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New Londonderry Fire Chief James R. Young Jr., center, and his wife Gloria were congratulated by Deputy Fire Chief Phil LeBlanc at the Town Council Meeting last week. Photo by Chris Paul

New Fire Chief Introduced at Town Council Meeting

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's new Fire Chief made his first public appearance last week during the Town Council meeting, marking an important transition for the Londonderry Fire Department. For the first time since late 2024, the department will once again have a permanent chief at the helm.

James R. Young Jr. was hired earlier this year following a months-long search. His appointment offi-

cially took effect on Feb. 17, 2026.

"The Town of Londonderry is proud to announce the appointment of James R. Young Jr. as its new Fire Chief," the town said in a press release. "With more than 27 years of distinguished service in the Massachusetts Fire Service, Chief Young brings a wealth of experience, leadership, and a deep commitment to public safety."

The vacancy was created after former Fire Chief Bo Butler pub-
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Purchasing Policy Update For Town Fails in 2-2 Vote

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council took a required vote on a proposed revised purchasing policy put forth by councilor Shawn Faber, at last week's meeting.

According to a memo presented to the Council, "The Town Council adopted a purchasing policy contained within Town Code, Chapter VI on June 3, 2002, which was subsequently amended on May 5, 2007, again on Nov. 7, 2011, and by resolution on April 1, 2013. On Sept. 15, 2025, Ordinance 2025-09 rescinded Town Code Chapter VI and re-

numbered it as ADM-910. Councilor Faber has proposed a new policy (procedure) which would make changes to the existing policy and shift approval for all consulting agreements for professional services from the Town Manager to the Town Council. Further, approval for many other expenditures will shift the authority of the approval from the Town Manager to the Town Council."

At the previous meeting, Faber explained that he and Town Manager Shaun Mulholland had worked through the two versions of the policy they had been develop-

ing.

"I think we got to a good operational place with it," Faber said at the time, noting he was bringing the proposal forward for a vote.

Mulholland said he and Faber made a number of improvements to the original draft but acknowledged that issues remained.

"Our current policy has had issues," Mulholland said. "And we have a new policy that doesn't quite solve all of those issues." He recommended a more thorough review before adoption and said department heads should have
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Fish & Game Club Announce Settlement in Defamation Suit

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Fish & Game Club has formally concluded its three-year defamation lawsuit against Janine and Kevin Ancil of Litchfield, reaching a settlement shortly before the case was scheduled for trial in Rockingham County Superior Court.

According to a statement issued by the Club, the Ancils' homeowner's insurance carrier paid \$75,000 to resolve the matter.

The Londonderry Fish & Game described the outcome as a "signif-

icant achievement," saying the litigation was necessary to protect its reputation after the Ancils publicly accused the Club of being responsible for alleged bullet strikes in their neighborhood. The Club maintains those accusations were made "without any supporting evidence" and were circulated to public officials and community members beginning in September 2021. The statement notes: "The accusations presented by Janine and Kevin against the Club were entirely without foundation and were not supported by any factu-

al evidence."

The conflict began on Sept. 14, 2021, when the Ancils reported damage to a garage window they believed was caused by a bullet. The next day, they emailed state and local officials alleging the Club was responsible for "multiple bullet strikes" and
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Volunteers Offer to Help Expedite Library Repair Process

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on Feb. 5 to discuss ways to accelerate repairs to the flooded library building, an effort that gained unexpected momentum thanks to offers of help from local residents.

"I know you folks are fighting the war of some needed service at the library to get reopened as soon as possible," said resident Bob Slater,

who has been in regular contact with Assistant Library Director Donna Plante. "I'd be glad to help with any assistance to the Trustees and to her to get this done as soon as possible, to get through the scope of work and some pricing along with the contractor you choose, so you can expedite this and get you back into this facility as soon as possible, and watch the cost at the same time."

Slater, who has a

background in construction, emphasized the urgency of the situation. "Every day we wait, more damage may be done," he said. "Let's make sure we get everything done for you folks."

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas thanked Slater for stepping forward. The library has been closed since Jan. 27, when flooding was discovered in the teen area. Mold concerns and HVAC issues have com-

plicated the situation, and early estimates for repairs have varied widely.

Plante noted that the building's problems go beyond the immediate water damage.

"There are deeper design issues with the building," she said, explaining that the timeline will depend heavily on the results of mold testing. "It depends on the mold. That's the process that's going to take you longer, to find out where it is, how much there is, and how much remediation there will be."

Slater agreed that mold remediation would be the most time consuming phase but said the timing of the inci-

dent may work in the town's favor.

"This is the right time of year to be doing this, because a lot of construction trades are slower," he said. "If they can find the results quickly, hopefully it will be minimal."

Despite the building closure, library staff remain fully active. Plante reminded the Trustees that the library has successfully navigated similar challenges in the past.

"We've actually been through some of that before with a prior water damage issue," she said. "There was a portion of the building that wasn't accessible to the public, and we were able to work around it. We made

it work. We've done it before."

Library operations have temporarily moved to the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room, where staff are offering a scale-down but functional set of services.

"We moved with the help of DPW and IT, but we're still working on setting up some of the technology," Plante said. "We're not reliably able to answer phones just yet, but we are working on that. In the meantime, we are available to the public at our reference address, reference@londonderrynh.gov, and we have staff checking that regularly."

Patrons can place holds online and pick up materials at the Community Room, where returns are also accepted. Additional services include reader's advisory, limited public computers, public WiFi, newspapers, magazines, a small activity center, taxpayer assistance, and a selection of new materials.

Plante also emphasized that Leach Library remains fully connected to the GMILCS Consortium, allowing cardholders to borrow materials from other participating libraries.

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OBITUARY

Krystal T. Clinton



Krystal T. Clinton, 40, of Londonderry, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday Feb. 11, 2026, at her home. She was born on Feb. 18, 1985 in Cape May, NJ, a daughter of the late Ronald and Julie (Blueit) Clinton. Krystal enjoyed doing hair. She enjoyed spending time at the beach and the lake but what brought her the greatest joy was the time she spent with her family, especially her son.

She is survived by her son, Caleb Jon Clinton; two sisters, Amy Pedrick and husband Michael and Shannon Forbes and husband Alex, as well as her niece and nephews, Nathan, Gabriella, and Clinton Pedrick, and Koby and Jackson Forbes.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Friday, Feb. 20, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium.



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Fire Chief

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licly announced his resignation. Butler had been hired in 2023 after an internal search.

A Career Built in Orange, Massachusetts

During the meeting, Young spoke about his background and the path that led him to Londonderry.

"It is an honor and privilege to be here in the Town of Londonderry," he said.

Young grew up in Orange, Mass., the community where he began his fire service career as an on-call firefighter in 1998. He remained with

the department for nearly 28 years, ultimately serving as fire chief and emergency management director for the last ten and a half.

He said that when he learned about the opening in Londonderry, he was immediately interested. The more he researched the town and its fire department, the more confident he became that it was the right next step.

"When I learned about the Town of Londonderry and the opportunity, I was excited about it," Young said. "The more I learned about it, the more it increased my desire to

want to come to Londonderry."

Young said he is "humbled and honored" to have been selected and promised to "do everything I can to live up to the expectations that you have of me."

Young noted that the fire administration has already been working with him to bring him up to speed on ongoing projects and department priorities. He said he looks forward to building on the department's existing strengths and continuing its progress.

"I'm looking forward to building on the success they have as a

department," he said.

Young attended the meeting with his wife Gloria and three of his children. His oldest was unable to attend due to a mandatory day at the Massachusetts Fire Academy.

"I'm so happy they could be here and share this moment with me," Young said, adding that his family is eager to relocate to southern New Hampshire.

The town's press release emphasized Young's accomplishments in Orange, noting that his tenure "is marked by notable achievements, including securing federal and state grants to

modernize emergency apparatus and equipment and implementing advancements that reduced the town's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, resulting in significant savings for residents and businesses."

The release also highlighted Young's leadership strengths beyond technical expertise.

"Chief Young is recognized for his collaborative approach to labor/management relations, budget development, and strategic planning," it stated. "He has authored successful grants funding millions of dollars in improvements, overseen an

Advance Life Support transporting ambulance service for four communities, and drafted policies that keep departments responsive and resilient."

Deputy Fire Chief Phil LeBlanc, who has been serving as Acting Chief during the vacancy, was also recognized during the meeting for his leadership and service throughout the transition period.

With Young now officially in place, town officials expressed optimism about the department's future and the stability his experience brings to the role.

Fish & Game

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creating an "urgent safety matter."

The Club disputes those claims and says no physical evidence ever linked the damage to its 200- or 400-yard rifle ranges. In December 2021, the Anctils sent a cease-and-desist letter demanding the Club stop using those ranges. The Club's attorney, Sean List, responded with ballistic data showing it was "substantially unlikely" the Club was the source of the alleged strike.

Despite this, the Club says the couple continued to publicly repeat their allegations, including at a June 13, 2022

Litchfield Select Board meeting, where they claimed police investigations had identified the Club as the likely source and alleged that shooters were firing from the backs of pickup trucks.

Ballistics Expert: "Extremely Unlikely" the Bullet Came From the Club

In July 2022, the Club retained a nationally recognized ballistics expert, David J. Brundage, to analyze the alleged bullet strike. In his Jan. 2023 report, Brundage concluded it was "extremely unlikely" that the projectile recovered from the Anctils' garage originated from the Club's rifle ranges.

Brundage noted that:

- The home is over

1.25 miles from the Club's ranges.

- A 90-foot elevation rise and dense forest lie between the properties.

- The bullet type recovered was consistent with ammunition commonly used in informal shooting areas.

- Some alleged bullet strikes in the neighborhood occurred before the Club's 200- and 400-yard ranges were built.

He wrote: "Based upon my review of the evidence, it is extremely unlikely that the projectile damage to 43 Tanag-

er Way came from the LFGC ranges."

During depositions, the Club says the Anctils acknowledged they lacked evidence linking the Club to the alleged strike. According to the Club's statement, Kevin Anctil testified: "I do not know where the bullet came from. I don't care where the bullet came from."

Janine Anctil reportedly admitted her belief was based solely on the Club's proximity and past neighborhood incidents, despite acknowl-

edging "no tangible evidence" and being aware of "numerous examples of reckless shooting activities" in nearby wooded areas.

The Club filed suit Oct. 2022, alleging defamation and defamation per se. The Anctils attempted to dismiss the case but were unsuccessful. After extensive

discovery, the case was scheduled for trial this past January. It concluded shortly beforehand with the \$75,000 settlement paid by the Anctils' insurer.

The Club said it had been prepared to take the case to trial, but accepted the settlement as a reasonable resolution.

OBITUARY

John H. Jacobs, Jr.



John H. Jacobs, Jr., longtime resident of Pelham, NH, and living in Londonderry, NH for the past five years, died peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, after a long illness. He was the loving husband of Paulette (Ladouceur) Jacobs, formerly of Manchester, NH. He is predeceased by his parents, John Jacobs, Sr. and Beatrice (Baker) Jacobs. He is survived by his daughters, Rebecca Twardosky, wife of Jason Twardosky & Sarah Beth Smith, wife of James Smith, both of Londonderry, NH. His treasure was his 5 grandchildren, Courtney Dee Morse, Stacey Balletto, and Dylan Dee, Payton Rylie and Noah Michael Smith and great granddaughter Dakota Rose Balletto.

Mr. Jacobs was a distinguished engineer who worked for the Boston consulting firm of Camp, Dresser and McKee for many years, managing the HVAC Dept. In that capacity Mr. Jacobs travelled extensively in the Middle East, Europe, and throughout the United States and received many awards and commendations for innovative and groundbreaking work.

John was a real patriot who loved his country and supported our men in uniform. He was a member of the local American Legion 0100. Mr. Jacobs and his wife have been parishioners of St. Patrick church in Pelham, NH since 1975. They would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary next October.

There will be no calling hours. A mass of Christian burial will take place February 28, at 11 a.m., at St. Patrick Church in Pelham, NH. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family.

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Editorial

Get the Full Picture

The right to vote is one of the defining privileges of living in America. We hear it in speeches all the time, that people have fought and sacrificed to protect this right, a right many around the world can only dream of.

Too often, we don't treat that right with the care and attention it deserves.

Presidential elections draw the big crowds, but the truth is that local elections often have a bigger impact on your daily life. Town and School District warrant articles shape everything from your tax bill to your roads, your classrooms, and your public safety. Yet many voters walk into the booth without taking the time to understand what they're voting on.

Doing your homework matters. These articles affect your life in real, personal ways. If you don't understand what you're voting for or against, you're not getting the full picture, and you're not giving your vote the respect it deserves.

So what should you be looking for?

If you're voting on a bond, don't stop at the first year cost. Bonds run for many years, and the financial obligation continues long after the first line on the ballot. Know what the total commitment looks like and how it will show up on your tax bill over time.

If you're voting on a union con-

tract, understand the full length of the agreement. A one year contract is straightforward. But most run two or three years, and you won't vote on those later years again. The increases are built into future budgets, and you'll be paying for them. And remember, money isn't the only factor. Ask whether the contract reflects the current economic climate. Look at the whole picture, not just the headline number.

Every warrant article has pros and cons. Some are easy to understand; others take more digging. But it's worth listening, and not just listening, verifying. If you're only hearing one side, you're missing something important.

And don't let someone else's recommendation, whether it's the Budget Committee, a board, or your neighbor, make the decision for you. Committees can disagree. Friends can be misinformed. Scare tactics can show up on both sides. Get the facts behind the hype and consider the source.

Remember, the taxpayer is often the "forgotten third person" in these discussions. But you are the taxpayer. We all are. We're the ones footing the bill.

So take the time to understand what you're voting on. Ask questions. Read the details. Get the full picture.

And most importantly, don't forget to vote.

Letters

Lets Move Forward

To the editor,

Why are some members of the Town Council so resistant to impact fees? Councilors Paul and Bouchard brought forward a request earlier this year to study impact fees, but Councilors Dunn, Faber, and Combes voted against it, saying they wanted to address it during the budget process. We went through the budget process, and it was ignored. Nothing is being done.

Londonderry used to have impact fees, and they helped fund numerous projects while reducing the burden on taxpayers. Impact fees could help offset costs for a new public works facility or address traffic issues - both of which directly affect residents.

A resident, David Ellis, researched the Morrison House (Lions Hall) and found that it would qualify as a historic building. He presented his findings and asked the Council to support pursuing this designation. Councilors Paul and Bouchard supported the effort, but Councilors Dunn, Faber, and Combes moved to send it to the Heritage Commission. Since then, there has been no follow-up at the Council level. Listing Lions Hall as a historic building could open the door to grants or other outside funding, potentially saving taxpayers money.

HB 1469, sponsored by Rep. Charlie Foote of Derry (who also serves as Derry's Town Council Chair), aims to strengthen regulations for body massage licensing. In 2025, Derry closed six illicit massage business-

es. The bill is designed to tighten restrictions on certain "Asian spa" operations that may be linked to human trafficking.

Several advocacy groups - including the NH Association of Chiefs of Police and the Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence - support this bill.

Derry asked several towns, including Londonderry, for letters of support. When the request came before the Council, Councilors Paul and Bouchard said Londonderry should support it. Councilors Dunn, Faber, and Combes said no. Londonderry is impacted by these establishments as well, so why would we not support our neighbors' efforts to make our communities safer?

After speaking with both Kristine Perez and Alan Roy, and having worked with both incumbents, I believe Londonderry needs a change - and fresh eyes.

Dan Bouchard
Londonderry

Giving Voters a Choice - Trustee of the Trust Funds

To the editor,

I'm writing to announce my candidacy as a write-in candidate for Trustee of the Trust Funds in Londonderry's March 10th election.

The Trustees of Trust Funds manage important town resources, including capital reserves and donated assets that support our community's long-term needs. This work requires careful attention to detail and sound fiscal stewardship.

When I learned this position would be uncontested, I felt compelled to step up. Democracy works best when voters have choices, and every position on our ballot deserves thoughtful consideration from multiple candidates. I believe Londonderry residents should have options.

I'm a lifelong NH resident who has called Londonderry home for nine years. My wife and I have two children in Londonderry schools, and I've coached youth basketball and soccer in our community. Professionally, I lead teams and projects, make data-driven decisions, and analyze complex information, skills that translate well to managing these important town resources.

I'm running because I want to give back to a community that has given my family so much. If you believe voters deserve a choice and that our trust funds deserve careful management, I'd appreciate your support.

To vote for me, write in JOSEPH STELMACH on your ballot under Trustee of Trust Funds.

Learn more at WriteInJoe.com.

Joseph Stelmach
Londonderry

Vote YES on These

To the editor,

I'm writing to urge you to vote YES at the March 10 Londonderry Town Elections on three important warrant articles concerning safe drinking water. The passage of each one will assist the town in its

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Letters

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ongoing work to protect our health by expanding the reach of the municipal water system to homes affected by PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination. None of these articles will have an impact on our property taxes.

Hundreds of private wells in Londonderry and several other NH towns were contaminated with dangerous levels of PFAS released by the former Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics facility. That number is growing. PFAS are synthetic "forever chemicals" that do not break down easily in the environment. Their ingestion over time through consumption of affected drinking water is associated with disorders of the cardiovascular, immunological, developmental and reproductive systems. Some PFAS may increase the risk of kidney and testicular cancer.

Here is a brief summary of the three warrant articles:

- Article #23 - Reallocation of Remaining Funds Appropriated for the High Range Road Water Supply Project. This would allow the town to use money remaining from work on last year's water supply project to fund other projects already planned.
- Article #24 - Estab-

lish and Fund a Water System Capital Reserve Fund Under RSA 35:1. This fund would support future engineering planning and grant writing for additional projects connecting affected homes to town water.

- Article #25 - Fund a Water Special Assessment District. These funds would allow the town to loan money to residents with wells polluted by PFAS who want to connect to town water, but available rebates aren't enough to cover the cost (for instance, in a situation where the driveway is very long).

More information about the town's water supply project is on the Londonderry Town website under Our Community. Get free testing of your well water by completing the PFAS Testing for Private Wells Request Form on the NH Department of Environmental Services website. Information on the PFAS removal rebate program can be found on the NH DES website as well.

Jory Innes
Londonderry

Know Who You Vote For

To the editor,
How do you feel that Kristine Perez and Ron Dunn voted in favor of HB1792 which prohibits teachers from teaching homosexuality or any LGBTQ+ issues, race, CRT, Marxism or any-

thing the Right considered "woke" as normal. Parents who believe this law was violated by a teacher can sue the school district for \$10K and the teacher could lose their teaching license.

I for one do not want my tax dollars contributing to the payments for this law by our school district. I wonder if the state will eliminate the Health requirement for a high school diploma if teachers can not talk about relations, sexual assault, or STD's for all manner of pairings.

Are these the individuals who we want on the Town Council of Londonderry? Representatives who discriminate against our LGBTQ+ neighbors and students? I for one don't.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Vote Perez March 10

To the editor,
If elected to the Town Council, my priority will be to work collaboratively with fellow Council members and the Town Manager to serve the best interests of the community. I will focus on developing clear, actionable strategies with both short- and long-term goals. Key priorities include addressing traffic congestion and safety, responsibly balancing growth, and ensuring that development

aligns with the needs of neighborhoods and residents.

I support revisiting impact fees, which have proven successful in other communities and could help offset the tax burden on residents after years of sustained development. Fiscal responsibility must also include reevaluating tax incentives for developers while many homeowners face financial strain. Balanced growth should incorporate conservation efforts, recreational opportunities, and long-overdue investment in water infrastructure. With the foundation of a multi-phase plan now in place, we should actively pursue grants and state funding to advance these initiatives.

I am committed to increasing meaningful public engagement through real-time participation in meetings and Town Hall forums, ensuring community input is considered before decisions are finalized. Ad-

ditionally, I support working with School leadership to explore shared services that could reduce costs. Our Town Charter should be updated to clearly define the role of the Budget Committee and align with state requirements. I would advocate for earlier and more active involvement of the Budget Committee in departmental budget development and for considering a transition to an official, voter-approved Budget Committee to improve transparency and efficiency.

I want you all to know that my only desire is to work for the Town and its residents. I have no personal or financial agenda. I have no allegiance to any group, old or new. You are my "group",

I will be the Voice of Londonderry residents. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Kristine Perez
Londonderry

Support for Kristine Perez for Town Council

To the editor,
When we met Kristine several years ago, we were immediately drawn to her in many ways. One way was her knowledge of so many things in Town and its workings despite not being an appointed or elected official at the time. She was a wealth of knowledge and a great resource for us. If we had a question and she did not have the answer, she referred us or assisted us in obtaining information. Her passion and commitment to this Town was apparent and continues to be. It is also evident today as always that she wants to move in the direction of what is best for its citizens. We are very concerned with the massive development, the increased traffic, taxes and more just in the time we have lived here. This Town is losing its character quickly. Unfortunately, we do not see the pres-

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Deliberative Session Sees Extensive Debate Over Lions Hall Funding

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's 2026 Deliberative Session saw lengthy discussion and strong opinions over Warrant Article 26, a citizens' petition seeking to create a Capital Reserve Fund dedicated to preserving the Reverend Morrison Meeting House, commonly known as Lions Hall. The article was not recommended by either the Budget Committee or the Town Council, but supporters made a detailed case for why the historic structure deserves a path forward.

John Farrell, speaking on behalf of the petitioners and the Londonderry Historical Society, presented the article to voters.

"The Historical Society is in the business of saving buildings, saving

history," Farrell said. He noted that the petition was submitted before the public learned of the \$3.4 million estimate to renovate the building. "During all of the budget presentations, during the budget pieces and everything else, you didn't hear anybody say they wanted to tear the building down," he added. "This gives us the opportunity to save what is the crown jewel of the center of town."

Farrell pointed out that the building still contains the original town vault and argued that while the renovation cost is high, the community has supported other expensive projects. "If we look across the street right through the windows, the firehouse was \$6.2 million. That was expensive too."

Warrant Article 26 proposes establishing a

Capital Reserve Fund with \$950,000, half of which, \$475,000, would come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. Farrell described the approach as "another path" compared to asking taxpayers to shoulder the full \$3.4 million renovation cost.

"Let's find a path where we can work with getting grants, work with getting people to volunteer, work with people to make something like this happen, and to do this as a community," Farrell said. "We should be really thinking about how to keep the beauty of this town."

Town Council Chair Ron Dunn reiterated concerns about the tax rate and argued that private fundraising should play a larger role in preserving the building. Several councilors and

Budget Committee members shared similar reservations, including skepticism about the accuracy of the \$3.4 million estimate.

"Being in construction, I know that this is not a concrete number to get this building open," said Councilor Dan Bouchard.

Despite disagreements over funding, there was broad acknowledgment of the building's historic value.

"I'm glad this is all happening. It brings attention and dialogue to something that needs to be talked about," said Councilor Deb Paul. She also raised concerns about the inclusion of the phrase "surrounding facilities" in the article.

Resident Ann Chiampa questioned the scope of the article.

"Why were the words 'surrounding facilities'

included in this?" she asked. "It's confusing. It makes it sound like maybe the church next door or across the street is included."

Farrell responded that the phrase was recommended by the town and was not part of the Historical Society's original draft. He said the wording was intended to cover the parking lot and trees on the property.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland added that broader language was necessary to address the building's aging septic system and related infrastructure. Without it, he warned, the town risked ending up with "a building you can't occupy."

Mulholland also cautioned that grant opportunities were limited and that several barriers could complicate efforts to secure formal historic

designation.

Resident John Loker asked what would happen if Article 26 fails.

"If these articles should fail and the building is destroyed, what about that real estate? Has the town decided on what they may do with that property?" he asked.

Mulholland said options had been "explored," but no final plan exists.

Two amendments were proposed during the session: one to remove the "surrounding facilities" language and another to reduce the funding amount to \$0. Both were voted down.

Warrant Article 26 now moves to the March 10 ballot as written, setting up a significant decision for voters on the future of one of Londonderry's most recognizable historic structures.

Purchasing Policy

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that staff has not had an opportunity to weigh in. "It's missing a lot of things," he added, noting he hoped to implement a revised policy in the spring. He added

that staff has not had time to review and test the proposed policy.

At the prior meeting, Councilor Dan Bouchard invoked councilor privilege, delaying the vote

until the Feb. 17 session.

Bouchard cited correspondence between legal counsel and councilors, but had not received it by the time of the vote. He agreed the current policy is outdated and should be updated, but said the proposal before them did not resolve all concerns.

Bouchard brought

those same concerns forward at the Feb. 17 meeting, saying, "We should wait and do this right the first time," Bouchard said, adding that staff input had not yet been gathered.

He listed numerous issues he had with the proposal, including: Federal Grant Language; RFQ Process; Bidding

Processes; Insurance Requirements; Vendor Suspension; and more.

Councilor Ted Combs felt that the board should move forward with a vote, stating the Town Manager and Faber wouldn't have brought it forward if it wasn't ready and wasn't approved by the attorney.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron noted that the Town Manager had made his position clear, which is why Faber's name appeared on the cover sheet. Faber nor Mulholland were present at the meeting.

At two previous meetings Mulholland had stated the proposed policy by Faber wasn't

ready.

Councilor Deb Paul said she felt some of the language in the proposed policy appeared directed at her, specifically regarding legal notices, which she said could prevent the Londonderry Times, the paper she publishes, from receiving them. She also said the process felt rushed.

Paul explained that legal notices are governed by state requirements and that the newspaper went through a bid process before being awarded the contract.

Despite the requests to hold off on the proposed policy, the vote failed on a 2-2 split.

OBITUARY

Roberta A. Eastman



Roberta A. Eastman, 84, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday Feb. 10, 2026 in the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH with her family by her side. She was born on March 16, 1941 in Somerville, MA. Roberta had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 27 years, formerly living in Somerville. She had been employed as an office worker for many years. Roberta loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed playing cards, Scrabble, online games, Bingo, and reading.

She is survived by her children, David Eastman and his wife Roberta of Brockton, MA, Debra Hamson of Hooksett, Donna Schmidt and her husband Alan of Londonderry, Steve Eastman of Pembroke, NH, Kristin Costa and her husband Jim of Londonderry; her son in law, Dennis Hamson of Manchester; her daughter in law, Roberta Eastman of CA; seven grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; her brother, Russell Castor and his wife Diane of Rochester, NH; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 14 at St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Letters

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ent Council moving forward on many of these issues. They often appear to put things off and do not answer questions when people take the time to attend meetings. I have heard complaints about the lack of response repeatedly. We want a Councilor who will represent us and you. We feel very strongly that Kristine Perez would be that Councilor, and we ask that you join us in voting for her on March 10, 2026.

Dennis and
Sharon LaBounty
Londonderry

Full Day Kindergarten

To the editor

We chose Londonderry for their great schools. Aware we did not have full day kindergarten, I thought a town like Londonderry, with a reputation for pride in their schools, would soon be on board. Surely Lancer Nation would take care of its littlest learners too.

After two failed votes, I am in disbelief that this is that same town, who once considered Moose Hill a shining example of their dedication to their students. But what worked 25 years ago, is not what works for kids and families today.

Luckily we still have an amazing staff dedicated to our kids, and an administration and school board willing to fight for them. They kept at this because they know it's

important to have a full, uninterrupted day of learning to give our kids the foundation they need for a successful educational journey. While we leave a great space behind, its essence will continue on, because those same teachers will still be there to usher our kids into this new phase like they have always done. Now they would just get more of them!

There is common ground to be found here, where parents get something important for their children, the district continues to offer a top level education (something I know Londonderry values at its core), all while preventing a major expense to taxpayers. This new proposal is that common ground! Let's come together as one Lancer Nation and bring our entire school system up to the standards of today!

Kaleigh Dingman
Londonderry

Full Day Kindergarten

To the editor,

I want to thank Bob Slater and Tim Porter for presenting the Londonderry School District Warrant Articles, Feb. 19, at the Londonderry Senior Center. Bob and Tim and the three additional school board members have done excellent work and been fiscally responsible in creating the school district budget this year.

I am most interested in how well they managed to create a reduction in the cost (.12 cents) by relocating the

children for a full day kindergarten into their neighborhood schools. As a member of the original kindergarten committee (1999-2001), I (we) had always hoped that the day would come when the program could be expanded to regular full day. At that time the town's high enrollment would not allow kindergartners to be housed in the three elementary schools. The time has come and we can now provide a more educationally sound program in a most cost-effective way.

Thank you Bob and Tim for your dedication to this end.

Cindy C. Wallace
Londonderry

Who I Support

To the editor,

First, on March 10, please vote carefully for Supervisor of the Checklist to protect your right to vote. Vote for John Ambrose. He will protect the integrity of the voter list.

I spoke to Brian Crowley, the other candidate, at the "meet and greet" candidates event. He told me that he believes that the 2020 election was "stolen," that Trump won, not Biden. He told me it was a good idea that the Trump administration seized ballots in Georgia this year "to check for fraud." That election was over 5 years ago. The ballots were recounted three times, and Trump did not find his 11,000 votes; he lost Georgia. Seizing the ballots now is a

waste of taxpayer money and done only for retribution and intimidation.

Mr. Crowley also told me that he believes that NH should send all our voter information to Washington, D.C. along with your social security number and secure information. The NH Secretary of State has rightly refused to do so, because the information could be misused. Also, state law prevents it. Crowley would encourage it.

Brian Crowley is a hard-working person and your neighbor. However, he might wrongly purge the voter list in the name of "free and fair elections." Our voter list is accurate and carefully checked. There is almost zero fraud in NH elections. If you want to protect the integrity of the voter list, please vote for John J. Ambrose for Supervisor of the Checklist.

Second, there have been serious issues with the current majority of Library Trustees. If you want trustees who will support the professional staff and not drive them to quitting, trustees who will run proper meetings and maintain the wonderful service of our town library, please vote for Erica Laue and Azra Palo for Library Trustee.

Most important, please vote on March 10 at the High School gym. Town elections impact your life in direct ways and are important. The

right to vote is a precious right.

Marilyn Hoffman
Londonderry

Perez for Council

To the editor,

We are writing in support of Kristine Perez for Town Council. We need new leadership that understands the burden that rapid development has put on the current home owning taxpayers in town. Just within the past few years Londonderry has approved the construction of approximately 2350 housing units. This resulted in increased demand on town emergency services and created demands on our current infrastructure including roads and utilities. The current and past Town Council had no plans in place to address this other than just let services fall short and put a burden on citizen taxpayers.

Kristine has been outspoken at town council meetings about implementing Impact fees and strengthening our Planned Unit Development (PUD) Ordinance. Other incumbent candidates have stated that the town cannot do anything to stop a developer from building what they want on private property. This is simply not true.

There are many potential tools and actions that can be implemented. The Town Council has the power to:

1. Not sell current

conservation land

2. Buy more conservation land to preserve open space

3. Make the PUD ordinance stronger and in favor of the citizens over developers

4. Implement Impact fees properly

5. Strengthen zoning ordinances

6. Stop giving tax breaks and TIF to developers without having them buy into the infrastructure costs that their building incurs.

Kristine Perez is the person to fight for us!

Bob Robicsek and
Maureen Hardy
Londonderry

Penta for Budget

To the editor,

Londonderry is at an important moment. We are balancing growth, infrastructure demands, school needs, and taxpayer affordability - all at the same time. That balance requires discipline, transparency, and long-term thinking. That is why I am running for the Budget Committee.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of chairing the Master Plan Steering Committee, working with residents, town staff, and regional planners to shape a long-range vision for our community. One thing became clear: our annual budget decisions must align with that long-term strategy. Planning without fiscal alignment is just conversation.

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Letters

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The Budget Committee plays a critical role in ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. It is not about cutting for sport or spending for sport. It is about asking informed questions, understanding tradeoffs, and making decisions that serve residents today while safeguarding Londonderry's future.

Professionally, I bring more than 20 years of experience leading complex initiatives, aligning strategy with execution, and managing budgets in mission-driven organizations. I hold both a Doctor of Education and a Master of Business Administration degree, and I have built my career translating long-term goals into disciplined, measurable action. That experience matters when evaluating multi-million-dollar municipal and school budgets and understanding their downstream impacts.

As our town continues to evolve, we need

thoughtful, fact-based decision-making - not rhetoric, not reaction, and not short-term politics. We need collaboration between the Budget Committee, Town Council, School Board, and Planning Board to ensure financial sustainability.

I am committed to disciplined stewardship, respectful dialogue, and strength-on-strength collaboration. Londonderry deserves a Budget Committee that is informed, forward-looking, and accountable.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

Jeffrey M. Penta
Londonderry

Vote Yes For Responsible Government

To the editor,
On March 10, I ask that you vote for responsible governance. On the School Ballot, Article 14 asks that voters reject arbitrary caps on local property taxes used for Londonderry Schools. State-imposed public education caps have been found to be unworkable and non-responsive to the needs of

local communities. They also lead to higher, not lower, property taxes. Article 15 on the School Ballot asks for basic oversight and a return to strict income limitations for the state's Education Freedom Account (EFA) school voucher program. The current voucher program is many millions of dollars over budget and without oversight that is remotely consistent with that found in our public education system. We ask for a YES vote on both Articles.

On the Town Ballot, Article 27 asks that Londonderry state legislators end the current practice of downshifting costs, previously broadly shared by the state, onto the backs of Londonderry tax payers in the form of ever-rising property taxes. The practice of cutting corporate and high income investment state taxes at the expense of Londonderry tax payers must end. It is time to send a clear message to our nine local legislators to stop downshifting costs to Londonderry

homeowners.

We also ask that voters send a clear message of public safety to our legislators and vote YES on Article 28 and Red-Flag/ERPO gun-safety legislation. Red Flag laws or Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) provides family members and law enforcement a tool to petition your local court for the temporary removal of firearms from someone determined by that court to be an imminent danger to themselves or others. Red Flag laws have been enacted in twenty two states, and most recently in Maine, and have been found to be highly effective in quelling domestic violence and suicide by firearm. Police departments nationwide are supportive of these laws and their ability to stop gun violence before it begins.

We ask that you vote YES on Article 28 and send a clear message to our legislators to prioritize public safety.

Good governance begins locally. Please come out to vote on March 10.

Paul Skudlarek
Londonderry

Vote YES on Article 28

To the editor,
I am writing to urge Londonderry voters to

vote YES on Article 28 on March 10th.

Years ago, I was attacked at gunpoint. That experience shaped how I think about protecting others from the kind of gun violence I experienced. I believe that court-supervised ERPO laws can provide communities like ours a measured way to enhance public safety while safeguarding due process.

Article 28 is a non-binding measure. It does not create a local firearm ordinance or grant new enforcement authority in Londonderry. It simply asks whether the Town should communicate residents' views to state legislators about whether New Hampshire should consider an Emergency Risk Protection Order law. Any such policy would ultimately be debated and decided at the state level through the normal legislative process.

ERPO laws are structured as court-supervised, time-limited interventions for situations in which a person may pose a serious risk to themselves or others. A judge must review sworn evidence before issuing an order, and the individual involved is entitled to notice, a prompt hearing, and the oppor-

tunity to challenge the claims in court. Firearms are held temporarily and returned when an order expires, and penalties typically apply to anyone who files a false or malicious petition. These safeguards are designed to ensure that any action respects constitutional rights and due process.

In NH, suicide remains a significant public-health concern, and firearms are the most common method. Roughly half of suicides in our state involve a firearm, and suicide accounts for the majority of gun deaths. These tragedies often occur during periods of acute crisis, when timely intervention can make a critical difference.

More than twenty states have adopted some form of ERPO policy, including Maine most recently. These laws often receive broad public support, including from many gun owners and across party lines, because they are seen as a practical, court-based tool focused on temporary crisis intervention.

Measures like Article 28 invite communities to consider how best to protect both public safety and individual rights. For me, this is about responsibility - to families, to neighbors, and to the rule of law. I therefore urge everyone to support this common-sense measure.

Sincerely,
Barbara Finamore
Londonderry

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Perez, Rousell Crowned as Division I Champs



Londonderry sophomore Cam Rousell had a 12-2 win for the 120-pound DI title.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The NHIAA Division I State Championship took place at Londonderry High School over the weekend and two young Lancers battled their way to the top of their weight classes.

Sophomore Cam Rousell and freshman Gabriel Perez both needed just three victories to take their respective titles, and in doing so, helped their team to a fifth-place finish against 15 DI teams.

The perennial powerhouse from Timberlane Regional High School took first with 281-points, Concord was second at 221 and Keene had 181.5-points

for third in the Sunday, Feb. 22 event, that was postponed from one-day earlier due to a snow-storm.

Rousell, who had a fourth place finish last year, appeared to have easy time getting to the 120-pound title.

Starting in the quarter-finals, Rousell needed just one period for his 10-1 Fall win over sophomore Aarush Dutta of Nashua South, winning at 2:22.

In the semi-finals, he won with a 17-2 Technical fall in the third period against freshman Eli Jones of Exeter.

In the Championship bout, Rousell gave up just two escape points to junior Ethan Bilobram



Freshman Gabriel Perez had an 8-3 decision to win at 132-pounds. Photos by Chris Paul

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Eacrett Hits 1,000, Girls' Remain in the Hunt for Title

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team entered the final few games of the regular season, with hopes of knocking the Bedford Bulldogs down in the standings and elevating the Lancers position to second place. Unfortunately, after a big win in Nashua, Londonderry fell to Bedford over the weekend, at home, and now will most likely be settling for the number three seed in the upcoming playoffs.

The silver lining was senior Brooke Eacrett getting her 1,000th career point after have a

monster scoring stretch in four games.

Eacrett had 30-points in the first game of the week, continued from the previous week, where she had scored 65-points in three games.

The Lancers began their week at Nashua North where they commanded the courts, holding the Titans to just three-points in the first quarter and leading their host 42-22 by the half.

Londonderry captured its 14th victory of the season on Tuesday night, outscoring Nashua 74-46 with Eacrett leading the charge with her 30-points.

Eacrett had eight,

three-pointers to lead the team in scoring.

Senior Sammie Sullivan had 22-points in the win, including three triples.

Junior Gemma Murray also contributed three from outside the arc and finished with 12-points.

In the team's rematch with the defending Division I Champs, the Bedford Bulldogs, on Saturday afternoon, a game that was rescheduled from the day before, Londonderry was held to 46-points and lost to Bedford for the second time this season.

Londonderry led the game 12-9 after one peri-

od, lost pace in the second to trail 21-26 at the half.

The Lancers were outscored 25-31 in the second half for the 57-46 result.

In the game, Eacrett ended the third-quarter with a foul shot that put her at the millennium mark in her high school scoring. Her scoring was cooled off by the Bulldog defense, putting up just 12-points, behind Sullivan who battled her way to 16-points.

Murray finished with eight-points.

The Lancers were scheduled for just one more regular season game. On Tuesday, Feb. 24, they look to finish at 15-3 with a win over Keene (9-8) at home.



Lancers senior Brooke Eacrett had 77-point over a four game stretch. Photo by Chris Paul

Sample Ballot
School District Election
March 10, 2026
Londonderry, NH

Instructions To Vote:
To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

To Vote for a Write-in:
To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.

School Board
Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
Three (3) years

Kent Bachir	<input type="radio"/>
Tim Porter	<input type="radio"/>
Bob Slater	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>

Article 2 - General Fund Operating Budget

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$21,196.90. ELA Proficiency: 59%; Math Proficiency: 49%; Science Proficiency: 45%.

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2026-27 not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant?

Vote for only one:

A. **\$94,960,409** (School Board Budget as amended)
(Estimated Tax Impact (\$9.73))

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

OR

B. **\$95,234,013** (Default Budget)
(Estimated Tax Impact \$9.76)

NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

A
 B

Article 3 - Special Article - Full Day Kindergarten

Shall the Londonderry School District vote to implement Full Day Kindergarten in each of the three elementary school buildings beginning with the 2026-27 school year? If this article passes, the General Operating Budget will decrease by \$208,000 and the General Fund Revenue account will increase by \$548,226.

(Estimated Tax Reduction -\$0.12)
(Majority vote required)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
 No

Article 4 - Londonderry Custodians (AFSCME Local 1801) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Custodians (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$191,060** for the 2026-27 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and staffing at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY2026-2027	\$191,060	\$0.02
FY2027-2028	\$110,173	\$0.02
FY2028-2029	\$77,228	\$0.01

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
 No

Article 5 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Londonderry School District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 4 cost items only?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
 No

Article 6 - School Lunch Program and Federal Funds Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, **\$1,717,000**; and federal projects, **\$1,564,000**; for a total appropriation of **\$3,281,000** such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
 No

Article 7 - Special Article - District / Town Agreement re: Lease of Offices

Shall the School District authorize the School Board to enter into a long-term build/lease agreement with the Town of Londonderry for the construction of School District office space on Town land adjacent to the Town offices on Mammoth Road, and to raise and appropriate \$3.9 million for this purpose with \$2.5 million to come from the Town, (that amount to be repaid by the District's lease payments of \$250,000 over 10 years) and \$1.4 million to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:7.VI and will not lapse until June 30, 2032, or when the project is completed, whichever is first. This article is contingent on the town voting to approve the long-term build/lease agreement.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
 No

Boys' Basketball Go 1-1 with One Left in Regular Season



Senior Casey Marsh goes up for two during his final home game as a Lancer.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball celebrated the team's three eldest players with a Senior Night victory, but then finished the week with a defeat to the Bedford Bulldogs.

The 1-1 week put the Lancers season record at 7-10 with just one game remaining before the Division I playoffs.

Londonderry began the week at home, hosting the Nashua North Titans, and honoring Evan Vago, Casey Marsh and Jayden Ncala with a Senior Night ceremony to start the night.

The evening ended with another celebration, a 64-50 victory over the Titans and the

team's seventh win of the season.

The Lancers built up a hefty lead to start the game, outscoring their guests 41-17 in the first half, but stuttered a bit in the second half, and held on for a 64-50 win.

Junior forward Nathan Mbuyi led the team in scoring with 17-points, scoring in every quarter with nine baskets.

Marsh had 13-points in his final home game, getting one from outside the arc and five, for two points.

Vago also hit double-digits with one triple, three for two and a foul shot for 10-points.

Junior Davis Magarian had eight-points and Ncala finished with five.

Over the weekend, at Bedford High School, the

Lancers were outpaced by the Bulldogs 92-40, in what was the Bulldog's highest point total of the season.

The Lancers will finish the regular season this week with a long trip to Keene High School, taking on the 7-9 Blackbirds, and looking to end the season on a high note.

Article 8 - Special Article - Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$670,000** to be placed in the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2021 School District meeting for the purpose of the maintenance, construction, renovations, improvements and related professional services to all buildings, grounds, fields, substructures, and infrastructure to the overall property of the Londonderry School District? The fund shall provide the funding source for all equipment, structures, professional services, machinery, and materials, necessary to sustain efficiency, safety, of the District's buildings, grounds, and infrastructure and subsurface that meet the needs of the School District with up to \$150,000 of this sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026 and the remaining amount to be raised by additional taxation.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Article 9 - Special Article - District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** to be placed in the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2019 School District meeting to provide funds for equipment and services for the school district network infrastructure such as, but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district's network?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Article 10 - Special Article - Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$100,000** to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of minor on-going equipment and tools, such as but not limited to classroom furniture, technology, furniture, building maintenance equipment and tools, used in the School District, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Article 11 - Special Article - Vehicle & Machinery Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$37,350** to be placed in the Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2020 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of vehicles and machinery with this sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Article 12 - Special Article - The Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the school district establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c called "The Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of funding the cost of negotiated employee benefits including but not limited to: health insurance reimbursements, assessments, changes in coverage or policies chosen by employees, severance benefits and such other benefits as are from time to time negotiated or become contractual obligations of the district, and further to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be placed in this fund said sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026 and further to name the school board as agents to expend this fund?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Article 13 - Acceptance of Donations

Shall the Londonderry School District vote pursuant to RSA 198:20-c,VI to authorize the School Board to accept privately donated gifts, legacies and devices, and to ratify the acceptance of such gifts, legacies, and devices which can be utilized for the same purpose as trust funds created under RSA 198:20-c with said authorization to continue indefinitely until rescinded?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Article 14 - Citizens Petition Warrant Article

Strong schools strengthen local communities and economies. Therefore, the residents of Londonderry are asked:

Do we believe school budget decisions should remain with local voters rather than be restricted by a statewide, one-size-fits-all spending cap?

This question arises because proposed legislation would impose state-mandated caps on all school district budgets, replacing New Hampshire's current system of local decision-making.

The state currently pays less than 30 percent of the cost of local education in New Hampshire, yet this mandate would apply to 100 percent of a district's budget. Such a mandate would reduce the flexibility communities need to respond to changing conditions and local priorities, effectively shifting decision-making authority over locally raised funds.

As schools have little control over certain costs they are required to pay, such as special education, health insurance, and transportation, meeting a rigid spending cap could require reductions that impact educational quality. This would limit both voter-decision making and local control.

Be it further resolved that the School Board shall send the results of this vote to the Governor, and all members of the General Court representing Londonderry within thirty (30) days of this vote.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0

Yes
No

Article 15 - Citizens Petition Warrant Article

New Hampshire communities value strong public schools and responsible use of public funds for education. Therefore, the voters of Londonderry, New Hampshire are asked:

Shall we call on our legislators to protect taxpayers by requiring the Education Freedom Account program to provide fiscal and educational performance reports comparable to those required of public schools, and by limiting eligibility to families with demonstrated financial need?

This question is raised because state legislators recently removed all income limits from the Educational Freedom Account program (vouchers), expanding it beyond its original purpose. These changes added tens of millions of dollars in costs while the program provides limited public information on how funds are spent or if educational standards are being met.

The voucher program is projected to cost \$110 million over the next two years, with no new revenue sources identified. This directs public funds to private education without reducing the expenses public schools are constitutionally required to cover, increasing pressure on local property taxes.

Be it further resolved that the Londonderry School Board shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Londonderry within thirty (30) days of this vote.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board	5	0	0

Yes
No



Senior Send-Off

Senior Cheerleaders Skyler McCann, left, and Celia Kerr were honored at the final home game for the Lancers boys' basketball team last week during the Senior Night festivities. Coach Chelsea Dennis commented, "We are so proud of our seniors and grateful for all they have contributed to our program over the past four years. We will be cheering them on always as they take their next steps into their futures!"

Photo by Chris Paul



1,000 Points

Lancers senior Brooke Eacrett hit her 1,000th career point in the team's game against the Bedford Bulldogs on Saturday. Brooke had a dozen points in the contest and hit the millennium mark at the end of the third quarter on a shot from the foul line. Fellow senior, Sammie Sullivan, hit the 1,000 mark last season.

Photos by Chris Paul

Wrestlers

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of Timberlane for a 12-2 major decision victory and the division medal.

At 132-pounds, Perez had a similar climb to podium, winning three bouts in convincing fashion.

In the quarter-finals Perez won in the second period, pinning Salem junior, Jacob Haibowicz, with a 5-0 lead.

In the semis, he racked up 13 unanswered points in three-periods for the Major

Decision win over Exeter senior Hudson Berry.

Perez finished his championship bout with an 8-3 decision over Timberlane junior Peter Morrissey. The freshman had two takedowns and a reversal for the win, giving up three-points on a reversal and a technical violation.

Other LHS wrestlers to place were: Sophomore Anthony Cipolletta, taking fifth at 106-pounds, winning 15-12 in his final bout; junior Caleb Holden, third place with a 3-1 fall win

in his final match; freshman Colin Egan took third at 144-pounds with a 9-4 decision; freshman Jayden Mahlatini had a third-place win at 285-pounds, winning 11-5 in his final bout; freshman Sawyer Chaffee took fifth-place with 17-0 Tech fall victory.

The team will now head to Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, Feb. 28 for the Meet of Champions, where all three state divisions will meet to decide the best wrestlers in the granite state.



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Community Choice Aggregation

In preparation for the Londonderry Community Choice Aggregation roll-out, Freedom Energy and the Town are holding a joint Information Session on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. Additionally, informational materials are available on the town's website, Freedom Energy's Londonderry CCA website, and in Londonderry's town hall.

Blood Drive

The Rotary Club of Londonderry, in partnership with the Red Cross, will be hosting a Blood Drive in March. It will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at Orchard Christian

Fellowship, in the Sanctuary, 136 Pillsbury Road. The Blood Drive will run from noon - 5 p.m. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit "RedCrossBlood.org" and enter "Londonderry Rotary" to schedule an appointment for your blood donation. There continues to be a critical need for blood, so please consider making an appointment to donate.

Republicans Meeting

The Londonderry Republicans monthly business meeting is Thursday, March 5 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Road. All Londonderry Republicans and Independents are welcome! More info: email lrc@londyrep.com.

Comedy Night

The Londonderry Women's Club (LWC), will host a Comedy Night Fundraiser on Thursday, April 16, at Chunky's Cinema in Manchester. The evening will feature live comedy performances and raffles, including a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will support LWC's community initiatives, including high school and adult women's scholarships, providing snacks for local elementary students, partnering with End 68 Hours of Hunger to combat food insecurity, making & donating fleece caps for chemotherapy patients, supporting families through St. Jude's Blue Angels, and other charita-

ble programs. To purchase tickets, email: comedy@londonderry-womensclub.org

Never Forget 9/11/01

Please join in on this first information night on Thursday March 5, from 6 - 8 p.m. The meeting will take place at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road (meeting room to be marked at the entrances). This meeting be discussing the planning on bringing the Tunnel to Towers Foundation 9-11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit (<https://t2t.org/9-11-institute/9-11-never-forget-mobile-exhibit>) to the Town of Londonderry in April 2027. Volunteers our sought to assist in this endeavor. If you, your group, civic organization, or business is interested in assisting, help would be appreciated. Please attend the planning meeting for more information on how you can help. Should you have any questions on the event or meeting, or would like to confirm your attendance, would like to assist and are not able to attend that night, please contact Vinny Curro, at Londonderry Fire Rescue

at 603-867-7472 or via e-mail vincurro@comcast.net

Family Pizza Shabbat

On Friday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will old the Monthly Family Pizza Shabbat for all generations. A free pizza dinner will be followed by an intergenerational service for everyone. There will be kids' activities while adults enjoy a sermon. Bring a nosh for our potluck oneq. Join us to share in the mitzvah of L'Dor V'Dor, transmitting Jewish heritage and values across generations. RSVP by March 5 to office@etzhayim.org.

Purim Carnival & Spiel

Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for a joyful, laughter-filled Purim Celebration on Saturday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Whether you want to make a grogger, meet new friends, enjoy wine and snacks, or simply sit back and laugh at a hilarious performance, there's something for everyone! Interactive Purim Activities, Costume Parade - come dressed up!, Small Bites, BOO Haman, Wine

and Cheese Meet and Greet with Rabbinical Candidate Rabbi Eitan Krul. Then at 7 p.m., take your seat for our Purim spiel: Chaos in the Shul: A Shul with No Rabbi! Free popcorn and hamantaschen! Costumes encouraged. Laughter guaranteed!

Mah Jongg Tournament

On Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a fun-filled day of tiles, prizes and friendship! Entry fee is \$30. There will be 4 rounds of game play, 4 games per 1-hour round. There will be prizes for placement, a 50/50 raffle and additional raffles, and sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Sign up by April 12. Doors open and check-in from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Pre-register and pay at www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament. Rules and scoring provided after payment receipt. Questions? Contact Jean Lisien at jbortz@comcast.net or Deb Eisner at rlc800@aol.com.

Sunday Family Camp

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The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing of an application for a formal review of a site plan for a two story 41,700 square foot building with 12 indoor pickleball courts along with 21 outdoor pickleball courts and associated site improvements in the Commercial II (C-II), 2 Highlander Way, Map 28, Lot 10-0, City of Manchester (Owner), Benton Family Trust (Applicant) ; 5 Highlander Way, Map 28, Lots 10-4, Benton Family Realty LLC (Owner/Applicant), Commercial II (C-II) Zoning District; 3385 Brown Avenue, Map 28, Lot 9, City of Manchester (Owner), Benton Family Trust (Applicant).

Public hearing for an application for a Conditional Use Permit for 19,150 Square feet of buffer impacts and associated site improvements in the Commercial II (C-II) and Industrial I (IND-I) Zoning Districts. 2 Highlander Way, Map 28, Lot 10-0, City of Manchester (Owner), Benton Family Trust (Applicant) and 5 Highlander Way, Map 28, Lots 10-4, Benton Family Realty LLC (Owner/Applicant), Commercial II (C-II) Zoning District.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Feb. 16

3:20 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
6:03 p.m. Five-officers assist another police department with services at Park & Ride - North on Symmes Drive.
10:09 p.m. A motor vehicle accident on Lawson Farm Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Lisa Jean, 53, of Nashua, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

9:12 a.m. Services rendered by three officers on Symmes Drive for Unlawful Activities
1:31 p.m. Four-officers make an arrest at Londonderry High School for a Violation of a Protective Order.

1:42 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
2:52 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Tinkham Lane.
4:38 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers at Lifestance Health, on Gilcreast Road, transported to a hospital.
7:38 p.m. A motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Nashua Road, at Parmenter Road. Johan Pena, 20, of Londonderry, charged with: the Manufacture/Possession of a False ID; and Speeding 16 to 20 mph Over a Limit of 55 or Less.
8:31 p.m. A motor vehicle stop on Michels Way, at Market Basket, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Tristan Roarty, 30, of Windham, charged with: Driving

After Revoke/Suspension; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

5:32 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Mcallister Drive.
12:24 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School.
2:55 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers on Cortland Street.
3:26 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at a homeless area by four officers. David Morel, 41, of Londonderry, charged with two counts of Negligent Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration.
3:34 p.m. Trespassing reported on Noyes Road.

Thursday, Feb. 19

1:15 a.m. Warrant ser-

ved and arrest made on State Street, Concord. Brian Heselton, 39, of Auburn, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking of over \$1,501; and Theft By Unauthorized Taking - two prior convictions.

3:29 p.m. Unlawful Activities investigated by three officers at TJ Maxx on Michels Way

3:51 p.m. Five-officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Tinker Avenue resulting in transportation to a hospital.

10:53 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Planeview Drive at Harvey Road.

Friday, Feb. 20

12:01 a.m. Four-officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Noble Place.

1:57 a.m. Assisting Citizen leads to an arrest at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Matthieu Izuza Taty, 45, of Man-

chester, Arrested on a Warrant.

7:33 a.m. Pedestrian Check conducted on Rockingham Road, at Page Road.

7:42 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on O'Malley Street, Manchester. David Coull, Jr., 38, of Manchester, charged with: Criminal Mischief; Disorderly Conduct; and Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury)

8:22 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Bunker Hill Road, Auburn. Kimberly Dubois, 34, of Auburn, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking of over \$1,501.

12:02 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at the Main Street Apartments in Woodmont results in transportation to a hospital.

Saturday, Feb. 21

3:56 a.m. Response to an Alarm on Commerce

Avenue leads to an arrest. Michael Willey, 42, of Manchester, charged with Bench Warrants.

8:25 a.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Gilcreast Road.

1:02 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Mill Road.

3:12 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

8:04 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for Suspicious Activity at the Dunkin Donuts on Mohawk Drive.

9:09 p.m. Disturbance investigated by five officers on Mercury Drive.

Sunday, Feb. 22

7:11 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:26 p.m. Services rendered by five officers for a Sudden Death on Old Nashua Road.

Around Town

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Synagogue on Sunday, March 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon for a Monthly Sunday Family Camp for ages 4-6. This month's theme is Purim. March's class will focus on Purim in preparation for the holiday in March. Children will learn about the Purim story (using an age-appropriate text) and how we celebrate this fun holiday. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by March 6 to ensure we have enough materials. To learn more about this free program, visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1

The History Of Etz Hayim Synagogue

On Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m., Jill Pelunis will describe how The Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS") evolved out of a Torah Study Group taught during the winter of 1991 into the center of Judaism in the Derry area. She will talk about the Interfaith Campus, building of the synagogue, and the many

facets of its spiritual, educational, social, and community involvement growth. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Women's Defense League

The Southern New Hampshire Republican Women (SNHRW) will host a special guest speaker at its March meeting on Monday, March 2, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Windham Restaurant. Guests are welcome to attend and may enjoy refreshments, appetizers, and entrees at their own expense during the meeting. The evening's program will feature a representative from the Women's Defense League, an organization dedicated to empowering women through education, training, and advocacy. This informative session is open to members and guests alike and promises to be an engaging discussion on

safety, education, and civic involvement. For more information about SNHRW membership and upcoming meetings and programs, visit the SNHRW.org

Veterans Assistance

American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, will host representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. noon, to provide direct assistance to veterans in the community. During the event, VA representatives will be available to: Sign veterans up for VA benefits and services; Help resolve existing VA-related issues; Answer questions about eligibility, health-care, and benefits; and Provide guidance on navigating the VA system. This event is open to all veterans, not just members of the American Legion. Veterans who need to sign up with the VA are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214. Veterans, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity for one-on-one support. For more informa-

tion, veterans may contact American Legion Post 27 directly via mail@alpost27.com or stop by during the event.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Feb. 28, from 10 - 11 a.m., and March 11, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; and Photo ID. Applicants for registration must provide proof of age, identity, citizenship and domicile. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof of domicile or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications. Applicants without sufficient proofs will be unable to register to vote at that time.

Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute

with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. First brick is \$140 each additional brick after is \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

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We Want to See Your Snow Creations.

Winners will be published in the paper and receive a gift card.

Categories are: Most Creative, Most Traditional, Sponsor's Choice, and Publisher's Choice



Submit photos by emailing to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net by 3/15/26, email must include the builders name and age

Contestants must be a Londonderry resident between the ages of 4 to 14

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Thursday	9:00AM - 8:00PM
Friday	9:00AM - 6:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Sunday	10:00AM - 3:00PM

SERVICE HOURS

Monday	7:00AM - 6:00PM
Tuesday	7:00AM - 6:00PM
Wednesday	7:00AM - 6:00PM
Thursday	7:00AM - 6:00PM
Friday	7:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Sunday	CLOSED