

LONDONDERRY TOWN LANTERN

MARCH 2024



While a New Hampshire winter certainly has its charms, this is the time of year when I become excited for the shift to more pleasant weather. With the hint of spring in the air and the promise of warmer days ahead, it's a perfect time to celebrate our community and the upcoming events that always bring us together.

First and foremost, I'd like to remind everyone of the Town and School Election on Tuesday, March 12. This is a crucial opportunity for the people of Londonderry to make their voices heard. I encourage each and every one of you to cast your vote for the important issues that directly impact everyone in Londonderry. You'll see the full town and school ballots in this issue.

Beyond the election, excitement is brewing for the spring and summer events lined up here in Town. One of my favorites events is Concerts on the Common, put on by the Londonderry Arts Council. Judging by historical attendance, this is a favorite pastime for many of you, too! It's no wonder that Stephen and Julie Lee, the dedicated masterminds behind this weekly summer concert series, were recognized as Citizens of the Year for 2023. The Arts Council is featured in this issue for its newest initiative, a literary journal called Wild Apples. If the quality of Concerts on the Common is any indication, we are in for a treat.

From outdoor concerts to Old Home Day, to activities on the Rail Trail, to sports tournaments, spring in Londonderry has something for everyone to enjoy. These events not only provide recreation and entertainment. They foster a sense of community and belonging. Let's celebrate all our Town has to offer as we welcome the warmer months ahead.

Mike Malaguti, Town Manager

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ARTICLE NO. 4. (FISCAL YEAR 2025 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET)	
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(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$100,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$1.648 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)	
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SAMPLE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 12, 2024

Town Ballot

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<p>ARTICLE NO 2: [AMENDMENT TO TOWN CHARTER – TREASURER]</p> <p>Shall the Town of Londonderry approve the charter amendment reprinted and summarized below: (words removed are [bracketed] and new words are in bold)?</p> <p>Section 5.7. Treasurer</p> <p>There shall be a Town Treasurer (hereinafter called "Treasurer") who shall have all the powers and duties granted by this Charter and state law. The Treasurer shall be [elected on an at-large basis to a term of three (3) years at the Town Election] appointed by the Town Council upon recommendation of the Town Manager for a one (1)-year term. Vacancies in the office of Treasurer shall be filled pursuant to state law.</p> <p>If the amendment is adopted, the Town Treasurer shall be appointed by the Town Council instead of being elected. If the amendment is adopted, the elected Treasurer shall remain in office until the 2025 annual town election.</p> <p>(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)</p> <p><i>The Town Council by a vote of 4-1 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3 recommends a NO vote.</i></p>																																																						
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Town Ballot (continued)

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ARTICLE NO. 3: [LOAN AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGH RANGE ROAD WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION PROJECT]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **TWENTY-THREE MILLION SEVEN-HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$23,750,000)** (gross budget) for the purpose of partially funding the extension of a Pennichuck East Utility public water system water main down the length of High Range Road to the vicinity of Route 102 in order to mitigate PFAS contamination and expand the availability of abundant, safe, and clean drinking water to more of Londonderry's residents.

Said sum shall be raised by the following means;

- a. Acceptance of funds from other sources to total a minimum of **TWENTY MILLION EIGHT-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,800,000)**, or such amount that will complete said project. Funding sources may include, but are not limited to, the State of New Hampshire, the Department of Environmental Services Drinking Ground Water Trust fund and other third-party sources.
- b. The issuance of a loan through the NH Department of Environmental Services PFAS Remediation Loan Fund or a similar program, not to exceed **TWO MILLION NINE-HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,950,000)** under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate said loan, to determine the length of the loan, the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the loan, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Londonderry, and pass any vote relating thereto.

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000)** for the first annual principal and interest payment on the said \$2,950,000 loan. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$215,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.034 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 4: [FISCAL YEAR 2025 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 \$45,859,596. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$45,901,420 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.

YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$23,653,283 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$3.696 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 5: [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.

YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$100,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.016 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 6: [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.

YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$650,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.102 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

Town Ballot (continued)



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BALLOT 2 OF 3

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE NO. 7: [ESTABLISH AND FUND MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND]

To see if the town will vote to establish a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, to assist in funding the Town's obligations, as mandated by the Clean Water Act and other laws and/or regulations to develop and maintain a comprehensive stormwater management program and to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)** to be put into the fund; further to name the Town Council as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$100,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.016 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 8: [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 **SIX-HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$685,000)** for the purpose of leasing two 6-wheel trucks, a one-ton dump truck, and a backhoe, and proper equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

YES

NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$90,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.014 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 9: [FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)** to be placed in the Fire Vehicle 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.

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 10: [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.

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 11: [RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000)** to be placed in the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund.

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Town Ballot (continued)

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE NO. 12: [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 **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. YES
NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

*The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a **YES** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a **YES** vote.*

ARTICLE NO. 13: [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. YES
NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

*The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a **YES** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a **YES** vote.*

ARTICLE NO. 14: [POLICE DEPARTMENT – ADD ADDITIONAL PROSECUTOR]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$162,000)** for the purpose of adding a second fulltime prosecutor to assist in meeting increasing caseloads and providing better victim outreach and consultation. If this article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years. YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$162,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.025 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

*The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a **YES** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1 recommends a **YES** vote.*

ARTICLE NO. 15: [FIRE DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$495,000)** for the purpose of adding additional Firefighters with the intention to bring staffing of each battalion to 13 per shift. This will improve the Fire Department's ability to effectively meet the needs and the challenges of an aging community that is rapidly growing, by enhancing Advanced Life Support (ALS) response to medical emergencies at the Paramedic level. It also assists the Fire Department by improving compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) staffing standards for the Town of Londonderry. If this article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years. YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$495,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.077 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

*The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a **YES** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a **YES** vote.*

ARTICLE NO. 16: [PICKLEBALL COURTS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **FOUR HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND (\$490,000)** for the design and construction of up to ten (10) public pickleball courts and further to authorize the use of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the earlier of the completion of its purpose or June 30, 2030. YES
NO

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$240,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.038 in FY 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

*The Town Council by a vote of 4-1 recommends a **YES** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3 recommends a **YES** vote.*

ARTICLE NO. 17: [AMEND LONDONDERRY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE V – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER III SECTION I. A.1]

Shall the Town vote to amend the Londonderry Municipal Code Title V — Administrative Code Chapter III Section I. A. to include the Planning Board as elected positions? This would move the Planning Board from being appointed by the Londonderry Town Council to being elected by the citizens of Londonderry. This article is advisory only and will not result in the Planning Board being elected. (BY CITIZENS' PETITION). YES
NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

Non-monetary item. The Town Council will not make a recommendation; the Budget Committee will not make a recommendation.

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Town Ballot (continued)



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Maion Farrell
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE NO. 18: AMEND LONDONDERRY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE I – GENERAL CODE I SECTION 8.13.B1

Shall the Town vote to amend the Londonderry Municipal Code Title I – General Code I Section 8.13. B. Committee Organization: to insert the words "include public input at the start and end of each meeting and "after the words "Each committee shall"? This will allow the general public to have a regular opportunity for public input at each public meeting, allowing for increase communication with the citizens of Londonderry. This article is advisory only. (BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

Non-monetary item. The Town Council will not make a recommendation; the Budget Committee will not make a recommendation.

ARTICLE NO. 19: AMEND LONDONDERRY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE I – GENERAL CODE I SECTION 8.13.A1

Shall the Town vote to amend the Londonderry Municipal Code Title I – General Code I Section 8.13 A. Meetings: to insert the words "and shall be recorded" after the words "shall meet at a time the best for the general population"? This will allow the general public to access the recording at a time most convenient to them, to ensure access for all citizens to all committees' meetings. This article is advisory only. (BY CITIZENS' PETITION).

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

Non-monetary item. The Town Council will not make a recommendation; the Budget Committee will not make a recommendation.

ARTICLE NO. 20: AMEND LONDONDERRY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE I – GENERAL CODE I SECTION 8.13.A1

Shall the Town vote to amend the Londonderry Municipal Code Title I – General Code I Section 8.13. A. Meetings: to insert the words "and all official town meeting shall be recorded" This will allow the general public to access the recording at a time most convenient to them, to ensure access for all citizens to all committees' meetings. This article is advisory only. (BY CITIZENS' PETITION).

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

Non-monetary item. The Town Council will not make a recommendation; the Budget Committee will not make a recommendation.

ARTICLE NO. 21: TOWN MANAGER PLAN

Do you favor the continuation of the town manager plan as now in force in this town? (BY CITIZENS' PETITION)

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

Non-monetary item. The Town Council will not make a recommendation; the Budget Committee will not make a recommendation.

ARTICLE NO. 22: AMEND LONDONDERRY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE V – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER III

Shall the Town vote to amend the Londonderry Municipal Code Title V – Administrative Code CHAPTER III – BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS Section I General Authority Section I. B. to remove the word "Advisory" from "Budget Committee" in accordance with RSA40:14-b that states the "Budget Committee" shall create the default budgets. This article is advisory only. (BY CITIZENS' PETITION).

YES

NO

(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 25 based upon projected assessed values.)

Non-monetary item. The Town Council will not make a recommendation; the Budget Committee will not make a recommendation.

ARTICLE NO. 23: TRANSACTION OF OTHER BUSINESS

YES

NO

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.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

School Ballot



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Kerri J. Stanley
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

	Vote for not three (3) years more than TWO
SARA LOUGHLIN	<input type="radio"/>
ALAN ROY	<input type="radio"/>
KEN SAMOISSETTE	<input type="radio"/>
AMANDA BUTCHER	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

ARTICLES

Article 2 Special Article – Moose Hill Addition & Renovation

Shall the Londonderry School District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,100,000** for the design and construction of additions and renovations to the Moose Hill School; and to authorize the issuance of **\$23,100,000** 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 and accept 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 to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of **\$575,000** for the first year's payment thereon; and to authorize the school board to take any other action necessary or to pass any other vote relevant thereto? (3/5 ballot vote required)

YES
NO

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost	Estimated Tax Impact
FY2024-2025	\$ 575,000	\$0.09*
FY2025-2026	\$1,813,687	\$0.28*
FY2026-2027	\$1,713,944	\$0.27*

**Estimated tax impact based on 20-year bond with 4.25% interest rate and 2023 assessment*

	Yes	No	Abstained
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	6	1	0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

School Ballot (continued)

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 3 Special Article – Moose Hill Addition & Renovation

If Article 2 passes, shall the Londonderry School District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,100,000** for the design and construction of additions and renovations to the Moose Hill School for additional classrooms and additional programming to accommodate a full day kindergarten program; and to authorize the issuance of **\$11,100,000** 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 and accept 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 to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of **\$275,000** for the first year's payment thereon; and to authorize the school board to take any other action necessary or to pass any other vote relevant thereto? This Article 3 is conditioned on Article 2 passing and it will be null and void if Article 2 is not adopted by a 3/5 majority vote. (3/5 ballot vote required)

YES
NO

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Impact</u>
FY2024-2025	\$275,000	\$0.04*
FY2025-2026	\$873,038	\$0.14*
FY2026-2027	\$821,356	\$0.13*

**Estimated tax impact based on 20-year bond with 4.25% interest rate and 2023 assessment*

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	4	1	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	4	3	0

Article 4 - 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 2024-2025, 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. **\$88,351,411** (School Board Budget as amended) (Estimated Tax Impact (\$10.31)) **A.**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

OR

B. **\$88,413,544** (Default Budget) (Estimated Tax Impact \$10.32) **B.**

NOTE: Warrant Article 4 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

Article 5 - Londonderry Support Staff [AFSCME Local 1801] Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Support Staff (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$798,458** for the 2024-2025 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, with **\$250,000** of that sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024 and the balance to be raised from taxation? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

YES
NO

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Additional Estimated Tax Impact</u>
FY2024-2025	\$548,458	\$0.09
FY2025-2026	\$509,134	\$0.08
FY2026-2027	\$379,247	\$0.06

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

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School Ballot (continued)



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MARCH 12, 2024**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Kerri J. Stanley
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Londonderry School District, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 5 cost items only? **YES** **NO**

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Article 7 - School Lunch Program and Federal Fund 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, **\$2,041,000**; and federal projects, **\$1,631,000**; for a total appropriation of **\$3,672,000** such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources? **YES** **NO**

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

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 **\$220,000** 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. **YES** **NO**

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

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? **YES** **NO**

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

School Ballot (continued)

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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 **\$120,000** 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, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024 and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?

YES

NO

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Article 11 – Citizen Petition Warrant Article (as amended)

Shall the district express its support of the current method of presenting the operating budget to voters?

YES

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00) NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

The municipal Town and School election will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024.



POLLS OPEN 6 AM to 8 PM

**Londonderry High School Gym
295 Mammoth Road**

Londonderry uses poll pads for voter check-in, so there is one single queue for all registered voters.

SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

If you are registering to vote, please bring proof of:

- Age
- Identity
- Citizenship
- Domicile (Londonderry residency)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we having another election this soon? Didn't we just have one?

We did have one just a few weeks ago, yes. But that one was JUST the Presidential Primary. This election chooses your local community representatives and determines the Town and School budgets (and therefore, what property taxes will be). And don't worry — there are two more elections in September and November!

How many people usually vote in this election?

Not that many! This election will have the lowest turnout of the year. Between 1,800 and 4,000 people usually vote in the annual Town and School election. (Currently, 16,887 people are registered to vote in Londonderry, and over 8,800 voted in the Presidential Primary.)

Why don't you include a person's party on the ballot?

Town and School elections are non-partisan, meaning that people are not divided up by party.

Will I get an "I Voted!" sticker?

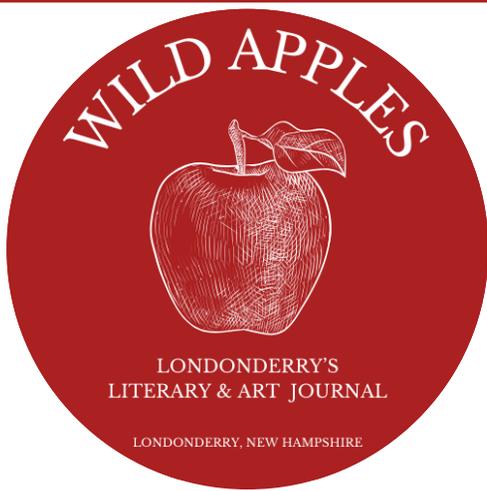
Of course!



Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

All absentee ballots must be received at the polls by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information about elections and voting in Londonderry, please visit us online at londonderrynh.gov/vote.



COMING SPRING 2025:

WILD APPLES

The Londonderry Arts Council is pleased to announce a new community publication called *Wild Apples: Londonderry's Literary and Art Journal*. *Wild Apples* seeks to publish artistic voices from Londonderry and surrounding communities, and will feature poetry, fiction, nonfiction, photography, visual art, and interdisciplinary work submitted by area residents.

The goal of *Wild Apples* is to foster the regional arts community through an accessible interchange of creativity across genres and generations.

The Arts Council is now accepting submissions from creative-minded individuals living in Londonderry and surrounding areas. Submissions will close on September 31, 2024.

For more information on the types of art accepted, the Londonderry Community Standards for Public Art, or a submission form, please visit londonderrynh.gov/arts or londonderryartscouncil.org/wild-apples.

ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATES LOCAL TALENT

A highlight of summer in Londonderry is the annual Concerts on the Common free concert series, held on the Town Common and sponsored by the Londonderry Arts Council, a chartered Town committee. However, you don't have to wait until summer to enjoy all the artistic skill Londonderry's residents have to offer. The Arts Council maintains an impressive slate of events and opportunities year-round.

The Arts Council produces free events to promote a better appreciation for how the arts can enrich our community. They provide opportunities for artists and performers to directly connect with community members. Their programs encompass a wide spectrum of artistic mediums, from visual arts and crafts to literature and musical performances. They understand that cultural arts play a crucial role in lifelong learning, fostering robust relationships, and building resilient communities.

Coming up in April is the annual **Londonderry Arts Café**, a celebration of local artists and musicians held at the Londonderry Senior Center. The Arts Café features visual arts and crafts for sale along with live acoustic music in a relaxed, coffeehouse atmosphere. Admission is free, so please stop by on Saturday, April 13 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to support the arts in Londonderry.

For more information, please visit londonderryartscouncil.org or londonderrynh.gov/arts.



Londonderry Arts Café

Saturday, April 13th, 2024
10 AM to 4 PM

Stop by & enjoy a day of music, art and coffee!

50/50 Raffle proceeds supporting local art events



Free admission to performances
by local Musicians

Artwork for sale by local artists

Mayflower Grange - Londonderry Senior Center
535 Mammoth Road
Adjacent to Rockingham Road/Mammoth Road (Rte 28)
Londonderry, NH

Coffee provided by
Coffeeberries, 4 Orchard View Dr.,
Londonderry



FOR DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://londonderryartscouncil.org/arts-cafe>

Presented by Londonderry Arts Council



NEWS AROUND TOWN

SUMMER CAMP SIGN-UP SEASON!

It's never too early to make plans for your kids for the summer. Check out these three great options offered by the Town. One is a perennial favorite, one is a modern addition with rave reviews, and one is a brand-new adventure of an offering. For more information on each, please contact the sponsoring department.



SUMMER CAMP

Open to Ages 5-14
*must be entering 1st grade

Summer Playground Program
July 8 - August 9
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Matthew Thornton Elementary School
Registration Deadline July 5

COST:
One child: \$50
Two children: \$60
Three or more children: \$70



If your kids love YouTube, Instagram, or TikTok this camp is for them! We will teach them how to make better quality videos, compose shots, and also touch on editing and graphic design. They will learn in a professional studio setting where they get to be the camera operator, sound technician, and director! New this year: we upgraded our podcast studio, so kids can put their voiceover skills and podcasting ideas to the test. This camp runs July 8 - 19, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Kids must be able to attend all days of the camp. It is open to children entering grades 5-8 in fall 2024. For more information or to sign up please call Erin at 603-432-1147 or email erowe@londonderrynh.org.



VOYAGER CAMP

JUNE 27 - AUGUST 9
(DAYS VARY EACH WEEK)

AGES: 11-15
COST: \$50/RESIDENT; \$60/NON-RES
(plus individual trip fees)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 17

Register online at londonderrynh.myrec.com
For more information, please email
Doug Cole at dcolem@londonderrynh.org

TRIPS INCLUDE:
Powwuckaway State Park, Mel's Funway,
Hampton Beach State Park, Vertical Dreams,
Deep Sea Fishing, Bear Brook State Park,
Polar Caves, Mount Major/Weirs Beach,
Rail Trail Bike Ride, Laser Tag,
Canobic Lake Park, Mount Monadnock,
Water Country, Patriot Place, Canoe/Kayaking,
Mount Chocoma, and a Field Day.



The Summer Playground Program is returning for participants entering 1st grade in the fall, up to 14 years old. Children can participate in games, sports, and arts & crafts. Each day has a special theme. Children are grouped by age and interest and are supervised in small groups by experienced staff members. The program runs Monday through Friday from 9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 2 pm. Children may attend as much or as little as they desire over the course of the camp. Please visit londonderrynh.gov/recreation or reach out to Doug Cole at dcolem@londonderrynh.org with any questions.

Registrations are open ONLINE:
londonderrynh.myrec.com



LONDONDERRY TV PRESENTS

MEDIA CAMP

JULY 8TH - 19TH 2024
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

\$85

« LEARN VIDEO PRODUCTION »
STUDIO CAMERAS - LIGHTING - AUDIO
DIRECTING - PRODUCING - EDITING
WHILE MAKING FUN MUSIC VIDEOS MOVIE TRAILERS AND
SO MUCH MORE!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP CALL ERIN AT 603-432-1147
OR EMAIL [EROWE@LONDONDERRYNH.ORG](mailto:erowe@londonderrynh.org)

This summer, the **NEW** Voyager Camp is a field-trip based camp running June 27 through August 9. Campers will have the option to go on two to three adventures each week. The times and dates of the trips vary and a separate fee and waiver form may be required. Most field trips will require bus transportation. Drop-off/pick-up location is at the Matthew Thornton parking lot unless specified. For the full brochure, please visit londonderrynh.gov/recreation. Please reach out to Doug Cole at dcolem@londonderrynh.org with any questions.

Registrations are open ONLINE:
londonderrynh.myrec.com

Assessing Deadline!

Deadline to apply for Exemptions and Tax Credits – April 15, 2024

The following exemptions and credits are available to those qualifying residents: blind exemption, disabled exemption, elderly exemption, solar and wind powered exemption, and Veterans' tax credits.

For more information on abatements, exemptions, and tax credits, please contact the Assessing Department at 603-432-1100 x135 or visit our website at londonderrynh.gov/assessing.



SOLAR ECLIPSE

MONDAY, APRIL 8

How to get Eclipse Glasses at the Leach Library

Attend one of the following programs:

- Space Rangers: Age 9-14**
March 7, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Space Rangers: Age 9-14**
March 7, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- IMAX Hubble Film Screening: All ages**
March 25, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Eclipse Viewing Party: All ages**
April 8, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

or

Stop by the Circulation Desk
Monday, April 1-Monday, April 8

Glasses will be available in the morning and afternoon on a first come first served basis while supplies last and cannot be reserved. Limit of one pair of glasses per person.

SNOW OR NO, DPW HAS WORK TO BE DONE



True to the groundhog's word, this winter seems to be winding down with a relatively low snow total, with only 32" of snow accumulation this season. So, maybe you're wondering what do we do when winter is taking a break. Well, have no fear: there's always plenty to do, and boy, does your Public Works team keep at it. In these images, we are replacing a failing culvert on Lucas Road. You can see the remains of the old 15" metal culvert, the crew hard at work, and the new 15" HDPE pipe. Deteriorating metal pipes can cause sinkholes as they age,

so we take these opportunities to replace the entire culvert with more modern, durable materials. Workers are also keeping busy doing light maintenance at Town Hall and the library, performing maintenance and grounds work in Town cemeteries, cutting brush and trees around detention basins, and washing and working on equipment, among a million other things. You can always be proud of the work done by your Department of Public Works!

Senior Center Calendar

535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry
londonderrynh.gov/senior-affairs

March 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	09:00 Cards 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Bone Builder 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Cribbage 12:00 Mah Jongg 12:30 Ceramics 12:30 Line Dancing	09:00 Cards 09:00 Yoga 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Bingo	09:00 Cards 10:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Bingo	09:00 Cards 09:00 Yoga 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Cribbage 12:30 Cornhole	09:00 Cards 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Bone Builders 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:00 Diamond Art 12:30 Tai Chi	
25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	29-Feb	1-Mar	2-Mar
3-Mar	4-Mar	5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar
Jam Session 2-5pm				Last Day YOGA session	9:30 Book Club	
10-Mar	11-Mar	12-Mar	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar
		New 8 week YOGA session begins		10-12 Hearing Test	8:30-9:30 Breakfast 12:15 Greeting Card Class	
17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	23-Mar
			10:00 Murder Mystery			
24-Mar	25-Mar	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar
			BIRTHDAY CAKE	Concord Orthopaedics 12-1		

Leach Library Calendar

 MARCH 2024 						
Register for events at londonderrynh.gov/leach-library						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Program Key: Children Young Adult Adult * Registration Required				1	2	
4	5 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	6 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 6:00pm: Meet the Library Trustee Candidates 7:00pm: Board of Trustees Meeting	7 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 4:00pm: Space Rangers - Mission Total Solar Eclipse*	8	9 12:00pm: All Ages Craft: Paint Your Own Suncatcher*	
11 1:00pm: Friends of the Library Meeting 4:30pm: Craft Time*	12 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	13 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 4:00pm: Crafternoon	14 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 11:30am: Historical Fiction Book Discussion*	15	16 1:00pm: Apple Byte Tournament*	
18 9:30am: Coffee Tasting with Mill City Roasting*	19 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	20 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 4:30pm: Spring Oobleck*	21 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 10:00am: Duplo* 4:30pm: Lego*	22	23	
25 4:00pm: IMAX Hubble Film Screening*	26 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	27 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 4:00pm: Coding Club and Maker Lab*	28 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 6:30pm: Vegetable Gardening 101*	29 	30 10:00am: Tinker Time	



PUBLIC MEETINGS – MARCH 2024

In accordance with RSA 91-A:2, you are hereby notified that the following boards, commissions, and committees will meet on the indicated days at the indicated times and locations.

Supervisors of the Checklist	Saturday, March 2	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Town Clerk's Office
LHRA	Monday, March 4	6:30 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
Water Town Hall Session & Town Council	Monday, March 4	6:00 p.m.	Londonderry High School Café 295 Mammoth Road
Utilities Committee	Tuesday, March 5	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Planning Board	Wednesday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Leach Library Board of Trustees	Wednesday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	Leach Library Community Room – 276 Mammoth Road
Recreation Commission	Monday, March 11	7:30 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
Town & School Election	Tuesday, March 12	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Londonderry High School Gym 295 Mammoth Road
Conservation Commission	Tuesday, March 12	7:30 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Planning Board	Wednesday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Londonderry Arts Council	Thursday, March 14	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Beautify Londonderry	Monday, March 18	6:00 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
Town Council	Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Senior Resources Committee	Tuesday, March 19	6:00 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Wednesday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Budget Committee	Thursday, March 21	7:00 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
Conservation Commission	Tuesday, March 26	7:30 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Thursday, March 28	11:00 a.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
Heritage Commission	Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers

Please note that this list of meetings is not meant to be exhaustive. Other public meetings may be added as need dictates, and they will be individually noticed as required by NH RSA 91-A:2.

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings take place at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

MAPLE SUGAR WEEKEND 2024 March 16-17, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Peterson Sugar House and Farm, 28 Peabody Row

Everyone knows New Hampshire maple syrup is the best, so come on down to the open house at Londonderry's own sugar shack to see how it gets made. Come celebrate, explore the farm, learn a new recipe, and taste some delicious syrup!



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Enter the Congressional Art Competition

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in collaboration with the Congressional Institute. The competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent across the nation. The deadline for submitting work to be considered for the 2024 Competition is Friday, April 26, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Artists enter the competition through their Congressional Representative's office. For a full list of rules and more information about the Congressional Art Competition from Congressman Pappas's office, please visit pappas.house.gov/services/art-competition.

Have a suggestion for a future issue?

Send ideas, suggestions, requests & feedback to Kirsten Hildonen at 603-432-1100 x153 or khildonen@londonderrynh.org.

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Open to high school
students who
reside in NH-01

Deadline to Enter:
Friday, April 26
at 5:00 p.m.

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