

bitter cold as they battled a house fire Dec. 19 on Steele Rd. in Bradford. (Courtesy Photo)



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New London public works garage to get LED update

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NEW LONDON – Jamie Hess, chairman of the energy committee, came before the New London Board of Selectmen Dec. 16 with a proposal for converting the public works garage to LED lighting.

Hess said the streetlights had already been converted. Tracy Memorial Library was in the process of converting and would be finished already except some of the materials were wrong and had to be replaced.

Hess said the energy committee was looking at converting all town buildings and Efficient LED Lighting Systems Peter Salvitti was working on proposals for those buildings.

Hess said the ceiling was high at the public garage and there were dozens of burned out bulbs. He and Bob Harrington, public works director, are concerned if lights keep burning out there could be a safety issue.

Hess said when fluorescent lights burned out the ballast was often the problem. Those are not only expensive but require an electrician to do the replacement work.

The total cost of the conversion will be \$17,069.68 but after an in-

centive rebate return the final cost will be \$11,144.68 which covers cost and installation. That amount could be less if only the critical part of the project is done.

Hess pointed out LED bulbs last 10 to 20 years. Annual savings

would be \$3,587.71 which is 58.14% and annual kilowatts saved would be 14.010 per year.

The simple payback would take 2.92 years.

Hess said LED lighting increases energy efficiency, helps the environ-

ment and saves the town money.

John Cannon, selectman, said he is converting his home to LED and although he isn't finished he's already noticing savings.

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Street Talk

How do you like to spend the holidays?

Photostory by Abby Peel



"Giving and receiving and singing for world peace."
Kathy, New London



"Spending as much family time as possible"
Alison, Wilmot



"I love singing Christmas carols around my moms piano"
Taylor, Sunapee



"Eating pirogies"
Luke, Warner

New London Selectmen

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The money for the project will come out of the 2020 budget. Hess said there is no Smart Start money left for 2020 as these types of projects are gaining in popularity.

The selectmen voted to accept the entire conversion project and Janet Kidder, selectman, thanked Hess and the committee for all the work they've done and continue to do.

The selectmen voted to accept the recommendation of Norm Bernaiche, chief assessor, for abatement of Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$7,760.

The selectmen voted to accept a revised budget increase of \$9,500 for the library to cover COLA increases for the staff. The library was waiting to see what the town COLA was going to be as they usually do the same.

Kim Hallquist, town administrator, discussed a letter from Mike Williams volunteering to become the town's information technology officer. Hallquist said she thought the town needed that function. Williams has the knowledge while she doesn't.

The selectmen asked that Williams be invited to a future meeting.

Hallquist said there had been a sewer leak in Georges Mills on Dec. 12. It was resolved at around 2 a.m. with the cooperation of Dave Baily from Sunapee Water & Sewer Superintendent and Rob Thorpe, New London-Springfield Water District Superintendent.

The town offices will be closed Dec. 25, and Jan. 1.

The next meeting of the selectmen is Monday, Jan. 6, 6 p.m.