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Giving Thanks

Members of Girl Scout Troop 63078 stopped by the Londonderry Department of Public Works last week to thank the workers for their hard work removing snow in recent weeks. Pictured, Chris Dion accepts a thank you card from the Brownies. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Heritage Looks to Protect Section of Old Rum Trail from Development

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An industrial project at the Woodmont Commons PUD moved forward at the January meeting of the Heritage Commission, where Professional Engineer Jim Petropulos and several associates presented a site and subdivision plan for a 751,600-

square-foot project. “We’re here tonight seeking any comments from the Commission relative to a development to be located at the eastern part of Londonderry,” said Petropulos. “This property is zoned industrial, but it’s also part of the Woodmont Commons Planned Use Development. The

overall property is bordered by single-family homes. To the east is the Derry town line and commercial properties just on the opposite side of the property line. There are single-family homes along Ash Street, and of course, there’s I-93 to the west.”

The proposal included
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Commercial Tax Exemption Program Meets Opposition

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council had a first reading for a proposed Commercial Industrial Tax Exemption, which they waved.

In January, under the previous program, councilors questioned whether applicants could be denied by the board, it was decided to allow the previous ordinance to sunset in order to look at a new proposal, strong enough to support the town.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron explained previously that the possible ordinance in 2022, and then the same year, it was enacted.

However, she explained that it was reviewed once again in 2023, to look at potentially expanding the eligibility criteria for the program.

Caron explained that ultimately the program is intended to offer tax relief for industrial and commercial properties to local taxes for new and improved property. “It’s intended to attract industrial and commercial businesses,” Caron told the Town Council.

At the Feb. 18 meeting, Caron said the main ask for the revised ordinance was to have the ability to reject or deny an applicant if they felt it didn’t meet the criteria.

Caron said they made changes to the new proposal in regards to the public benefit, which will give them “teeth” to be able to deny applications if warranted.

The Town Council previously directed staff to have a proposed ordinance drafted by June 1.

Resident Deb Paul, asked why the ordinance was being pushed through quickly, and asked if there was a business or businesses looking to come into Town through the program.

“Why is this a rush,” Paul said.

She explained that in December she asked
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Utilities Committee to Focus on Food Waste, Internet and Water for 2025

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The February meeting of the Londonderry Utilities Committee heard updates from its many subcommittees, including the sewer/solid waste subcommittee led by John Mahon.

“We had our kickoff meeting for ‘25 a week and a half or so ago, basically a brainstorm session,” said Mahon. “The emphasis seemed to be on education in the area of recycling.”

This included topics like septic tank maintenance, which Mahon

argued was often overlooked, even though a majority of residents in Londonderry still use septic tanks. The subcommittee also discussed food waste.

“That might be more of a future thing, although there are some
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Five Residents Seek Two Spots on Londonderry Town Council

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There will be five names on the Town Ballot looking for residents to support them in the March 11 election for Town Council.

Only two of those candidates will be elected to the three-year seat.

Each candidate was asked: What makes you the best candidate for the position? Below are there responses.

Tammy Seikmann did not respond to our request.

Daniel Bouchard

What makes me the best candidate is that I have worked and lived in this wonderful town since 1979. During that time, I have obtained a wealth of information on

how the town functions and its' history. I have been very successful in business as well and believe I can bring this success to the town council and help Londonderry with the ongoing challenges of growth, traffic and the need of increased services we face. I have always been involved in the community. I look forward to trying to improve our community as I like to think outside the traditional box.

Richard D. Bielinski Jr.

My name is Richard D. Bielinski Jr. and I've been a resident for 40 years this coming June. This is not my first involvement with the Town of Londonderry. I

was the Vice Chair of the Londonderry School Charter committee back in 1999-2000. I was also the Londonderry Town Treasurer from March 2001 to March 2004. In addition to the town positions, I coached youth soccer and baseball. In the years since, I have spoken at many Town Council meetings about various issues affecting the residents of Londonderry.

I believe you need a candidate with the ability to make the hard decisions. I am known for being candid and forthright with my opinions and I will not shy away from anyone. My opinions are based upon research into the

appropriate state or town statutes. I have spoken at Town Council meetings on issues and have always had the appropriate information to backup what I have said. The Town Council for many years has played the game of putting off whatever problem has been brought to their attention in the hopes that it will just go away. This way of doing business needs to cease. The residents of Londonderry need to be listened to and not ignored. Transparency between residents and the Town government should be expected. Please consider me for Londonderry Town Council.

Respectfully,
Richard D Bielinski Jr
John Farrell - Incumbent

Serving the community is a family tradition. My father served on the Planning Board and Zoning Board when I was growing up in the 1980s and 1990s and my mother-in-law Pearl, who lived here in town for many years and worked at Shaw's, was always an active follower of the local activities in town. I am also lucky to have many relatives who have served as police officers, fire fighters, teachers, nurses, and in the military. I feel incredibly blessed to serve Londonderry on the Town Council and hope to continue to do so.

Over the years, I have learned that to best serve the community, you must be an excellent listener and an outstanding problem solver. I have tried my best to

be both. As a community, we must continue to address the PFOA issue and hold the offenders accountable. Last year, I was appointed Chairman of the State Water Council. Additionally, we need to keep taxes low while at the same time protecting and preserving our town's character and residential areas.

My goal every day is to help protect this great community. Sherry and I were married here 32 years ago at St. Jude's Church. Sherry moved here with her parents over 50 years ago and we met here when I was visiting a friend who lived in town. Londonderry is our home. It provides the convenience of being near Manchester and Boston with the beauty of our great state of NH and that small-town feel. I often discuss that we live where many people hope to vacation someday. I would be honored to continue to serve the community I love. Our community has built a very special town together. Sherry and I have even been lucky enough to see our girls move back to town.

I always strive to have an open mind and believe that together we can continue to strengthen our community. I love Londonderry and will do anything to protect it. I would appreciate your vote on March 11, 2025.

Debra Paul

As the publisher of the local newspaper, I have witnessed the rapid overbuilding in our community and I

believe it is time to pause and evaluate how we can better align development with the needs of Londonderry residents. While there is little I can do about what has already happened, I am focused on what we can do moving forward.

I sat on the Town Council for one three-year term and I did what I could to speak for the residents of this community.

I am committed to listening to you and finding actionable solutions. It is time to be creative and develop a vision that the majority of our residents can embrace, adapting as necessary when circumstances change. I want our town to function efficiently and effectively.

I aim to rebuild transparency and trust, which I view as crucial for an effective government.

We are living in uncertain times, leaving us with more questions than answers.

If elected as one of your town councilors, I assure you that I will be open and honest about all matters that come before the council, regardless of how the truth may reflect on me.

I have dedicated my life to serving this town over the last 25-years and have been instrumental in initiating many wonderful projects in our community.

My commitment to making Londonderry a better place drives me to seek your vote on March 11, 2025. Together, I think we can bring about meaningful change.

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Library Trustees Look to Take Over Treasurer Reports

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on Feb. 5 to discuss possible changes to the monthly financial reports at the suggestion of Treasurer Jan McLaughlin.

"These Treasurer Reports are not done by the Treasurer," said McLaughlin. "They're done by a person here in the library, and that's the

way it's been done for a number of years. At whatever time in the distant past, that task was passed off to the library, who has graciously allowed one of its people to do that as part of a job, and she does a nice job of it."

She argued that the Trustees should take more direct responsibility for writing the Treasurer Reports moving forward, though she was

open to the idea of collaborating with library staff. McLaughlin also suggested reforming how donations are tracked, with an emphasis on separating cash donations from non-cash alternatives like gift cards.

"We should have that in the donation tracker. I'm proposing a format where we track all of the donations somehow in a spreadsheet, and we'll

designate if it's cash or it's an item so we'll know where it came from," said McLaughlin.

The donation tracker would include "anything for the library." Such a change would reflect a recent push toward clarifying Leach Library's financial activities.

In her report, Library Director Erin Matlin gave a quick overview of issues at the library.

"We had some temperature sensor issues in the front area by the circulation desk, so we had our HVAC company come out and take a look where we were able to fix it," Matlin said. "We also had Precision Pest Control out to check our friendly mousetraps. I

know I brought that up a little over six months ago and the traps seem to be working really well."

Almost no mice were trapped in the library, although quite a few were caught just outside. Other matters in the library over the past month included an inspection of fire suppression systems and replacing the building's American flag following wind damage.

Assistant Director Donna Plante reported that 142 new collection materials were added to a library during January, a number she considered "low" following a relatively ambitious 2024.

"That will be bouncing back this month

because we already have stuff piling up every day," she promised. "It was kind of a result of the end of a pause in orderings for migration. Now we're back to order."

Additionally, the library began placing orders to replace items damaged and destroyed by flooding. Plante also announced the success of an upgrade to the Polaris Library System last Jan. 30.

"We did have to work offline for the morning, but we were back up by the afternoon, which was great," said Plante. "The public catalog was down for the whole day, but it was back up the next day."

Utilities

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initiatives by smaller private companies going on in town," he explained. "It'd be interesting to explore that and develop it some more. I don't think our primary supplier Waste Management is on the horizon to be in the food waste business, at least residentially."

He also pointed out that food waste takes up nearly a quarter of local landfill space. Clothing waste was another issue, although Mahon indicated that issues were lower down the priority list due to time and budgetary limitations.

The head of the Cable/Internet subcommittee, John Ferreira, gave an update on his research into broadband access across town. Recently, he contacted Fidium to gather more information on that company.

"After two or three weeks, on Jan. 28, they

got back to me. They do have a public forum, where they'll present what they offer and do a Q&A," explained Ferreira. "We do have to be very careful so we don't favor one company over another."

While Fidium was the latest focus on the cable/Internet subcommittee's research, Ferreira noted Londonderry had many different providers.

"Can we do something like a 'career day' for the companies?" asked Jeffrey McGraw, who wanted several companies to come in at once to explain their prices and offerings to residents.

Ferreira wanted to do more research on the topic with a focus on infrastructure. He noted that while there are many cable and Internet providers in Southern NH, not every company provides high-speed service to every household.

Utilities Committee Chair Lynn Wiles also

wanted to set a few 2025 goals for the various subcommittees.

"Send me two or three items you want to see happen," said Wiles. "Let's figure out what's out there, what's at the top of everybody's mind. One thing I will caution is that if you come up with an idea, be prepared to have somebody volunteer to be its champion. I find that very few goals get met if there's nobody to champion that goal and move it forward."

He also asked liaison Ron Dunn to poll the Town Council for ideas. Dunn mentioned having a "phased plan" for water as a possible area of focus for the Utilities Committee.

"Once project one is done, where do you want to go with two, three, and four?" asked Dunn. "What's next after High Range Road? Is it a 15-year plan? A 20-year plan? The phases we good go through would get the town aware of what's next."

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Editorial

Read Across America

March is designated as Read Across America month in many local schools, celebrating the beloved children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, whose birthday falls on March 2. Throughout this month, schools across the country engage in various activities centered around the theme of reading.

Read Across America was created by the National Education Association, highlighting the vital importance of reading, especially reading to children early and often.

Whether it involves dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a "celebrity reader" at a local elementary school, or cuddling up to read a bedtime story, Read Across America serves as a gentle reminder of the significance of reading in our lives - a skill that could easily become neglected amid today's busy schedules.

One of the key factors for future success is the ability and desire to read. Sometimes, we forget how much we take our reading skills for granted and overlook how we learned to read in the first place. We utilize this essential skill every day. Research shows that children who devote time to recreational reading perform better academically. Whether it's reading job applications, college textbooks, or exam questions, reading is a lifelong companion. Although some individuals struggle with reading and may need to exert extra effort, engaging with

enjoyable reading material can make a difference.

Read Across America isn't just for kids; adults also find great pleasure in losing themselves in a good book, whether by a warm fire or relaxing by a pool. If your child asks you to spend a little extra time at home reading this week, embrace the opportunity. Amid hectic, overwhelming schedules, this time will be well spent. While you're at it, consider visiting your local library's children's section. Witnessing a building filled with books can create a memorable experience for your child.

There is immense joy in discovering something new through an informative nonfiction book about a favorite figure or subject. Whatever the genre, nothing compares to the feeling of getting lost in a good book; these habits are fostered from a young age.

Read Across America emphasizes the importance of simply picking up a book and allowing yourself to get immersed in its story, exploring where it can lead your imagination, and discovering the doors it can open. There are countless formats to enjoy reading, including on your phone, on a computer, in newspapers, magazines, comic books, graphic novels, and more. Reading to a child creates lasting memories for both of you.

As Dr. Seuss wisely said, "You're never too old, too wacky, or too wild to pick up a book and read to a child."

Letters

Happy to See Deb Paul Running

To the editor,

I was happy to read that Deb Paul had thrown her hat in the race for Town Council. In talking with Deb over the last two years I found her to be considerate and level headed. She cares about the community. She has served previously on the Council so she will have a small learning curve to come up to speed on issues and process. The town is at a crossroads in regards to development and affordable housing. We need her voice. I look forward to voting for her in the upcoming elections.

Mike Yochim
Londonderry

Just My Opinion

To the editor

First, I would like to congratulate you both on 25 years of service to our town. I read the Londonderry Times every week and look forward to your newspaper informing me of what's going on in town. It may only be me, but I think something is wrong with the way the residential taxes keep going up.

We have had a tremendous amount of growth in town both residential and commercial. Which to my estimate should have been a great amount of money into the coffers.

The town sets up a zone near the airport many years ago to

attract commercial construction. It was supposed to make it easier financially to come to our town. I didn't think it was a good idea at the time because the town already has a great position close to an airport and major highways. Lowering commercial taxes to attract companies was supposed to last 10 years, all this at the expense of the homeowner.

Former managers of our town have been selling us a bridge we can't afford. Former Town Manager Kevin Smith was building a résumé for his future.

Town managers should be focused on the residents not their resumes.

I love this town and want to live here indefinitely. The only thing I have available to me is the ballot and I will use it.

Just my opinion...

Jim Buckley
Londonderry

Definition of Insanity

To the editor,

As a 36 year resident of town, I would like to echo some of the sentiments expressed here previously. Our town is in the midst of exponential growth that is occurring without the infrastructure to support it. Many years of neglecting to plan ahead have now culminated in our current serious situation. The regulations we do have are inadequate and are regularly allowed to be circumvented by de-

velopers. Suspicion and mistrust of the current regime has reached an all-time high. We cannot continue with the status quo. Isn't that the definition of insanity? Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results?

You have an opportunity to make a difference on March 11 when you can vote in the town election. Please educate yourself on the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot, and vote! If you can't make it that day, please consider an absentee ballot that you can obtain in advance from the town clerk.

Please join me in supporting Deb Paul and Richard Belinski for town council. Both of these long-time residents have consistently advocated transparency, responsible spending and long-term planning. Their questions go unanswered, and their efforts have often been stonewalled or ignored. I believe they will champion changes that are in the town's best interest and not allow the self-serving personal agendas of others to override common sense. I miss things like civility, cooperation and communication. Let's make an effort to return these things to our local government.

Please don't let the insanity continue. If you want change, then it needs to start with you. You need to show up

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Letters

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and vote. Your vote is important.

Thank you,
Marge Badois
Londonderry

Running for School Board

To the editor,
I'm excited to announce I am running for re-election to the Londonderry School Board. My commitment to this position remains strong, and I'd be honored to continue working for the best interests of students, teachers, and taxpayers.

As part of a dedicated board, we've fostered a strong working relationship with district admins and staff. Together, we've updated purchase policies, conducted expert audits of our fields and special education programs, and advanced our building master plan, among other initiatives. With this data, each decision is approached with a long-term, best outcome vision for students and taxpayers.

Data-driven updates across schools now identify what solutions are working and where adjustments are needed to guide effective curriculum updates and teaching approaches. We're seeing upward trends in test scores across the schools.

These insights have helped the District Office deliver fiscally responsible budgets the last two years, with this year's budget lower than both the default and last year's operating budget, while maintaining essential services for students.

During my term, working with the District Office, we accelerated 1-to-1 technology, unlocking modern learning tools and preparing students for a connected world. We also implemented a cohesive reading curriculum that builds and challenges students.

I believe in a hands-on approach, visiting schools weekly, building relationships, and observing how policies and changes affect day-to-day operations. Meetings are only a small part of the responsibility of being on the School Board.

While on the board, I've been a member of the district's collective bargaining team for the LEA negotiating the soon to be voted on teachers contract, Allied Health professionals contract, and AFSCME contracts encompassing our custodial professionals. I'm also part of the CIP and Kindergarten committee and AI policy task force, and serve as liaison to several PTAs.

To sum up my approach: Listen to all

available information, respect everyone's point of view, gather additional information as needed, and make the best informed choice for students and taxpayers.

Kevin Gray
Londonderry

School Moderator

To the editor,
Hello, Londonderry! I'm excited to announce my candidacy for School District Moderator. As a parent with two children in the Londonderry School District, I have a strong vested interest in the success of our schools. Having lived in Londonderry for nearly 15 years - and with my wife being a proud Londonderry High School graduate - choosing to raise our family here was an easy decision, and one we would gladly make again.

The School District Moderator plays a critical role in running school elections and the annual deliberative session fairly and objectively. With 12 years of experience in project and program management, I've facilitated many major meetings, ensuring that personal views don't interfere with delivering objective results. This experience will translate well into the moderator role, and I look forward to working closely with our Town Moderator to uphold the integrity of

our elections in accordance with state laws.

I have served as a chaperone for the Matthew Thornton ski club throughout both of my kids' time there and was a parent leader for one of the local cub scout packs for several years. But, most people know me from our Christmas light show (An Otterson Christmas) that we put on for the community each year. I have enjoyed these opportunities to give back to the community, but I am ready to do more. With my background and skills, I see this as another way to give back to the community that I have grown to love so much.

The role of school district moderator may not be the most talked-about position, but it is essential to maintaining the integrity of our local elections. With my background in facilitation, and my deep roots in the community, I am ready to serve in this capacity. I would be honored to have your vote on

March 11.

Thank you,
Tom Croteau
Londonderry

Support Deb Paul

To the editor,
I am sending this letter in support of Deb Paul for Town counsel I believe she is the best choice for our Town, with her community service, knowledge of Londonderry, her honest opinions and hard work, she is the only choice for me.

Jacqueline Fermoyle
Londonderry

Moratorium on Building

To the editor,
I have read in your publication recently about a moratorium on building here in town; however, it seems that every time I pick up the paper, there is a new subdivision or development being proposed. It seems to me that very little is being done to curb the runaway development in Londonderry and it is getting away from us.

I live on Ross Drive and there is already one

new town house development on Gilcreast South and now there are two more being excavated just north of Ross Drive, which I understand will contain many units. At times, I have to sit at the end of Ross for several minutes before I can get onto Gilcreast Rd. and occasionally; I am putting myself at risk trying to get out there. I cannot help but believe, that these new developments will be putting lives at risk, not only for those on Ross, but also on Tokanel Rd., as well as Charleston, Boston and Albany.

When we moved here in 1976, we paid around \$1300 in taxes and now we are up to \$8,000 a year! We have been told over and over that new commercial development will reduce taxes on the homeowner and yet, with all the new businesses in Londonderry since 1976, our taxes have quadrupled. We can't be the only people in town who are concerned about this situa-

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Utilities Committee Prepares for Energy Efficiency Audit

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on Feb. 4 to announce the acceptance of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, formally approved by the Department of Energy in January. The grant program is designed to help towns like Londonderry

reduce fossil fuel emissions and create more energy-efficient infrastructure. In the short term, it was unclear what this would mean for the Utilities Committee.

“Because it’s a voucher program, the money doesn’t go directly to us, the service comes to us. There will be an engineering firm tasked with supporting all entities

signed up to do this particular energy and efficiency planning as part of the voucher program. They’ll get the money, and they’ll provide us support,” said Committee member Mike Speltz. “The first bit of support is to more clearly define what the scope of work will be for us.”

He expected to learn more after learning

what engineering firm would be working with Londonderry.

Speltz and fellow Utilities Committee member Paul Ramsey were also involved in what they called an “energy audit” with Eversource.

“I’m working with Jessie Dustin who is an efficiency consultant with Eversource,” explained Ramsey. “They have engaged the firm of GDS Associates and Jeremy Blanchard, their Senior Project Manager, will be assigned to the town of Londonderry. The intent is that this will be at no cost to the town as they will come in and do an energy efficiency study on select town buildings.”

After going through the town, GDS would create a report for the Utilities Committee, which will likely make recommendations to the Town Council on ways to improve energy usage. The GDS audit and report should take one to three months.

“I’m looking for their feedback in terms of prioritizing the buildings and how they want to go about it,” added Ramsey.

Committee Chair Lynn Wiles specifically hoped to audit Londonderry’s three fire stations, its town hall, and the town garage if possible. He confirmed that the GDS energy audit would likely not include any school buildings.

“The schools aren’t considered ‘town buildings?’” asked Committee member Anne Fenn. “They’re a part of our town, I mean our kids go to the schools.”

Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen confirmed they were not, at least for governance and budgeting.

“The town and the schools are separate forms of government,” she explained. “The town boards don’t have any discretion over the schools. The School Board, if they choose, can do an audit, but nei-

ther the Utilities Committee nor the Town Council has any discretion over the schools and their buildings.”

There was some discussion over talking to the School Board about the topic sometime in the future.

“I would say let’s start someplace, get the experience, and based on that we can proceed to the next step,” said Ramsey.

The town’s waste oil collection has been temporarily suspended following issues with getting the necessary volunteers to and from the site during the winter.

“It’s really just too cold,” said Wiles, who volunteers for waste oil collection along with Alternate member John Mahon. “It’s hard to stand out there for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning.”

The next waste oil collection day will occur behind Central Fire Station on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Tax Incentive

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how many businesses had come forward and applied, she was told none, and then at the next meeting, it was announced that there were five businesses looking to get approved before the ordinance sunsetted.

Paul also said she

thinks the new proposal needs to be reviewed more closely for any possible loopholes like the ones they encountered previously.

Resident Kristine Perez, also argued that they need to review the ordinance closer and that they should be looking at enacting impact

fees instead. “It stinks... we have no one applying (then) two weeks later we have five that are applying,” she said.

The Town Council waived the first reading of the ordinance, meaning a full presentation of the proposed ordinance will take place at the next Town Council meeting on March 3, beginning at 7 p.m.

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Conservation Commission Debates Impact of Proposed Commerce Park

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on Jan. 28 to hear Engineer Jim Petropulos from Nashua's Hayner Swanson give a presentation on possible environmental issues related to the industrial Gateway Commerce Park development at Woodmont Commons.

"The purpose of being here this evening is to seek your input on a proposed design review submittal for development to be located in the eastern part of Londonderry," explained Petropulos. "Currently, the property measures 198

acres, it's in the industrial zone. During 2013 this was part of the Woodmont Commons planned unit development."

"We've mapped and flagged the wetlands in accordance with jurisdictional requirements in the state of NH," said Petropulos. "What we have along the western border is several wetland complexes that exist. There are forested wetlands, there are several vernal pools in this location and intermittent water courses that all flow towards I-93."

More vernal pools flowing to Ash Street were also along the east side of the property. The

project also included an extensive stormwater drainage plan, taking several parking lots into account. The project included a request for a dredge and fill permit from the state. A central concern of the Conservation Commission was how the development could impact local wetlands.

"I didn't notice, do you have it indicate that buffer signs will be installed?" asked Commission Chair Marge Badois, who wanted the wetlands and surrounding buffer zone clearly

marked during construction.

Petropulos promised the development would mark wetlands to the best of their abilities, though he warned it could be difficult on some of the more wooded areas. The plan also included a restoration effort using a "conservation mix" of local plants in disturbed areas.

"I have placed, in our site plan set, several conservation signs in strategic areas, not just in the wooded wetland or the 50-foot zone. To be truthful, I used 100-

foot spacing instead of the 50-foot spacing, he explained. "I don't think it looks natural to have stakes every 50 feet."

The Conservation Commission also heard a presentation from Civil Engineer Jon Rokeh and Surveyor Robert Deegan for a subdivision and street improvement plan along Wilson Road.

"This is a site we've been working on for several years," said Rokeh. "It's an eight-lot subdivision along Wilson Road on the one-way section. There's no wetland impacts associated with this project, and what we're proposing to do is along our side of the road, we're going to be putting in drainage and ditches."

The project would also involve cutting down curves on a section of the road to

improve driver site distance.

"What's really going to improve it is we're going to be cutting back some of the embankments off the road," said Rokeh. "There's no drainage along the edge; the water can go on the road right now in a lot of places."

Looking at a map of the property, Badois noted that while there were no wetlands directly on the property, several patches were nearby.

"So, it will be treated before it gets to the wetland?" she asked.

According to Rokeh and Deegan, all stormwater runoff would drain into a series of detention basins.

Overall, no member of the Conservation Commission had any objections to the plan.

OBITUARY

Barbara Jane Wallace



Barbara Jane Wallace, 86, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, in her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on Sept. 13, 1938, in Winchester, MA, a daughter of the late Elmer and Gertrude (Winn) Dearborn.

Barbara will be lovingly remembered for her generosity, unwavering devotion and was the first to pitch in and lend a helping hand to those in need. Even though raising her children was her greatest accomplishment, Barbara possessed an extraordinary gift to create beautiful masterpieces; most notably was her cake baking and decorating skills, which she eventually turned into a business. She also tackled other crafts resulting in unique and treasurable keepsakes. Barbara has had several rewarding career opportunities and engaged in her community as a lifelong member of the Londonderry Grange and the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, fostering many friendships along the way.

Barbara's greatest joys were spending time with her family, hosting cookouts, birthday parties and game day extravaganzas; especially the more intimate matches of Scrabble, where she maintained her status as "Scrabble Queen", along with her culinary skills, she also enjoyed reading. Her legacy is one of unyielding kindness and generosity and will be sadly missed by all.

She is survived by her son, Brian Wallace and his wife Jeanne; two daughters, Susan Wallace, and Cindy Doyle and her husband Terry; five grandchildren, Jeffrey Doyle and his wife Lisa, Craig Doyle, Katie Doyle, Sean Wallace and his wife Mia, and Lauren Dawson and her husband Ryan; seven great-grandchildren, Clover and Finnigan Kowalczyk, Griffin and Emerson Doyle, Sarah and Harper Wallace, and Hallie Dawson; her brother, Laurence Dearborn, and her sister, Linda Campbell, as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Barbara was predeceased by her loving husband of 66 years, Henry P. Wallace; and her two sisters, Virginia Towle and Dale Watts and brother Elmer "Sonny" Dearborn Jr.

Following cremation, services will be held at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church on April 26, 2025, at 10 a.m., followed by the interment at Pleasant View Cemetery, and returning to the church for a luncheon upstairs for all wishing to attend. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys Foundation, 8 Commerce Drive Suite #101, Bedford NH 03110.

OBITUARY

Leo Allan Beaton



Leo Allan Beaton, 88 of Londonderry, NH passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, at All American Assisted Living in Londonderry after a period of declining health. Leo was born Sept. 24, 1936, in East Boston, MA and was a son of the late Joseph and Bridget (Byrne) Beaton.

Leo was raised in East Boston and Everett, MA and moved with his family to East Derry in 1967 until his retirement in 1998. He lived in Londonderry for several years, and he and his wife wintered for many years in Bonita Springs, FL.

Leo was a truck driver most of his working life and a longtime member of Teamsters Local 25 of Boston, MA. He drove for Associated Transport and Pacific Mountain Express and retired from Freeman Tradeshow, Exhibit and Event Company of Boston.

Leo loved planting, gardening and landscaping, spending hours out in the sun with his yard and gardens. He had a lifelong love for cars and cherished his T-Birds. He will forever be remembered for his dry and quick sense of humor and his appreciation for a good dessert.

Members of the family include his son and his wife, David A. and Sonia Beaton, his daughter and her husband, Denise and Robert Gagnon, five grandchildren, Dylan J. Beaton, Dakota-Lee Dumont and her husband Erik Gile, Nicholas Demars, Heather Gagnon and Jennifer Gagnon and two great grandchildren, Anthony David and Emma L. Beaton. Leo was predeceased by his wife of 52 years and love of his life, Anita L. Beaton in 2010 and his beloved son Joseph in 2011.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Feb. 26 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Burial followed at Forest Hill Cemetery E. Derry. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Library Faces Possible Change in Policy for Under-18 Cardholders

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees opened their February meeting to public comments, where several residents had questions on how the Trustees keep minutes, including Richard Bielinski, who questioned why the minutes for a non-public meeting on Nov. 6 were not made available in a timely manner.

“You can only seal them for 72 hours,” claimed Bielinski. “You can only seal them under certain circumstances: to protect the reputation of somebody, or to protect if there is a contract. You guys waived that when you spoke about why you went into non-public.”

He urged the Trustees not to seal minutes without “meeting the cri-

teria in the law.”

The minutes of the Nov. 6 non-public session were eventually made available and can be found on the town website.

“What I’m seeing in the minutes is that they’re not really minutes,” added resident Garrett Adie. “For example, the October minutes are 36 pages long, and I don’t really understand that. Has somebody advised this board on if that’s what you need to do?”

He believed minutes should summarize a meeting instead of acting like reading like a long transcript.

“What we have done is that we’ve piggy-backed with the town’s transcriber, who keeps minutes from the other groups. She’s been following the guidelines

she’s been using for the other town committees,” explained Trustee Liz Thomas. “It might be possible that we’re all doing it wrong, but to our knowledge, we’re consistent with how the rest of the town is doing it.”

Other residents had questions about library policy, particularly regarding the book check-out policy for library card holders under 18. State Rep. Kristine Perez reported that a proposal known as HB 273 was set to go before the NH House of Representatives. This proposal would give parents the right to learn what books their children check out.

“To my understanding, it’s what they have currently checked out on their card and not a history, is that correct?”

asked Library Director Erin Matlin.

Perez confirmed the bill was not worded to require libraries to give parents check-out histories.

“There are a lot of towns that cannot get that history,” she noted. “It will be current, and it will be anyone under the age of 18.”

State Rep. Doug Thomas reminded the Trustees that HB 273 may not end up becoming law. “If doesn’t pass I would recommend that the next Trustees meeting, when they redo the policy on checking out books for the library, that before a parent signs permission giving a card to a minor, there ought to be a disclaimer on the form that basically says that by providing a library card to you child, you’re giving up

your right to know what your child is checking out,” suggested Thomas. “I believe at least you would be giving forewarning to a parent.”

Not everybody agreed with the need for a disclaimer or with the intent behind HB 273.

“If the bill does not pass, please do not put a disclaimer on applica-

tions for library cards,” said resident Erica Laue. “We don’t need to enable helicopter parenting; we don’t need to enable intensive parental control over what children are learning how to read. That’s between the parent and their children to sort out, we don’t need to have that.”

OBITUARY

Emily G. Plummer



Emily G. Plummer, 32, of Londonderry, NH, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025 at U Mass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA. She was born on March 8, 1992 in Manchester, NH, a daughter of George “Kitt” Plummer, III and Catharine (Hazelton) Plummer, and had been a lifelong resident of Londonderry. Emily was well known to teachers, staff and students in the Londonderry school system. Emily also knew and loved many people who had diligently cared for her throughout her life.

In addition to her parents of Londonderry; she is survived by two brothers, George K. Plummer, IV of Stuart, FL, and Isaac D. Plummer of Bridgewater, VT; her grandparents, Richard and Marion Hazelton of Chester, NH; as well as her nieces, Anastasia, Layla and Jasmine. She also leaves various aunts, uncles and cousins.

Following cremation, a graveside service will be held in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry in the Spring. Memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals of NH <https://eastersealsnh.org/donate>. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Citizens Petition Warrant Article Amended At Deliberative

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A citizens petition warrant article was amended during the school district Deliberative Session.

The warrant article going into the Deliberative Session stated:

"We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Londonderry request the School Board to insert the following article on the Warrant for the March 11, 2025 Town Meeting of Londonderry, NH.

Shall the Town Vote:

To adopt a tax cap for the Londonderry School District in accordance with RSA 32:5-c as amended effective Oct. 1, 2025, and amend the School District Charter as appropriate. RSA 32:5-c states that: In a town that has adopted this paragraph, a tax cap limiting the base amount to be raised by property taxes to last year's base may be adjusted to account for inflation and change in attendance for school districts, according to the following formula:

this year's base = (last year's base) x (1 + CPI) x (this year's attendance / last year's attendance)."

Resident Kristine Perez, who brought the citizen's petition warrant article forward, said she was asked to bring it forward by several people in town. "This makes a very easy formula," Perez said, explaining that it is based on what the district spent the year before, inflation and the number of students increase or decrease.

It was explained by Perez, that the law went into effect in October that allows them to do it, and that it would be a tool they can use if it is needed.

Perez said that some towns have done it based on a percentage, but she said "I've never liked that," saying some others have done it based on the cost per student.

The way her proposal is set up she feels like it's a "fair way" of doing it.

It was noted during

the Deliberative Session, by Perez that it needs to be a 3/5 vote by the voters for it to pass.

A proposed amendment failed which would essentially make it so the proposed budget couldn't be more than 25% of the previous year's budget, however, the amendment failed.

Resident Tony DeFrancesco argued the Deliberative Session wasn't a time to propose an amendment like that saying it was too complicated. "This is not the

time, nor the place to be doing something that is this complicated," he said. Instead, he proposed his own. "I have a much simpler way to do this," DeFrancesco said. His amendment which was approved by the voters at the Deliberative Session will ask voters to see if they support the School District studying a possible tax cap, and would make it advisory only.

Voting on the warrant article will take place on March 11.

Heritage

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es the development of 107 acres just south of the historic Old Rum Trail. The plan includes landscaping and trees across the property to "compliment the architecture" of the buildings. Petropolis claimed other factors would comply with all regulations for the PUD and the town of Londonderry.

"The buildings are all very similar in character with one-story structure, flat roof, 36 feet in height," he said, adding that a goal of building one is to attract "industrial flex" developers aimed at lighter industrial research and development. Other elements of the plan would likely

include warehousing and manufacturing.

Before recommending the project to the Planning Board, members of the Heritage Commission had a few questions.

"You show approximately 3,880 feet of stone walls on the property. It doesn't tell me how big they are, but there is a note saying it's supposed to be picked up and stored someplace to be reused," said Commissioner David Colglazier. "I don't see on any of this plan the locations where you're going to redistribute the material. Can you enlighten me about that?"

Petropolis admitted there was no definitive plan for where the his-

toric walls might be reassembled this early in the design review process.

"We're going to pick them up, stockpile them, and the goal is to put them back into the plan," he said. "I believe that when we finalize our drawings and we appear before the Planning Board, we're going to have a representation of where those walls are."

Other questions focused on how close construction might get to the Old Rum Trail.

"You're probably not aware of its history, but that is the original Old Rum Trail the new road is named for. Most of it is compromised already, but there is a piece that runs from the intersec-

tion just down from the radio tower, down to I-93 and I'm wondering if or how you're going to be able to protect that," said alternate David Ellis. "It's got quite a bit of history and I know the state has it down as an archeological resource."

The plan involved paving over at least some roads in the area, although the initial plan seemed to indicate the development's stormwa-

ter drainage system could run through the Old Rum Trail.

"That would be a major loss to the town if we lose that," warned Ellis.

Petropolis agreed to double-check the design documents to see what could be done to avoid minimizing the impact, and that developers were in contact with the NH Division of Historical Resources.

Ultimately, the Heritage Commission recommended the plan, on the condition the applicant gather more information from the state to work towards preserving that section of the Old Rum Trail.

The Heritage Commission is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

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Librarian Warrant Article Gets Debated at Deliberative

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two separate warrant articles related to a proposed children's librarian position were discussed and debated during the Town Deliberative Session.

One of the warrant articles on the ballot was to hire a full-time librarian.

The warrant article states:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$122,165 for the salary and benefits associated with adding a full-time Children's Librarian. If this article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years."

Town Council Chair Chad Franz was one of the Town Councilors who voted against recommending the warrant

article, saying he felt a more "scaled approach" for the position would be more appropriate.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said in the current economic environment "I don't think we should be proposing this."

Library Board of Trustees Chair Helen Palmieri said they are often understaffed for the children's room at the library because they only have one person in the position.

She said they are looking to support what is becoming a "clear need of the community," noting that they have a lot of patrons.

Palmieri also explained that it's important to have someone there full-time for safety reasons, noting that they have to move staff there sometimes from other areas.

Resident Dan Bouchard, spoke during the Deliberative Session,

saying he thinks that it is important, and said he hopes the town will support the full-time position but if they don't he hopes they will support the part-time position.

Deb Paul asked, "How many employees does the library have now?"

It was noted during the Deliberative Session by Library Director Erin Matlin that they currently have eight full-time positions at the library and nine part-time positions.

Resident Jonathan Esposito stated he has three children who go to the library, and said at no time did they feel that they were very underserved "This is very clearly a want, not a need," he said.

The second warrant article, which was also placed on the ballot, will be to hire a part-time

children's librarian.

The warrant article states:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,310 for the purpose of adding a part-time Children's Librarian, this position will not be eligible for insurance or part of the NH Retirement System. If warrant article num-

ber 28 passes, this warrant article will be null and void. Should warrant article 28 fail, and this warrant article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years."

Budget Committee Chair Patrick Cassidy, who supported the warrant article, noted that

they would get half the hours as the full-time warrant article, for about a quarter of the price if they were to vote for the part-time position instead of the full-time position.

Election Day will be on March 11, when voters can vote on various school and town warrant articles.



From LEEP with Love LEEP students at Moose Hill School display some of the item the school collected for the St. Jude's Food Pantry. Classes had boxes placed near the doorways for students to drop off item for the annual Food Drive. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Sample Ballot
School District Election
March 11, 2025
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.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 1 three (3) years

KEVIN GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
JIM GRIMES	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRANK HARMON	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR
Vote for not more than 1 three (3) years

ELISABETH (LISA) BURNS	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOM CROTEAU	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
Vote for not more than 1 three (3) years

AMY FINAMORE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
Vote for not more than 1 three (3) years

JOHN CONLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	<input type="checkbox"/>

Article 2 Special Article - Full Day Kindergarten & District Office Project
Shall the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,050,000 for the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of modular classroom additions and renovations at the South, North, and Matthew Thomson Elementary Schools to create additional classroom space to accommodate a district wide full day kindergarten program, and for improvements to and renovation of the Moose Hill School to serve as the District's central administrative office; and to authorize the issuance of \$9,050,000 of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et. seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$226,250 for the first year's payment thereon; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action necessary or pass any other vote relative thereto? (3/5 ballot vote required)

Fiscal Year	Estimated Costs	Estimated Tax
2025-2026	\$226,250	\$0.04*
2026-2027	\$987,664	\$0.12*
2027-2028	\$886,731	\$0.12*

*Estimated tax impact based on 15-year bond with 3.46% interest rate and 2024 assessment

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

Yes
No

Article 3 - General Fund - Operating Budget
Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026, 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. \$89,116,875 (School Board Budget as amended)
(Estimated Tax Impact \$9.47)

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

OR

B. \$89,240,249 (Default Budget)
(Estimated Tax Impact \$9.49)

NOTE: Warrant Article 3 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

A
B

Article 4 - Londonderry Education Association (LEA) 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 Education Association (LEA), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,920,879 for the 2025-2026 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 benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost	Additional Estimated Tax Impact
FY2025-2026	\$1,920,879	\$0.27
FY2026-2027	\$1,682,340	\$0.24
FY2027-2028	\$1,647,733	\$0.23

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

Yes
No

Town Gets Donation For Welcome To Londonderry Signs

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the warrant articles discussed during the 2025 Londonderry Town Deliberative Session was in regards to the replacement of Welcome to Londonderry signs.

The warrant article states:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) for the purposes of replacing the current “Welcome to Londonderry” Signs, with Beautify Londonderry providing \$10,000 in funding for the project.”

If approved it would require the Town to raise \$10,000 in property taxes, resulting in an estimated tax rate impact of \$0.002.

Londonderry Finance Director Justin Campo explained that the warrant article appropriates funds to replace the cur-

rent signs they have in Town which are about 16 years old.

Campo explained that the rest of the funds would come from Beautify Londonderry.

The warrant article was previously supported by the Town Council on a 5-0 vote and was recommended by the Budget Committee on a 7-0 vote.

Londonderry Police Chief and now Acting Town Manager, Kim Bernard, presented a donation for the proposed project during the Deliberative Session.

“In the spirit of helping to get this moving along here the Londonderry Police Association is making a donation of a thousand dollars to Beautify Londonderry for the signs,” Bernard said, noting that the president of the association couldn’t make it to the Deliberative Session and asked him to pres-

ent the check on their behalf.

It was explained by Bernard that the organization is made up of the efforts by police employees to help the community in various different ways.

He said recently, the association made a donation of \$500 for the holiday lights.

“This is the second donation the police association has made,” Bernard said.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn, who is the Town Council Liaison for Beautify Londonderry, thanked the association for the donation.

“On behalf of Beautify Londonderry I would like to thank you,” Dunn said.

One question raised was if they had to change the amount for the warrant article, after receiving the donation.

Dunn explained that it’s part of the \$10,000

both directions. Beautify Londonderry is going to raise funds on their own.

One suggestion raised during the Deliberative Session was that when they replace the Welcome to Londonderry signs on one side and then on the other side, have it say leaving Londonderry so they are in

Another question raised was what happens if Beautify Londonderry raises more than the \$10,000 needed by Beautify Londonderry, and if the rest would be returned to the Town.

Campo said it would be up to the Beautify group.

“That would be up to Beautify Londonderry,” Campo said.

He explained that if Beautify Londonderry donates the extra funds, then it would mean the Town needs to raise and appropriate less.

The Town election is slated for March 11.

Article 5 - Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals [LAAHP] 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 Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,307 for the 2025-2026 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 benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Costs	Additional Estimated Tax Impact
FY2025-2026	\$189,307	\$0.03
FY2026-2027	\$178,173	\$0.03
FY2027-2028	\$180,950	\$0.03

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

Yes
No

Article 6 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Londonderry School District, if Article 4, and/or 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 4 and/or 5 cost items only?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

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

Yes
No

Article 7 - 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, \$1,716,000; and federal projects, \$1,579,600; for a total appropriation of \$3,295,600 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		
Voted by the Budget Committee	7		

Yes
No

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 \$520,000 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.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07)

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

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		
Voted by the Budget Committee	7		

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 \$95,000 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, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

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

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 \$50,000 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, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

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

Yes
No

Article 12 - Citizens Petition Warrant Article

Shall the Town:

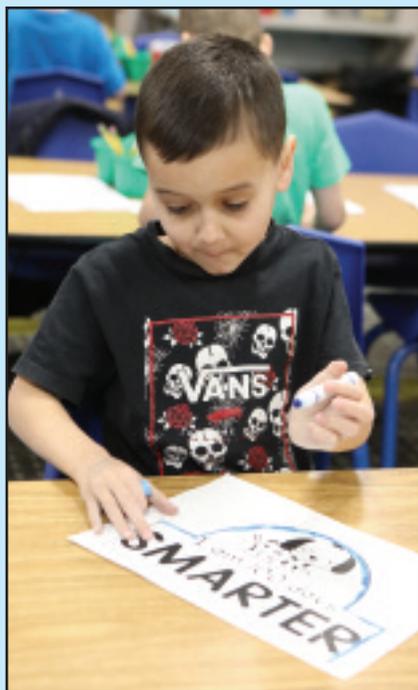
Study the adoption of a tax cap for the Londonderry School District in accordance with RSA 32:5-c as amended effective October 1, 2024, and amend the School District Charter as appropriate. RSA 32:5-c states that: In a town that has adopted this paragraph, a tax cap limiting the base amount to be raised by property taxes to last year's base may be adjusted to account for inflation and change in attendance for school districts, according to the following formula: this year's base = (last year's base) x (1 + CPI) x (this year's attendance / last year's attendance). The results of this vote will be advisory only.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

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

Yes
No

Moose Hill Students Celebrate 100th Day of School



The Londonderry School District recently reached the 100th Day of School and students at Moose Hill School had a wide variety of activities lined up to celebrate the yearly milestone. Zero the Hero, top left, visited the school and participated in a school assembly to help children count while exercising. He also stopped in at each classroom to show them the power of a zero. Students also had a number of counting activities set-up throughout their time at the school that day. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Host State Championship, Pento Wins Third Title

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team hosted the NHIAA Division I State Championships on Saturday, Feb. 22, with ten schools competing for the state title.

Overall, the Timerslane Owls regained their title over the Salem Blue Devils who had won over the past two years.

The Owls had a score of 237-points for first, Salem scored 211 and Keene was third with 147-points.

Although the Lancers

had just two members of the team competing for the number one spot, by meets end, senior David Pento Jr., finished in historic fashion, capturing his third straight division title with four overwhelming victories.

Pento was the number one seed in his 175-pound weight division and didn't have much opposition defending his title.

Starting in the Round of 16, Pento had a technical-fall over his opponent, 17-2, at 1:14 in the bout.

In the Quarter-Finals, Pento had a pin at 2:08 in the match, after scoring 14 unanswered points against Nashua South's Nicholas Samos.

In the Semi-Finals, Pento tallied his second tech-fall of the day with a 16-1 besting of Ilias Azieddine of Keene.

The Championship bout, against Sawyer Goodwin of Spaulding, looked to be fairly effortlessly as well. He put up another 16-1 tech-fall to celebrate his third division title.

This was Pentos third straight Division I

title, two at 175-pounds and one at 152 lbs.

In his four years as a varsity wrestler with the Lancers, he finished with an overall record of 182-20, with a 75.14% bonus rate. Pento had 25 decisions, 14 Major Decisions, 36 Techs, 89 Falls, One, Sudden Victory, one injury default, 13 forfeits and three medical forfeits.

In his freshman year, at 132 lbs., he finished third in DI; second in the Meet of Champions (MOC); was fifth in New England; with a record of 39-11, and a 47.73% bonus rate.

Sophomore year, at 152 lbs.: He was first in

States and at the MOCs; fifth in New England; and went 48-3, with a 74% bonus rate.

As a junior at 175 lbs., again he was first in DIs and the MOC; fourth in the New England; and was 50-3 with an 87.23% bonus rate.

He heads into the final two tournaments of his high school career with a 45-3 record, unbeaten in New Hampshire, with a 90.91% bonus rate.

Senior Manny Perez also had a good day, finishing at second-place in the 157-pound division.

Perez was the number two seed, and had two wins before suffer-

ing an 8-5 loss in the finals.

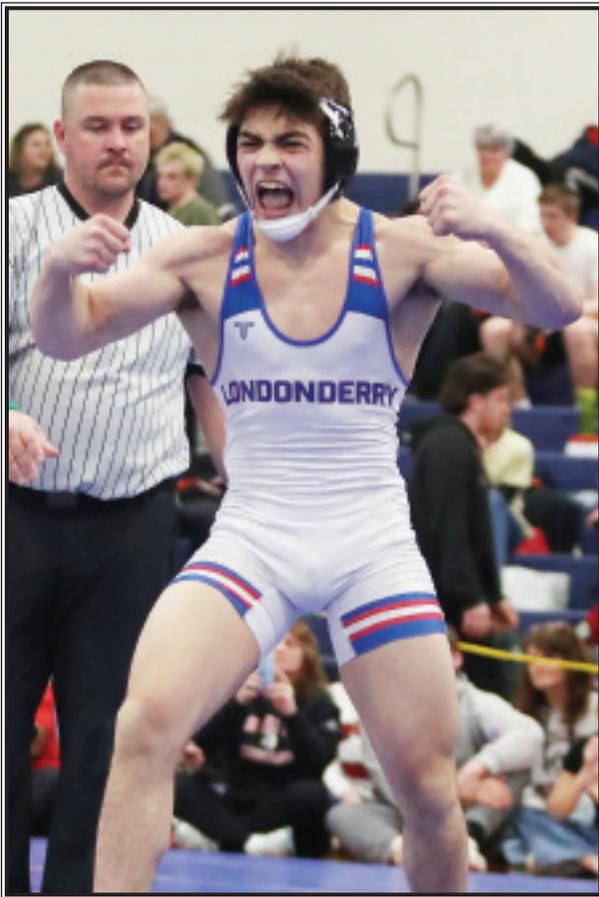
Cam Rousell and Caleb Holden finished the event at fourth-place overall.

Lucas DeLeon was a fifth-place winner in his 106-pound weight.

Brendan Egan finished at sixth in the 165-pound weight class.

As a team, Londonderry finished in eighth place with 114-points and will bring six wrestlers to the MOCs.

The Londonderry squad will also have two females competing in the Girls States at the same event on Saturday at Pinkerton Academy starting at 9 a.m.



Senior David Pento Jr., took his third straight Division I title Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Girls Basketball Win Two, Suffer First Lost to Bulldogs

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball team was quite busy last week as they worked to finish up the final games of the regular season. Over

their four-day stretch, they were able to come away with two, 30-point wins, but then loss to the DI reigning state champs of Bedford in an exciting 60-53 decision.

The loss to the Lady Bulldogs in Bedford on

Friday night, was a battle for the top spot in the Division I standings and determined the top seed in the upcoming state championship.

In that game, the Lancers played a solid three quarters, but fell short in the fourth.

Bedford led 23-18 after one quarter with the Londonderry squad coming back in the second for a slim 33-32 lead at the half.

The Lancers opened up a 48-41 lead heading into the final period where their host refused to go down and out-scored LHS 19-5 for the win.

The game was tied 53-53 with just over three-minutes left, but that's where Londonderry was halted on offense.

With a minute left in the game, LHS was still within two-points, but fell short.

The Lancers started

their week at home, on Tuesday, Feb. 18, for the final home game of the regular season.

In that game, against the Nashua North Titans, they celebrated the team's three seniors while beating the Titans 66-27.

Nashua was held to single-digit scoring in all four quarters, trailing 34-14 at the half and finishing with a 66-27 Lancer win.

Seniors Regan Anderson, Mia Giampa and Talia Iorio all had significant playing time, going on and off the court periodically as a group throughout the game.

Giampa finished with 8-points to lead the seniors, Anderson had six and Iorio got four.

Junior Sammie Sullivan led overall with 20-points, including four, three-pointers.

Junior Brooke Eacrett had 15-points and sophomore Gemma Murray tallied 10-points.

The following night the Lancers headed to Massachusetts for an out-of-conference game at Lawrence Central



Senior Lancer Talia Ioria

Catholic where the team scored its highest point total of the season.

They beat the Lawrence squad 83-53 as they prepared to face Bedford.

Out of the gate it looked as though the game would be close, with LHS leading 17-16 after one and 37-30 by the half. In the second half Londonderry controlled both sides of the courts, holding LCC to just 8-points in the third and 15 in the fourth for the 30-point victory.

Sullivan led in scoring again, hitting for 27-points.

Murray put up 20-points and Eacrett finished with 19-points.

The two wins and a loss put the Lancers at 16-1 with one game left before the playoffs. The record solidified the number two seed position in the playoffs.

The team's final game of the season was scheduled for Tuesday night at Keene High School against the 8-9 Blackbirds.



Senior Lancer Mia Giampa

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Londonderry Boys' Basketball Top Titans, Bit By Bulldogs

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Basketball squad had two games last week with some good and bad

results. In the team's road trip to Nashua North on Tuesday, Feb. 18, they came away with a 58-44 victory, but at home, three nights later, LHS

was pretty competitive through three quarters, but fell 71-51 to the Bedford Bulldogs in the end.

The 1-1 split put the team at 9-8 with just one game left in the regular season before entering the state championship tournament.

On Tuesday, against the Titans, the Lancers came away with a 14-point win due, in the most part, by a strong second half.

Nashua started strong and led LHS 17-13 after the first period, but Londonderry quickly righted things in the second to tie the game at 27 by the halftime break.

In the third quarter LHS doubled up the Titans 12-6 for a five point lead then went on to a 19-11 advantage in the final quarter for their ninth win of the season.

Senior Mason Paque-

tte led both teams in scoring with 29-points and getting baskets in every quarter.

Senior Matt Luongo had 12-points in the game and senior Kiet Totten finished with seven-points on four baskets.

Three night later, playing one of the top team's in the division at home, Londonderry managed to keep the fans entertained with a competitive contest, but dropped their eighth game of the season.

It also served as the team's Senior Night, where a total of nine seniors were honored for their efforts on the team.

Bedford started the game with a 21-10 advantage over the Lancers after the first period. In the second, LHS got as close seven, but trailed 34-25 by the half.

In the third quarter,



Freshman Garrett Nahlik goes up for a rebound.

the Lancers were able to close in again, getting to within four-points with just under three-minute left, but the Bulldogs were able to pull away to a 50-38 advantage before the final period.

In the fourth Nashua scored 21 and Londonderry finished with 13

for the 20-point defeat.

Paquette had 15-points, Blake Thompson had eight and Totten got seven points.

The Lancers had their final regular season game on Tuesday night, Feb. 25, against Keene (12-5) another one of the league leaders.



Senior Lancer Matt Luongo. Photos by Chris Paul

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Friday	9:00AM - 6:00PM	Friday	7:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 5:00PM	Saturday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Sunday	10:00AM - 3:00PM	Sunday	CLOSED



Senior Salute Above, from left, senior Londonderry High School Cheerleaders Ilee Cavallo, Kelsey Keegan, Isabelle Robinson were honored on Friday, Feb. during the team's Senior Night celebration.

Letters

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tion. Let's hear from others who are fed up with what is going on here.

Thank you for your time.

Carol Flint
Londonderry

Why I'll vote for Liz Thomas

To the editor,
I've known Liz Thomas for 20 years and can't think of a better person to continue to serve as a Library Trustee. She is focused on a strong commitment to improving the Leach Library and providing oversight and guidance to make it the best it can be. Liz listens to patrons' suggestions at the trustees' meetings and has been

instrumental in making improvements. At the same time, she understands that budgets need to be transparent and efficient and considers the tax burden before voting on programs. In short, she makes sure that monies spent on programs provide great value to the patrons in terms of needs versus wants. I know her she will continue to work well with various people to bring consensus, as she's done in her current term. She will continue to be a valuable asset in her next term should she be elected. Londonderry would be well-served to re-elect Liz Thomas and I hope you consider her for library

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Sample Ballot
Town Election
March 11, 2025
Londonderry, NH

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

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Write-in

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Vote for up to 2
2 will be elected
3 Years

NICOLE DERY
PATRICK EL-AZEM
NICK MILLS
Write-in
Write-in

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Vote for up to 3
3 will be elected
3 Years

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BETH MARROCCO
JAN MCLAUGHLIN
CRIS NAVARRO
LIZ THOMAS
MARIA BARUD
ANNE H. FENN
LINDA E. LAMPKIN
Write-in
Write-in
Write-in

TOWN MODERATOR
Vote for not more than 1
2 Years

JONATHAN KIPP
Write-in

TREASURER
Vote for not more than 1
3 Years

TOM DOLAN
Write-in

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND
Vote for not more than 1
3 Years

JIM GREEN
Write-in

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Vote for not more than 1
3 Years

LAURA EL-AZEM
Write-in

ARTICLE NO. 2: [FISCAL YEAR 2026 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET]

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$92,111,482. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$49,654,290 which is the amount of the appropriations contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous fiscal year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$26,213,784 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$3.998 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 3: [EXPENDABLE MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town facilities and infrastructure and further to authorize the use of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$100,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.015 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 4: [ROADWAY MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$650,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.099 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 5: [ESTABLISH AND FUND POLICE EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Equipment & Technology Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing, leasing, obtaining, maintaining and upgrading Police Department equipment and technology as determined by the Chief of Police, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund and further to authorize the use of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.000 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 6: [FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) to be placed in the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve fund and further to authorize the use of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.000 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

Letters

Continued from page 16 trustee on March 11.

Christine Patton
Londonderry

What's Important

To the editor,

Local journalism like that provided by the Londonderry Times is profoundly important in a democratic society. I respect the work that the staff of the Londonderry Times does under Deb Paul's leadership, but that is precisely the reason why I cannot support her candidacy for town office. I do not question the assertions made in these pages by Ms. Paul and her supporters that she loves this town and wishes to serve it. However, serv-

ice in such a prominent elective office is fundamentally incompatible with Ms. Paul's journalistic obligations.

By virtue of being a candidate while simultaneously serving as owner/publisher of this newspaper, Ms. Paul calls into question the fairness of the local political coverage of the Londonderry Times. How can I trust the reporting of this outlet on local government affairs when its leader is a candidate for office? Voters who sincerely seek information suffer from any media outlet becoming a partisan mouthpiece rather than a trustworthy source of facts.

The problems that come from Ms. Paul's candidacy pale in comparison to the conflicts

that must inevitably arise if she is elected. The greatest danger comes from the Londonderry Times losing its ability to act as a watchdog in covering decisions on which Ms. Paul's position succeeds. A local newspaper should always maintain a skeptical eye on the actions of all municipal officials, looking out for possible conflicts of interest and/or acts of negligence. How could the Londonderry Times do that if its owner/publisher is one of the officials making the decisions?

Though I don't know Deb Paul (or any other candidate for Town Council) on a personal level, I respect her obvious dedication to this community. Nevertheless, I won't be voting for her.

By running this newspaper, Ms. Paul performs an admirable service for the people of Londonderry. For the press to serve its function properly, it must be able to operate at arm's length from the government that it seeks to hold accountable. That can't happen with Deb Paul on the town council.

Edward MacKenzie
Londonderry

Vote Deb Paul and Richard Bielinski

To the editor,

For too long citizens voices have been ignored by the Town Council. Attempting to exercise your right to be heard gets you nowhere. Your emails will be met with silence, your questions at public comment will go unanswered, and all of the real business is conducted behind the scenes out of the view of the public. There is no exception to this.

Not only that, but we have an incumbent who thinks himself to be the king. He has used the

gavel to silence citizens he disagrees with, sent manipulative private emails about Town Business, and appointed himself a legal liaison with no vote. He hides in the shadows at Town meetings, scheming and plotting. He has also voted on a budget in various years that includes increases in his wife's salary, without recusing himself.

Enough is enough. In this time of uncertainty and unchecked growth, we need common sense and transparency. Deb Paul gave us that once upon a time when she sat on the council. I believe she will give us common sense and transparency again.

Richard Bielinski has lived in this community longer than most and is a frequent fixture at Town meetings. He calls it as he sees it, has a strong sense of justice and doing what is right, and always shows up for the citizen and brings receipts.

Now more than ever, we need a change. We

don't need any more of the same. We don't need an incumbent.

We need Deb Paul and Richard Bielinski For Town Council.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Qualified Candidates

To the editor,

We have two strong residents running for the Budget Committee on March 11, 2025. Two individuals who have watched and analyzed what has been happening in their Town over the past ten years or more and decided it was time to step up and try to put new eyes on an ever-expanding Town Budget. They want to use their knowledge with innovative technology and their experience to benefit everyone. New ideas and a fresh look can only help. The notion we often hear from Town officials, "That's the way we have always done it" doesn't necessarily mean it is the best way now.

Nick Mills has lived
Continued on page 18

ARTICLE NO. 7: [FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) to be placed in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$37,500) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$37,500 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.006 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 8: [INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) to be placed in the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$50,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.008 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 9: [PILLSBURY CEMETERY EXPANSION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) to be placed in the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$37,500) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$37,500 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.006 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 10: [FUND MASTER PLAN NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) for the future updating of the Town Master Plan, to be placed in the Master Plan non-capital reserve fund established for this purpose under Article 14 at the 2006 Town Meeting, and further to authorize the use of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$25,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.004 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 11: [RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) to be placed in the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$10,000.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.002 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 12: [CABLE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$32,500) to be placed in the Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with funding to come from the annual distribution of Public Educational and Government Access programming from the current Franchise Agreement.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 13: [DPW EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE LEASES]

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into up to a 10-year lease agreement in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$520,000) for the purpose of leasing one 6-wheel truck, a one-ton utility truck, and a boom lift apparatus, and proper equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$70,607) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$70,607 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.011 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

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in Londonderry for multiple years, raised his family here, and like many of us is concerned about how the ever-rising taxes are affecting us. For more than 20 years he has worked in the Transportation/logistics field having to manage his time as well as those he has been responsible for. Budgeting is not new to him as his work has required juggling the costs of fuel, repairs, and life's everyday challenges. He feels strongly about our tax dollars being spent responsibly for the entire community. Like many of us he is looking for transparency and accountability.

Patrick El-Azem and his wife Laura, who is

running for Cemetery Trustee, raised their family here in Londonderry. Patrick has extensive experience in data engineering, management, and analysis. He looks forward to using this knowledge to make fact-driven decisions and recommendations to the Board. He has an appreciation for the hard work that goes into keeping Londonderry operational and looks forward to working as part of a team doing what's best for the Town.

Both Nick and Patrick believe it is critical to be factual, rational and open to learning, especially in an advisory, non-partisan role tasked with balancing taxpayer advocacy and maintaining effective local government operation.

I ask you to support both Nick Mills and Patrick El-Azem for Town Budget.

Kristine Perez
Londonderry

Kipp for Town Moderator

To the editor,
My name is Jonathan Kipp, and I ask for your vote to continue as your Town Moderator. The Town Moderator is elected every two years and, under NH law, presides over the Town Deliberative Session and oversees the conduct of voting in all elections held in Londonderry.

In 2016 I retired as Operations Manager from the NH Public Risk Management Exchange after a 30-year career assisting NH's public entities with their risk management and risk financing

efforts. After successfully completing the Leadership Londonderry program I served as a member and Vice Chair of the Budget Committee.

Since I took office in 2020 my primary goal as Town Moderator has been to ensure we have fair, safe, and efficient elections and deliberative sessions. I'm proud to be part of an election team that continually works to achieve that goal, which I believe we have done in the 11 elections when I have been Moderator.

Please vote in our local elections on March 11, 2025, at the Londonderry High School gym. When you do, I hope I have earned your vote for Town Moderator so I may continue to serve the community where my family and I have lived since 1986.

Jonathan Kipp
Londonderry

Freedom Accounts

To the editor,
Dear Neighbors, Please let our legislators know that Freedom Accounts are not the way to go to improve scores. They only take away from Public Schools (a hallmark of Democracy) Ayott is calling for cuts to the budget. How about taking the monies from the Freedom Accounts, which are now to be extended to all regardless of income.

Support Public Education.

On a side bar, Londonderry Reps., Please consider getting less Trumpy.

It is not looking good for any of us and that includes all of you.

Trump sooner or later will throw all under the bus, along with Musk. There hold on power is going to depend on us and the way they are governing is not going to gain much support from inde-

pendents or Democrats.

You all are smart and must see that our Democratic ways are rapidly being destroyed.

Do stand up.
You can do it.
Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Vote Maria Barud for Leach Library Trustee

To the editor,
As a proud resident of Londonderry since 2012 and a passionate advocate for our community, I am deeply committed to supporting Leach Library. The library plays a crucial role in my family's life, offering valuable resources, enriching programs, and a welcoming space for both learning and relaxation. Having experienced firsthand the educational opportunities provided by libraries, especially after moving to the U.S. from Poland, I understand the

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ARTICLE NO. 14: [FIRE DEPARTMENT AERIAL LADDER/TOWER APPARATUS]

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into up to a 10-year lease agreement in the amount of TWO-MILLION THREE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,300,000) for the purpose of leasing one Aerial Ladder/Tower Fire Apparatus, and to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$292,130) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$292,130 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.045 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 15: [POLICE BODY WORN CAMERAS]

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into up to a 5-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of ONE MILLION TWO-HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,235,000) for the purpose of leasing/purchasing body cameras, and the associated equipment/technology for the Londonderry Police department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO-HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$246,629) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$246,629 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.038 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 16: [RATIFY A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LONDONDERRY EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION (LEE) AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Executive Employees Association (LEE), which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what is in the proposed budget, which reflects what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union:

Year	Estimated Increase from Budget	Estimated Tax Increase from Budget
FY 2026	\$ 66,239	\$ 0.010
Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY 2027	\$ 61,599	\$ 0.010
FY 2028	\$ 46,045	\$ 0.008

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$66,239) for FY 2026 expenses, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$66,239 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.010 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	6	1	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 17: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 16 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 16 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 18: [RATIFY A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LONDONDERRY ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SUPERVISORS (LAPS) AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Association of Police Supervisors (LAPS), which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what is in the proposed budget, which reflects what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union:

Year	Estimated Increase from Budget	Estimated Tax Increase from Budget
FY 2026	\$ 82,018	\$ 0.013
Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY 2027	\$ 127,054	\$ 0.021
FY 2028	\$ 99,968	\$ 0.016

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$82,018) for FY 2026 expenses, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$82,018 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.013 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	6	1	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 19: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 18 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 18 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

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importance of making these resources accessible to everyone. That's why I am dedicated to ensuring that Leach Library remains a cornerstone of our community, without burdening taxpayers.

As a mother of three

children attending local schools, I recognize the value of providing a strong foundation for our youth. Many in our community are understandably concerned about the rising cost of taxes. My goal is to help alleviate this burden by securing as many grants and fundraising opportunities as possible for the library,

enabling its growth while minimizing the need for increased taxes. In the past, I've participated in fundraisers through the Friends of the Library, including planting mums in front of the library with the help of my youngest daughter. I'm also encouraged by the work of the library trustees, who have been

diligent in reviewing the library's finances, and exploring innovative saving solutions.

In my professional life as an international trade compliance officer, I'm skilled in research and attention to detail. I plan to apply these abilities to assist with grant research and support the library's sustainability. As a Leadership Londonderry graduate (Class of 2023), I gained valuable insights into local government and the infrastructure that supports Londonderry.

Since 2022, I've served as a Cemetery Trustee, working to improve our community. I also volunteer during elections and participate in Beautify Londonderry each spring.

I urge all residents to vote on March 11 to help ensure our library remains a vibrant hub for

learning and community. Regardless of the outcome, I'll continue working alongside others to make Londonderry a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,
Maria Barud
Londonderry

What you Can Do

To The editor
Alarmed and frightened by what is unfolding in our newly elected administration? Me too. Feeling angry, but helpless only deepens the wound. With a pervasive sense that there is urgency to act I wondered where to start. I did know it had to be on the local level. I decided to educate myself about our current NH legislation. With hundreds of bills slated for this year, it felt like an overwhelming prospect. How to sort which bills are most important to me, who to

contact, when and where? A friend told me about the Kent Street Coalition, an all-volunteer organization founded in 2016 in Concord, NH. In their words they are, "An organization dedicated to America's founding principles of fairness, justice, equality, liberty and compassion." This is where I found all I needed to know. Finding the legislation you care about, when and who to contact with your opposition or support is much easier than I could have imagined. If you did not vote for this administration or did and are now disillusioned, let your local legislators know you are paying attention. Acting with the knowledge that you are part of the solution can help in these unpredictable and discouraging times.

Pat Hoopes
Londonderry

ARTICLE NO. 20: [RATIFY A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFSCME LONDONDERRY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION - TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Town Administrative Personnel, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what is in the proposed budget, which reflects what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union:

Year	Estimated Increase from Budget	Estimated Tax Increase from Budget
FY 2026	\$ 52,491	\$ 0.008
Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY 2027	\$ 77,081	\$ 0.013
FY 2028	\$ 77,672	\$ 0.013

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$52,491) for FY 2026 expenses, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$52,491 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.008 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	6	1	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 21: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 20 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 20 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 22: [RATIFY A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFSCME 1801 AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the AFSCME 1801 Municipal Employees, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what is in the proposed budget, which reflects what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union:

Year	Estimated Increase from Budget	Estimated Tax Increase from Budget
FY 2026	\$ 87,071	\$ 0.013
Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY 2027	\$ 110,988	\$ 0.017
FY 2028	\$ 84,243	\$ 0.014

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$87,071) for FY 2026 expenses, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$87,071 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.013 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	6	1	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 23: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 22 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 22 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 24: [RATIFY A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFSCME LONDONDERRY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION - PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Public Safety, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what is in the proposed budget, which reflects what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union:

Year	Estimated Increase from Budget	Estimated Tax Increase from Budget
FY 2026	\$ 38,501	\$ 0.006
Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY 2027	\$ 48,109	\$ 0.007
FY 2028	\$ 49,379	\$ 0.008

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS (\$38,501) for FY 2026 expenses, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$38,501 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.006 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	6	1	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 25: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 24 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 24 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes
No

ARTICLE NO. 26: [POLICE DEPARTMENT - ADD TWO TRAFFIC UNIT POLICE OFFICERS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$375,017) for the purpose of adding two fulltime Police officers to provide more traffic patrol coverage. If this article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$375,017 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.057 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	4	1	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	4	3	0

Yes
No

Two Vote Against Rail Trail Phase 7 Warrant Article

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the warrant articles discussed during the Town Deliberative Session was about the Londonderry Rail Trail.

Warrant Article 32 states:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$641,000 for the purpose of completing phase 7 of the rail trail. The Londonderry Trailways Committee will provide funding of \$113,010 for the project, and the State of NH will provide a grant in the amount of \$422,392 for the project.”

If approved it would require the Town to raise and appropriate \$105,598.00

The Town Council previously voted 3-2 to recommend the warrant article.

One of the Town

Councilors who opposed the warrant article was Ron Dunn saying that at some point “the spending has to stop.” He explained that they have over 30 other warrant articles on the ballot this year, for the Town.

Councilor Shawn Faber also voted against recommending the warrant article, saying that he had multiple constituents contact him about the particular warrant article. He said that while he sees the value in the Rail Trail, he doesn’t think having it finished right now is a priority. “We have to draw the line somewhere,” Faber said, noting that he sees the warrant article as a “want not a need.”

It was explained by Finance Director Justin Campo, that the warrant article would allow the

Town to combine funds with grant funding, and said if the warrant article fails, then the Londonderry Trailways organization would be required to come up with the rest of the funding somewhere else.

Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen said that the grant is from the NH Department of Transportation, and there is a 20 percent match requirement from the Town.

Hildonen explained that the total anticipated expense for the phase of the Rail Trail they are looking to complete is a total of \$641,000, and said that the grant would cover 66 percent of it, 16 percent would come from the one-time expense by taxpayers, and 18% would come from fundraising. She noted

that the group has identified ways to fundraise most of it.

Budget Committee Chair Patrick Cassidy, and the rest of the Budget Committee voted to

recommend the warrant article, saying that there needs to be a line drawn somewhere on spending, but said he thinks it was a good deal for taxpayers, by getting most

of it paid for by grants and other outside funding.

Voters will have the chance to vote on the warrant article on March 11 starting at 6 a.m.

ARTICLE NO. 27: [POLICE DEPARTMENT – ADD ONE TRAFFIC UNIT POLICE OFFICER]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NINE DOLLARS (\$187,509) for the purpose of adding one fulltime Police officer to provide more traffic patrol coverage. If warrant article number 26 passes, this warrant article will be null and void. Should warrant article 26 fail, and this warrant article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$187,509 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.029 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	3	2	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	6	1	0

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 28: [LIBRARY DEPARTMENT – CHILDREN’S LIBRARIAN]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$122,165) for the salary and benefits associated of adding a full-time Children’s Librarian. If this article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$122,165 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.019 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	2	3	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	1	6	0
Voted by the Library Trustees	4	1	1

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 29: [LIBRARY DEPARTMENT – PART-TIME CHILDREN’S LIBRARIAN]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$32,310) for the purpose of adding a part-time Children’s Librarian, this position will not be eligible for insurance or part of the New Hampshire Retirement System. If warrant article number 28 passes, this warrant article will be null and void. Should warrant article 28 fail, and this warrant article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$32,310 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.005 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by Town Council	3	2	0
Voted by Budget Committee	3	4	0
Voted by the Library Trustees	5	1	0

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 30: [BEAUTIFY LONDONDERRY – WELCOME TO LONDONDERRY SIGNS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) for the purposes of replacing the current “Welcome to Londonderry” Signs, with Beautify Londonderry providing \$10,000 in funding for the project.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$10,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.002 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes No

ARTICLE NO.31: [ESTABLISH AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL OVERTIME IN PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER RSA 31:19-a]

To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for additional overtime & payroll costs in Public Safety under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of assisting in the costs associated with unforeseen circumstances and/or situations that may arise that would exceed the Town’s budgetary ability for the Town’s Public Safety Departments (Fire, Police, Public Works), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) to be placed in said fund, and to authorize the use of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. Further, to name the Town Council as agents to expend from said fund for the purposes for which it was established, with a super majority vote required for approval.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.000 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	4	1	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	4	3	0

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 32: [PHASE 7 OF THE RAIL TRAIL]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$641,000) for the purpose of completing phase 7 of the rail trail. The Londonderry Trailways Committee will provide funding in the amount of \$113,010 for the project, and the State of NH will provide a grant in the amount of \$422,392 for the project.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$105,598.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.016 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	3	2	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	7	0	0

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 33: [CITIZENS’ PETITION – REPLACE LIBRARY FURNITURE]

To see if the town will vote to appropriate ZERO DOLLARS (\$0.00) from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of replacing the furniture in the Library. (BY CITIZENS’ PETITION)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 26 based upon projected assessed values.)

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the Town Council	0	5	0
Voted by the Budget Committee	0	7	0

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 34: [CITIZENS’ PETITION - 100% PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – 100% PERMANENT & TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS]

Shall the Town vote to give 100% property tax exemption to veterans who are rated 100% disabled permanent and total by the Department of Veterans Affairs? The veteran would be required to show documentation from the Department which shows that they were rated 100% permanent and totally disabled. (BY CITIZENS’ PETITION)

This article shall be advisory only.

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 35: [TRANSACTION OF OTHER BUSINESS]

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No business enacted under this article shall have any binding effect upon the Town.

Yes No

AROUND TOWN

Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Penguin Craft

Crafters of all ages are invited to stop by the Leach Library Meeting Room 2 - 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 to put together a playful penguin-themed ornament. This program is intended for participants of any age. Registration opens one week before each session.

Movie Night

On Friday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m., the Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the Main Reading Room! Watch as Manny the woolly mammoth, Sid the sloth, and Diego the saber-tooth tiger embark on an icy trek to return a baby to his father during this 2002 box office hit film (rated PG). Refreshments will be served while supplies last,

and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Feb. 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

All Ages Craft

You're never too old to play with sand and make some beautiful art! Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, March 1 at 11 a.m. to make a sand art creation. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, Feb. 22. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Dr. Seuss Craft

Children are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, March 3 at 4:30 p.m. to work on a Dr. Seuss-inspired craft. All supplies will be provided, and

library staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Feb. 24. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Garden Strong

Join Master Gardener Doris Bucu for a UNH Extension presentation at Leach Library on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. to learn ways to be garden strong! Are you a gardener who spends so much time digging, weeding, watering, and hauling mulch that you are sore and tired at the end of the day? Learn some simple and important techniques for reducing stress on your body so you can garden without pain or injury. Participants will also be introduced to some adaptive

tools that will make gardening easier for anyone. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, March 5. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Literary Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss Tess Gunty's novel *The Rabbit Hutch*. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Feb. 10. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

True Crime Book Discussion

Come to the library on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Michelle McNamara's award-winning true crime book, *I'll Be Gone in the Dark*. Refreshments will be served. This program is

generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Feb. 17. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Memoir Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, April 3 at 11 a.m. to discuss Trevor Noah's memoir *Born a Crime*. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, March 3. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132.

Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Team is hosting a series of Free educational presentations at the Londonderry YMCA. Seed Starting on March 27 at 6:30 p.m., during this workshop, attendees will learn the benefits and best practices for starting plants from seeds and cuttings.

Container Gardening on April 24 6:30 p.m., attendees will learn the benefits and drawbacks of gardening in containers, as well as important techniques for successful growing. All are welcome to attend for more information see the groups facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/greenteamlondonderry or email Marge at marge@margebadois.com.

Free Meals

Heaven's Kitchen Mobile Meals is providing FREE hot meals in Londonderry every Tuesday and Thursday. They'll be serving at the Leach Library parking lot now through March 28, 2025 from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn how to access library databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library provides one-on-one assistance tailored to technology-related needs. No appointment is necessary. Stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. - noon.

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Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on March 1, from 10 - 11 a.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.

Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces Free

community child find program for all residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of have developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.

Clean Water Survey

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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. Pricing: 1 Brick: \$125, 2 Bricks: \$225, 3 Bricks: \$300, Each Additional Brick: \$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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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Feb. 17

12:15 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by two officers at Park & Ride - North on Symmes Drive.

11:10 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by two officers on Black Forest Circle.

4:31 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Mammoth Road, at Grenier Field Road, leads to an arrest. Maureen Ann Nisi, 74, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Reckless Operation.

9:26 p.m. Juvenile Offenses on Larch Lane leads to arrest(s) made by four officer.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

5:50 a.m. Services rendered by four officers for an Auto Theft at L&W Supply on Mammoth Road.

9:13 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Walton Circle.

9:18 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Arrowhead Road.

2:06 p.m. Peace restored during Disorderly Conduct at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:03 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital on Orchard View Drive at Benson True Value Hardware.

3:06 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Hardy Road.

3:46 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Bridle Path.

7:19 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Harvey Rd at Pettengill Road. Paul Burke, 34, Manchester, Drive After Revoke/Suspension.

10:28 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investi-

gated on Bridle Path.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

1:30 a.m. Domestic Disturbance on Bockes Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Jonathan Robert Dejesus, 37, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Open Container; and Arrested on a Warrant.

7:26 p.m. Services rendered for trespassing at McDonalds, on Nashua Road.

9:18 p.m. Juvenile Offenses on South Road investigated by four officers.

Thursday, Feb. 20

2:07 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Premier Drive.

3:02 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Jefferson Drive.

4:46 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Premier Drive.

8:46 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

9:17 p.m. Three officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Grenier Boulevard.

Friday, Feb. 21

2:28 a.m. A Disturbance at the Red Arrow Diner, on Rockingham Road, leads to arrests made by four officers. Michael Courchesne, 35, of Concord, charged with: two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); and Disorderly Conduct. Maria Luisa Valdez, 32, of Dracut, Mass., charged with Disorderly Conduct.

5:28 a.m. Pedestrian Check at the Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive leads to an arrest.

10:59 a.m. Arrest made by three officers after a Motor Vehicle Stop on Route 28 at Route 93. Erisha Clement, 21, of

Manchester, Charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and Operation of an Uninspected Vehicle.

3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at the Convenience Plus, on Rockingham Road, leads to an arrest. Milaad Fazli, 27, of Londonderry, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Driving Without Giving Proof; and Drive After Revoke/Suspension.

5:56 p.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:08 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Kendall Pond Road.

9:28 p.m. Five officers assisted the Derry Police Department with transfer to another agency on Old Derry Road.

9:43 p.m. Four officers assist during a Domestic Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive.

Saturday, Feb. 22

2 p.m. Disturbance reported on Crestview Cir-

cle.

2:36 p.m. Peace restored during a Disturbance on Crestview Circle.

3:23 p.m. Motor vehicle stop at Exit 5 on Route 93 leads to an arrest. Gilberto Portalatin, 36, of Nashua, charged with: Unofficial Inspection/Registration Decal; Unregistered Vehicle.

6:50 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Charl-eston Avenue.

Sunday, Feb. 23

4:07 p.m. Report of Missing Person investigated by seven officers at T.J. Maxx on Michels Way. Jason Roy, 39, of Bristol, charged with Theft By Deception (\$0-\$1,000).

7:43 p.m. A Pedestrian Check at Crossroads Mall on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Sarah Jane Nelson, 38, of Londonderry, charged on Bench Warrants.

11:56 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

GREENWorks: The Truth Behind Food Expiration Dates

NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUBMISSION

Sometimes it feels like every food label you find in the grocery store is different. The language can be confusing because none of it seems consistent. Plus, some people see a "best by" date and think the food isn't okay to eat anymore when that label typically signals a food item's peak quality, not an "expiration." This confusion can lead to more food being thrown out than necessary; in fact, the USDA estimates that about 30% of our food supply is either lost or wasted at the retail and consumer levels. These foods will end up adding to our landfills and decomposing to release methane and other greenhouse gases, which add to climate change. Except for baby

food and prepackaged sandwiches, date labels are not regulated. They are set by food manufacturers to keep their products moving through the store shelves. Date labels do not correlate with food safety, but rather food quality.

Product Rating

There are two types of product dating: open dating and closed dating. Open dating is the date put on a food product that tells the consumer the estimated time the product will be at its best quality and for how long the store should sell it. Most foods, including meat, poultry, egg, and dairy products, use open dating. Closed dating, on the other hand, is mostly used on shelf-stable products like cans and boxes of food. Items that are labeled using closed dating are usually non-

perishables with a much longer shelf life. Federal regulations don't require product dating, except for infant formula. Under the jurisdiction of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), dates may be applied voluntarily if they are truthful and not misleading. To follow these requirements, the date must include (1) a day and month (and year for frozen or shelf-stable products) and (2) an explanatory phrase such as "Best if used by."

These dates are not indicators of the product's safety, they are applied by manufacturers. They factor in the length of time and temperature at which the food item was held during distribution and offered for sale, the characteristics of the food, and the type of

packaging it is stored in. This data is displayed to help consumers decide when the food will be at its best quality.

Is my food still good?

After the product date passes, the quality of these products may lessen, but they should still be safe to consume if they are handled as instructed. Use the "smell test check" if you're consuming a product past the date displayed on the packaging. If they don't show signs of spoilage, these foods can be sold, donated, purchased, and consumed beyond the date if they are handled and stored properly. It is important to understand date labels and know the different terms that are used:

- "Best if Used By/Before," tells you when a product will be at its best quality. FSIS

recommends this phrase out of all of them to avoid consumer confusion.

- "Sell-By," tells a store how long they should be displaying the product for inventory management. It is not for safety purposes.

- "Use-By" is the last date recommended for peak quality of the product. It is not a safety date unless it is on infant formula or, in New Hampshire, prepackaged sandwiches.

- "Freeze-By" is when a product should be frozen to maintain its peak quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

Use your senses

when judging if food has gone bad. You will know when food has started to spoil by the unpleasant odor, flavor, or texture from bacteria. Always look for signs of spoilage before eating food that's beyond the quality date listed on the packaging. It's easy to get this language mixed up, so consumers need to pay attention to what the different labels mean so food doesn't go to waste.

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