry Hydrant Grant	0.00	1,442.13
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524.00	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	126,664.00	126,664.36
Highway Block Grant	110,685.00	110,684.68
State Aid Water Pollution Control	17,457.00	17,457.00
Income from Departments	104,079.00	112,782.99
Income from Sewer Department	522,000.00	522,000.00
Other Charges	15,600.00	14,294.00
Special Assessments	7,723.00	7,723.00
Sale of Municipal Property	3,900.00	4,950.00
Interest on Investments	24,200.00	19,787.11
Rent of Town Property	39,119.00	39,418.96
Fines & Forfeits	3,700.00	7,464.00
Insurance Reimbursements	66,150.00	74,856.23
Insurance Dividends	10,547.00	10,547.18
Contributions & Refunds	11,000.00	7,788.29
Revenue: Other Misc. Sources	68,625.00	72,853.01
Transfers: Sewer Department	34,531.00	34,530.50
Transfers: Capital Reserve Funds	307,900.00	248,768.99
Transfers: Trust & Agency Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00
Budgetary Use of Fund Balance	302,000.00	302,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,680,002.00</b>	<b>2,757,620.47</b>

# SUMMARY OF GROSS RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

(UNAUDITED)

## BY TAXATION:

Prior Year Property Tax	421,826.09
Interest	33,203.82
Tax Sales Redeemed	35,407.16
2003 Property Tax	11,265,962.99
Interest	5,812.73
Over Payments	20,490.43
Yield Tax	725.40
Land Use Change Tax	18,500.00

## FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Revenue Sharing Block Grant	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	126,664.36
State Aid Water Pollution Control	17,457.00
Highway Block Grant	110,684.68

## FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA Grant	10,445.14
Forfeiture Funds	4,332.34
Generator Grant	24,000.00
Other Grants	6,467.13

## FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES

Business Licenses	45,684.45
Motor Vehicle Fees	779,404.30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	40,764.01
Income from Departments	112,782.99
Sewer User Charges	522,000.00
Other Charges	14,294.00
Sewer Betterment/Goose Hole	6,864.96
Sales of Municipal Property	4,950.00
Interest on Investments	19,787.11
Rents of Property	39,418.96
Fines & Forfeits	7,464.00
Insurance Reimbursements	74,856.23
Insurance Dividends	10,547.18
Contributions & Refunds	7,788.29
Revenue - Other Misc. Sources	37,483.31
Transfers - Sewer Department	34,530.50
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	250,768.99
Transfers - Trust & Agency Fund	5,000.00
Cemetery Lot Sales	7,400.00
Payments Due State	16,297.00
Payments Due NL Sewer Comm.	20,085.27
Refunds from Library (Payroll)	189,325.05
Refunds from Sewer (Payroll)	98,315.10
2002 Accounts Receivable	89,037.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**\$ 14,594,512.97**



# SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

(UNAUDITED)

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 173,565.66
Election, Registration & Vitals	46,427.77
Financial Administration	180,247.38
Revaluation of Property	41,189.00
Legal Expenses	27,459.82
Personnel Administration	143,081.26
Planning and Zoning	28,338.22
General Governmental Buildings	77,404.26
Cemeteries	21,951.23
Insurance	54,769.48
Regional Associations	10,191.50

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	532,913.93
Fire Department	138,063.62
Firewards	466.62
Emergency Management	33,013.52
Dispatch	189,332.80

## HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Administration	449,117.46
Highways and Streets	385,330.50
Street Lighting	20,163.95

## SANITATION

Transfer Station	338,386.68
Solid Waste Cleanup	17,320.25
Sewage Collection & Disposal	522,000.00

## HEALTH

Health Department	6,657.48
Health Agencies	18,804.00

## WELFARE

Welfare – Administration	540.25
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,363.00
Welfare-Vendor Payments	2,725.08

## CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	105,579.80
Tracy Memorial Library	306,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Other Culture - Archives	402.63

**CONSERVATION**

Conservation – Administration	2,469.74
Care of Trees	9,608.80

**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal on Long Term Debt	120,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	74,362.50

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Vehicles, Mach., Equipment	170,299.31
Buildings (Maint. Projects)	26,067.49
Improvements	89,303.00

**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	595,692.00
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**TOTAL PAYMENTS - 2003 WARRANT****\$4,962,909.99\*****OTHER PAYMENTS**

Merrimack County Tax	1,833,868.00
Statewide Education Property Tax	1,282,360.00
NL Sewer (Job Seamans/Birch Acres)	17,382.24
NL Sewer (Edmunds Road)	17,627.12
State of New Hampshire	16,272.00
Kearsarge Regional School District	6,484,929.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	7,000.00
Taxes Bought by Town	44,948.99
Water Precinct Taxes	142,298.97
Milfoil Project Reimbursements	4,215.00
Police Forfeited Funds	4,332.34
Hazardous Materials Grant	4,689.00
Refunds	44,952.82
Abatements	136,892.99
Salaries – Library	189,325.05
Salaries – Sewer	98,315.10
Library Appropriation Adjustment	(36,600.00)
Sewer Appropriation Adjustment	(14,924.09)
Payroll Deductions	(973.05)
2002 Encumbered	137,748.36
2002 Accounts Payable	53,689.29

**TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS****10,468,349.13****2003 SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID****\$15,431,259.12**

* Total Payments - 2003 Warrant	\$ 4,962,909.99
Adjustment - Sewer Payments	(12,825.62)
2002 Accounts Payable	53,689.29
2002 Encumbered	137,748.36
<b>Expended Dec. 31, 2003</b>	<b>\$ 5,141,522.02</b>

## STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

(Does Not Include Bonded Debt of Kearsarge Regional School District)

	Tracy Library & Goose Hole Sewer July 15, 1990		Sewer Construction July 9, 1993		Facilities Bond & Edmunds Road Sewer July 22, 1999	
Maturities	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Original Amount	Interest Rate
	\$799,230		\$345,000		\$1,250,000	
2004	50,000	7.00	20,000	5.25	50,000	5.00
2005	50,000	7.00	20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00
2006			20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00
2007			20,000	5.50	55,000	5.00
2008			20,000	5.60	60,000	5.00
2009					60,000	5.25
2010					65,000	5.25
2011					65,000	5.25
2012					65,000	5.25
2013					65,000	5.25
2014					70,000	5.25
2015					75,000	5.25
2016					75,000	5.25
2017					80,000	5.25
2018					85,000	5.25
2019					80,000	5.25
	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000		\$ 1,060,000	

## LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Comparative Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002

Amount to be provided for retirement of Long Term Debt:

	2003	2002
Due from General Fund		
Town's Share	970,000.00	1,055,000.00
Due from Sewer Commission	272,543.00	304,974.00
Due from N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission	17,457.00	20,026.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,260,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,380,000.00</b>
Long Term Debt Outstanding		
Tracy Library & G H Sewer Bond - 1990	100,000.00	150,000.00
Sewer Construction Bond - 1993	100,000.00	120,000.00
Facilities & Edmunds Rd Sewer Bond - 1999	1,060,000.00	1,110,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,260,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,380,000.00</b>



# SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

## 2003 TAX RATE ANALYSIS

Land (all)	\$ 382,720,752
Residential Buildings	440,894,570
Public Utilities	4,413,800
Commercial Buildings	51,073,130
<b>Valuation before exemptions:</b>	<b>\$ 879,102,252</b>
Less exemptions:	
Elderly Exemptions	255,000
Physical Handicap Exemptions	240,200
Solar Exemptions	74,926
School Exemption	650,000
<b>Less total exemptions:</b>	<b>(1,220,126)</b>
<b>NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 877,882,126</b>
<b>EQUALIZED VALUATION (without utilities), used for State Education Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 873,468,326</b>

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Town, Local Education & County taxes assessed:	8,711,685	11,707,495	Tax commitment to collector
State Education taxes assessed	2,643,514	(60,288)	Less: Abatements
Less: Veterans' credits	(43,600)		
Plus: Water Precinct Taxes	352,251		
Less: Assessor Adjustments	(16,642)		
	<b>\$ 11,647,208</b>	<b>\$ 11,647,208</b>	

## PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Formula: Money to be raised by taxes divided by net valuation = TAX RATE

Town, Local Education & County Tax	\$ 8,711,685 ÷ 877,882,126	= \$ 9.92
Statewide Education Property Tax	\$ 2,643,514 ÷ 873,468,326	= \$ 3.03
2003 Tax Rate		<b>\$ 12.95</b>

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Town	3.33	3.97	4.09	3.86	3.64
Local Education	4.51	5.24	6.78	6.16	5.53
State Education	3.03	4.49	6.71	6.54	6.61
County	<u>2.08</u>	<u>1.77</u>	<u>2.47</u>	<u>2.24</u>	<u>2.11</u>
<b>Tax Rate (not in Water Precinct)</b>	<b>12.95</b>	<b>15.47</b>	<b>20.05</b>	<b>18.80</b>	<b>17.89</b>
Water Precinct	1.22	1.69	0.88	0.62	0.60
<b>Tax Rate (in Water Precinct)</b>	<b>14.17</b>	<b>17.16</b>	<b>20.93</b>	<b>19.42</b>	<b>18.49</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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The Town's cash position is strong at year-end and it is expected that we will continue to operate without any tax anticipation borrowing. As in past years, short-term funds are invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, which provides safe and reasonable returns. The Pool was established in accordance with N.H. RSA 383:22 and is now managing over \$400 million in public funds. Investments include short-term U.S. Treasury obligations, State and Municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from A1/P1-rated banks, and overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements.

Carolyn Fraley, the Town's Finance Officer, skillfully manages the Town's 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

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The Trustees of Trust Funds meet periodically during the year to monitor the capital reserve funds, the library fund and the cemetery fund. All capital reserve funds were kept in the Public Deposit Investment Pool or in one or two year US government securities. The funds for the library and cemetery are managed a bit more aggressively. It has been our policy to allocate approximately 66% of these funds to fixed income securities and the remaining 33% to equities. The bond portion is invested in longer-term governments and closed-end bond funds. The equity portion is primarily in index funds, both domestic and foreign.

After several years of difficult times for the stock markets we are happy to report that even with two-thirds of the money invested in fixed income, both the library and cemetery funds produced gains in excess of 11% for the year 2003. Approximately \$17,000 of income has been distributed to the library, and about \$12,000 of income was reinvested for the cemetery fund.

The Trustees intend to continue to watch town funds carefully and to continue the 2/3 bond and 1/3 equity distribution policy. We thank the citizens of New London for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Fellerman*, Chair

*Martin Feins*

*Barbara Herbert*

# NEW LONDON TOWN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

(UNAUDITED)

## General Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$4,665,132.62	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	<u>\$14,594,512.97</u>	\$19,259,645.59
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$15,431,259.12	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$3,828,386.47</u>	\$19,259,645.59

## Conservation Commission Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$5,084.19	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	<u>\$64.36</u>	\$5,148.55
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$5,148.55</u>	\$5,148.55

## Conservation Commission Esther Currier Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$996.54	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	<u>\$2.76</u>	\$999.30
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$999.30</u>	\$999.30

## Conservation Commission Low Plains Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$3,583.71	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	<u>\$12.31</u>	\$3,596.02
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$3,596.02</u>	\$3,596.02

## Tree Relief Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$1,081.18	
Amounts Received January 1-December 31, 2003	<u>\$1.60</u>	\$1,082.78
Amounts Paid Out January 1-December 31, 2003	\$900.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$182.78</u>	\$1,082.78

## Snow Construction Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$1,008.13	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	<u>\$1.99</u>	\$1,010.12
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$1,010.12	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$1,010.12

## Cricenti's Market Inc. Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$3,464.32	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	<u>\$2.51</u>	\$3,466.83
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$3,466.83	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$3,466.83



**Dale R. Dewispelaere Escrow Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$1,001.33	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$3.11	
	<hr/>	\$1,004.44
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$1,004.44	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$0.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,004.44

**Bell Engineering Escrow Accounts**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$1,221.72	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$1.36	
	<hr/>	\$1,223.08
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$1,223.08	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$0.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,223.08

**George Williams Trust Subdivision Escrow Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$70,796.47	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$416.42	
	<hr/>	\$71,212.89
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003		
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$71,212.89	
	<hr/>	\$71,212.89

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

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$186,580.96	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$597,217.94	
	<hr/>	\$783,798.90
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$613,264.83	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$170,534.07	
	<hr/>	\$783,798.90

**Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Accounts**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$278,261.47	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$211,412.20	
	<hr/>	\$489,673.67
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$25,000.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$464,673.67	
	<hr/>	\$489,673.67

**Sewer (Edmunds Road) Construction Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$17,267.22	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$25,240.66	
	<hr/>	\$42,507.88
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$25,605.50	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$16,902.38	
	<hr/>	\$42,507.88

**Job Seamans/Birch Acres Operating Accounts**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$9,051.51	
Amounts Received January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$28,240.10	
	<hr/>	\$37,291.61
Amounts Paid Out January 1 - December 31, 2003	\$27,380.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$9,911.61	
	<hr/>	\$37,291.61

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen R. Theroux*

Treasurer

# 2003 TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT -- MS9

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Principal Only Market Value 12/31/02	Unrealized	12/31/2003	Total Market Value
1951	Jane A Tracy Fund	Mascoma Savings PDIP #0024	(1,796.05)	13,936.34			(1,796.05)	1,973.48	0.10	(4,317.86)	4,317.86	(1,796.05)		(1,796.05)	4,317.86
		AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund	(190.09)				13,262.46	190.09	8.21	(519.61)	1,973.58	(190.09)		13,262.46	177.53
		Midcap 400 S&P Dep. Receipts (657 shs.)	33,044.23				33,044.23		290.71	290.71	717.91	29,076.05	9,549.75	37,625.80	37,625.80
		S&P 500 Depository Receipts (112shs.)	13,083.36				13,083.36		173.66	173.66		9,881.76	2,581.60	12,463.36	12,463.36
		GMAC 7.125% 8/15/12	35,000.00			35,000.00	35,000.00		2,493.76	2,493.76		32,799.85	838.40	20,394.00	20,394.00
		GMAC 7.125% 8/15/12	20,000.00				20,000.00		1,425.00	1,425.00		19,555.60	737.39	20,294.06	20,294.06
		Pimco Corp Income Fund	7,615.91	11,999.67			23,732.87		819.26	819.26		7,557.00	(571.97)	23,160.90	23,160.90
		US TREAS NOTE 3.875% due 2/15/15	24,570.32	44,746.25	429.68	25,000.00	44,746.25		871.88	871.88		25,148.50	(688.55)	44,057.70	44,057.70
		US TREAS NOTE 5.12% 02-03	19,915.38		79.82	19,995.00			519.61	519.61		20,137.60			
		US TREAS NOTE 7.14% 5-04	24,745.31				24,745.31		1,812.50	1,812.50		27,007.75	(1,437.50)	25,570.25	25,570.25
		US TREAS NOTE 6.12% 5-05	20,706.25				20,706.25		1,300.00	1,300.00		22,200.00	(825.00)	21,375.00	21,375.00
		US TREAS NOTE 5.518% 2-06	19,963.80				19,963.80		1,125.00	1,125.00		22,150.00	(593.80)	21,556.20	21,556.20
		US TREAS NOTE 6.18% 08-07	34,793.85				34,793.85		2,143.76	2,143.76		40,250.00	(1,082.90)	39,167.10	39,167.10
		US TREAS NOTE 5.518% 05-08	9,984.10				9,984.10		562.50	562.50		11,346.90	(268.80)	11,078.10	11,078.10
		US TREAS NOTE 4.314% 11-08	19,991.00				19,991.00		950.00	950.00		21,831.20	(418.60)	21,412.60	21,412.60
		Fed Farm Credit Bk 6.01% 06-10	18,554.00				18,554.00		1,202.00	1,202.00		22,382.60	(617.80)	21,764.80	21,764.80
		Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund (1123,678 shs)	23,771.18				23,771.18		389.02	389.02		28,788.16	7,652.72	36,440.88	36,440.88
		Fidelity Spartan Market Index (656,180 shs)	31,028.41				31,028.41		669.30	669.30		32,254.77	11,008.62	50,263.39	50,263.39
		Janus Worldwide F und (362,077 shs)	13,715.72		220.82	13,936.54			130.87	130.87		11,633.53			
		Tracy Fund Total	368,496.68	94,415.13	729.92	93,931.34	369,226.60	2,163.57	17,668.39	12,822.61	7,009.35	388,016.13	25,863.56	418,092.55	425,101.90
1913	Sarah & Elizabeth Brown Fund	NH PDIP #0013	1,692.34				1,692.34	626.14	18.59		644.73	1,692.34		1,692.34	2,337.07
1945	Ann Mary Jelly Fund	NH PDIP #0011	129.87				129.87	41.17	0.06		41.23	129.87		129.87	171.10
1962	Kathleen L Whitcomb Fund	NH PDIP #0012	39.09				39.09	19.36			19.36	39.09		39.09	58.45
	Whitcomb Fund Total	500,290 Puritan Fund Shares	6,336.13		110.84		6,446.97	19.36	259.25	259.25		7,765.44	1,474.92	9,240.36	9,240.36
			6,375.22		110.84		6,486.06	19.36	259.25	259.25		7,804.53	1,474.92	9,279.45	9,298.81
1992	Fire Vehicle Fund	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund	69,000.00				455.25		55.87		(191.16)			455.25	264.09
		US Treas Note 4.25% due 8/15/2013	68,544.75				68,544.75		(247.03)		2,294.34		541.50	69,086.25	69,086.25
		NH PDIP #183-0003	7,667.18				7,667.18	2,214.65	79.69		2,103.18		7,667.18	9,961.52	9,961.52
			7,667.18	137,544.75			76,667.18	2,214.65	(111.47)		2,103.18		541.50	77,208.68	79,311.86
1986	Police Dept. Scholarship Fund	NH PDIP #183-0020	146.32				146.32	42.20	0.32		42.52			146.32	188.84
1983	Gen'l Cemetery Maint Fund	NH PDIP #183-0007	16,972.52	2,880.00		5,000.00	14,852.52	322.80	161.82		484.62			14,852.52	15,337.14
1993	Waste Water Treatment Equipment	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund	79,008.66				79,008.66	1,316.90	17.69		3,902.09			3,902.09	3,902.09
		U.S. Treas Note 3.25% due 5/31/04	(42,246.66)				(42,246.66)	50,087.07	53.22		50,150.29		(1,382.50)	79,715.74	79,715.74
		NH PDIP #183-0005	36,762.00				36,762.00	51,403.97	2,648.41		54,052.38		(1,382.50)	(42,246.66)	7,503.63
		Waste Water Fund Total	(7,814.04)	135,000.00		116,731.15	10,454.81	20,933.83	328.26		21,262.09		(7,814.04)	10,454.81	31,716.90
1993	Highway Heavy Equipment	NH PDIP #183-0016	37,238.00	47,000.00		96,864.00	(12,626.00)	30,882.92	495.24		31,378.16			(12,626.00)	18,752.16
1993	Revaluation Fund	NH PDIP #183-0006	15,845.74	10,000.00		5,635.55	20,210.19	188.82	140.70		329.52			20,210.19	20,539.71
1993	Tracy Library Building Maint. Fund	NH PDIP #183-0009		75,000.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	2,681.02	222.81		2,903.83			75,000.00	77,903.83
1995	Conservation Comm. Land Fund	NH PDIP #183-0010	11,621.84			11,913.29	(291.45)	4,372.84	112.95		4,485.79			(291.45)	4,194.34
1995	Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0017	30,974.78	20,000.00		50,974.78	2,743.05	326.14			3,069.19			50,974.78	54,043.97
1996	Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0018						1,699.10	13.34		1,712.44				1,712.44
1996	Town Generator Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0019	50,000.00	5,000.00		55,000.00	5,529.27	461.86			5,991.13			55,000.00	60,991.13
1997	Bridge Maint. Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0021	3,295.88	1,000.00		3,475.88	39.80	28.39			68.19			3,475.88	3,544.07
1997	Computer Maintenance Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0022						377.10	5.06		1,102.16			48.15	1,102.16
1998	Dictaphone Replacement Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund	15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00	720.00			2,513.55			15,548.15	15,548.15
		Discover Bank 4.8% due 6/19/07	(1,987.00)			(1,987.00)	(1,987.00)	2,509.79	3.76		3,615.71			(1,987.00)	516.55
		NH PDIP #183-0023	13,003.00			13,003.00	2,886.89	728.82			17,167.86			13,552.15	17,167.86
		Dictaphone Replacement Total:													

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Principal Only Market Value 12/31/02	Unrealized	12/31/2003	Total Market Value
1999	Copier Replacement Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0025		16,192.00			69,612.00	429.13	3.71		432.84			69,612.00	432.84
1999	New Highway Equipment Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0026	53,420.00				2,503.09	2,503.09	495.14		2,998.23	53,420.00		69,612.00	72,610.23
2000	Highway Building Capital Reserve	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund US Treas. Note 3.25% due 5/31/2004 Silvergate Bank CD 2.85% due 8/23/04 NH PDIP #183-0027	49,022.46 25,000.00 977.54 75,000.00	49,022.46 25,000.00 33,436.29 50,000.00		17,541.25 17,541.25	107,458.75	2,567.11	144.83		1,880.05	76,364.48	(810.75)	108,012.48	113,043.91
2000	Bucklin Beach Project Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0028	241.29				241.29	3.83	1.87		5.70	241.29		241.29	246.99
2000	Hayes Dam Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #183-0029					529.82	529.82	3.80		533.62				533.62
2002	Fire Department Air Filling Station	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund Bank of Tenn 2.6% due 2/9/04	12,000.00				12,000.00	105.69	311.99		419.15	12,009.12	(2.28)	12,006.84	12,006.84
	Fire Dept - Air Filling Total		12,000.00				12,000.00	105.69	313.46		419.15	12,009.12	(2.28)	12,006.84	12,425.99
2000	Fire Breathing Apparatus Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #183-0030	91.37				91.37	1,388.90	12.77		1,401.67	91.37		91.37	1,493.04
2001	Kezar Lake Watershed Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund First Premier Bank 3.7% due 12/21/04 NH PDIP # 183-0031	81,000.00				81,000.00	1,602.88	19.90		4,619.78	82,355.13	(255.96)	82,099.17	82,099.17
	Kezar Lake Watershed Total		80,000.00				80,000.00	3,527.02	7.54		6,551.46	81,355.13	(255.96)	81,099.17	87,650.63
2001	Fire Station Expansion Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund Discover Bank CD 4.2% due 6/20/05 Baylake Bank CD 3.05% due 2/7/05 NH PDIP # 183-0032	50,000.00 50,000.00 100,000.00	50,000.00 50,000.00 50,000.00			150,000.00	1,109.33	22.13		4,756.46	51,381.00	(161.50)	51,219.50	4,756.46
	Fire Station Expansion Total		100,000.00	50,000.00			150,000.00	1,718.62	3,785.95		5,504.57	101,544.00	43.00	151,587.00	157,091.57
2002	Mitfoil Prevention & Treatment Fund	NH PDIP #183-0033	7,327.42	8,000.00		2,027.00	13,300.42	50.74	80.58		131.32	7,327.42		13,300.42	13,431.74
2002	Town Building Maintenance Fund	NH PDIP# 183-0034	10,000.00	20,000.00		4,650.00	25,350.00	53.24	120.76		174.00	10,000.00		25,350.00	25,524.00
2002	Transfer Station Improvement Cap. Res.	NH PDIP# 183-0036 AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund Comerstone Bk-CD 2.25% due 2-21-06	25,000.00	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	133.08	203.10		336.18	25,000.00	(347.50)	24,652.50	25,336.18
	Transfer Station Improvement Total		25,000.00	50,000.00		25,000.00	50,000.00	133.08	207.76		340.84	25,000.00	(347.50)	49,652.50	49,993.34
2002	Bandstand Unrestricted Fund.	NHPDIP#183-0037	339,974.81			6,444.00	333,530.81	686.44	2,723.91		3,410.35	339,974.81		333,530.81	336,941.16
2002	Bandstand Restricted Fund.	NHPDIP#188-0038	100,244.34			667.00	99,577.34	110.74	807.84		918.58	100,244.34		99,577.34	100,495.92
2003	Library Garden Maint.	NHPDIP#183-0039		7,500.00		7,500.00			2.58		2.58				2.58
2003	Kearsarge Regional Bldg Fund	NHPDIP#183-0040		78,784.72			78,784.72		257.62		257.62			78,784.72	79,042.34
2003	Kearsarge Regional Roof Fund	NHPDIP#183-0041		259,174.98			259,174.98		847.28		847.28			259,174.98	260,022.26
2003	Computer Software	NHPDIP#183-0042		20,000.00		7,911.00	12,089.00		45.49		45.49			12,089.00	12,134.49
2003	Fire Dept. Air Filling	NH PDIP# 183-0043		12,000.00			12,000.00		32.22		32.22			12,000.00	12,032.22
2003	Kearsarge Special Education	NHPDIP#183-0044		75,000.00			75,000.00		91.09		91.09			75,000.00	75,091.09
2003	Town Hall Basement Fund	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund US Treas. Note 3.125% due 9/15/2008	15,000.00	14,972.85		14,972.85	14,972.85	27.15	12.02		12.02		17.85	14,990.70	39.17
	Town Hall Basement Total		29,972.85	15,000.00		14,972.85	15,000.00		12.02		12.02		17.85	15,017.85	15,029.87
2003	Main Street Rebuild Fund	AG Edwards Money Mkt Fund US Treas. Note 3.125% due 9/15/2008	10,000.00	9,996.90		9,996.90	9,996.90	3.10	8.03		8.03		(3.10)	9,993.80	11.13
	Main Street Rebuild Total		19,996.90	10,000.00		9,996.90	10,000.00		8.03		8.03		(3.10)	9,996.90	10,004.93
<b>Report Total</b>			<b>1,575,324.68</b>	<b>1,272,160.87</b>	<b>1,307.65</b>	<b>527,015.86</b>	<b>2,308,480.49</b>	<b>209,413.50</b>	<b>51,156.37</b>	<b>13,081.86</b>	<b>247,488.01</b>	<b>1,621,493.56</b>	<b>44,266.81</b>	<b>2,402,482.37</b>	<b>2,649,970.38</b>



**TOWN OF NEW LONDON**  
**MS-10 Report**  
**as of 12/31/03**

**COMMON FUNDS**

**CEMETERY FUND**

Number Of Shares	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Fair Market Value					
		Balance Begin	Additions: Purchases	Cash Cap Gns	Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) From Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Begin	Income During Yr	Exp'd During Yr	Balance End	TOTAL GRAND TOTAL	Fair Market Value (Principal Only) Begin of Yr	Unrealized Gains	End of Yr
		(39,470.91)	4,420.70	-	5,500.00		40,269.12	18.51	-	-	279.15	(39,470.91)	-	(40,550.21)	279.15
10000	NH PDIP #183-0015	9,975.00	-	-	-		9,975.00	650.00	-	-	9,975.00	9,936.60	575.90	10,512.50	10,512.50
		(10,738.07)	10,465.78	-	200.00		14,234.98	29.09	-	-	10,499.83	(10,738.07)	-	(13,285.35)	10,499.83
15000	A.G. Edwards MMF	16,087.50	-	-	-		16,087.50	1,012.50	-	-	16,087.50	17,415.75	(505.95)	16,909.80	16,909.80
15000	FFCB 6.75% 7/7/09	14,943.75	-	-	-		14,943.75	581.26	-	-	14,943.75	15,544.05	(225.45)	15,318.60	15,318.60
15000	FFCB 3.875% 2/01/05	15,093.75	-	-	-		15,093.75	906.76	-	-	15,093.75	16,871.10	(756.90)	16,114.20	16,114.20
15000	FHLB 6.045% 5/12/14	14,884.05	-	-	-		14,884.05	600.00	-	-	14,884.05	15,210.90	(356.25)	14,854.65	14,854.65
10000	USTN 4% 1/15/12	9,453.12	-	-	10,000.00	546.88	312.50	-	-	-	10,279.00	10,533.50	(349.60)	10,183.90	10,183.90
10000	USTN 6.025 06/17/04	10,279.00	-	-	-		10,279.00	602.50	-	-	10,279.00	23,000.00	(618.80)	22,381.20	22,381.20
20000	USTN 6 1/8 05/15/07	19,882.20	-	-	-		19,882.20	1,225.00	-	-	19,882.20	11,346.90	(268.80)	11,078.10	11,078.10
10000	USTN 5 5/8 05/15/08	9,984.10	-	-	-		9,984.10	562.50	-	-	9,984.10	246.68	-	10,133.20	10,133.20
10000	FNMA 7.4 04/14/10	10,179.00	-	-	10,000.00	(179.00)	25,702.55	254.07	-	-	25,702.55	20,538.80	8,346.00	32,884.80	32,884.80
312	S&P Midcap Dep Receipts	25,702.55	-	-	-		25,702.55	231.88	-	-	25,702.55	5,646.72	4,490.42	20,364.24	20,364.24
183	S&P 500 Dep Receipts	5,667.84	10,227.10	-	-		15,894.94	1,892.71	-	-	15,894.94	9,618.00	2,392.37	26,911.00	26,911.00
1700	Plimco Corp Inc. Fd	10,388.00	14,900.63	-	-		25,288.63	442.75	-	-	25,288.63	235.87	7,921.20	7,921.20	
460	Plimco Corp Oppert. Fd.	7,685.33	7,685.33	-	-		15,370.66	480.00	-	-	15,370.66	27,238.65	7,223.36	34,462.01	34,462.01
335	658 Vanguard Index Fnd	18,127.17	-	-	5,165.78	99.01	18,127.17	48.51	-	-	18,127.17	4,312.20	-	-	-
134	211 Janus Worldwide	5,066.77	-	-	-		5,066.77	-	-	-	5,066.77	161,196.79	20,182.17	186,060.64	186,060.64
	TOTAL	145,504.92	47,699.54	-	30,865.78	466.89	149,992.41	10,097.22	-	-	207,079.38	161,196.79	20,182.17	186,060.64	250,832.94

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Number Of Shares	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Fair Market Value					
		Balance Begin	Additions: Purchases	Cash Cap. Gns	Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) From Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Begin	Income During Yr	Exp'd During Yr	Balance End	TOTAL GRAND TOTAL	Fair Market Value (Principal Only) Begin of Yr	Unrealized Gains	End of Yr
		706.34	-	-	-		706.34	21.84	-	-	4,127.83	706.34	-	706.34	4,127.83
		16,992.18	-	-	-		16,992.18	552.50	-	-	16,992.18	17,451.52	(297.50)	17,154.02	17,154.02
		26,500.00	-	-	-		26,500.00	1,631.26	-	-	26,500.00	28,705.50	(804.75)	27,900.75	27,900.75
		(10,085.22)	-	-	-		(10,085.22)	7.03	-	-	845.49	(10,085.22)	-	(10,085.22)	845.49
	TOTAL	34,113.30	-	-	-	-	34,113.30	2,212.63	-	-	48,465.50	36,778.14	(1,102.25)	35,675.89	50,028.09
	COMMON FUND TOTAL	179,618.12	47,699.54	-	30,865.78	466.89	184,105.71	12,309.85	-	-	255,544.88	197,974.93	19,079.92	221,736.53	300,861.03

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003**

**ISSUE OF DOG LICENSES:**

545 Dog Licenses	\$2,006.00
Payments due State on Dog Licenses	\$266.00
Payments due State on Pet Overpopulation Fund	\$767.00

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** **\$3,039.00**

**AUTO REGISTRATIONS:**

Auto Permits Issued	\$764,359.80
Title Fees	\$1,880.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$13,140.00
Auto Overpayments	\$24.50

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** **\$779,404.30**

**BOAT REGISTRATIONS:**

Boat Permits Issued & Agent Fees	\$2,130.06
Payments due State on Boat Registrations	\$5,152.00

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** **\$7,282.06**

**ALL OTHER FEES:**

Footpath Maps	\$406.00
28 Wetlands Applications	\$420.00
Town Histories	\$1,060.00
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	\$1,716.00
Filing Fees	\$13.00
220 Passport Fees	\$8,640.00
Check Lists	\$250.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$48.80
Non-Sufficient Funds Charge	\$125.00
Overpayments	\$84.00
Town Vital Statistics	\$4,956.00
Town Marriage Licenses	\$210.00
Payments to State on Certified Copies & Marriage Licenses	\$10,112.00

**PAYMENTS TO TREASURER** **\$28,040.80**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$817,766.16**

**TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER** **\$817,766.16**

Respectfully submitted,

*Suzy Holdsworth*

Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

## Summary of Tax Accounts

	Levies of		
	2003	2002	Previous
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		389,214.47	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Sewer Rents		62,783.80	
Sewer Betterment		4,909.03	
 Taxes Committed to Collector During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	11,708,270.35		
Land Use Change Tax	18,500.00		
Yield Taxes	1,116.05		
Sewer Rents	461,389.90		
Sewer Betterment	43,173.08		
	16,215.23		
Overpayments: Property Taxes	29,508.86	8,092.53	
Overpayments: Sewer Rents			
 Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	6,210.51	19,931.27	
Penalties Collected on Taxes		909.00	
Costs Before Lien		492.00	
Refunds		122,442.00	
 <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	 <b>\$ 12,284,383.98</b>	 <b>\$ 608,774.10</b>	
 Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	11,265,962.99	348,877.94	
Land Use Change Tax	18,500.00		
Yield Taxes	725.40		
Sewer Rents	442,572.14	62,783.80	
Sewer Betterment	36,534.96	4,909.03	
 Interest on Taxes	8,606.60	20,086.05	
Conversion to Lien		44,456.99	
Costs/Penalties		492.00	
Other Charges			
 Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	72,781.53	122,811.29	
Sewer Rents	2,146.00		
Yield Tax	96.41		
Vadar Abatements for Supplemental Billing	29,683.12		
Interest	16.18	4,357.00	
Current Levy Deeded			



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – CONTINUED

Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	389,721.20	
Yield Taxes		
Sewer Rents	301.45	
Sewer Betterment	16,736.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 12,284,383.98</b>	<b>\$ 608,774.10</b>

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Levies of		
	2002	2001	2000
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$49,724.99	\$21,265.48
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	\$40,166.16		
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	\$4,782.83	\$4,280.03	\$8,412.63
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$44,948.99</b>	<b>\$54,005.02</b>	<b>\$29,678.11</b>
Remittance to Treasurer - During Fiscal Year Redemptions	\$13,474.61	\$22,091.48	\$20,969.52
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	\$1,006.56	\$4,280.03	\$8,412.63
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Liens Deeded to Municipality			
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Year	\$30,467.82	\$27,633.51	\$295.96
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$44,948.99</b>	<b>\$54,005.02</b>	<b>\$29,678.11</b>

## SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

### LEVY OF 2002 - FIRST & SECOND BILLINGS

Balance due Uncollected Rents	\$62,827.13
Sewer Rents Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	\$62,793.39
Abatements on Sewer Rents	
Interest Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	\$1,339.94
Fees & Costs	\$261.00

### LEVY OF 2003

#### RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Sewer Warrant	\$461,389.90	
Overpayments	\$64.24	
Interest Collected	\$370.44	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$461,824.58</b>

#### REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$442,572.14	
Abatements	\$2,146.00	
Interest Collected	\$370.44	
Uncollected Rents	\$16,736.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$461,824.58</b>

# UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIENS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Levies of	
	2002	2001
Ambrose Paul K & Dorothy C 084-010-000 21 South Pleasant St	\$152.75	
Barber, Jacqueline M. 096-034-000 353 Barrett Road	\$587.31	\$621.89
Basil Paddington Inc. 059-031-000 86 Newport Road	\$274.33	\$315.67
Carroll Daniel & Patricia 119-009-000 Forest Acres Road	\$689.63	
Flood, Francis & Karen R 095-023-000 27 Edmunds Road	\$3,585.37	\$4,668.48
Grace, Daniel L. & Cohen, Lenard & Ottobrini, Harold 081-006-000 Columbus Avenue	\$898.65	\$1,238.12
Heffron Stephen L. & Shawn M 076-008-000 363 Hall Farm Road	\$3,001.22	\$6,382.22
Howell James & Karen 105-022-000 196 Forest Acres Road 138-008-000 130 Summit View Road	\$371.75 \$3,660.73	
Hutchens William D. Jr 084-062-000 228 Main Street	\$197.57	
Keating, Ann E. 056-001-000 1041 Newport Road	\$7,173.69	\$9,559.28
Korontjis, Alexandra H. 111-014-000 50 Shaker Street	\$3,384.25	\$4,977.13
Long, William & Paula 074-006-000 32 Red Brook Drive		\$1,112.71
Mcrae, Dorsett Bell 059-039-000 37 Little Sunapee Road	\$4,379.74	\$3,256.09



	Levies of	
	2002	2001
Messer, Joseph E. 139-001-000 41 Stonehouse Road	\$2,107.83	
Picknell, Raymond 088-001-000 129 Elkins Road	\$1,220.36	\$2,355.61
Saxby, Daniel E. 065-021-000 66 Sparrow Hawk Road	\$2,786.71	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,471.89</b>	<b>\$34,487.20</b>

I hereby certify that the above list showing name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 2003, on account of levies of 2002 and 2001, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. All taxes for years prior to 2000 have been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,

*Suzy Holdsworth*

Tax Collector



## PLODZIK & SANDERSON

*Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors*

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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

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

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of New London, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New London as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

March 28, 2003

# TOWN OF NEW LONDON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

(AUDITED)

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Cash & Cash Equivalents	71,915	396,741		89,479		558,135
Investments	4,594,598	176,518	50,214	1,945,614		6,766,944
Accounts Receivable	76,232	62,750				138,982
Taxes Receivable	449,699					449,699
Special Assessments	6,353	506,849				513,202
Intergovernmental	12,805	4,584		4,019,289		
Interfunds Receivable						
Amount to be provided for general long-term debt and other obligations					1,707,217	1,707,217
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,211,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,442</b>	<b>\$ 50,214</b>	<b>\$ 6,054,382</b>	<b>\$ 1,707,217</b>	<b>\$ 14,170,857</b>
LIABILITIES	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Accounts Payable	53,689			101		53,790
Contract Payable						
Retainage Payable						
Intergovernmental Payable		21,750		4,019,478		4,041,228
Due to School District	4,019,289	8,577		8,812		4,036,678
Escrow & Performance Deposits				77,492		77,492
Deferred Revenues	6,353	501,940				508,293
Deferred Compensation Payable						
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable						
General Obligation Debt Payable					1,040,000	1,040,000
Accrued Landfill Closure & Post-Closure Costs					308,000	308,000
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commitment					340,000	340,000
Capital Lease Payable					12,035	12,035
Compensated Absences Payable					7,182	7,182
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 4,079,331</b>	<b>\$ 532,267</b>		<b>\$ 4,105,883</b>	<b>\$ 1,707,217</b>	<b>\$ 10,424,698</b>
FUND EQUITY						
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED						
Endowments				1,194,017		1,194,017
Encumbrances	205,546					205,546
Special Purposes			50,214	754,482		804,696
FUND BALANCE-UNRESERVED						
Designated		615,175				615,175
Undesignated	926,725					926,725
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>1,132,271</b>	<b>615,175</b>	<b>50,214</b>	<b>1,948,499</b>		<b>3,746,159</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 5,211,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,442</b>	<b>\$ 50,214</b>	<b>\$ 6,054,382</b>	<b>\$ 1,707,217</b>	<b>\$ 14,170,857</b>





## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS &amp; LAND</b>	<b>Map/Lot Number</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Value</b>
Whipple Memorial Town Hall & Harold W.	085-002	0.68	\$816,400
Buker Jr. Municipal Building			
Old Colby Academy Building	084-090	0.41	\$369,000
Tracy Memorial Library	084-054	1.00	\$1,006,000
Ausbon Sargent Common w/Bandstand	085-001	3.80	\$368,500
Little Common, Main Street	084-009	1.00	\$140,300
Fire Department	084-066	0.95	\$399,200
Highway Department Land & Buildings	095-052 & 053	7.80	\$359,700
Transfer Station/Recycling & Disposal	056-008	4.80	\$331,700
Sewer Plant	095-015	11.40	\$727,800
<b>CEMETERIES</b>			
Cemetery Well, Elkins Road	087-007	0.03	\$17,100
Elkins Cemetery	088-002	6.00	\$241,200
Cemetery Land, Bog Road	095-039	3.70	\$53,600
Old Main Street Cemetery	107-019	4.20	\$56,100
West Part Cemetery	117-019	1.70	\$43,600
<b>BEACHES</b>			
Bucklin Beach, Land & Buildings	033-009	0.88	\$292,800
Elkins Beach, Bathhouses & Post Office	077-012	1.50	\$293,400
<b>CONSERVATION LAND</b>			
Colby Sanctuary	012-001	23.00	\$162,900
Phillips Memorial Preserve	016-001	4.50	\$13,500
	016-002	4.20	\$48,200
	028-002	1.13	\$3,400
	029-001	70.90	\$304,000
Goosehole Prime Wetland	029-004	0.62	\$22,700
Philbrick/Cricenti Bog	058-024	36.16	\$187,800
Land, Route 103A	069-002	9.00	\$62,900
Lyon Brook Property	083-009	14.70	\$77,800
Former Cleveland Property	074-048	0.60	\$37,600
Esther Currier WMA at Low Plain	088-007	98.88	\$289,800
	089-012	0.37	\$11,200
	089-013	30.60	\$167,400
	112-003	78.80	\$390,100
Shepard Spring – Shepard Pit	112-006	53.30	\$244,049
Herrick Cove Brook Impoundment Area	091-032	5.12	\$44,500
Messer Pond Conservation Area	093-013	30.00	\$122,000
	093-014	16.90	\$17,200
	105-001	0.05	\$100
Clark Pond Conservation Area	119-002	23.90	\$65,400
	120-005	19.50	\$44,573

MISCELLANEOUS LAND	Map/Lot Number	Acreage	Value
Land, Little Sunapee Road	033-019	1.70	\$43,600
Brush & Metal Disposal Center	033-023	6.70	\$67,500
Otterville Road Right of Way	042-021	0.31	\$35,400
Island, Pleasant Lake	050-022	0.50	\$37,100
Pleasant Lake Access	077-014	0.35	\$84,000
Pleasant Lake Dam, Land & Buildings	077-016	1.00	\$230,300
Tanner Pond, Elkins Road	077-030	0.42	\$41,000
Scytheville Park Dam, Elkins Road	078-028	0.05	\$6,100
Scytheville Park Ext., Elkins Road	078-029	0.96	\$12,600
Scytheville Park	078-030	0.09	\$7,000
Scythe Shop Pond, Elkins Road	078-031	0.95	\$10,000
Backland off Burpee Lane/lagoons	096-040	37.00	\$92,500
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-003	8.50	\$83,600
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-004	2.00	\$45,100
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-005	13.90	\$97,700
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-006	6.40	\$47,900
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-007	2.30	\$5,800
Landfill, Mountain Road	101-008	14.07	\$93,000
Land, Bog Road	119-002	23.80	\$65,400
Land, Soo-Nipi Park Road	126-002	0.07	\$3,200



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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Same Old, Same Old: The three issues that commanded our attention in 2002 continued to do so in 2003.

### Revaluation

During 2003, Vision Appraisal Technology (Vision) finished the revaluation of all New London property by completing the inspections of non-waterfront related property and conducting a market study to analyze the ratio of property assessments to sales. On the basis of this work, the new tax rate was set for 2003. With the administrative part of the revaluation done, the result is that the total value of taxable property in New London (the "grand list") has risen from a value of \$530 million in 2001 to \$877 million in 2003. If that seems like quite a jump, remember that New London property had not been revalued since 1988!

During the year, in addition to completing the 2003 revaluation of non-waterfront related properties, the Selectmen processed abatement requests resulting from the 2002 revaluation. In 2002, Vision reassessed approximately 700 waterfront-related properties. Of those 700 properties, 100 appealed the value placed on their property by applying for abatements. In consultation with Vision and the Town's contractor assessors, Municipal Resources, Inc., the Selectmen reviewed those abatement requests in July 2003, and granted abatements in approximately two-thirds of those cases. Subsequently, 30 property owners appealed the Selectmen's decisions regarding their 2002 assessments either to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) or to Merrimack County Superior Court. According to information from the BTLA and town counsel, those individual cases may not be heard by the courts until the fall of 2004. Upon advice from town counsel, and erring on the side of caution, the Selectmen have budgeted approximately \$10,000 in legal and expert witness fees for each of those cases.

In addition to the individual appeals, approximately 50 waterfront property owners hired an attorney to represent them before the BTLA, requesting that the entire 2002 assessment update of waterfront-related property be voided, for a variety of reasons. After a full day hearing in late October 2003, the BTLA ruled in November that the Town had satisfactorily complied with the BTLA's order for reassessment, which required that the Town conduct an update of waterfront-related property in 2002 and a full revaluation in 2003. Following the BTLA's denial of the waterfront group's motion for a rehearing, the group has appealed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. As we write this, we have not received word as to whether the Supreme Court will hear the case. The Supreme Court's recent decision in a similar case between the Town of Sanbornton and property owners on Lake Winnisquam, approving the Selectmen's decision to adjust the assessments of waterfront properties to reflect their increased market value, gives us hope that the Court will uphold the BTLA's decision.

The Board of Selectmen has had many subsequent discussions with our assessors about ongoing assessment issues, especially in light of the state's requirement that towns certify that they are assessed at 100% of market value very five years, and meet certain assessment standards in the intervening years. In addition, state law (RSA 75:8) requires the town to make annual adjustments to property values to reflect any change in market value. After much consideration and consultation with the experts, the Selectmen decided that the fairest approach to these requirements would be to conduct an annual market analysis, beginning in 2004. Every year, the Town's assessors will conduct a sales analysis to determine the current assessment-to-sales ratio, and, if the analysis shows that the fair market value of property is changing – either going up or coming down – the Town will adjust property values accordingly. Under this method, it is possible that property values could change every year if the market changes every year. Furthermore, to keep up with physical changes of property, the Selectmen intend to have assessors inspect 25% of the town each year beginning in 2005. Unless there are changes to your property or mistakes that are corrected, the inspection itself will not result in a change of property value; any change in value will result from the market analysis and will occur town-wide, not solely on an individual property.

## Street Renumbering and Renaming

The street renumbering and renaming project, which started in 2002, was completed in 2003 and became effective on April 15, 2003. The new numbering system eliminates the inconsistencies in our old numbering plan, allows for potential subdivisions of property and the installation of new driveways, and provides emergency services with a simple way to find your driveway in case of an emergency.

Most residents have now posted their new numbers, but if you are still procrastinating, please put up your new street number, prominently displayed. Doing so will not only make you more safe, but your neighbors as well. If you are one of those who have posted your new number alongside your old number, please remove your old number. All of the emergency services and delivery personnel are using current maps that contain the new number only; the use of old numbers will cause more confusion, not less.

Once again, the Selectmen appreciate the creativity, understanding and good humor brought to the public meetings at which we wrestled with this endeavor. We have been told by safety services that this change has vastly improved their ability to respond to emergencies.

## Growth

Growth-related issues have arrived in New London, and will continue to do so. All of us know how special this town is, so it's hard to blame others who want to live here. Building permits were up again in 2003, as shown on this chart comparing 2003 to previous years:

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

As we look toward the future, the growth of the town will dominate many of our discussions as we try to adjust our infrastructure, town services, and ordinances to manage the growth.

## Still Our Most Valuable Asset

New London has an extraordinary professional and volunteer work force. Volunteers staff dozens of committees, commissions, boards, and organizations that contribute to the quality of life in our community. Our professional staff maintains extremely reliable, efficient and cost effective municipal services. Together the staff and volunteers ensure that wise and articulate counsel surrounds the Board of Selectmen as it tackles the many issues that comprise the complexity of small town government. We are very grateful to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas W. Lyon*, Chair

*Mark Kaplan*

*Ruth I. (Sue) Clough*



## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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My 94-year-old grandfather, who has a little trouble keeping his granddaughters straight, poses the same question to me every week: "How's business?" My response has been "They can't stay away," to which he replies "good, good." I have long since given up trying to explain to him what this "business" is, but my answer is true: everyone loves to live, work and play in this wonderful town, and they just can't stay away. In this office, at least, it would seem that business is booming.

As you will see in the Selectmen's Report, New London issued 33 new home building permits in 2003, seven more than in 2002, and had already issued permits for two new homes by February 9 of this year. Looking at the recent history, and knowing that the construction and real estate industries in this area seem to be hot, these numbers support the notion that New London and the surrounding towns are growing rapidly. To put the current trend in context, I decided to review the assessing records to see if I could figure out the number of new buildings that went up during the previous ten-year period. What I found was that the recent surge is not a new trend at all, but a continuation of the steady stream of people who are attracted to this area. More than 270 new residences were built in the ten-year period from 1991-2000, and approximately 350 new homes arrived in the 1980s (this includes The Seasons, Highland Ridge, and the Lyon Brook condominiums, as well as a number of new subdivisions and, since the last full revaluation occurred in 1988, this may also include homes that had been built earlier but not previously assessed). Even with another large subdivision or condominium project, the current trend of new homes will probably repeat the pattern of the previous two decades, and we could expect to have a population in the 5000 range within ten years.

Although the municipal services have begun to feel the effects of growth, the Department Heads, Boards of Selectmen, Budget Committees, and Planning Boards that served over the years anticipated the change and established a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) that looked towards the future and put away funds for eventual use. Copies of the CIP, which is updated annually and projects our needs for ten years out, are available in the Selectmen's Office.

In 2002, the Fire Department paid for its new engine out of these reserve funds. In 2003, the Highway Department added a fifth plow truck using reserve funds, and the budget included the first additional full-time Highway Department employee in 30 years. This year, if approved at Town Meeting, the Highway Department will add another new piece of equipment – a catch basin cleaner – for which the Town has already saved. In addition, the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen have supported the Police Department's request for a second detective and for administrative support (the administrative position would be filled in the second half of the year). In fact, even the Selectmen's Office has thought about the addition of another employee in 2005.

This year's Town Meeting will be asked to approve a bond for the construction of a new garage for the Highway Department and an addition to the Fire Station. If approved, the Town will use capital reserve funds for approximately one-third of the cost of the project, and the remaining portion will be repaid over the 20-year bond period. The Selectmen have chosen the 20-year period both to minimize the effect on the annual tax rate and to share the cost of the project with future property owners, who will receive the benefit of these projects. In December, the Town sent an informational *Quicklink* newsletter to property owners and voters that described these projects. If you missed it, the *Quicklink* can still be seen on our website at [www.nl-nh.com/quicklink12-03.pdf](http://www.nl-nh.com/quicklink12-03.pdf), or call our offices and we will send you one.

But enough about the future; since this is actually the 2003 Town Report, it is supposed to comment on the past year. In March 2003, culminating almost two years of work, the Town notified property owners of their new 911-compliant street addresses. Many thanks go out to the public for their patience and understanding as our office did our best to communicate the changes, and the corrections, resulting from this project. I must also thank and commend my colleagues at the Town Offices, the Post Office, and the Police, Fire and Highway Departments, for their support. This was truly a team effort, and continues to be. ***Please, if you have not posted your new numbers, do so as soon as possible.*** If you have posted both your old and new numbers, now is the time to part with the old number, which will only cause confusion and may delay emergency response time to your home or to your neighbors'.



For most of 2003, the staff at the Town Offices dealt with the second part of the two-year revaluation project, and now we are working together to get the hang of yet another new municipal software program that, fingers crossed, will be more efficient and user-friendly than the previous product.

One of the highlights in 2003 was the landscaping on the eastern end of the Ausbon Sargent Common. The renovation of Whipple Memorial Town Hall and the Harold Buker Municipal Building included landscaping to hide the “sallyport,” the police garage next to the Common. Rather than have the general contractor oversee the landscaping, the Board of Selectmen asked the New London Garden Club if they would use the funds to design and plant trees and shrubs that would fit into the environment. We are thankful that the project ended up in the hands of Civic Beautification Committee members Joy Barth, Peg Lawton, and MJ Seamans, who invited landscape architect William Hoffman and Jeffrey Good, landscape manager at The Fells, to help them design and choose plants for the garden. The garden was planted by the New London Highway Department, which also installed faucets and soaker hoses for easy watering. In all, we planted almost 30 trees and shrubs chosen by Bill Hoffman and Jeff Good to provide beauty and color year-round. Thanks go to Joy, Peg and MJ, for their devoted attention to this project, and to the Garden Club members (and their spouses) who keep the gardens watered. A very special appreciation goes to Bill Hoffman and Jeff Good who, aware of the small amount of funds for this project, generously donated their time, a gift for which New London will long be grateful.

A second highlight was the fact that the Newport Road Sidewalk and Streetscape Project won the 2003 Plan NH Merit Award for Excellence in Design. Road Agent Richard Lee and I attended the awards ceremony in May 2003, accompanied by the landscape architect and engineers from Clough Harbour & Associates, the Keene-based company that designed the sidewalk. On June 7, 2003, the sidewalk was dedicated to Steven M. Mendelson, and we hope you will visit the memorial plaque next to the bench in front of Scytheville Row.

I continue to be blessed to work with kind and talented staff and volunteers. Doug Lyon, Sue Clough, and Mark Kaplan, as individuals and as a group, you are a pleasure to know and to work with. The employees and citizens are fortunate to have such supportive and intelligent leadership. Thank you to Amy Rankins, Carol Fraley, Peter Stanley, Suzy Holdsworth and Joan Pankhurst, for your professional and conscientious customer service. Thank you to Richard Lee, David Seastrand, and Bob Andrews, three department heads who not only manage to answer the needs of the community, but frequently put those needs ahead of their own. I am fortunate to work with these people and the committed volunteers who make up the Conservation Commission, Budget Committee, Sidewalk Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. We should all be proud to be a part of what makes New London such a desirable destination. Have a great year!

Respectfully submitted,

*Jessie W. Levine*

Town Administrator



Photo by Mona Bennett

## COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR

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### Elections

2004 is a busy year for elections, with the Presidential Primary in January, New London Town and Kearsarge School District ballots on March 9, New Hampshire State Primary on September 14, and national and state elections on November 2. New London citizens have always turned out in record numbers. Let's go for another record in 2004!

Many of you who voted in person at the Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary noted some physical changes in the way we organized the voting area. Voters now enter by the side entrance to the Town Hall on Seamans Road. Some people have speculated that we only changed this layout one time, due to the Town Hall chimney being renovated. In fact, we have made this change permanent in response to discussions we initiated with the Secretary of State due to our concern that we adhere to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Additionally, many voters have noted how slippery the beautiful, but treacherous, granite steps in the front of the Town Hall can be on wintry days. We have received generally favorable feedback on our "first try" with this new arrangement, but we always welcome any constructive feedback that makes your important job of voting safer and more convenient.

For those of you who lie awake the night before voting, wondering about the question, "How should I put my ballot into the scanning machine? Should it be face up, face down, right side up or upside down?" The answer is: go to sleep, because it doesn't matter! The machine reads your vote from any of these angles. As Moderator, I can promise you that we are not reading your ballot as you vote. We are focused on the ballot going in correctly and not jamming the machine. BUT, for your own sense of privacy, you can put it face down. If you prefer additional confidential precautions, you are welcome to request that we use the "sleeve," a plastic attachment that will fully cover the ballot as it is inserted.

Also, here is a reminder for those of you who wish to be registered as undeclared (independent): when you vote in any New Hampshire primary, national or state, you must declare yourself either Republican or Democrat. If you wish to return to your undeclared status, you must fill out a short form with the Supervisor of the Checklist at the polls. If you forgot to do that on January 27<sup>th</sup>, you may do so by visiting the Town Clerk's office and filling out a form. If you were registered as a Democrat or a Republican, you were not allowed by state law to change your party affiliation on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Now, if you wish, you may go to the Town Clerk to change your affiliation on or before June 2<sup>nd</sup> (prior to the September 14<sup>th</sup> primary). Your party affiliation does not matter when you vote in the March Town Election because all votes are non-partisan, nor in the November state-national election when both Democratic and Republican candidates are competing on the same ballot.

### Town Meeting

Town Meeting, gathering or assembly of voters that convenes at some scheduled interval to conduct the business of a town. In the U.S., the town meeting has long been associated with the governmental system of New England, where it dates from colonial times. The town is the most important local administrative unit in New England, and the center of political activity is the town meeting. It usually meets once a year and may be attended by all legal voters. The assemblage discusses measure of general interest, elects town officers, makes appropriations, and votes the taxes for the following year... *from Microsoft Encarta Online Encyclopedia 2000*

**Moderator Rules in New London:** There is no law in New Hampshire that requires town meetings to be run by Robert's Rules of Order. After three years in the job, here are the rules that seem most important to me as Moderator and which have generally been followed here in New London:

- No non-voters to participate, except Chief of Police or similar resource person, who may speak to offer information only.
- All substantive motions and amendments in writing.



- Only one amendment at a time.
- No amendments to amendments.
- Voice vote, show of hands (holding colored card for visibility) or secret ballot.
- Any ruling by the Moderator may be challenged. Any seven voters may challenge a ruling, and if so, there must be a vote of the house on the challenge.
- Try to avoid shutting off debate prematurely. A 2/3rds vote is necessary to call the question and a call itself is not debatable.
- In all motions or amendments, try to avoid situations where a negative vote is needed to express a positive intent.
- Give all the opportunity to speak once, beginning with the offerer of the motion, then recognize speakers a second chance as necessary.
- 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, but only ayes will be called for.
- The 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 Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, from 7:00 PM until the town's business is finished that evening.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cotton Mather Cleveland*

Town Moderator



Photo by Paul Howe



## TOWN CLERK - TAX COLLECTOR

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The pervasive theme for the year of 2003 seems to have been that of growth and change. More and more conversations that I hear are centered on the imminent growth of our lovely town and the impact that it will have on the overall climate for our residents. In the last two years we have made a concerted effort to establish an efficient operation and comfortable environment for our townspeople. It is my goal to continue on this path, regardless of the changes that we may face. Growth and change, while a bit uncertain at times, should be embraced as it only confirms what a wonderful town we live in.

Growth and change as it translates to the Office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector have implications on numerous levels. We have managed to survive the last two years of revaluation together, and the 911 re-numbering of the properties. We have done our best to keep up with the changes in our software and we appreciate that it has not exactly been convenient for our townspeople. Joan Pankhurst and I have changed each registration individually as they have been renewed. We may have missed a few here and there but everyone has been very helpful in assisting us with this endeavor. As it turns out, the new software that we were so excited about in 2002 was not able to perform to the standards that we adhere to in our office. That being said, we have already started the transition to yet another municipal software application that looks very promising. So for the first few months of 2004 we will be straddling the old and the new and to date I am very pleased with what the new company has given us to work with.

So back to growth and change; to us it means more work that we are happy to do. For instance, changes in the set up of our polling place. I am sure that I am not the only person who, during elections, waits in trepidation to hear that a voter has fallen on the steep, icy incline of the steps up to the polls at Whipple Memorial Town Hall. For now we will be re-routing everyone to the safer entrance on Seamans Road. While this may seem inconvenient -- and I am sure that I will hear grumbles -- ensuring the safety of the good people of our town is worth every complaint. As I look to the future I would love to see some modifications to the entrance of Whipple Memorial Town Hall so that we could some day continue the tradition of marching up those steps to do our civic duty and cast our votes safely. But that's another warrant article for another year...

Everyday we see new faces and hear new names; people joining the ranks of the steadfast and true who remain through the cold, snowy winters, the muddy springs and black fly season. New London has a tremendous amount to offer the young and the old. The Selectmen's Office does its level best to ensure that we preserve the quiet, traditional feel of this town on a large scale. We try to do so on a smaller scale. Whether you are just moving in to town and registering your car for the first time or renewing your registration for the tenth, it is our job to make the everyday routine of being a New London resident easier. In doing so we can help you with the following tasks: automobile registrations, passport processing, notary public, voter registration, dog licensing, wetlands applications, transfer station/beach stickers, vital records, marriage licenses, and we have town histories and maps as well. One stop shopping at its best.

It is a great experience to work with such a neat crew of people. Not a day goes by that I am not thankful for my co-workers Joan Pankhurst, Amy Rankins, Carol Fraley, Jessie Levine, and the latest addition to Dartmouth College, Connie Rankins. I appreciate the support and confidence that the Board of Selectman offer me so that I may perform my duties to the best of my abilities. Also, in this year of four elections, a big thank you to all involved with the election process: the Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of the Checklist and Town Moderator Cotton Cleveland. I thank Richard Lee and his crew for their participation in the Help America Vote Act and in helping to create a safe environment for the voters of New London at Whipple Memorial Town Hall. And finally, thank you to the people of New London for giving me the opportunity to work with each and every one of you. Have a peaceful year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Suzy Holdsworth*

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## NOTICES OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

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- **DOG OWNERS** shall register all dogs over three months of age. Rabies certificates are required for registration. Dog license renewals are due by April 30. Owners are liable for dogs running at large.  
License Fees: \$4.50 new puppy, \$6.50 if altered, \$9.00 if not altered. If owner is over 65 years of age, fee for license is \$2.00 for first dog in household.  
Civil Forfeiture for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13).
- **VEHICLE OWNERS** must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk. Renewals, decals, transfers and plates are available.
- **THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS** shall file a Dredge and Fill application with the Town Clerk before beginning work (RSA 483-A). Fines may be assessed for non-compliance.
- **PROPERTY OWNERS** seeking tax abatement, credits or exemptions shall apply to the Selectmen's Office by March 1 of the year following the second tax bill (RSA 76:16). Forms and assistance are available at the Selectmen's Office.
- **LOW & MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** forms will be available at the Town Offices by April 15 and are required to be filed with the state between May 1 and June 30, 2004.
- **TOWN HISTORY – MIRROR TO AMERICA:** The office of the Town Clerk has available for sale, during regular business hours, copies of the *Mirror to America, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1900-1950*, at a cost of \$20.00 per copy and *Our Voices, Our Town, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1950-2000*, at a cost of \$30.00 per copy.
- **PASSPORT APPLICATIONS:** Applications for first-time passports and passport renewals are available.
  - Each individual applying for first-time passport must appear in person.
  - Required documentation at time of application includes application, passport photos, certified copy of birth certificate, and back-up identification.
  - For children under the age of 14, both parents must appear.
  - *Signatures must be witnessed by the passport agent*, so please do not sign applications in advance of your visit.
  - Total fees for standard processing are \$85.00 for adults, and \$70.00 for children under the age of 16.
  - Please bring checks for payment, as fees are divided between two payees, and passport application fees must accompany paperwork to Passport Processing Office.
  - Passport renewals for adults are done by mail, directly with the Passport Office, and require completed application, new photos, old passport, and check).
  - Children's renewals are treated exactly as first-time passport applications.

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



## ROAD AGENT

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The Highway Department has seen another busy year come to a close. As always we started 2003 with cold and snow. From January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> we had approximately 114" of snow at the Highway Department yard. Along with a snap of cold weather in February, this meant for long hours in the plow trucks, snowblower, loader and grader, moving lots of snow, and using lots of sand and salt to keep the roads open. Over the entire year we measured 184" of snow at the garage.

Last year the winter seemed to be a long one which it was considering we had our first snow in October of 2002. With the early onset of winter and the amount of snow we had this made for a messy spring clean up. We had to clean up all the leaves and things that we couldn't get done in the fall and on top of all that we had the winter sand and plow damage to cleanup and repair.

After the spring clean up we went into summer work, cleaning culverts and ditches. We also finished the drainage work on Gould Road and Pleasant Street so our contractor could finish the grinding and paving of those roads. We installed a curb along both sides of Gould Road that keeps the water on the road in the drainage system instead of washing out the edge of the road all the time. The drainage along Pleasant Street is working a lot better than the open ditches that were there before (even though we had a little erosion this summer, which we will repair in the spring). From here we went to working in the Everett Park area of town. We installed drainage along the side of Everett Park from Parkside Road to Williams Street, up both sides of Williams Street and a section along Everett Park by Homan Lane. We replaced some of the existing culverts on Everett Park, Homan Lane and Parkside Road. This was all in preparation for our contractor coming in and grinding and paving the following roads: Barrett Road from South Pleasant Street to Parkside Road, Pearl Street, Hayes Road, Everett Park, Williams Street, and Homan Lane. After these were all ground and graded, they were repaved. We replaced some culverts in the Birch Acres area and shimmed the roads in Birch Acres and Pressey Court. We wanted to shim the first section of Hall Farm Road but our contractor ran out of time this fall.

In the fall we finished installing the drainage on Forest Acres Road. We also installed a test section of fabric to see if we can get rid of an area that was muddy last spring (if this works we will try it in other areas of town), and we spread some gravel on Forest Acres Road and will finish the gravel in the spring of 2004. This was work a contractor was going to do but he got so busy he wasn't able to make it so we did it.

We spread gravel on Old Main Street, Columbus Ave., Morgan Hill Road, Rowell Hill Road and Stoney Brook Road. We continue to treat our gravel roads with magnesium chloride to keep the dust down and we don't have to grade them as much in the summer.

This fall we spent a lot of time getting rid of water along the edge of the roads, and cleaning the leaves out of ditches. This was important more so this fall than most due to the amount of rain we had before winter and during December. As a result of all the cleaning we had very few wash outs and none that were major.

December started out with a bang, a couple of good storms and then nothing. (We aren't complaining after last winter.) Just a couple of figures to ponder: as of 12/31/02 we had had 71" of snow, and for the entire winter we had 170" of snow. In the first part of the winter of 2003 /2004 we had 52" of snow and lots of rain.

The Highway Department continues to work with all the other town departments as they need us or we need them. We participated in a couple of other projects this past year that we are kind of happy with. One of them was the planting of the trees and shrubs on the green at the Town Hall. This project was lead by the New London Garden Club, which asked Bill Hoffman and Jeffrey Good to do the design and purchase the plants; we planted them and ran water for them, and the project looks great. We also participated with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association on a project in Hastings Landing, which we hope will stop some of the silt from winter sand from entering Lake Sunapee. This project was to install a large tank and some catch basins to catch the silt. If this project works well we will look at using the same kind of products in other places in town where we are close to the water.



The Highway Department is also continuing to go to workshops and classes to stay up on the latest laws and newest technology we can find to help us make our job better. We are always open-minded to look at things a different way to come up with a good solution for a problem.

Some of the other projects we were involved with during 2003 were:

- Monitor the construction of the roads in Great Pines.
- Monitor the construction of the new development off Newport Road.
- Monitor the construction of a road upgrade (now called Owl's Nest Road) off Rt. 103A.
- Monitor the repair of the culvert under Old Main Street.
- Work on the design of our new Highway Garage and yard improvements.

Projects for 2004 include:

- Continue ditching roads Lakeshore Drive, Job Seamans Acres, Lamson Lane.
- Install drainage on some more roads where needed.
- Prepare Pleasant Street from Bunker Road to Lakeshore Drive for grinding and paving.
- Install some fabric areas in the wet spots on Stoney Brook Road.

### TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING DIVISION:

The Transfer Station and Recycling Department had another good year. Over the year we had a couple of staff changes. Although the recycling market picked up, giving us better prices, our recycled tonnage was down from the previous year (we attribute this in part to the economy and in part to missing receipts from one of our vendors). At the time of this writing we are able to sell all the items we are recycling as the markets are steady.



<b>Recycling and Disposal Report:</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Transfer Haul --Town Weight (tons)	3150.4	2933.8	2948.78
Recycling			
Material Sold (tons)	660.14	873.42	693.48
Revenue (\$)	8,401.29	4,453.18	6,287.54
Cost Avoidance @ \$87/ton	<u>57,432.83</u>	<u>76,860.96</u>	<u>58,945.80</u>
	<b>\$ 65,833.47</b>	<b>\$ 81,314.14</b>	<b>\$ 65,233.34</b>

#### Recycling Statistics

	<u>2003 Year End</u>		<u>2002 Year End</u>		<u>2001 Year End</u>	
	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Newspaper	387,120	2477.80	486,700	0	393,932	\$ 1,083.58
Cardboard	536,340	2862.40	583,032	0	598,651	1,457.93
Glass	259,835	0*	309,897	0	260,974	0
Light Metal (Scrap)	58,600	478.85	320,540	1,336.13	112,000	1,426.28
Steel Cans (Tin)	60,264	0	24,313	0	25,510	24.58
Aluminum Foil/Plates	1,279	0	1,030	292.80	1,533	32.20
Aluminum Cans	6,831	1,585.72	7,394	2,595.25	8,167	2,078.37
Batteries (Home)	0	0	340	0		
Plastic Bottles (HDPE)	7,861	0	8,404	229	8,228	136.00
Plastic (PETE)	2,165	0	5,195	0	5,934	48.60
Miscellaneous	0	996.52	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,320,295</b>	<b>\$8,401.29</b>	<b>1,746,845</b>	<b>\$4,453.18</b>	<b>1,414,929</b>	<b>\$6,287.54</b>

\* We continue to recycle our own glass into a product we use for road repairs. This past summer we became the host community for a proposed glass-recycling cooperative. This program is run through the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA). Towns are allowed to dump their glass here for a fee, and when there are 375 tons of glass in the pile they will have a crusher move in and crush it. The NRRRA pays for it and the Town of New London gets the end product to use. This test project has been very well accepted by many towns, and it will probably become a regular project run by the NRRRA.

We have explored a couple of different ways of handling our plastics, and we hope to possibly make some changes in this area in the near future. We received a matching grant for 2004 to improve our plastics program.

*Something to think about:* if you recycle a ton of glass it saves us \$87.00. If we use it in place of gravel we save another \$3.00 a ton, which makes a total of \$90.00 saved. That will buy the Highway Department 22 tons of winter sand, or 3 tons of road salt, or 3 tons of hot top, or 13 yds of crushed gravel or 20' of 15" plastic culvert. Recycling glass alone has a big payback and is very easy to do. Just collect it and deposit it in the barrels at the Transfer Station.

### **CEMETERY DIVISION:**

We were able to hire the same couple of people back again this summer to work in the cemeteries: John Wiltshire in Old Main Street and Doug Palmer in Elkins. Both of these fellows do an excellent job of keeping the cemeteries looking good. We continue to spend time on stone repair, mowing, trimming grass and shrubs along with looming and seeding.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the staff at the Transfer Station, Highway Department and Cemetery Department for all their support and hard work during 2003. They are very professional and dedicated people who work in these departments.

In closing, I would like to thank all the citizens of New London, the Board of Selectmen, Town Office staff, Police Department, Fire Department, Water Precinct and Wastewater Department for all your help and support over the past year. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office at 526-6337 or by e-mail at [nlhd@tds.net](mailto:nlhd@tds.net).

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Richard E. Lee*  
Road Agent



Highway Department employees try out new equipment at the 2003 Mountain of Demonstrations.



## POLICE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENTS

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The Police and Communications Departments have completed the first full year with a new records management system. This system, the same as the surrounding police agencies use, has given this department the ability to share more information with those agencies and has saved our officers a lot of time in data entry. As with any new system, we experienced some difficulty adapting to the changes, but I'm very happy with the way our system has worked out.

The Police Department also took delivery of our new firearms this fall. After extensive testing by our firearms instructor and other members of the department, the choice was made to switch from our Smith and Wesson .40 caliber firearms to our new Sig Sauer .40 caliber firearms. The reason we changed at all was due to our older firearms starting to show wear and experiencing more maintenance issues than we were comfortable with. The transition went efficiently, and our department qualified on the new weapons without any issues.

This year, and in the years to come, we will be upgrading our computers to make them work more effectively for us. It appears that this project will be an ongoing issue, as some of our computer equipment ranges in age and performance from the most up-to-date to the vintage variety. One of our long-term goals in this area is to communicate through computers to each car, dispatch, and the records management system of local departments and the state database.

Both departments continue to take advantage of all of the training offered to them. Two of our dispatchers were certified in field training of new dispatchers, while some of our police personnel took a course in street survival. Training has become one of the most important issues in law enforcement, and both departments make every attempt to attend those courses when available.

In the course of my patrol duties I'm still finding many properties that are not clearly marked with the correct street address, location or the type of numbers that are visible both day or night from the road. Remember that this is the best way to assure that emergency services will quickly find your home.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, the Town Office staff, the members of the Highway and Fire Departments, and the community members for your support through out the year.

Respectfully submitted,

*David J. Seastrand*

Chief of Police



Photo by Kittie Wilson



## 2003 Incident Counts

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



## NEW LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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This year, as you are no doubt aware from the publicity in the *Quicklink* and various newspapers, the New London Fire Department is requesting funding for improvements to the fire station on Main Street. I thought it prudent to devote the majority of this year's report to information relevant to the proposed changes.

Our original fire station was built in 1930 on Pleasant Street, between the Kidder Building and the new COA facility. It was a two-story wood framed structure with equipment bays on the first floor and a large meeting room and kitchen facility on the second floor. As the department acquired newer and better fire apparatus, the floor system of the old structure proved inadequate to carry the weight of the heavier trucks. In fact, the first water tanker owned by the town was kept outdoors (empty during the winter months), since the station floor could not handle the load.

The solution was to construct a new station on one level, with a concrete floor adequate to carry the weight of modern fire equipment. The current Main Street location was purchased and the new station built in 1971. At the time, budget constraints limited the creature comforts to men's and women's toilet facilities only; no meeting space or kitchen facilities were included in the original structure. In fact, there were many who wanted to eliminate the women's bathroom to reduce the cost of the building, claiming that it was a waste of money. The New London Fire Company, as it was then known, raised the funds to construct and equip a kitchen shortly after the building was completed, and except for larger doors and an automatic sprinkler system for fire protection, the building remains essentially unchanged.

In 1999, the New London Fire Fighters Association, as it is now called, raised money through private donations to build the small white storage building, to open some additional space for operations in the existing fire station. This was intended as a stop-gap measure until a substantial renovation could be undertaken. The planning for the proposed improvements was started at that time, including architectural work (paid for by the Fire Fighters Association), and, in 2001, the establishment of a capital reserve fund to pay for the project.

Coincidentally, throughout the country, volunteer fire service is facing a tremendous challenge. Increasing demands for service that result from population growth and societal changes, coupled with fewer people having the time or interest in volunteering for work that is dirty, dangerous and time-consuming, have left volunteer fire departments scrambling to maintain membership. We are no exception. Although there is no simple solution to the problem, a variety of strategic changes in our operations have allowed the New London Fire Department to buck the trend and succeed where others have been less fortunate.

Part of our long-term strategy includes making improvements to the fire station that will help to encourage participation, retain membership and improve department efficiency. These include the following changes:

- Adding locker rooms with showers so members can clean up after a fire call and return to home or work without smelling like smoke, diesel fuel or other chemicals.
- Adding classroom for training (that doubles as a meeting and function room).
- Adding modest sleeping and living quarters for personnel to spend the night during storm emergencies (which ensures a timely response when roads and driveways are not passable).
- Improving kitchen facilities to support the needs of the department.
- Adding a small laundry for washing turnout gear (preventing the build-up of carcinogens on protective clothing and extending its useful life).
- Adding a workshop for the repair of small engines and equipment, most of which is currently outsourced.
- Adding office space for fire prevention that is separate from radio and fire operations.
- Adding space for adequate storage space of tools, equipment and supplies.

Although the effects of these improvements are less obvious than something like a new fire engine, efforts at team building, improving working conditions, and providing support are no less important if we intend to maintain a volunteer fire department well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The one-time cost of these proposed improvements will be \$540,000, which is roughly equivalent to the threshold *annual* cost of a minimal full-time



fire fighting force. Every year that we can put off having to become a full-time fire department saves the town \$500,000 in our basic operating expense.

To put things in perspective, here are a few statistical tidbits that you might find interesting:

- When I became Fire Chief in 1987, the department had 34 volunteers and responded to 108 fire calls with five pieces of apparatus (two pumpers, a ladder, a tanker and a rescue truck). This year, 45 volunteers responded to 423 fire calls with three pieces of apparatus (a rescue/pumper, a ladder/pumper and a tanker). By combining functions of apparatus, we have made more efficient use of our personnel and significantly reduced our storage requirements.
- This year, the Newport Fire Department responded to 408 fire calls and has a total of eight full-time firefighters. The New London Fire Department responded to 423 calls and has only one full-time firefighter.
- In 1998, the New London Fire Department had difficulty turning out a half dozen volunteers to midweek, daytime fire calls. Today, we average about 18 volunteers responding to calls during the same timeframe.
- When the New London Fire Department is called to another town for mutual aid, we frequently respond with more personnel than all of the other responding fire departments combined.
- The New London Fire Department membership includes eight women in non-medical roles, more than any other department in the state.

The New London Fire Department is a relatively lean, efficient operation that is responding well to the rapidly changing demands of our society. With your continued support, we hope to be able to serve the emergency service needs of New London with skill and professionalism well into the future.

We encourage you to support the articles that provide the funding for the proposed fire station improvements at this year's Town Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. If you have any questions regarding the project, feel free to call either Fire Chief Peter Stanley at 526-6715, or Captain Jason Lyon at 526-6073.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peter S. Stanley*  
Fire Chief



Photo by Peter Stanley

New London Fire Company – December 1, 2003

Fire Calls	2002	2003
Structure Fire	3	3
Chimney Fire	4	0
Vehicle Fire	4	4
Vehicle Accident	67	102
Extrication	3	2
Brush Fire	10	2
Kitchen Fire	5	2
Electrical Fire	5	4
Wood Stove Malfunction	4	1
Furnace Malfunction	2	5
Sprinkler Malfunction	3	5
Rescue	3	8
Search	0	0
Illegal Burn	7	12
Wire Down – tree on the line	14	28
Hazardous Material Spill	5	8
Hazardous Condition (BIO)	2	0
Smoke Report	12	11
Alarm Response	15	22
False Alarm	78	75
Public Assistance	17	29
Flood Control	2	4
M/A Structure	5	16
M/A Other	6	7
Other	15	23
DHART Transfer	0	1
Gas Leak/ LP	10	21
Bomb Threat	0	1
Carbon Monoxide Detector	9	13
Medical Assist	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>423</b>



Photo by Dan Wolf

Fire at Hilltop Place, March 2003



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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2003 was good to us in that the Emergency Management Committee (EMC) did not have to mobilize during the year for any man-made or natural incident. To be better prepared for action, the EMC now has a Deputy Director in Jessie Levine, the EMC Public Information Officer and New London's Town Administrator. Why do we have an Emergency Management Committee? Each Community, by federal and state law, is required to form such a committee, which is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen. Thus, the EMC reports to the Selectmen, and the Selectmen appoint the Director and Deputy Director. The EMC is charged with the responsibility of being prepared to react and respond to any type of natural or man-made emergency that could require utilization New London resources and has the potential for necessitating a request for additional assistance from neighboring towns, the state, and/or federal sources.

In the first half of 2003, the Director met with state, federal, and local area representatives to establish a small pox clinic in this area. This group prepared the report for our region in June for approval by the state and federal agencies involved. As of this writing, no notice has been received as to the suitability of this extensive report.

Road Agent Richard Lee attended a state-sponsored seminar for Hazardous Weather and Flood Preparations. Health Officer Dr. Donald Bent worked on the small pox clinics, and attended several workshops and seminars benefiting his Health Officer position as well as our EMC. Noeline Woolrich is new to our committee this year, replacing Carol Connell and Karen Kays as the representative from New London Hospital.

The EMC held an off-site evacuation drill with the Kearsarge Regional Middle School on October 30, 2003. These drills involve the teachers, staff, and students as well as many segments of our EMC and New London Hospital. We all learn something new with every drill. Speaking of the schools, our EMC was given a grant of \$24,000 by state and federal agencies to purchase an electrical generator for the elementary school, which is one of our 12 primary evacuation shelters. The generator has been delivered, and the bulk of the electrical work has been completed. Early in 2004 the testing and final electrical work will be done. No money from the Town was needed because the school district had already spent \$10,000 in matching funds for the initial electrical work.

During the summer the EMC purchased 3000 Emergency Action Wheels, and mailed one to every property owner in New London. The response has been extremely favorable. The weakness in our distribution of these wheels, however, is that we have found no good way of getting one into the households of those who rent their facilities. We will try to fill this gap in early 2004. It was estimated that this project would cost \$6,000, one-half paid by the town, and the other half paid for with grant money from the state and federal agencies. In fact, the mailing came in under budget, at \$5,200.

Hazardous materials are everywhere. In businesses, the college, schools, sewer and water plants, homes, and many are shipped in unmarked and marked trucks on our streets, roads and the interstate. In the event of spills of these materials, the cleaning process is hazardous and COSTLY. No one town in our area can afford the materials, clothing, disposal sites and the extensive training needed to legally do the cleanup. For our region, the Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Response Association was formed with 13 other towns. Fire Chief Peter Stanley and Fire Captain Jay Lyon are New London's representatives to this association. This team has been trained and has a trailer containing the necessary equipment, which is housed in Lebanon. The team can respond to an incident in New London within 90 minutes. The annual dues for the association are \$2,000, half paid by the town, and half by grants. We look at this as inexpensive insurance.

In the spring of this year the work on renumbering each building and renaming some 40 streets was completed. At that time the Selectmen asked each of you to post new street numbers in a specified locations near the side of the street where you live. Altogether too many of you have NOT acted on this request. Today as I write this, your emergency agencies – ambulance, fire, and police -- have to ask the caller "is this your old house number or the new one." This can cause confusion and slow the response of these agencies where seconds count. PLEASE, please, even with the snow banks, install your new house/building number.



Public Service of NH and your EMC request that those of you with electrical generators in your businesses and homes register these generators with PSNH, for the safety of the PSNH linemen and those who staff your New London emergency agencies. For more information and to register your generator, call 603-634-2312.

At the present time only one family has registered with EMC regarding their special needs in the event of an extended power outage. We feel certain that there are other families in New London who qualify for special needs. Special needs in most instances refer to life support systems that require electricity. If you are in this category, please register with Public Service of New Hampshire at 1-800-662-7764; the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association at 526-4077; and/or Bob Nelson at 526-2954. For confidentiality reasons, you or someone in your family have to initiate the request. You can't be helped unless we know who you are, where you are, how we can reach you, and what your needs are. It would be much easier to have this information now, rather than in the midst of an emergency. Help us to be better prepared.

In an emergency, PLEASE call 911. Keep calm, be patient, and speak so you can be understood. Please read over your Emergency Action Wheel and determine just how ready you are for an EMERGENCY.

Thank you New Londoners and the emergency agencies for your tremendous support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert M. Nelson*, Director

### **Notice to the Town of New London from the Emergency Management Committee**

This is for the benefit of people in New London who rent living or business accommodations. The New London Emergency Management Committee would like to get Emergency Action Wheels into your hands for reading now and for future reference.

In 2003, Emergency Action Wheels were mailed to all New London property owners. These Wheels instruct you on how to get PREPARED for different types of emergencies, and how to REACT when you are in an emergency situation. The instructions are very readable, and the Wheels are small enough to be kept ready for quick reference.

Because the Town does not have rental addresses, those of you who rent business, commercial and residential units in New London did not receive the mailing. This oversight needs to be corrected, and the sooner the better.

Please stop by the New London Town Offices to pick up your free Emergency Action Wheel, or call Amy Rankins at 526-4821 ext. 10 and she will mail you one. Thank you!



Photo by Bob Nelson

New generator at New London Elementary School

# 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 and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. In New London, contact the Dispatch Department at 526-2626 to find out if open burning is allowed on that day. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

## ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

### 2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 3, 2003)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67

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

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas Miner*

Forest Ranger



## NEW LONDON RECREATION COMMISSION

The summer of 2003 once again continued to be the busiest time of the year for the Recreation Department. While last year's Town Report described our beautiful new pavilion at Bucklin Beach, we had not had the opportunity to physically enjoy the pavilion until last summer. The feedback we received has indicated that we have a great new addition to Bucklin Beach!



Photo by Bob Andrus

Our newest major program, added this past year, was our summer day camp. The camp was designed for children entering grades K-4, and we hosted between 9-16 students per week, and 32 different children over the course of the summer. Children spent time doing arts and crafts, playing games, and swimming. The camp was held at New London Elementary school and campers spent most afternoons at Bucklin Beach. Reviews were overall very favorable, and we hope to improve our camp in all areas this summer.

The Red Cross swimming programs at Elkins and Bucklin beaches continued to be extremely popular and well attended. We enrolled 115 children in the two sessions of swimming lessons, and 39 children signed up for both sessions. Looking towards the future, we had 14 kids participating in a junior lifesaving course called "New Guard Start." And the success of our boating program continues to grow; it doesn't seem like more than a few days go by when someone is commenting how great it is to have access to the sailboats and kayaks at Bucklin Beach. This year's soccer camps had 132 children in the first session and 36 in the second.

Our web site traffic has grown from approximately 13,000 accesses in 2002 to over 21,000 accesses in 2003! We have many different recreational organizations using our site as we strive to be the place to turn with any questions you may have regarding recreation. If you have never visited our website, take a look at <http://www.nlrec.com>. We also have over 400 people on our "New London Recreation News" e-mail news list, which we send out about once a week with the latest recreational news of the area.

Can you believe Keith and Donna Pomkoski and family have now hosted the town skating rink on their property at the New London Inn for five years! Scott Ellison of Scott's Yard Care has also donated his time and energy to clear the rink for the past five years. Thanks Keith, Donna, and Scott, for your help in providing a wonderful winter recreation opportunity! In addition, with the help of John Kiernan from Village Sports, we have provided snowshoes to the middle and elementary school physical education classes that have introduced children to this emerging winter sport.



We continue our work with the community center action committee. There are still many issues to work through. The Recreation Department, like many residents in town, is convinced of the need for the center. However, to get from needs assessment to implementation can be a long process.

When the part-time Recreation Director was proposed there was some opposition. Anytime there is a proposal to expand government there is certainly a concern to taxpayers. The increase in the Recreation budget since the year 2000 can be mainly attributed to three major areas: salary for the Recreation Director and summer lifeguards; Program Instructor's Wages for the summer camp, and Recreational Trips. As shown below, our actual expenses for our summer day camp were exceeded by revenues, so we were able to provide scholarships for some children to join to our camp. Our recreational trips to the Red Sox games also came in with a slight surplus. The following chart shows how revenue offsets some of our programming costs:

	2003 Actual Cost	2003 Revenues
Program Instructors Wages (Summer Camp)	\$5,900.00	\$6,687.00
Recreational Trips	\$3,367.40	\$3,492.00
	\$11,270.40	\$12,182.00

We believe the New London residents are getting a great value for their recreation dollar. One example is our boating program at Bucklin Beach. The direct costs for boat repairs and equipment has been less than \$500 per year, and the boats are used hundreds of times every summer. It is our hope that the warrant article asking to start a revolving fund for the Recreation Department, which will allow us to re-spend revenues from certain recreation programs and fees, will give us more flexibility in our programming while at the same time asking the taxpayers for less in tax appropriations.

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

Respectfully submitted

*Bob Andrews*

Recreation Director



Photo by Bob Andrews

## TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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This year, once again, we are pleased to report that Tracy Library has maintained its status as one of the top ten libraries in the nation in towns with a population of 2500-4900. We are grateful to the citizens of New London whose support and enthusiasm allow us to serve the community so well. Factored into the national rankings are various statistics such as: we currently have 4922 registered patrons, of whom 2726 are resident adults and 818 are resident juveniles. There are 492 non-resident juvenile borrowers who attend KRSD, 379 non-resident adult borrowers, 187 temporary (usually summer) borrowers, and 79 Colby-Sawyer student cards. During 2003 we added to our collection 1692 books, 43 videos, 115 DVDs, 67 cassette books, 90 CD books, and 22 music CDs. We circulated over 50,000 items to our patrons, loaned 801 items to other libraries, and secured 556 items for our patrons through inter-library loans. We have begun to order books in CD format exclusively and also started a large DVD collection, both thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Tracy Library.

The Friends Book Sale and Membership Drive brought in almost \$20,000. Through these generous donations we were also able to sponsor the newsletter and many programs, purchase many costly adult reference books, provide more internet computers for the use of the public, and purchase a new vacuum cleaner. Our more than 50 volunteers gave countless hours every day to support the staff and help keep the library running smoothly. We recognized eight of them at our party in May who had each given more than 3000 hours of their time.

An important part of the Library's service to the community is the Children's Department. Over 4000 enthusiastic participants took part in the 178 children's programs this past year including: after-school programs, bedtime stories, summer reading programs, book talks, parent-child book discussions, art & science workshops, knitting club and the holiday puppet show. A "Family Fundemonium" was held outside on a beautiful June day in which a variety of crafts and games was presented for all to enjoy. Tomie dePaola's "last" summer visit to the Summer Reading Program entertained hundreds of children and families. After 20 years of visits we guess he's entitled to "retire," and we are grateful to him for providing such fun to the SRP for so long. Adult programs included several sessions of "Great Decisions," "Book Browsers" and two library book groups. In addition, the library is pleased to host meetings and events for many community organizations.

Perhaps the community organization that has provided the most ongoing support to the library is the New London Garden Club. Countless volunteer hours of hard, dirty work culminated in the opening and dedication of the Community Garden on June 29, 2003. The gorgeous afternoon showcased the magnificent spectacle of the lovely blooms and fountain. We are deeply grateful to Sue Little and the other volunteers for their dauntless spirit and enthusiasm for the project, and congratulate them on winning the prestigious Cornelia Williamson Watson award for Historic Preservation. We hope everyone in town will take the time to enjoy the succession of blooms this next season in the Community Garden.

Our computer technology is running fairly smoothly. Four internet terminals provide access for the use of the public, and are very busy, especially in the summer. Thanks to staff member Heather Shumway, we now have a web page with links to NH State Government resources, a display of the calendar of various programs and events at the library, and our list of new acquisitions. We hope to have the Tracy Library catalog online soon, enabling patrons the ability to check our holdings and reserve materials from their home computers.

Looking ahead to 2004, we urge all of you to visit YOUR library. We are working hard to provide culture, recreation, and information for the families of our community and welcome your ideas, comments and suggestions. On behalf of the Staff and Board, we thank the citizens of New London for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Miller*

Library Co-director

## TRACY LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Cash on Hand January 1, 2003	\$18,966.17	
Income:		
Town Appropriation	\$269,400.00	
Trust Funds	18,586.84	
Fines	5,790.60	
Lost/Damaged Materials	605.24	
Gifts and Memorials	5,251.94	
Non-Resident Fees	4,769.70	
Copier	1,094.00	
Sale of Books	1,252.27	
Interest	<u>1,816.89</u>	
Total Income	\$308,567.48	
From Town Maintenance Fund	<u>5,635.55</u>	
Total Income Plus Cash on Hand		<b>\$333,169.20</b>
Expenditures:		
Personnel	\$235,131.74	
Books and Related Materials	45,835.51	
Supplies	4,640.09	
Equipment	6,290.42	
Public Relations	1,385.90	
Maintenance	20,763.30	
Travel and Dues	1,270.53	
Audit	<u>1,155.00</u>	
Expenditures	\$316,472.49	
Maintenance Projects	<u>5,635.55</u>	
Total Expenditures		<b>\$322,108.04</b>
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003		\$11,061.16
Memorial, Capital and Gift Funds		
Balance of Funds, December 31, 2003	\$197,474.09	



## NEW LONDON GARDEN CLUB

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During research for the celebration of the Garden Club's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it was discovered that the Club was organized by Jane Tracy, donor of the Tracy Library building and the Olmsted-Brothers designed Community Garden that has recently been restored. The initial purpose of the Club was to take care of the library garden, but very soon the 25 or so members expanded their Civic Beautification Program to include Crockett's Corner, the "new" New London Hospital on Main Street, and the Central School. In 2003, over 120 members worked in 19 locations in New London, planting, weeding, and watering, and many also volunteered at the Community Garden and the gardens at The Fells in Newbury. The Community Garden Volunteers, Garden Club Members and others, work under the direction of professional gardener Theresa Puza. Anyone interested in learning about the care of perennials, annuals, roses, and shrubs is welcome to join the volunteers.

In February we had our first evening program open to the public for adults and young people to enjoy with us "The Bear Man," Ben Kilham. Also in the winter months, plans were underway for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower Show, "Leading Ladies of New London," which would honor many women who contributed greatly to the town's past. In the late spring, the bulbs in the Community Garden began to bloom, and by June 28, the day of the Dedication, the flower garden was in full bloom. Already a destination for in-town and out-of-town visitors, the restored garden is a beauty spot of our town.

Our bigger than ever Antique Show, in late July, helped raise the funds necessary for four scholarships to University of New Hampshire students and for our Civic Beautification Program. Other 2003 projects included patient flower care at New London Hospital, a flower and plant booth for Hospital Days, gift books about gardening and nature to the schools and Tracy Library, and holiday wreaths for public buildings. A Garden Club committee also planned and oversaw the new plantings beside the Town Hall.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, our Standard Flower show was held in several buildings at the Historical Society, with floral designs, horticulture exhibits, and five educational exhibits all judged by National Garden Clubs Inc.-approved judges. In October, at the New England Regional meeting of National Garden Clubs Inc., it was announced that the New London Garden Club had won the Cornelia Williamson Watson Award for Historic Preservation for the restoration of the library garden. Proud that a New Hampshire Club had won this New England award, the President of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs presented it at our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon and Annual Meeting.

Each year, a 100-page album is prepared by the Garden Club Historian to make a record of the year's events. The three most recent albums are always in the Tracy Library Reading Room. The over 40 more that are stored in the Town Archives contain a lot of interesting history of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Little*

President 2003



Photo by Dick Little

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

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The Budget Committee would again like to salute our former chairman, Robert A. ‘Randy’ Foose, for his 20 years of serving the Town’s Budget Committee, 14 of which he served as chairman. Randy’s leadership and guidance created the template by which the Budget Committee operates, carefully understanding and scrutinizing expenditures, while taking care to protect the quality of life we all enjoy in New London.

The Budget Committee began its new budget work year in July, welcoming new committee members Clayton Shedd and Jack Diemar. We began the year by creating a ten-year timeline to track the increase in population and various town services such as miles of roads cared for, number of vehicles registered, number of police and fire calls, increase in crime statistics, tons of trash handled, etc. to get a feel for the pressure growth has placed on town facilities and services. Eight formal meetings were held over the course of the budget planning process, as well as site visits to the Police, Fire, Sewer and Highway Departments. Special attention was paid to the Highway and Fire Department building proposals, to gain a complete understanding of the present situations and future needs.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas S. Baxter*

Chair

## TREE WARDEN

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In 2003, for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Town of New London received the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Only 17 other towns in New Hampshire receive this award, and only four – Durham, Keene, Hanover and Wolfeboro – have had the designation longer. This program has awarded approximately 3000 towns and cities in the United States for their commitment to an urban forestry program, and New London has certainly lived up to the award’s standards. In fact, in 2003, we also received the Tree City Growth Award (joining Keene and Meredith), in recognition of the Town’s increasing dedication to its urban forestry program.

During the course of 2003, Tree Warden David Carey, a licensed forester, planted 15 trees around New London, and oversaw the pruning and fertilizing of our existing trees. In 2004, David will work with the Conservation Commission as it begins a forest management project on the Phillips Preserve on Otter Pond.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful volunteer Tree Warden, who combines his expertise in forestry and his love of New London to care for the greenery that surrounds us.



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The New London Conservation Commission had a busy and productive year in 2003. Thanks to the hard work of Wayne Warriner and his trail crew, including Terry Dancy, Les Norman and Dick Cavallaro, as well as several community members, the connector trail between the Dura Crockett trail and Great Brook Trail was completed. They have also done a wonderful job of keeping all our trails cleaned up. In addition, Dick Cavallaro spent many hours posting boundary markers around our easement properties and verifying the bounds for our easement monitoring program.

One of our projects for the summer of 2003 was an invasive terrestrial species survey of New London. Laura Alexander and some of her Colby-Sawyer students spearheaded this project, in which many volunteers attended the workshops to learn how to identify invasive species and then spent many hours mapping the species along our roadsides. This information has been collated and an educational campaign will be forthcoming to encourage people to plant native species.

We had a very busy year reviewing wetlands applications and tree cutting applications in the 50-foot zone around our lakes. Working with the Planning Board, we have adopted a method to better assess these requests.

As usual our spring and winter walks were very popular. We are very fortunate to have such an extensive trail system right in our own community.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Ellen Andrews*

Chair



Photo by Ruth White

Peter Stanley and George Green inspect duck boxes at the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area at the Low Plain.



## THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

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The year 2003 was both a busy and productive one for the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), as it continued its mission to preserve the rural character of this twelve-town Kearsarge/Sunapee region. As everyone is aware, the pressures of growth will be the major concern facing our town and region for the foreseeable future. As many towns and regions have learned, it is impossible to stop growth, but it is possible to manage it. A private land trust such as ours, in collaboration with local municipalities, willing landowners and local conservation groups, can contribute to this management by encouraging the preservation of our most desirable open lands and natural resources.

During the summer of 2003 an important alliance was formed by the ASLPT, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) and the Sunapee Conservation Commission with the purpose of preserving the Red Water Creek Wetland in Sunapee. A successful fundraising campaign was launched and will result in the purchase of a conservation easement on the property. The 140-acre preservation project will safeguard a tributary that flows through the Red Water Creek wetland and ultimately into Lake Sunapee at Fisher's Bay. The protection of this wetland is vital to the long-term health of Lake Sunapee, is an excellent wildlife habitat and is crossed by trails that are part of the SRK Greenway system.

Since our founding in 1987, the ASLPT has completed 63 projects and protected a total of 3,305 acres (1,165 acres in New London), including 9,240 feet of shore frontage. The following easements were also completed during the 2003 calendar year:

- 30 acres in Sunapee with 1,800 feet of road frontage along Route 11. The property is opposite Wendall Marsh and the Sugar River and is part of a larger ecosystem including more than 1,000 acres of conservation easement properties.
- 106 acres on Walker Brook Road in Danbury. The property is well known in Danbury because it includes a waterfall and a popular swimming hole and is part of a larger ecosystem that supports wildlife.
- Two acres bordering "Turtle Cove," located on Pleasant Lake through which Great Brook flows. It is part of a sensitive area of the Lake, hosts abundant wildlife and abuts a 20-acre parcel already under easement.



The Oates property on Turtle Cove along Lakeshore Drive.

Equally successful were our two "progressive" dinner fundraisers held in April and July. As in prior years, the dinners proved to be extremely popular and everyone involved had a great time. In December we added a new fundraiser, a Holiday Party held at Foxstand in Springfield, which also proved to be a huge success. In July a hike was held to showcase two major New London easements on the southeast end of Pleasant Lake. An enthusiastic group hiked the brand-new connector trail from the Cook Interpretive Trail to the Deming property.

The ASLPT has emerged into an organization with a membership of over 900 people. Many of our members are involved in our events, are easement monitors, volunteer for office work, and serve on various committees. Our members are the lifeblood of the ASLPT and if you are not already a member, I urge you to become one.

I would like to thank the New London Conservation Commission and the Town for working cooperatively with the ASLPT throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deborah L. Stanley*

Executive Director

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**WELFARE OFFICER**

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This is my seventh year as your town Welfare Officer. This past year was similar to other years in that all of the requests were for short-term assistance. I am able, if necessary, to refer potential recipients to both state and federal assistance programs that may be more appropriate for their long-term needs. The process that applicants follow to request assistance is a comprehensive one and recipients are asked to repay the town when, and if, they are able to do so in the future. We have been fortunate in that some of those who have received assistance have been able to make small monthly payments towards repaying the assistance the town provided to them.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marc Clement*

Welfare Officer



## NEW LONDON BANDSTAND INC.

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The 15<sup>th</sup> season of summer concerts at the Haddad Bandstand on Sargent Common opened on June 27, 2003, with the Freese Brothers Big Band. This concert was underwritten by friends of Alexander Murchie. The 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band of the New Hampshire National Guard entertained us on July 4. Flags provided by Coldwell Banker/Milestone Real Estate were given to children who marched around the Bandstand to the patriotic music. Our lineup for the remainder of the season included Nevers 2<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Band, Amy Gallatin & Stillwaters, Seacoast Wind Ensemble, East Bay Jazz Ensemble, Granite State Brass, and the Hopkinton Town Band. Attendance was up at all our concerts this year.

To help publicize our concerts, a sandwich board was purchased in 2003. The Chamber of Commerce very kindly placed it outside the Information Booth each week to announce the concerts. Through a generous contribution from the Coca Cola Company in memory of Alex Murchie, the Moreland-Murchie Sound System was upgraded to provide better sound for the concerts.

Many, many thanks to our underwriters whose support year after year is vital to the success of our concerts: Clarke's Hardware, Colby Insurance, Coldwell Banker/Milestone Real Estate, Colonial Pharmacy, Cricenti's Market, Dead River Company, Echo Communications, Inc., Flash Photo/Flash Pack & Ship, Hayward Refrigeration Co., Inc., Lake Sunapee Bank, MacKenna's Family Restaurant, Millstone Restaurant, New London Barn Playhouse, Pizza Chef, Snow Building Construction, and Sugar River Savings Bank.

A big "thank you" is also extended to Hayward Refrigeration for keeping the electricity working, Radio Shack for work on the sound system, the New London Garden Club for the beautiful seasonal plantings, and friends who assist with refreshments for the musicians.

As a result of the generous bequest from Steve Mendelson and because of his interest in encouraging the performing arts and young people, the Bandstand Committee voted to share some of the income with TEAK Fellowship, Elkins Bandstand, a KAT Company scholarship, Summer Music Associates, and a start-up gift to the Wilmot Bandstand. Income from the bequest is also used to underwrite the concerts.

The success of the band concerts happens because of the talented, hard working people who make up the New London Bandstand Committee, Inc.: Frank Sherman (Vice President and Program Coordinator), Barbara Green (Treasurer), Nancy Snow (Secretary), Marge Sherman (Publicity), Anna Green, Bill Green, Townes Harris, Norman Leger, Bob Lull (Underwriters), Margaret Moreland, George "Bud" Snow (Sound Engineer), Mary Teach, Eleanor Norris Wall and April Whittaker. *In order to continue providing high quality entertainment for the community we would like to add new talent to the committee. If you are interested, please contact any of us.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Lois E. Marshall*, President

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

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The Town of New London has three cemeteries within its boundaries; Elkins, Old Main Street and West Part. All three are active and have lots available for purchase at the current price of \$200/single lot. They are maintained under the supervision of the Road Agent, Richard Lee. Sextons John Wiltshire and Doug Palmer have been caring for the New London cemeteries for several years, and do an outstanding job of keeping the cemeteries safe and attractive for visitors. The Commission is currently working with Bristol-Sweet Surveyors of North Sutton to plan for future expansion of lots in Old Main Street and West Part Cemeteries. There were 29 interments in New London cemeteries during 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marion C. Hafner*

*Thomas A. Ginter*

*Charles M. Hafner*



## PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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Members of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association will long remember the summer of 2003 as the year that a baby loon was born on our lake. Affectionately named "Peter Loon," he brought great joy to our lake community. We all enjoyed watching Peter and his two very attentive parents during the summer and we are hopeful that we will be blessed with baby loons next summer!

Our beautiful lake continues to be monitored closely by a very hardworking lake association. Dick Clayton is our president and Doug Baxter our vice-president. Under their excellent leadership we continue to preserve and protect Pleasant Lake. We are ever vigilant against the threat of milfoil. Lake hosts greet boaters at our launch to check boats for this devastating weed. Teams of snorkelers patrol the water, checking our underwater environment. We were thankful to receive a contribution of \$2,000 from the Town's Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund to offset the cost of these efforts, and are pleased with the Budget Committee's decision to increase funding for this purpose. We are also working hard to control the rock bass population so that our lake will always maintain it's excellent fishing reputation. A number of very successful fishing derbies were held this year.

Celebrating the Fourth of July has always been important to The Pleasant Lake Protective Association. The fireworks this year were amazing! We also had a fabulous boat parade with the theme of "Memorable Movies." We hope you were lucky enough to witness these exciting events.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Katherine Wilson*

Secretary, Pleasant Lake Protective Association



Photo by Kittie Wilson

## NEW LONDON ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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Lianne Hansen Keary used a number of old Archives photos in the book *New London of the Images of America* series. This book is available at the Morgan Hill Bookstore for \$19.99.

We received donated items from the New London Historical Society obtained from the auction of Hattie Prescott's estate. Many items were photocopied so we could return originals to the Historical Society. We welcome donations of New London area family histories and memorabilia.

Thank you to Berkley Hunter for Sargent/Pingree family letters, including a Civil War sequence.

The Archives purchased a dependable copier.

The Archives is fortunate to have an eager and dedicated Committee. On Wednesday mornings the staff can be found here from 9 a.m. to noon. A special thanks to Connie Reece for being here. If you find our hours inconvenient, please contact me at 526-6526.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret Moreland*

Town Archivist

## NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The New London Historical Society has had another active year in 2003. Our Dessert Socials featured a program on Saving Old Homes and Barns (Brian Dumais); "How and Why I Paint," by Bud Lauridsen, and a presentation on Steamboats on Lake Sunapee by George Montgomery.

Our annual Fourth Grade Open House was held in May with 81 students from New London Elementary School parading in 1800's costume from the School to the Society grounds for a History Day. Almira Williams "Fancy Goods Parlor" depicted a display of textiles and millinery goods made by Almira, who operated a millinery and fancy goods parlor in New London in the 1860- 1870's.

In September the New London Garden Club hosted a standard flower show on the Society's grounds. It was a spectacular event. It also featured a collection of Dr. Anna Littlefield's paintings and other artifacts used in her early medical practice in New London.

Late October, a Fall Festival was held with a Young at Art Show, pumpkin decorating contest, tug of war, and a skit including Governor Colby, and school children, and the arrival of a real "Headless Horseman." A "Bean Hole" supper followed which included homemade apple cider.

Our December Holiday Open House was called off due to blizzard conditions. It was sad to see Ole Man Winter upset the many hours volunteers had put into this program.

The Society is continually working on conserving our horse drawn vehicles and bringing out new displays of periods of New London History. We received a grant to partially pay for the cost of put all of our artifacts on a computer called Past Perfect.

Without the help of many of our hard working volunteers and membership subscriptions we would not have had such a busy year. We thank everyone for their many kinds of support.

2004 will be the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> year! Watch for our program for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Respectively Submitted,

*Henry S. Otto, Jr.*

President



## NEW LONDON SEWER COMMISSION

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The Sewer Commission's commitment is to provide proficient as well as cost effective service to its users. A long term replacement/rehabilitation program is in place and well funded. Each year major upgrades have been achieved without significant increases in the user fees due to this program. Pump stations and force main lines have been improved as well as numerous manholes throughout the system.

2003 started out as a very wet year with higher than average snowfall over the winter months and a rainy spring. The flow to the Sunapee Treatment Plant averaged out for the year, however, with the lack of rain or snow in the late fall and early winter. If you have a wet basement and are on the sewer, it is very important to not have sump pumps discharging into the sewer system because this action can increase the clean water flow to Sunapee, which increases our contribution significantly.

The Sunapee and New London Sewer Commission usually meet once a month with each other. This keeps the lines of communication open and active with concerns and issues that arise throughout the year. Issues that are beginning to face the Commission on a more pressing note are de-watering sludge and its removal from the Sunapee Plant. Discussions and debate regarding these issues are ongoing between the two Commissions.

The Town of New London is moving towards the implementation of a new computer program, which includes billing for the Sewer Commission. The next sewer bills, which will be issued in May of 2004, will reflect this change. We hope that this change and update will help the Commission better customize the bills.

The Sewer Commission continues to offer a meter program for outside water usage for gardening or lawn watering. It involves purchasing a second meter from the Commission and having it installed by a licensed plumber. The Sewer Commission has found in the past that extensive gardens and/or leaking toilets generally cause excessive water consumption, which can impact the user's bill considerably.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin F. Cook*, Chair

*Richard J. Birch*

*F. Augustus Seamans*

New London Sewer Commissioners



New London Historical Society photo

Concord Coach



## HEALTH OFFICER

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The year 2003 was another very busy year for the New London Health Department, as we continued training and preparation for possible bio-terrorism events and for natural threats to human health, such as SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), West Nile Virus and other emerging and reemerging human diseases.

Public Health constitutes not only those measures designed to prevent disease but also attempts to alleviate human suffering and ill health through the promotion of healthful living, good nutrition, safety practices, mental health and any measures contributing to the general welfare of the population. The State of New Hampshire for many years has been at best parsimonious in supporting the state public health establishment, and it has been primarily through the committed work of our state and volunteer public health professionals that New Hampshire has continued to be one of the healthiest states to live in. Most recently, the state administration took away \$20 million from the tobacco industry settlement funds dedicated to tobacco prevention programs and applied it to the State's funding deficit. If not for federal funding, our state would be unable to respond to the emergency demands placed on the public health system. Unfortunately, New Hampshire's political reality puts personal wealth ahead of the common good. With over 40 years of public service in health-related areas, including 25 years as the New London Health Officer, the present political climate in the State and nationally is the most inimical to the welfare of common citizens of any I have experienced in the last 50 years.

One of the historical threats to the public health and to the environment is the unsanitary disposal of human waste. To help insure the proper design of septic systems for sanitary waste disposal, your Health Officer witnesses all test pits in town, on which the design of septic systems and sub-division plans are based. The plans are reviewed by the Health Officer to insure that they utilize the actual observed soil conditions and meet other local sanitary regulations, and then by the state Department of Environmental Services to insure that state septic design regulations have been met. In 2003, 99 septic system plans were reviewed -- the most ever -- compared to 55 in 2002. Of these, 71 sets of plans were new and 28 were repeat reviews because of revised and amended plans or so-called "as-built plans," systems built slightly different from the original plans, usually by moving the septic tank or drainage field slightly as a result of factors encountered during construction. In the year 2003, approved plans included 36 for new home construction, 27 for replacement systems, 12 for house expansions or change from seasonal to full-time occupancy; three for subdivision plans; and of the replacement systems, two were for systems in failure. A total of 67 test pits were witnessed and recorded on 60 different home sites.

Smoking and the inhalation of other people's smoke remain the cause of the greatest number of preventable disease cases in New Hampshire and the world. I want to commend the North End Pub, which became smoke-free in 2003 and joined all of the other commendable town restaurants that are smoke-free (except one, a private club, and although it encourages non-smoking, it cannot become smoke-free without the vote of its members). We hope that this too will change and that all of New London's fine eating establishments will be smoke-free.

During 2003, several sick or dead crows were reported to the Health Officer. Two of these crows were recovered and were found to be positive for the West Nile Virus when tested by the State Public Health Laboratory. These were the first positive indications that the West Nile Virus infects the birds and mosquitoes in the New London area. Even though most people infected with the West Nile Virus do not experience serious illness -- some have flu-like symptoms, others have very mild or unnoticeable symptoms -- with a few, especially the elderly (of which New London has a high percentage), the disease can progress to a meningo-encephalitis with severe neurological damage and even death. For this reason it is proposed to conduct a mosquito control program in New London that will accomplish the following:

1. Procure the appropriate necessary permits for the town to conduct mosquito control measures;
2. Survey the town to delineate all mosquito breeding sites;
3. Collect mosquitoes in traps and test pools of those mosquitoes known to carry West Nile Virus to determine the disease threat throughout the mosquito season; and

4. Use bio-larvicides to reduce the number of mosquitoes and thereby the threat of human disease from mosquito transmission of the West Nile Virus. Larviciding with bacterial cultures infects and kills the mosquito larvae in the water without danger to human, animal, fish and other higher species.

The Town has contracted with Dragon Mosquito Control to undertake the application process, which takes 2-3 months, and the mosquito survey, using disease control funds from the 2003 budget. We now petition the citizens of New London to approve the petitioned warrant article to raise and appropriate \$24,000 to implement the rest of the mosquito control program. The town survey to delineate all mosquito-breeding sites will only have to be performed in the first year, at a cost of \$6000. The contractor gives the cost of larviciding as \$18,000. A yes vote on this article is solicited at Town Meeting so that this important mosquito control program can be completed.

In addition to a mosquito control program, everyone should take action to empty all mosquito breeding objects on their own properties by emptying and removing buckets, empty tin cans, old tires and any other places where water can collect. To protect against mosquito bites, personal protection with mosquito repellent containing DEET should be used. Remaining indoors early in the morning and in the evening will also minimize the opportunity for mosquitoes to bite.

The cooperation of New London residents in helping to maintain the health of all our townspeople is very much appreciated by your Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald F. Bent*, Ph.D. Health Officer

*Elizabeth Meller*, R.N., MSN, Deputy Health Officer

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## NEW LONDON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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The New London Hospital Auxiliary, whose purpose is to render service and financial support to the New London Hospital, turned over \$60,000 to the hospital in the past year. These dollars were designated, in part, to renovate and to buy equipment for the Therapy Room in the Clough Center.

As in the past, the most successful Auxiliary events were the spring and fall rummage sales, which alone netted \$28,057 for the hospital. The Auxiliary also successfully sponsored a cash raffle that guaranteed the hospital \$20,000 and the winner \$10,000, while the Auxiliary assumed expenses of over \$1,000. The Barn pillow rentals, the Easy Aces Bridge Tournament, the Tree of Lights, the Tina Cricenti Golf Tournament, the Festival of Trees as well as several Hospital Days booths each contributed significantly to a successful year. None of these events would have been possible without the work of many volunteers who donated countless hours and endless energy to these projects.

Due to the popularity of the rummage sales, the Rummage House volunteers requested an expansion to the Rummage House. Through the generosity of Habitat for Humanity, whose workers constructed an 18' x 20' addition, the Auxiliary was able to complete the construction for a total of only \$4,750. Without the support of Habitat for Humanity, this would not have been possible. The Auxiliary is also providing the financial support to enclose the dumpsters near the Rummage House with fencing that will improve the appearance of the area.

The Auxiliary distributed \$10,800 in scholarship money to graduating high school seniors interested in the field of health care and to hospital employees to further their education in health care related areas. The Auxiliary also offered financial aid to hospital employees whose children were enrolled in the ABC Child Care Center.

Respectfully submitted,

*Virginia Callahan*

President, 2003



## PLANNING BOARD

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Your Planning Board began the year 2003 by conducting public hearings on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for ballot vote at the 2003 Town Meeting. During the fall of 2002, the Planning Board worked diligently on several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that followed recommendations from the 1998 Master Plan and addressed issues encountered by the Selectmen's Office. The major initiatives approved by the voters in 2003 included: an impact fee ordinance; revisions to the Home Occupation/Home Business provisions to allow Home Occupations by right; and a provision giving the Planning Board the authority to require environmentally sound measures through the subdivision process for new lots created in the Shore Land Overlay District. The year ended as it began, with the Planning Board crafting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for ballot vote at the 2004 Town Meeting (see the orchid insert in this Town Report).

The Planning Board addressed a wide variety of current planning activities during the 20 meetings held over the past year. The bulk of the planning activity was spent reviewing site plans for a number of different projects including: the Ivey Science Center at Colby-Sawyer College, KCOA's new facilities, the Town Highway garage, an indoor riding arena, an interior decorating office & showroom, a church expansion, an excavation business, a parking lot, the Information Booth, and five home businesses.

In terms of subdivision activity in 2003, the Planning Board approved two major subdivisions & cluster developments totaling 21 additional lots and one other major subdivision creating five new lots. Additionally, the Planning Board approved three minor subdivisions of two lots each, as well as six annexations.

The Planning Board approved an update of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the 2004-2013 time period. Following the established practice, the Planning Board appointed a working Capital Improvement Program Committee to develop a draft of the CIP. This working 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 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, copies of which are available in the Selectmen's Office, was then submitted to the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen for their consideration in the budget process.

During the fall of 2004, the Planning Board began a new season of working on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The major initiative is a proposal for an accessory apartment ordinance which stems from a draft submitted by a subcommittee appointed by the Planning Board last year to study and make recommendations on the issue. The goal of the accessory apartment ordinance is to allow apartments within single-family homes to provide the community with options for small rental housing units. These apartments will help improve New London's inventory of affordable housing without significantly altering the rural character of the community or compromising the Master Plan's density recommendations. It is hoped that this type of housing will provide alternative housing options for the elderly, young adults, and small families. The other zoning amendments this year are primarily housekeeping in nature, with the intent of adding further clarity to the ordinance.

The Planning Board continues to be pleased with the dependable and committed service provided by the staff including Jessie Levine, Town Administrator; Peter Stanley, Zoning Administrator; Judy Condict, Secretary; and Ken McWilliams, Town Planner. As always, the Planning Board is very thankful for the effort expended by the many people who assisted the Planning Board in its activities throughout the year. Your participation, inquiries and insights are invaluable and most appreciated. The Planning Board generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 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

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment met 14 times during the year 2003. The following report reflects a summary of the cases heard.

### FEBRUARY 10, 2003

John and Jennifer Norris requested relief from the provisions of Article XIII, G Wetland Buffers by Special Exception as provided under Article XIII, E.4 of the New London Zoning Regulations. This property is located at 16 Stoney Brook Road (Tax Map 137-003-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

Clayton Platt represented Jamie Gould for a Special Exception as provided by Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations for a driveway crossing for two wetland areas to install 18" culverts for a driveway to access the upland house site. The total area to be impacted was 439 sq. ft. This property is located on Hominy Pot Road at the Sutton town line (Tax Map 132-003-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Old Hampshire Designs represented Jay and Gabi Wilson for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations for a temporary crossing of wetlands to allow construction equipment to access and build a leach field. This property is located at 3 Sunset Shores (Tax Map 103-025-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

Jesseman, Gallant & Associates, P.C. represented Colby-Sawyer College for a Variance to the terms of Article II General Provisions, Section 5 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants planned to construct a science center that exceeded the maximum height permitted by the ordinance. This property is located at 100 Main Street (Tax Map 085-033-000) in the Institutional district. **Granted**

### FEBRUARY 17, 2003

Blakeman Engineering, Inc. represented John and Michaela McSheffrey for a Special Exception as provided by Article XIII, Sections E.1 and E.3 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants wished to cross a jurisdictional wetland and stream with gravel access and pump line to reach a leaching area. They also wanted to construct a leaching area 36' from a wetland when the requirement is a 75' setback. Their property is located off of Route 103A (Tax Maps 103-017-000 and 103-020-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Blakeman Engineering, Inc. represented Harry M. Snow III for a Special Exception as provided by Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations to cross a wetland with a gravel access road to reach a wastewater treatment area that will serve a 15-lot subdivision. This property is located off of Route 11 (Tax Maps 055-011-000, 055-012-000 and 055-014-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Blakeman Engineering, Inc. represented Forest Pines, LLC for a Special Exception as provided by Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicant wished to cross a wetland with a road and utilities to access the upland remainder of property for Phase III of Great Pines subdivision. This property is located on Spruce Lane off of Newport Road (Tax Map 058-027-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted**

### MARCH 24, 2003

John M. Barnes requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section A-1 to allow the property to have two single-family dwellings in separate buildings, so the separate cottage could be rented. This property is located at 31 Burpee Lane (Tax Map 096-023-000) in the R-1 zone. **Denied**

Estate of Laura E. Homan, Laura M. Dow, Executrix for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section B.3 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicant wanted to annex a .61 acre parcel to the abutting property of Julia Dow (Tax Map 072-031-000) leaving 45.77' of road frontage instead of the required 100' road frontage. This annexation would reduce the total amount of road frontage from 95.77' to 45.77' thus making this non-conforming lot more non-conforming. This property is located between Homan Lane, Parkside Road and Everett Park (Tax Map 072-032-000) in the R-1 zone. The Board determined that the removal of the frontage on

Homan Lane did not make this lot more non-conforming as this frontage was not contiguous to the frontage on Parkside Road and, thus did not require a variance. Therefore, the issue was referred back to the Planning Board.

#### **APRIL 21, 2003**

Robert and Marie-France Bunting for a Variance to the terms of Article XX, Section B.3.b of the New London Zoning Regulations to replace the currently deteriorated shed with an improved structure on the same footprint. This property is located at 24 Murray Pond Road (Tax Map 045-006-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted**

Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Community Center for a Special Exception as provided under the terms of Article XXI, Section G.4.a of the New London Zoning Regulations to have a community center in the R-1 district. This property is presently owned by New London Hospital and is located on Parkside Road (Tax Map 072-005-000) in the R1 zone. **Denied**

Susan Moseley requested relief from the provisions of Article XIII, G Wetland Buffers by Special Exception as provided under Article XIII, E.4 of the New London Zoning Regulations. She wished to remove the present garage/shed and an existing addition and replace them with a two-car garage with living quarters above. Due to wetlands on the property and the fact that the wetlands fall under the Streams Overlay ordinance, a 100-foot buffer was required. The 100-foot buffer encompassed the majority of the property thus requiring the Special Exception. This property is located at 508 Little Sunapee Road (Tax Map 033-025-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

#### **JUNE 10, 2003**

Paul Mustone for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.1 and Article XX, Section B.2.b to demolish the present cottage and build a new home. The new home would be 4.2 feet from the southeast side yard setback and 20 feet from the northwest side yard setback. This new structure would be more non-conforming than the present non-conforming structure as the side yard requirement is an aggregate of 50 feet with no less than 20 feet on the nearest side. At the time of this hearing, the property was owned by Robert and Dorothy Lull and is located at 9 Barton Way (Tax Map 064-013-000) in the R2 zone. **Denied**

#### **JUNE 16, 2004**

William and Malora Gundy for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement on property located at 618 Main Street (Tax Map 096-007-000) in the R1 zone. The applicants wished to retain an existing deck (created in 1998 by the previous owner) which was built in the 25' setback. **Granted**

Cricenti's Market, Inc for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10.g.(1) (a) of the New London Zoning Regulations to erect signs that exceeded the allowable size limit in the Commercial Zone. This property is located at 295 Newport Road (Tax Map 059-008-000). **Granted**

Bristol, Sweet & Assoc., Inc. represented James Bolger for a Special Exception per Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations to cross wetlands with driveways on two lots in this five-lot subdivision. This property is located off of Main Street (Tax Map 096-015-001) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Bristol, Sweet & Assoc., Inc. represented The Seasons Condominiums for a Special Exception per Article XIII, Section E.3 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants required a maintenance dredge (removal of cattails and sediment) from a pond located on association property as allowed by Special Exception. This property is located on a private road off of Country Club Lane (Tax Map 146-002-001) in the ARR zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

#### **JUNE 30, 2003**

Scott P. & Carolyn A. Ellison for an Appeal of an Administrative Decision. The applicants wished to appeal the Cease and Desist Order issued by the Board of Selectmen dated May 19, 2003. The applicants wanted to continue the use of this property for agricultural purposes and maintenance and storage of natural raw material



for use on and off the site located at the intersections of Forest Acres Road and County Road (Tax Map 105-010-000) in the R-2 Zone. Continued to July 21, 2003. **Approved** with stipulations.

Scott P. and Carolyn A. Ellison for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section A to be allowed to use their property for agricultural purposes and the maintenance and storage of natural raw materials for use on and off site. This property is located at the intersections of Forest Acres Road and County Road (Tax Map 105-010-000) in the R-2 Zone. **Denied**

#### **JULY 21, 2004**

Douglas Carroll for a Variance to the terms of Article VI, Section C.2 and Article XX, Section B.3.b of the New London Zoning Regulations to demolish an existing shed, replace it with a larger building (24'x 24') and attach the new building to another existing, non-conforming building. All three of the buildings at issue fall within the 25' front yard setback. This property is located at 463 Burpee Hill Road (Tax Map 070-010-000) in the ARR zone. **Denied**

#### **AUGUST 4, 2003**

Blakeman Engineering, Inc. represented Harold Buker 1996 Revocable Trust for a Special Exception to the terms Article XIII, Section E.4.a of the New London Zoning Ordinance for a reduction of the wetland buffer from 200' to 50'. This property is located on Wilder Lane (Tax Map 112-002-000) in the Conservation Zone. **Granted**

Blakeman Engineering, Inc. represented the Harold Buker 1996 Revocable Trust for a Special Exception to the terms Article XIII, Section E.4.a of the New London Zoning Ordinance for a reduction of the wetland buffer from 200' to 100'. This property is located on Wilder Lane (Tax Map 112-006-000 & 112-009-000) in the Conservation Zone. **Granted**

#### **SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

TQM Real Estate LLC d.b.a Jake's Market & Deli for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10.g.(1) (a) of the New London Zoning Regulations to allow the owner to install signs that exceed the allowable size limit in the Commercial Zone. This property is located at 220 Newport Road (Tax Map 059-026-000). **Denied**

#### **SEPTEMBER 29, 2003**

Jay & Gabi Wilson for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations to realign the road to reduce the curve and improve sight distance and drainage, which required crossing a wetland. This property is located at 89 Sunset Shores (Tax Map 103-025-000) in the R2 zone. **Denied**

Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church for an expansion of the Special Exception granted in 1986 to allow the applicants to add additional classroom and administrative space due to their growing congregation. The Special Exception dealt with Article XXI, Section G.4.g of the New London Zoning Regulations. This property is located at 82 Old King Hill Road, (Tax Map 122-019-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Lakeside Lodge, Inc. (located off of Route 103A (Tax Map 080-005-000 and 080-006-000)). Due to the ruling of the New Hampshire Superior Court, this hearing was held by the New London Zoning Board of Adjustment as a continuation of the Lakeside Lodge, Inc. non-conforming use issue. Continued to October 20, 2003.

#### **OCTOBER 20, 2003**

Lakeside Lodge, Inc., continued from September 29, 2003. The Zoning Board of Adjustment reconfirmed their decision of December 30, 2002 that a non-conforming use did exist at this property prior to the posting of the Shoreland Overlay District in 1991.



## DECEMBER 8, 2003

Elizabeth and William Oberg for a Variance to the terms of Article VI, Section C.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants wished to demolish an old shed and erect a new, two-car garage within the 50' front yard setback on property is located at 466 Otterville Road (Tax Map 042-007-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted**

Jay & Gabi Wilson to appeal the Zoning Board's September 29, 2003 denial for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1. The applicants wished to realign the road to reduce the curve and improve sight distance and drainage, which requires crossing a wetland. This property is located at 3 Sunset Shores (Tax Map 103-025-000) in the R2 zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

## DECEMBER 15, 2003

Ken Sutherland d.b.a. King Forest Industries, Inc. represented Arthur and Catherine Greene for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants wished to create two temporary wetland crossings for tree harvesting. This property is located at 71 Mountain Road (Tax Map 100-003-000 and 100-003-000) in the Conservation Zone. **Granted**

Nancy and Christopher Tatum for a Variance to the terms of Article XX, Section B.3.b of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicants planned to substantially improve a non-conforming structure, which did not meet the 50' front yard setback. This property is located at 493 Burpee Hill Road (Tax Map 070-012-000) in the ARR zone. **Granted** with stipulations.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lawrence Ballin*, Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment

## JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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In 2003, the Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) completed its 9<sup>th</sup> year of service to the town. The JLMC is composed of members from each of the major town departments in both management and non-management positions. The members in 2003 were:

Robert Andrews, Recreation

Douglas Gay, Sewer

Raymond Heath, Library

Richard Lee, Highway

Jay Lyon, Fire

Amy Rankins, Administration

David Seastrand, Police

Jessie Levine, ex officio

The purpose of the JLMC is to assure a safe work environment for all town employees through adequate safety training, reviewing accident reports, making recommendations for safety improvements, and conducting building inspections. We are again proud to report that New London's employees only had nine reportable safety incidents this year and that new safety equipment was acquired in most departments.

Again, the JLMC would like to give a big "thumbs up" to all of New London's employees for making 2003 a standout year safety-wise!

Respectfully submitted,

*Raymond Heath*

Chair

## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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The UVLSRPC is a not-for-profit association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We provide a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together in the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area to work together on issues of common concern. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in the UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as decision-making at the state level in both states that affect the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2003, we completed work on both a new Regional Transportation Plan and new Economic Development element for the Regional Plan, as well as updates on Population Trends and Natural & Scenic Resources. In other activities, we:

- Worked with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and residential development in the Upper Valley.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including emergency management equipment, village highway corridor redesign, recreation facilities and transportation system enhancements.
- Completed incorporation of Grafton County communities in North Country Economic Development District for federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant eligibility; obtained EDA approval of East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation and others to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and began work with Western Regional Development Corporation on CEDS for Sullivan County. Continued to support tourism organizations in the Region.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Provided technical assistance to local committees addressing a number of issues such as affordable housing, interstate interchange area development, open space, capital improvements programming, downtown revitalization, sewers, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Developed guidelines for balancing state highway needs with those of a downtown village area utilizing a concept plan for Charlestown as a case study.
- Facilitated Upper Valley Conservation Network and provided technical assistance to Upper Valley Trackers.
- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold, Mascoma and Ottauquechee Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized five hazardous waste collections that gave 1,170 households a way to keep approximately 13,100 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste.
- Conducted 911 re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 4 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete several more in the coming year, including all 3 Vermont towns; and facilitated well-integrated emergency planning within the core Upper Valley communities.
- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 50 in Vermont and RSA 36:56 in New Hampshire.



- Collected traffic data in 24 communities, and completed road inventory in five, to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Developed plans for Upper Valley traffic model to increase ability to predict and avoid traffic increases. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to involve area employees in programs to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to 5 communities to review subdivision and site plan application for compliance with local regulations.
- Held several informational and training sessions for local officials on land use planning issues (including siting wind power facilities, how to avoid sprawl, and programs available to keep historic villages healthy), natural resource protection issues (including stormwater management and Vermont's new septic rules), and board member skills (including fostering productive citizen participation in the planning and development review processes). Facilitated discussions on future plans of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth College, and the Mt. Sunapee Ski area, and potential impacts on growth-related factors such as housing and traffic in the region.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., application of NH Shoreland Protection Act, policies on unmaintained roads, management of excavations, implementation of floodplain ordinances, capital improvement programming and impact fees, road acceptance policies, coordination of review of applications among various local boards, regulation of telecommunications facilities, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature and sample regulations; continued to incorporate 2000 Census information into digital regional socioeconomic database as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners each community appoints, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. In addition, this year we have established a new committee to enhance the exchange of information with member communities. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or [info@uvlsrc.org](mailto:info@uvlsrc.org) to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tara E. Bamford*

Executive Director



## INFORMATION BOOTH

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2003 flew by and here we are again in March! The Information Booth is such a fun place to work. I get to meet some wonderful people, chat, answer questions, send people off to fun and interesting places and events, and sometimes I even get work done!

It was another hectic year for the New London-Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce, which operates the New London Information Booth. Roughly 2,850 people requested information about our area in 2003, and more than 1,500 of those people entered the Information Booth between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. Along with the typical requests were a few out of the ordinary, including one that ended very happily: an elderly gentleman came to town with his wife. They were on their way home from a trip and decided to detour to find a friend who had moved here a few months before. They had not seen this person for several years and were looking forward to finding her. The problem: they didn't bring the woman's address. She was living in an assisted living facility and had not lived here long enough to be listed in the telephone book. After a few phone calls, we found the friend and they had a reunion lunch.

Now, to the many people who think the Information Booth is only for visitors, I have only one thing to say: New London town maps! "I've lived here for 20 years and they changed the road names and I can't find anything!" "I have a package to deliver and I can't find the house." I heard it over and over this summer and was happy to be able to give out new maps to people "yard-saling," to delivery guys, and to town residents who just couldn't find their way around anymore.

Several people came in last summer and said, "I've lived here for years and I've never been in here before. You've got a lot of stuff. I'll be back." And we fielded calls from people who were looking for the telephone number of a business: "I know what they sell and I know where they're located. I go there all the time, I just can't remember the name."

In 2003, we also served local residents, area organizations and the Town by (among other things):

- Selling tickets to the KAT Co., Rotary BBQ and Summer Music Associates concerts. (FYI: the Information Booth had considerably more than half the total ticket sales for the Columbus Day Weekend sell-out performance of the Naval Academy Glee Club. The SMA treasurer said, "I consider the Information Booth and its staff an essential part of the SMA operation.")
- Selling Conservation Commission trail maps
- Providing summer concert schedules, times for church services, Transfer Station hours and 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
- Providing lodging information to residents who have guests coming but can't put them up in their homes

While the Town of New London contributes toward summer staffing of the Information Booth, membership dollars are our main source of funding. We hold a few fundraisers each year, including ChocolateFest in March, the Black Fly Open golf tournament in May, and the Reindeer Run 5K road race in December. This year, we collaborated with the Sunapee PTO to sponsor the ChowderFest in Sunapee Harbor and sold out of 2,500 tickets in less than two hours! We'll do it again on September 12, 2004, so mark your calendars and get ready to eat LOTS of chowder.

We sponsor annual events for the community, including the Santa parade and photos with Santa, the Button Walk to raise money for the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association's Well Child Program, and a Red Cross Bloodmobile each spring. At Christmas, our volunteers decorate the Information Booth, and it is the Chamber that handles the purchase of the wreaths and coordinates their hanging on the telephone poles.

The Chamber has received town approval to build a new Information Booth on the same site. It would be the same width but would be much deeper and would have a handicap-accessible restroom. This would allow us to remain open year-round, which might mean weekend staffing in the winter, at least on a few of the major holiday weekends.

Again this year we were privileged to receive grant money from the state Department of Travel & Tourism to publicize our region to potential visitors. New Hampshire hosted more than 27 million visitors in fiscal year 2002, and direct spending by visitors that year reached \$3.73 billion. Traveler spending in FY2002 supported 67,055 direct full-time and part-time jobs. Over \$112 million in rooms & meals revenue during calendar year 2001 came from visitors to New Hampshire. This represents 70% of all rooms & meals receipts. While we certainly don't want 27 million visitors here (some people don't even want 27), our local economy surely benefits from tourism dollars, and the Information Booth is an integral part of that.

If your organization is planning an event for any time of the year, please contact the Chamber office to get the event 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 8:00 AM on the first Tuesday of each month at alternating locations. If you are interested in joining the Chamber or attending a meeting, please contact me for more information (phone: 603-526-6575; e-mail: [chamberinfo@nhvt.net](mailto:chamberinfo@nhvt.net); website: [www.lakesunapeenh.org](http://www.lakesunapeenh.org)).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lorie McClory*  
Information Director



Photo by Joan Lamson

Peter Messer drives the wagon at New London Historical Society, October 2003.



## KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

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Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed programs and services for area citizens over the age of 55 and for adults of any age, who, through disability, may need assistance. COA's service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. With the exception of day and overnight trips, COA charges no program or activity fees and provides free membership to all who are eligible. As of December 2003, COA had approximately 1700 members.

When the year 2003 began, COA was in the early stages of a Building Fund Campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to buy the attractive 4,800 sq. ft. office building at 37 Pleasant Street in the center of New London. It is a pleasure to report that COA was able to purchase this building outright in October. After skilled and dedicated volunteers made the internal changes needed to provide the open spaces required for many of COA'S programs, the building was opened as COA'S regional headquarters and main activities center on December 1. To date, donations to the Building Fund total just over \$800,000. Besides providing the funds to purchase the building, the great generosity of our donors has allowed COA to pay all campaign expenses and to establish an endowment for building maintenance.

With the extra 2000 sq. ft. our new quarters give us and the work of running a capital campaign behind us, COA will devote 2004 to improving existing programs and establishing new ones. In some cases, activities that required more space than we had in older quarters will be moved to our spacious new building.

Our current programs continue to be well attended. The Computer Workshop in shiny new quarters continues to be very active. The Outdoor Recreation for Seniors (ORFS) continues winter and summer to give 70 or so seniors a chance to enjoy the outdoors and the companionship of each other. The weekly get-togethers for bridge, scrabble, cribbage, chess and other games keep our building full Monday through Friday.

What many of us consider our most important service -- providing free door to door transportation -- continues to be well utilized. This service enriches the lives of many seniors who use it and is indeed critical to some as it provides the only means to get to Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for such vital treatments as dialysis, radiation and chemotherapy. We thank our volunteer drivers who make this service possible.

When we look back in ten years, I believe that the acquisition of our new quarters in 2003 will be remembered as a most significant event in securing COA'S place in performing its mission of enriching the lives of area seniors. Our heartfelt thanks go to all those whose generosity made our new building a reality.

COA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town administration supports its work. COA would also like to acknowledge all of the individuals, businesses, civic organizations and foundations that respond so generously to COA'S annual appeal for operating funds. COA considers it a privilege to serve all of its communities and thanks everyone for the generosity that allows COA to continue its work.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roger Zanes*

Chairman







## NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

*Capable. Caring. Close.*

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### **To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends:**

New London Hospital (NLH) began its new fiscal year on October 1, 2003 with a stable outlook, looking at a very different future than it finished with in 2002. The fiscal year that ended on September 30 finished with a loss from operations of \$2.7 million, significantly less than prior year losses. Total losses from operations for the second six months of the fiscal year were \$589,000 as compared to the \$2.1 million losses in the first half of the year. This is a major turnaround for NLH and reflects a lot of hard work on the part of physicians and staff who committed themselves to implementing the financial improvement plan approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2002.

Part of that plan included earning the designation as a Critical Access Hospital, which meant improved reimbursement from Medicare, and an innovative collaborative management agreement with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center that brought a new President and CEO to the hospital. Some additional positive signs that NLH is looking at a very different future include:

- We successfully recruited three new primary care physicians and a nurse practitioner. All of our primary care provider positions are filled and most are accepting new patients.
- The staff of the ambulance and emergency department worked together for weeks to analyze the efficiency and the expenses in emergency services and proposed new staffing models and schedules to reduce costs and maintain the same high level of patient care.
- We have presented to towns served by our ambulance a request for town support in order to offset the hospital operating loss of \$300,000 for this service, with a positive reception that we hope will be sustained as each town votes on its budget for this year.
- Improvements in reimbursement from Anthem and Cigna were achieved by restructuring our contracts.
- Four of the five goals of the Financial Improvement Plan are on track and the fifth initiative, reducing operating losses in our long-term extended care Clough Center, is making progress.
- Due to extraordinary community support, NLH exceeded its Annual Fund goal by 27%, a vote of confidence from individuals, corporations, businesses, civic organizations, matching gift companies, foundations and estates. Hospital Days brought thousands of residents and visitors to the New London Green over three days, and raised over \$40,000 to renovate the Medical-Surgical unit of the hospital.
- NLH continued to provide community services, education and subsidized health services to the communities it serves. Our charity care alone for FY2003 in healthcare services for those who could not afford to pay was \$665,000.

As New London Hospital enters its 87<sup>th</sup> year, we are very aware of its importance as a health resource to the community and we are committed to sustaining this resource. We know that we have many challenges to face in 2004 and we will continue the work that has seen positive results to ensure that New London Hospital will continue to provide quality patient care for years to come.

*Bruce P. King*  
President and CEO

*Timothy Wolfe, MD*  
Medical Staff President

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

## LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

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One of the most important roles of the Board and staff of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association this year was to advocate for the people for whom we provide care. This advocacy took many forms. We communicated regularly with your Representatives and Senators in Washington, D. C. to let them know that the reductions in Medicare payments were adversely affecting access to care for the seniors in our communities. We let them know that the most frail elderly in our communities should not have to pay a co-payment for Medicare home health services when they already pay hospital and physician co-payments. We let them know that seniors should not have to choose between food or prescription drugs or health care.

At the state level, we let the Governor and the legislature know that chronically ill and disabled residents in New Hampshire should not be forced to be on a waiting list to receive home care. If we are to keep people at home rather than in an institution, home health must be reimbursed adequately.

At Lake Sunapee Region VNA we examined our processes and staffing monthly to adapt to the current health care environment and still provide the quality of care and achieve the positive patient results you have come to expect of us. Six years ago average reimbursement for a Medicare patient was \$7900; today it is \$2400. Actions taken included reducing management staff and other operating expenses, and finding best practices to achieve increased clinical efficiency. Support from individuals, businesses, United Way and town support was critical to our programs this year. We are grateful for that support.

Our state of the art technology allowed us to dispatch our nursing resources when needed by our patients. Daily monitoring gave important assessment information to the professional staff enabling us to reduce *unnecessary* trips for emergent care and hospitalization by 60 percent, keeping patients and their families together at home where they want to be.

We continued to expand our pediatric program with our School Nurse Health Initiative. The goal of this program is to work with school nurses to keep children with chronic illnesses in school and learning, to educate the child and family about the illness and to link the family with community resources that will help that child and family cope.

Hospice developed a palliative care program this year for patients who are not yet ready or appropriate for Hospice care but who can benefit from the strong team approach and from the support services as they deal with a life-threatening illness.

We developed a package of services, *Assisted Living at Home*, that includes medication management, personal care support morning and evening, hair care, home massage and other services designed for the patient who does not need skilled care, but who needs supportive care in order to remain independent at home.

Our commitment to community service projects and charity care on behalf of residents in your town included home visits, screening clinics, immunization clinics, health fairs, support groups, community newsletters and other activities designed to promote wellness and prevent disease. For details, our Community Benefits report is available in our office.

This year 2123 residents of the Town of New London utilized many of the services available through Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Our home care programs provided 3363 visits and our hospice program 1762 visits to adults and children in New London. Our Long-Term Care program provided 14,055 hours of care and 102 residents were monitored through our telemedicine program.

Again, thank you for your support. The strength of our community lies in working together.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Steel*

President and CEO



## UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year. Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H clubs, camps and other programs for children and teens, nutrition counseling for low income families, strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

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

Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces weekly radio spots on 107.7 FM, which offer information to residents throughout the station's listening area. UNH Cooperative Extension's Community Profiles process works with community groups to create a vision for their community's future and form action groups to reach those goals. To date, seven Merrimack County towns have participated in a Community Profile.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy Fleury*

County Office Administrator

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

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Over the past 26 years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large. As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for this combination allows the Kearsarge Valley CAP to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs that meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish 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,

*Barbara Chellis*

Area Director, Kearsarge Valley Area Center



## 2003 BIRTHS

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents' Names</b>
February 3, 2003	Sophia Elizabeth Snaith	Richard & Katherine Snaith
February 4, 2003	Elizabeth Taft Camp	Nathan & Elizabeth Camp
February 11, 2003	Isabelle Grace Wulff	John & Margaret Wulff
February 15, 2003	Katherine Alice McKelvy	Douglas & Barbara McKelvy
February 23, 2003	Daniel Parker Frost	Hildreth & Jennifer Frost
March 19, 2003	Dylan Joseph Steward	Charles & Kellie-Ann Steward
March 24, 2003	Robin Elizabeth Cottrill	Thomas & Martha Cottrill
April 21, 2003	Evan Alexander Pauling	Brian & Laura Pauling
April 23, 2003	Nathan Pui-Tak Bin	Patrick Bin & Lysiane Lai
May 9, 2003	Lucas Avery Carey	Brian & Danielle Carey
May 16, 2003	Caleb Micah Drexler	Micah & Cara Drexler
May 25, 2003	Joshua Alexander Mackenzie	Brian & Linda Mackenzie
July 11, 2003	Meghan Constance Kimtis	Donald & Elizabeth Kimtis
August 22, 2003	Hannah Grace Wilson	James & Sarah Wilson
September 22, 2003	Elizabeth Henri Angus	Peter & Allison Angus
September 28, 2003	Kyle Frost Goodwin	Scott & Jennifer Goodwin
October 15, 2003	Joshua Adam Reed	Mark & Donna Reed
December 1, 2003	Jonathan Edward Doheny	Michael & Diana Doheny
December 6, 2003	Joshua Michael Hagman	Douglas & Kristen Hagman
December 17, 2003	Savannah Ann Nestler	Paul & Cheryl Nestler
December 23, 2003	Nathan David Phipps	Darren & Susan Phipps

## KEARSARGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 2003 NEW LONDON GRADUATES

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David Armantrout  
 Tiffany A. Barnes  
 Jason Barton  
 Adelina Bauger  
 Rebecca Bride  
 Christopher Broom  
 Andrew Brown  
 Shelby Caisse  
 Veronica Canuto  
 Megan Feingold  
 Blake Hansen  
 Megan Hansen  
 Tucker D. Homan

Josselyn Howard  
 Caroline Hutchens  
 Travis Jennison  
 Andrew Johnson  
 Kara Kiely  
 Christopher LeBlanc  
 Brett Mills  
 Bridget Mulkerron  
 Thomas Reed  
 Randall (Deke) Smith  
 Jonathan Trainor  
 Leigh Waterbury  
 Brooke Wobbe  
 Stephanie Young

## 2003 MARRIAGES

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom's Name/Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name/Residence</b>
03/21/03	Norman H. Nicholson New London	Tatiana S. Figueiredo New London
04/05/03	Patrick J. Maguire New London	Joanne C. Ethier Haverhill, MA
05/23/03	Patrick C. Bin Elkins, NH	Lysiane S. Lai Elkins, NH
05/24/03	Caleb H. Godwin New London	Heidi M. Hayward Croydon
06/07/03	William A. Krivsky New London	Barbara M. Herbert New London
06/28/03	Christopher L. Clapp New London	Ashley T. Dwinell New London
06/28/03	Peter A. Vedova Medford, MA	Mary K. Meller New London
07/28/03	Robert M. Moose Charleston, SC	Cynthia K. Voss New London
08/22/03	Theodore J. Bilodeau New London	Catherine L. Tuxbury New London
08/23/03	Douglas S. Fraize New London	Rosemarie A. Bernard New London
09/05/03	Sean P. Donahue New London	Shannon M. Chase Weare, NH
09/25/03	Michael D. Nagle New London	Megan R. Sebring New London
10/04/03	Matthew D. Hoyt New London	Lana S. Sakelarios Goffstown, NH
10/04/03	William C. Wagner New London	Katrina R. Byers New London
10/11/03	William H. Campbell New London	Patricia A. Martick New London
11/22/03	Robert N. Robie Concord, NH	Florence Wiltshire New London
12/27/03	Pierre J. Bedard Wilmot, NH	Ann S. Beardsley New London

## 2003 DEATHS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
January 18, 2003	Vesta M. Freeman	Henry Freeman	Melissa Misk
January 27, 2003	Elizabeth J Kleinfelter	Ewen Macphee	Margaret Mackenzie
February 5, 2003	George A. Sanborn	Hugh Sanborn	Bessie Andrews
February 8, 2003	Robert F. Black	Frank Black	Maude Plummer
February 11, 2003	Alexander Murchie	Alexander Murchie	Gladys Hammond
February 13, 2003	Mary H. Ladouceur	Joseph Thomas	Emilie Lafontaine
February 25, 2003	Marilyn J. Dow	Oscar Colburn	Helen Carter
February 28, 2002	Richard F. Pomeroy	William Pomeroy	Mabel Kenneson
March 5, 2003	Susanne A. Foote	Alexander Andrews	Sally Crawley
March 5, 2003	Thomas Wistar	Thomas Wistar	Mary Starin
March 17, 2003	Floyd L. Avery	Leigh Avery	Mary Smith
March 22, 2003	Lois H. McCarthy	Lancelot Howard	Jesse Kaiser
April 7, 2003	Thomas E. Dempsey	Earl Dempsey	Margaret Meighen
April 15, 2003	Margaret B. Ryan	William Bree	Ella Unknown
April 22, 2003	James S. Barker	Williston Barker	Gertrude Sherman
May 21, 2003	Faith Williams	Alfred Rumer	Anna Hodge
May 23, 2003	Helen A. Hodges	William Messer	Helen Stetson
June 8, 2003	Esther O. Lofquist	Adolph Olson	Elizabeth Wiberg
June 10, 2003	Thomas G. Nelson	Charles Nelson	Mary Riordan
June 11, 2003	Estrid Cosgrove	Andres Jonassen	Johanne Mouritcen
June 15, 2003	David A. Macnicoll	Edwin Macnicoll	Emily Reven
June 22, 2003	William W. Broadbent	Wallace Broadbent	Maude Gardiner
June 27, 2003	Stephen H. Wolfe	Harry Wolfe	Elizabeth Yoder
June 29, 2003	Robert S. Messer	Charles Messer	Clara Yerxa
July 2, 2003	Dorothy M. York	Arthur York	Anne Gallagher
July 10, 2003	Samuel F. Davis	Samuel Davis	Wanda Fisher
July 11, 2003	Ralph B. Fifield	Ralph Fifield	Marion Axtell
July 12, 2003	Nancy E. Swett	Harry Cole	Mabel Mott
July 15, 2003	Pearl S. Blanchette	Adna Stoddard	Jennie Wing
August 8, 2003	Edward M. Spavin	Edward Spavin	Jennie Walker
August 31, 2003	Claudia J. Galluzzo	Dewey Mollomo	Alice Cusick
September 26, 2003	John A. Canton	John Canton	Florence Mcginn
October 6, 2003	Alberta Avery	Fred Gilman	Alice Stickney
October 16, 2003	Barbro S. Wickstrom	Josef Andersson	Margaret Hansson
October 18, 2003	Abram B. Snively	Abram Snively	Eva Own



## 2003 DEATHS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
October 24, 2003	Elizabeth G. McSwiney	J. Ralph Graham	Margaret Brownell
October 24, 2003	Lena V. Brooks	Roy Warren	Mabel Mann
October 28, 2003	Francis A. Husarik	Frank Husarik	Anna Christoph
October 30, 2003	Mary H. Roberts	Karl Hogleund	Hilda Anderson
October 30, 2003	Wilbur F. Eldridge	Rupert Israel	Laura Howie
November 12, 2003	Harold F. Jennison	Harold Jennison	Sarah Gillmore
December 1, 2003	James M. McCorgray	James McCorgray	Jeannette Laurie
December 11, 2003	Helen E. Dietrich	Peter Dyt	Annie Fay
December 12, 2003	Donald A. York	Arthur York	Anne Gallagher
December 18, 2003	Waldo S. Woodward	Sumner Woodward	Nellie Boyd



*Photo by Patty Zimmerman*

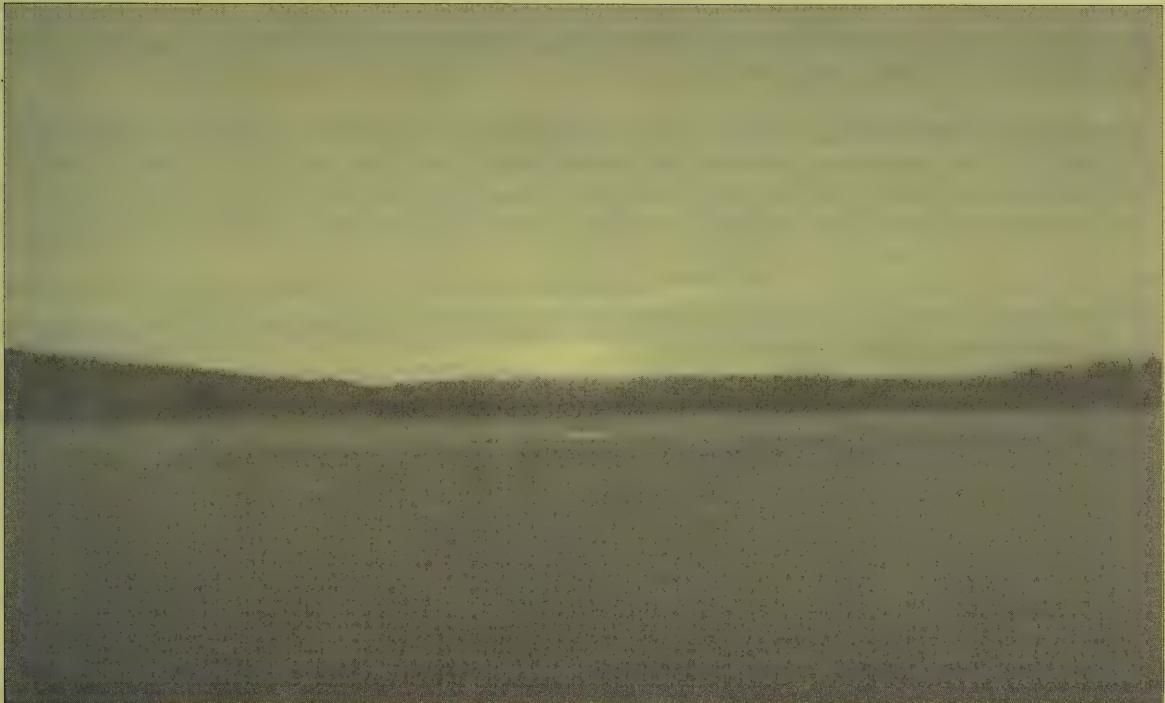






# **NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**



**Sunset at Colby Point**

**FOUNDED 1925**

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

## Report to the Voters – 2003

The Annual meeting of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in March of 2003 saw the election of Richard L. Bott Jr. as water commissioner for a three-year term. Also elected on the same ballot were Nancy D. Fifield as Treasurer/ Clerk and Cotton Cleveland as Moderator, both for one-year terms. All articles set forth on the Warrant were passed including: the proposed budget, the purchase of a new trench box and trailer, the purchase of a new tractor and funding to start the new building addition.

The Board of Commissioners approved eleven applications for residential water service as well as three commercial applications for developments, Colby-Sawyer College, Jake's Market and New London Highway Dept.

It was a busy year for the Precinct. Early spring saw the completion of the pole shed and continued hydrant replacements. Robert Thorp, Roderic Reyelt and Tim Bianchi replaced four hydrants, three of which required installation of gate valves. A new underground hydrant was installed at Pressey Court to facilitate flushing. The precinct personnel were busy with routine maintenance and repairs, as well as responding to four water leaks. Preventative electrical maintenance was performed at the Colby Point pump station and one well pump was replaced in the well field.

This year the Precinct purchased a trench box and trailer, this was necessary for safety when digging and is required by OSHA. Another much needed item, a small bucket tractor was purchased to allow the Precinct to keep easements cleared as well as aid in routine maintenance. The Precinct is in the process of acquiring land and reviewing plans for the new building project, with construction anticipated in the spring of 2004.

The Board of Commissioners would again like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that water, like all other resource should be conserved. The Precinct has developed an information sheet for your use on water conservation, available at the Precinct Office.

The Board of Commissioners extends their appreciation to the voters for the opportunity to serve the Precinct, and look forward to continuing service in 2004. Thank You.

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

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

**Towns of New London and Springfield, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in the counties of Merrimack and Sullivan, respectively, qualified to vote in Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Whipple Hall in New London, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 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:

	<b>Approved Budget 2003</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2004</b>
Salaries, Benefits, Taxes	161,000	183,000
Maintenance	28,000	25,000
Utilities	35,000	37,500
Supplies	21,000	21,000
Insurance	7,300	8,850
Administration	6,500	6,500
Accounting Expense	3,000	3,500
Legal Expense	2,000	2,000
Election/Annual Meeting	1,600	1,600
Engineering Review	1,500	1,500
Equipment (Capitalized)	4,000	2,500
Contingency	1,000	1,000
Interest (Short Term)	1,000	1,000
Interest (Long Term)	23,000	7,675
Principal (Long Term)	244,000	209,112
Lease Expense	12,500	12,500
	<u>\$548,400</u>	<u>\$ 524,237</u>



**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) for the purpose of designing a water storage tank and authorize the use in that amount of December 31 fund balance for this purpose. (Of this amount, eighty six thousand three hundred and sixty seven (\$86,367.00) will represent the interest earned on bond proceeds which were transferred to the general fund on or before December 31.)The balance of the appropriated amount to be funded from the General Fund Balance.  
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 complete the construction of the building addition.  
This article to be non-lapsing to 2006.  
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 six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for a Lead and Copper Study.  
This article to be non-lapsing to 2006.  
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 eight thousand dollars, (\$8,000.00) for improvements to the distribution system.  
This article to be funded from the General Fund Balance.  
The Commissioners recommend this article.

**Article 9** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) to purchase a new backhoe.  
This article to be funded by taxes.

**Article 10** To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to purchase 1 to 2 acres of land from the Town of New London.  
This article to be funded from the General Fund Balance.  
The Commissioners recommend this article.

KENNETH R. JACQUES, Chairman

JAMES A. CRICENTI

RICHARD L. BOTT Jr.

Commissioners  
New London-Springfield  
Water System Precinct

A true copy of Warrant: Attest

KENNETH R. JACQUES Chairman

JAMES A. CRICENTI

RICHARD L. BOTT Jr.

Commissioners  
New London-Springfield  
Water System Precinct

NEW LONDON - SPRINGFIELD  
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2003



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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, 2003 and 2002 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 23, 2004

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
BALANCE SHEETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	2003			TOTAL 2002
ASSETS	OPERATING FUND	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND	TOTAL (Memorandum only)	(Memorandum only)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$106,093		\$ 106,093	\$ 310,656
Receivables	232,395		232,395	21,327
Due from other Funds		\$ 12,540	12,540	12,540
Inventory	<u>27,342</u>		<u>27,342</u>	<u>18,957</u>
Total Current Assets	365,830	<u>12,540</u>	378,370	363,480
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>				
Facilities		3,980,572	3,980,572	1,692,072
Equipment		154,711	154,711	150,819
Colby Point Project Cost				1,796,008
South Pleasant Street Cost				<u>492,175</u>
Total Plant and Equipment		<u>4,135,283</u>	<u>4,135,283</u>	<u>4,131,074</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$365,830</u>	<u>\$4,147,823</u>	<u>\$4,513,653</u>	<u>\$4,494,554</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable				\$ 8,001
Bonds Payable		\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	90,000
Due to other Funds	\$ 12,540		12,540	12,540
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt		<u>119,392</u>	<u>119,392</u>	<u>153,395</u>
Total Current Liabilities	12,540	209,392	221,932	263,936
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>				
Bonds Payable				90,000
Note Payable to Bank				<u>119,143</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities				<u>209,143</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	12,540	209,392	221,932	473,079
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>				
Appropriated	38,749		38,749	1,983,185
Unappropriated	<u>314,541</u>	<u>3,938,431</u>	<u>4,252,972</u>	<u>2,038,290</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>353,290</u>	<u>3,938,431</u>	<u>4,291,721</u>	<u>4,021,475</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$365,830</u>	<u>\$4,147,823</u>	<u>\$4,513,653</u>	<u>\$4,494,554</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	OPERATING FUND		PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2003	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		TOTAL 2003 (memorandum only)	
	2003	ACTUAL		2002 ACTUAL	COLBY POINT PROJECT 2003		SOUTH PLEASANT STREET PROJECT 2003
	BUDGET						
Operating Revenue							
Water Charges and Fees	\$169,500	\$199,492				\$ 194,270	
Interest	1,349	1,013				1,349	
Other	1,390	628				1,390	
NH DES Reimbursement	22,000	21,141				23,210	
Total Revenue	191,500	222,274				220,219	
Operating Expenditures							
Salaries and wages	111,182	104,230				111,182	
Payroll taxes and benefits	45,975	38,612				42,952	
Maintenance	28,000	25,349				22,962	
Utilities	35,000	30,051				32,179	
Precinct supplies	21,000	18,552				12,362	
Insurance	7,300	4,219				5,664	
Administration and contingency	7,500	5,865				6,219	
Accounting	3,000	3,000				3,000	
Legal	2,000	792				792	
Election/Annual meetings	1,600	1,231				1,600	
Engineering review	1,500						
Equipment	4,000	1,426				3,892	
Interest (short-term)	1,000						
Interest (long-term)	23,000	32,466				20,335	
Lease	12,500	12,500				12,500	
Bond principal payment	90,000	110,000				90,000	
Note principal payments	154,000	146,261				153,145	
Total Expenditures	552,400	533,882				518,784	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(360,900)	(311,608)				(298,565)	
Other Income							
Precinct taxes		382,542				360,938	
		62,373	70,934			62,373	

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	OPERATING FUND		PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2003	CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		TOTAL 2003 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		COLBY POINT PROJECT 2003	SOUTH PLEASANT STREET PROJECT 2003	
Expenditures, Current Year						
Special Articles						
2003 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$6,000	\$ 5,539				\$ 5,539
2003 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$30,000					
2003 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$20,000	20,000				20,000
2002 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$7,000					
2002 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$6,500	890				890
2002 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$6,000	6,000				6,000
2002 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$5,000	1,303				1,303
2001 Art. 2 - General Fund	\$520,000	318				318
2001 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$10,500	727				727
2000 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$5,000	3,337				3,337
1999 Art- 5 - General Fund	\$40,000	1,368				1,368
Total Expenditures		<u>39,482</u>				<u>39,482</u>
Net Income		22,891				22,891
Fund Balance, January 1, 2003		206,362	\$1,855,431	\$1,701,688	\$257,994	4,021,475
Transfer of Equipment Funding			4,210			4,210
Transfer of Bond Payment Funding			90,000			90,000
Transfer of Note Payment Funding			153,145			153,145
Transfer of Capital Project Fund		124,037	1,835,645	(1,701,688)	(257,994)	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2003		<u>\$353,290</u>	<u>\$3,938,431</u>			<u>\$4,291,721</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> (memorandum only)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Net Income	\$ 22,891			\$ 22,891
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(211,068)			(211,068)
(Increase) in inventory	(8,385)			(8,385)
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expense	_____		\$ (8,001)	(8,001)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(196,562)		(8,001)	(204,563)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Transfer of cash to General Fund at completion of projects	124,037		(124,037)	_____
Net (Decrease) in Cash	(72,525)		(132,038)	(204,563)
Cash, January 1, 2003	<u>178,618</u>		<u>132,038</u>	<u>310,656</u>
Cash, December 31, 2003	<u>\$106,093</u>		<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$106,093</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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 Funds - These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and/or construction of the Colby Point Project and the South Pleasant Street Project. During 2003 both projects were completed. The project cost was transferred to the Plant Fund and the remaining cash was transferred to the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Precinct considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with remaining maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Depreciation - Plant and equipment is stated at cost. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at the fair market value at the date of transfer. Depreciation is not provided for on the assets which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles. Assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts at their original cost.

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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 various institutions during the year. At various times the amount on deposit in these institutions exceeded the \$100,000 federally insured limit. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002 the deposits on hand were in excess of the insured limit by \$29,983 and \$240,486.

NOTE 3 - Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2003 and 2002 were comprised of the following:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Town of New London	\$208,945	
Customers	240	\$ 186
State of New Hampshire	<u>23,210</u>	<u>21,141</u>
	<u>\$232,395</u>	<u>\$21,327</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 4 - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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

	<u>BALANCE</u> January 1, 2003	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 2003
Facility	\$1,692,072		\$2,288,500	3,980,572
Equipment	150,819\$	\$3,892		154,711
Colby Pt. Project Cost	1,796,008		(1,796,008)	
South Pleasant Street Project Cost	<u>492,175</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>(492,492)</u>	
	<u>\$4,131,074</u>	<u>\$4,209</u>		<u>\$4,135,283</u>

Costs incurred for the Colby Point Project and the South Pleasant Street Project by the Capital Project Fund are capitalized. Upon completion of the Project, the total cost will be transferred to the Plant and Equipment Funds. Both projects were completed during 2003 and the commissioners voted to roll the unspent funds into the General Fund.

NOTE 5 - BONDS PAYABLE

On December 20, 1994 the Precinct secured \$935,000 from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank for the issuance of 1994 Series F Bonds. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 with principal payment due on January 15. Presented below is a summary of the debt service requirements to maturity by year:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2005	5.90%	<u>\$90,000</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 6 - NOTE PAYABLE

4.75% note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank with monthly principal and interest payments of \$13,585 through September, 2004. The note is backed by the full faith and credit of the municipality.

\$119,392

Less: current portion

119,392

\$           

As of December 31, 2003, the note payable matures as follow:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2004	\$119,392

NOTE 7 - REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Precinct applied for and received from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services a 20% reimbursement for monies spent from January, 2003 through December, 2003 toward compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act.

NOTE 8 - 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 - 2003

### **Is my drinking water safe?**

To the best of our knowledge we are pleased to report that the drinking water supplied to our consumer's premises is safe and meets both Federal and State requirements.

### **What is the source of my water?**

The water is provided from six (6) gravel-packed wells, drawing from an aquifer located beneath Colby Point in the middle of Little Lake Sunapee.

### **Why are there contaminants in my water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **How can I get involved?**

The New London-Springfield Water System Precinct is served by an elected Board of Commissioners which meets the Monday of the first full week of each month at 7:00 p.m. These meetings, which the public is welcomed to attend, are held the Precinct office on Old Dump Road in New London. The Commissioners can be reached by calling 526-4441.

### **Other information**

The New London-Springfield Water System Precinct was formed in 1925 to provide domestic water and fire protection for the Town of New London and some sections of Springfield. Originally, the Precinct was served by Morgan Pond (a surface-water source in Springfield) via Kidder Brook to two (2) man-made reservoirs until May 1996. Since then, our water has been provided via the Colby Point wells and a one million-gallon storage tank. The Precincts 30 miles of water mains currently service approximately 875 domestic and 150 commercial customers.

### **Do I need to take special precautions?**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLs: The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. They are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements the water system must follow. TT: Treatment Technique or required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminate in drinking water.

Abbreviations: PPT: Parts per trillion · PPB: parts per billion · PPM: parts per million or · N/A: not applicable · NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit · MFL: million fibers per liter · ND: not detectable at testing limits.

<b>TEST RESULTS</b>						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected / Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants: Total coliform was detected. Resampling found it to be absent.</b>						
<b>Radioactive Contaminants:</b>						
Radon	NO	660	pCi/l	0	None	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>						
Copper	N/A	No test	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	N/A	No test	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	.05	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides: None detected</b>						
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants: None detected</b>						

### Health Effects Information:

**LEAD:** Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

**RADON:** Presently the US Environmental Protection Agency is determining a standard for radon in drinking water. Radon gas, which is inhaled, has been linked to lung cancer however, it is not clear that at what level radon in your drinking water contributes to this health effect.



The Precinct adds only caustic sodium to the water ph level 7.4  
No fluoride is added to the water

The water does not contain lead but some plumbing contains lead and this can transfer to water that sets in the pipes, we add caustic sodium to prevent this.

The first step in the process of identifying a problem is to define the problem clearly. This involves identifying the symptoms and the context in which the problem is occurring. Once the problem is defined, the next step is to identify the causes of the problem. This can be done by asking questions such as "What is causing this?" and "Why is this happening?"

After identifying the causes, the next step is to develop a plan of action. This plan should outline the steps that will be taken to solve the problem. It should also identify the resources that will be needed to implement the plan.

Step	Description	Responsible Party	Start Date	End Date	Status
1	Identify the problem	John Doe	1/1/2020	1/15/2020	Completed
2	Identify the causes	Jane Smith	1/16/2020	1/30/2020	In Progress
3	Develop a plan of action	John Doe	1/31/2020	2/15/2020	Not Started

Once the plan of action is developed, the next step is to implement the plan. This involves carrying out the steps outlined in the plan and monitoring progress.

Task	Start Date	End Date	Status
Implement the plan	2/16/2020	3/15/2020	In Progress
Monitor progress	2/16/2020	Ongoing	Completed

Finally, the last step in the process is to evaluate the results. This involves assessing whether the problem has been solved and whether the plan of action was effective.

Task	Start Date	End Date	Status
Evaluate results	3/16/2020	3/31/2020	Not Started

The process of identifying a problem and developing a plan of action is a continuous one. It is important to regularly review progress and adjust the plan as needed.

By following these steps, you can effectively identify and solve problems in your organization.

Remember, the key to success is to stay focused on the goal and to take action.

Good luck!



## DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

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Assessment of Property	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Beach Parking Permits	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Beach Programs and Activities	Recreation Department	526-6401
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Boat Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Building Permits	Zoning Administrator	526-4821 ext. 16
Burn Permits	Dispatch	526-2626
Car & Other Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Community Events Calendar	Recreation Department	526-6401
Death Certificates	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Election and Voter Information	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
False Alarm Reporting	Dispatch	526-2626
Footpath/Hiking Maps	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Hazardous Waste	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
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
Passports	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Planning/Zoning Concerns	Ken McWilliams, Town Planner	448-1680
Property Tax Payments	Tax Collector's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Recycling Information	Transfer Station	526-9499
Roads, Streets and Sidewalks	Highway Department	526-6337
Sign Permits	Zoning Administrator	526-4821 ext. 16
Temporary Beach/Dump Permits	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Town Hall/Conference Room Use	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Transfer Station Permits	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Voter Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Welfare Information	Marc Clement, Welfare Officer	526-3652
Yard Sale Permits	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Zoning Ordinances	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10

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

Thursday, January 1, 2004	New Year's Day
Monday, January 19, 2004	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 16, 2004	President's Day
Monday, May 31, 2004	Memorial Day
Monday, July 5, 2004	Day after Independence Day
Monday, September 6, 2004	Labor Day
Monday, October 11, 2004	Columbus Day
Thursday, November 11, 2004	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26, 2004	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 24, 2004	Christmas Eve
Friday, December 31, 2004	New Year's Eve

**In addition, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will close for the following:**

- Tuesday, March 9, 2004, closed 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM, due to the Town Elections
- Tuesday, September 14, 2004, closed all day due to State Primary Election
- Tuesday & Wednesday, September 21 & 22, 2004 for the NH Tax Collector's Association Convention
- Wednesday & Thursday, October 20 & 21, 2004 for the NH Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference
- Tuesday, November 2, 2004, due to the General Elections





**TOWN ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2004**

**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 10, 2004**

**7:00 p.m.**

**WATER SYSTEM PRECINT**

**Whipple Memorial Town Hall**

**Polls open 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004**

**Polls close 8:00 p.m. – Meeting Opens 3:00 p.m.**

**Meeting will recess at 3:15 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvenes 7:00 p.m.**