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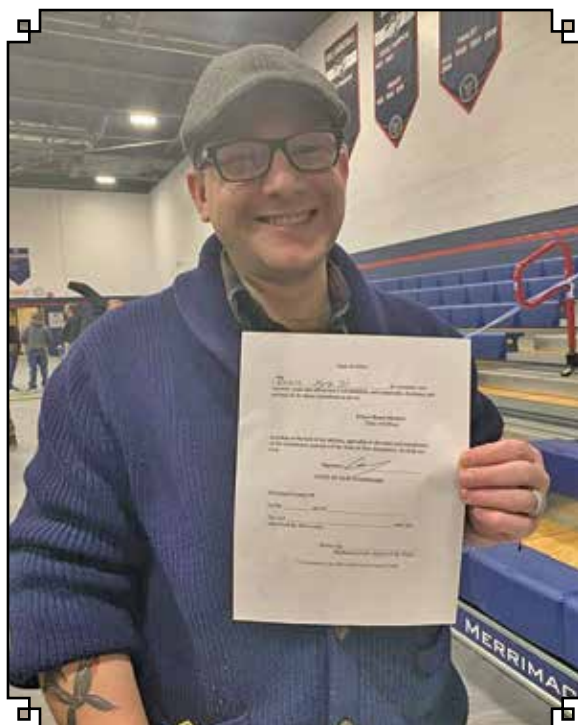
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Congratulations
to our son
Dan York Jr.,
Loudon's newest
school board
member! 280
votes!

(R)
Melanie Kiley
retires after
being the Town
Treasurer for 36
years



**Loudon Ledger
Annual Meeting
May 15
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Mission Statement...

To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

55 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 603-798-4541 * selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 6PM at the Town Offices
Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM
Roger Maxfield (term expires 2025) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Jeffery Miller (term expires 2023) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
John Storrs (term expires 2024) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

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Wednesday 8:00 a.m- 4:00 p.m, Thursday 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.

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55 S. Village Rd., Ste.4 *603-798-4540 * planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
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codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

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55 S. Village Rd. Ste.5 * 603-798-5612 * chief@loudonfire.com
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7039 School St * 603-783-4400
The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15PM
Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location

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Director: Emily Fay * 603-798-5153 * efay@maxfieldlibrary.org
Sun./Mon.: Closed * Tues.: 10AM-7PM * Wed.: 10AM-5PM
Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM
The Library Trustees meet at 5PM on the first Monday of the month

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U.S. Rep. Ann M Kuster: (603) 226-1002 kuster.house.gov

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State Sen. Howard Pearl: (603) 231-1482 hpearlpsf@aol.com

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State Rep. Jose Cambrils: (603) 731-8287. Jose4NH@comcast.net

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Rep. Alvin See: Alvin.See@leg.state.nh.us 603-271-3565

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc are encouraged to submit articles to the Loudon Ledger. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, "attaboys" etc, are all welcome. Please note, however, that the Ledger will uphold its mission:

To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.
We will also follow our *Articles of Agreement*, which are on file with the Secretary of State:

The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office, nor shall it sponsor or endorse any plan or proposition that does not facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation.

In other words, any article submitted must present all sides of an issue in a factual, unbiased, manner so that the reader may form his/her own opinion based on the information presented. To paraphrase Eric Severard: " You should educate not advocate."

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to ledgerarticles@gmail.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the council for review before they are inserted in the Loudon Ledger. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 603-267-6509

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July 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 06/16	Council Meeting	Mon 06/19
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September 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 08/18	Council Meeting	Mon 08/21
October 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 09/15	Council Meeting	Mon 09/18
November 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 10/13	Council Meeting	Mon 10/16
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Where to Worship in Loudon

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Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Patrick Testerman, Associate Pastor
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Office Hours: Please check the website or call the office for hours.

Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. (Sept. - May)

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Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org

Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact Pastor Shirley Marcroft (603) 968-7251

or Cindy Merrill, Deacon, at (603) 848-8690.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cormier

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info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time

Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

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Rev. Eddie Kish

Rev. Brian Bollinger, Youth Pastor

Rev. Isabel Gillespie, Missional Outreach Pastor

33 Staniels Rd., Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 •

Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sunday

9:30 a.m. — Worship: In Person and YouTube Live Streaming

“Kids Korner” (K–4th Grade) is available from 10–11 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Discipleship Hour for ages 3 and up.

To have your Church's information added to this column,
please email your information to ledgerarticles@gmail.com

Loudon Gardeners Club invites you to a fun and informative speaker event!

Tuesday, April 18th 2023, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Loudon Community Building (aka Charlie's Barn)

29 South Village Road, Loudon, NH

Go Native! Incorporating Native Plants into Your Landscapes

Donna Miller, UNH Extension Advanced Master Gardener specializing in pollinators and who with her husband grows and sells cut flowers at Petals in the Pines in Canterbury, NH, will present:

- What are native plants and why are they important additions to your landscapes?
- Photos of native plants appropriate for various growing conditions and native garden examples.
- Where to buy natives and how to use them successfully in new or existing gardens.
- Ideas for creating a container native garden.

Donna hopes to inspire you to make small changes in your gardens with native plants!

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Loudon Historical Society

An old fashioned OLD HOME DAY is being planned following our original Old Home Day, to celebrate Loudon's 250th Birthday. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 13th for a free, old fashioned celebration! More details to follow, so keep your eye on future Ledgers!

Sincerely The Loudon Historical Society and Old Home Day committee

A Glimpse into the Historical Society By Liz LeBrun

March was a time of both town meeting and school meeting where every year we have a chance to voice our concerns and write history with our votes. The Historical Society has a complete set of Loudon Town Reports bound and preserved for our future generations. There is also a complete set for all New Hampshire towns online at University of New Hampshire Scholars Repository (<https://scholars.unh.edu/>). This was made possible from a \$242,000 contract funded with federal funds. According to an August 23, 2022, article in New Hampshire Bulletin by Annmarie Timmins, "1.69 million pages had to be scanned from 14,720 New Hampshire Town Reports." There are 139 Loudon Town Reports on the site, the first being from 1872. We are privileged to have these available to spend time reading and looking back.

Something especially interesting in Loudon's 1919 Town report was a school year summary written by Superintendent of Schools, Frederick T. Johnson. He wrote, "During the last two terms the work has been greatly interfered with by the prevailing epidemic of influenza and other kindred diseases. These conditions have caused a lowered vitality among the children, shutdowns of several weeks in most of the schools and retardation of school work due to a large number of absentees. However, the teachers have worked diligently to maintain the desired efficiency and we trust we may be able to bring the schools up to standard requirements by next June."

Does history repeat itself?



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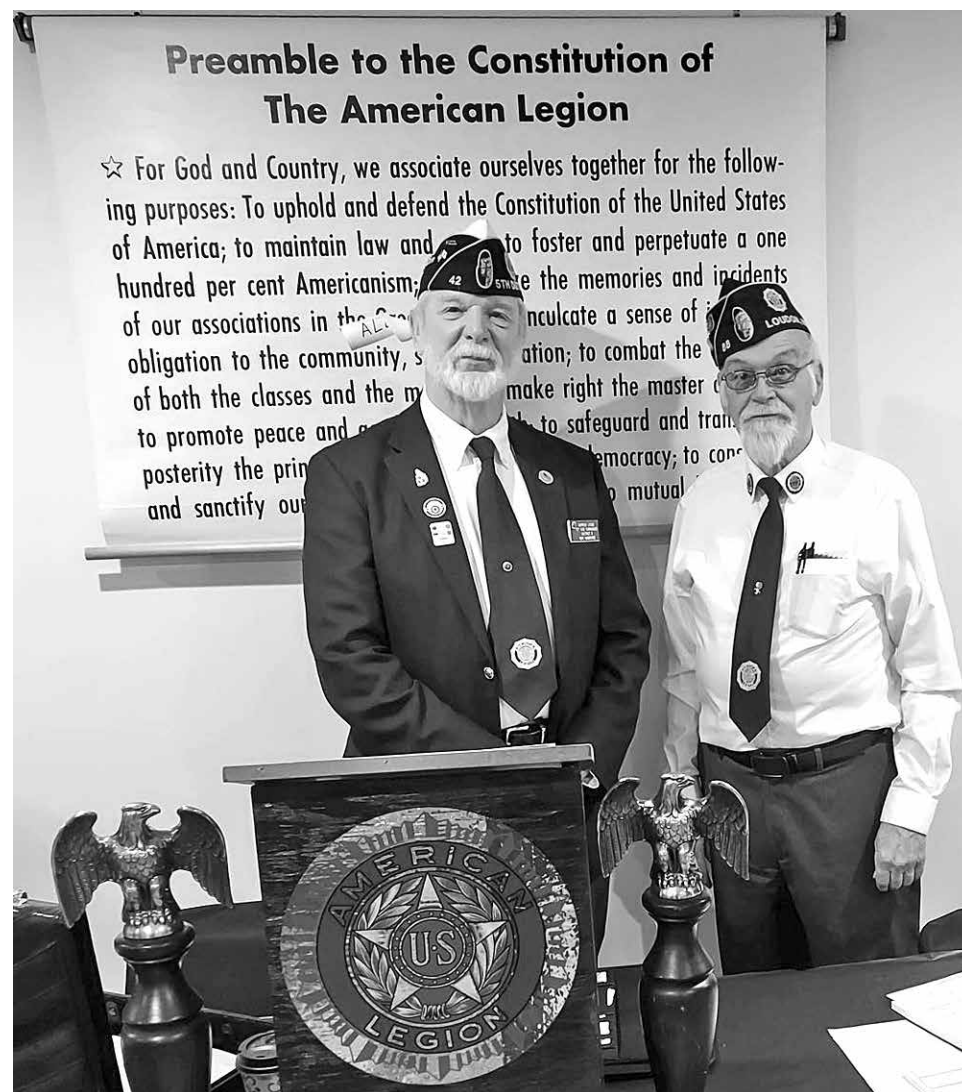
Live Music on Friday Nights

Loudon Trails Winter and Mud Seasons

The driveways and parking lots of Loudon's hiking trails are not maintained in the winter. Packed snow can turn to ice, and as it thaws it can get muddy; both situations are very slippery. Enter these areas with consideration and at your own risk.



American Legion Post 88



New Hampshire American Legion District Five 1st Vice Commander Garrick Locke (in suitcoat) visited Loudon's American Legion Post #88 on March 15 to swear in the slate of Post #88 officers for 2023-24. Locke is seen here with Loudon's Legion Post Commander Ken Ward

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Loudon Elementary School

April Dates

- 4/3 MVSD School Board meeting at MVHS 6:30
- 4/4 Chess Club at 3:30
- 4/5 Student Council at 3:30
- 4/6 Incoming Kindergarten parent information night at 6:00
- 4/7 5th grade Book Club
- 4/8 PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/10 Kindergarten Screening
- 4/11 Chess Club at 3:30
- 4/12 PTA at 5:30
- 4/14 PTA Snack Cart, 5th grade Book Club
- Week of 4/17 Concord Dental Sealant Prevention Program
- 4/18 Wildlife Encounters assembly sponsored by the Loudon Lions Club, Chess Club at 3:30, MV SEPAC at 5:30
- 4/19 Prescott Farm's naturalist visits Kindergarten
- Week of 4/24 Spring Vacation

Congratulations Mrs. Bouchard

Congratulations to 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Lynn Bouchard. She was awarded the CHART Award, signed by Governor Sununu. The

CHART Award is a special recognition for school educators who personally demonstrate and model character and resiliency. The award was created this year in honor of the 30th anniversary of the New Hampshire Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health (GCPAH). This inaugural award is presented by GCPAH in collaboration with the YWCA Alliance of Northern New England and the New Hampshire Department of Education. Only thirty one educators from around the state were honored with this award!

LES Celebrates I Love to Read Month

Thanks to our amazing reading teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Pike, we enjoyed a variety of reading activities and celebrations the week before February vacation. Student Council added to the fun by creating reading themed spirit days as well. A school wide assembly was held to learn about the Fisher Cats Reading Challenge, comfort dogs, Miller and Liberty, visited LES to read with our students and Author/Illustrator Marty Kelley taught us all about his craft. It was a great week celebrating our love of literacy!

100 Days of Learning

LES celebrated our 100th day of school with a variety of learning activities and some students and staff even dressed up to appear as if they were 100 years old.

Valentine's Day Challenge

5th graders were challenged to create a carrier to bring Gnomeo down a zip line to find Juliet. Students were given limited resources for their designs and they were very creative! We are happy to report each carrier delivered him safely!





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Loudon Fire Department News

Loudon Fire Department

The Loudon Fire Department has responded to 181 calls for service this year including 125 emergency medical calls and 55 fire calls. The department has provided mutual aid to our neighboring communities 19 times and received mutual aid 6 times. We have had multiple calls occurring at the same time 22 times. 12% of the time we have multiple units responding to multiple incidents.

Response times for units responding from Station 1 to EMS calls, from the time of dispatch until arrival on scene, averaged 7 minutes and 55 seconds and 9 minutes and 32 seconds from Station 2. Calls for fire response, from time of dispatch until arrival, from station 1 is 10 minutes and 57 seconds and 7 minutes and 9 seconds from Station 2. We continue to meet our goal of time of dispatch until enroute in less than two minutes 100% of the time from both stations. EMS calls are an overall average of 1 minute and 46 seconds. The advantage of having a staffed crew at the station reduces the time it takes to get an initial response out of the door and to the emergency quickly when lifesaving seconds count.

The Capital Area Fire Mutual Aid Compact suffered some significant radio damage to its infrastructure during winter storm Elliott over the Christmas holiday. We have been working closely with the Chief Coordinator. The coordinator has been working with the insurance companies and owners of the collapsed radio towers to get the radio system back in service in full capacity. Although there is redundancy built into the system, it is an older dated system, which is at end of life, and will need to be replaced in the near future. Currently pagers are not activating in several parts of town consistently but fortunately members have access to an app on their mobile phones which acts as a backup system for alerting of emergencies but there are a few seconds delay from normal radio transmissions. The current damage estimate is in excess of \$100,000, but there is no timeline for the repairs being made as the 180 foot tower would need to be replaced before radio equipment can be reinstalled. The Capital Area Fire Mutual Aid Compact is working on resolving the issue and researching a strategic plan for the replacement of the existing system which is becoming difficult to repair due to the age of the communication equipment. The Fire Chiefs of the compact will be looking at finding the right mix of funding opportunities to present back to each member community later this year.

We would like to recognize Firefighter / Paramedic Matt Cole who has served the Town of Loudon as a call member since September 2000 on his retirement from the Fire Department on March 31st. He will retain life membership as a 22+ year member of the department and will be welcomed back to participate in department social functions or to just plain visit. We wish him and his wife Krissy best of luck as they move out of the area and do some much earned traveling. We also have a member of the department who is a member of the NH Army National Guard who has received active-duty orders and is being deployed to the middle east for a period of 9 months to a year. We wish that member a safe deployment and we look forward to the member returning to us post deployment.

The 5th Annual Battle of the Badges Red Cross Blood drive will be held at the Arthur Colby Safety Complex on April 13th at 1:00 pm. Please come and donate and sign up as a Fire Department supporter and keep our winning tradition alive. We have held the coveted trophy for the first 4 years and wish to retain it well into the future. To sign up please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=loudonnh>



Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In February 2023 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 261 individuals for them to prepare 5,988 meals. Of these people, 142 were age 60 and older (54%), 48 were age 18 or under (18%), and 71 were between those ages (27%).

What is better to donate, food or funds?

There is what is known as a Meal Conversion chart.

When donating food, the formula is weight divided by 1.2 = meals. When donating funds, the formula is dollars times 4 = meals.

Example

1 lb. = 1 meal 5 lbs. = 4 meals 10 lbs. = 8 meals \$1 = 4 meals \$5 = 20 meals \$10 = 40 meals

Food donations allows us to incorporate a needed variety in the diets of those we feed. Fund donations allows us to purchase needed items that we don't receive in food donations. We can also purchase items in larger quantities.

So, whether you donate food or funds, you are still helping us feed those in need. Thank you for your contribution!

Do you need food? The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment! To see if you qualify, go to LoudonFoodPantry.org and click on Need Help? or call Sue at (603) 724-9731.

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Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 5:00PM Saturday 9:00AM - Noon



LFA SPAGHETTI DINNER!

April 22nd from 4pm-7pm in the Firehouse at 8 Cooper Street.

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Richard Brown House News

Residents spent some time in April learning and creating! Loudon local, Trese Young, came by to teach the residents how to make Blueberry Lemon Jam. Everyone had fun and I heard the jam was delicious. AARP presented “Be Red Cross Ready”, an emergency preparedness program for older adults. The residents made a Spring Wreath craft with our friend, Natasha Perron from Maxfield Library, and also stuffed some bunnies in cute outfits for Easter. The residents cast their absentee ballots for the local town elections, thanks to a visit from our wonderful Loudon Town Clerk, Ashley Simonds. We continued our ongoing series, Cultural Connections, with Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner to learn about Native American history, art, and traditions. The residents planned a traditional New England Boiled Dinner to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, with musical entertainment from our favorite-the Solutions Band.

April brings us the 15th anniversary for Richard Brown House! Staff and residents will celebrate with a chicken fettuccine alfredo lunch-complete with salad, bread, and a dessert, as well as games, awards, and gifts. The Loudon Fire Dept. will present on fire safety, community member, Penny Kingsbury, will come by to make greeting cards with the residents, and the residents will start up weekly Bingo games. Our Cultural Connections series will continue in April with Peter Nihany, “Lost Boy of Sudan”, rescheduled from an earlier date. On Thursday, April 27 at 10am, Peter will tell his remarkable story of coming to the U.S. from war-torn S. Sudan and his life adjusting here as a refugee. This free activity is open to the public. To reserve a seat, call 603-798-3190 ext. 202 or email: torey.kortz@voanne.org.

Do you have a special talent or working knowledge of a topic that might be of interest to our residents? We are seeking community members or groups who would be willing to share their time with our folks teaching a craft, sharing information, or leading an activity. Music, cooking, animal presentations, dancing, and youth groups are very popular... or we would love to hear your ideas!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, ideas, or support for our residents. Torey.kortz@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 202. Our Property Manager, Lucie Bilodeau, can be reached at lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 203.



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2T. oil

3 T. fresh lemon juice

1 clove garlic, crushed

½ tsp. salt & a dash pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl combine lemon juice, oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Arrange chicken in a shallow casserole or baking pan. Pour the lemon/oil mixture over chicken. Cover and bake until tender, about 40 min., basting occasionally. Uncover casserole and bake 10 min. longer to allow chicken to brown. Sprinkle chopped parsley to serve.

Crock-Pot Chicken Drumsticks

½ cup low-sodium soy sauce

½ cup low-sodium chicken broth

¼ cup Thai chili sauce

2 T. Sriracha

2 T. brown sugar

juice of one lime

1 in. piece of ginger, peeled and minced

3 cloves garlic, crushed

4-4 ½ lb. chicken drumsticks

For garnish: 2 green onions, thinly sliced

1 tsp. toasted sesame seeds

In a large bowl, whisk together soy sauce, chicken broth, chili sauce, Sriracha, brown sugar and lime juice. Stir in ginger and garlic. Place drumsticks in a large resealable bag. Pour marinade over chicken and seal. Marinate 30 min. or overnight. Pour drumsticks and marinade into slow cooker and cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 5-6 hours. When drumsticks are tender and cooked through, preheat broiler to high. Transfer drumsticks to a large foil-lined baking sheet and broil until crisp, 3-5 min. Garnish with green onions and sesame seeds.

Buttermilk Chicken

(For those of you with air fryers)

1 cup buttermilk

2 tsp. garlic powder

4 lbs. chicken pieces

3 cups crushed cornflakes

1/3 cup flour

1 tsp. dried oregano

½ tsp. each salt and pepper

In a large bowl, mix buttermilk, garlic powder, ¼ tsp. salt and ¼ pepper. Add chicken and toss until coated. Chill at least 2 hours or overnight, turning chicken occasionally. In a bowl mix cornflakes, flour, oregano and remaining salt and pepper. Coat each piece of chicken with mixture. Heat air fryer at 325 degrees and coat basket with cooking spray. In 2 batches, air-fry chicken until golden brown and no pink near the bone remains, 25- 30 min per batch.




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— Harriet Prescott Spofford

DISCOVERING NEW ENGLAND STONE WALLS: On Thursday, April 6th at 6pm, we will welcome Kevin Gardner to give a presentation on the history and significance of stone walls in New England. Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a

tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket. We hope to see you!

SUSTAINABILITY SERIES: During April and May, we will be providing six weeks of programs focused on community led sustainability. We will offer classes with local presenters about gardening, household product DIYs, and more! In addition, we hope to keep our plant swap running as long as we are receiving donations, and will be adding a seed swap. This series begins the week of April 17th.

SIT AND STITCH: MPL is the happy home of a Sit and Stitch group that meets each

Wednesday at 2:00pm by the fireplace. More than just fiber crafting, this group offers

good company and rollicking fun!

GAME AND GAB: Come in Friday afternoons at 2:00pm to socialize and enjoy a board

or card game. The library has cards, Rummikub, Mahjong, Cribbage, and Scrabble.

Make new friends and catch up with old ones! Feel free to bring your own game as well.

EVENING BOOK GROUP: Our evening book group will meet on April 27th at

6:30pm to discuss *The Stranger In the Woods*.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP: Our afternoon book group will meet on April 27th at

2:00pm to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

THRILLER BOOK GROUP: Our thriller book group will meet on April 13th at

6:30pm to discuss *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell.

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS! Here in the children’s library we are thinking spring! There are so many things to celebrate in April such as Easter, Teen Literature Day, and National Poetry Month! We have many special events and fun things planned!

STORY TIME: Storytime is on Thursday’s at 10:30 am downstairs in the children’s room! We have been reading books about St. Patrick’s Day, Dragons, and superheroes! Masks are optional. We sing, read stories, dance, and use bells, shakers and scarves! We also do crafts together!

EASTER STORYTIME: We are having an Easter themed story time on April 6th at 10:30 am with an Easter egg hunt to follow!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Have your voice heard and join our Teen Advisory Board! By joining and attending meetings you can earn community service hours! Email us at cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to find out more information about joining the Teen Advisory Board! Our April meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18th from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Music and movement is an early literacy program for littles. Masks are optional. We sing, read, dance, use instruments, and have fun! This event happens on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT WALL-E: On April 25th from 2-4, come celebrate Earth Day with us by watching Wall-e. Get cozy with snacks and a movie during April vacation.

TEEN LITERATURE DAY RAFFLE: Teen Choice Award: We want to know your favorite YA books! Drop your name along with the title of your favorite book into our raffle to be entered to win a prize. Once the raffle is over, we will create a display with all of your favorite books. You can enter the raffle up until April 13th when names will be drawn for prizes.

TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT: On Tuesday, May 9th from 5-6 pm, performers ages 13-18 may sing, play an instrument, read poetry or share art in another form. It can be an original work or cover. Each performer will be given time for one song or poem. The general public is invited to attend and be a part of the audience! Email cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org to register.

BLACKOUT POETRY: Come to the library on Thursday April 27th from 3-4 pm to learn how to create blackout poetry. All materials will be provided as well as snacks. This program is recommended for kids 13-18.

ALL TOGETHER NOW: BE AN EARTH HERO- SQUAM LAKES SCIENCE CENTER LIVE ANIMAL EVENT: Saturday August 26, 2023 11:00 AM. We can all be Earth Heroes, people caring for and working to protect our planet. During this program, a naturalist from the

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Please- - FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG CITIZENS - - NO TOSSING OF CANDY, ETC. DURING THE PARADE. (You may hand it out though!)

Our theme this year is: "Happy 250th birthday" So don't forget to decorate your float, cars, or critters & get creative! You get to impress our team of judges to win a trophy from a number of categories! Hope to see you there!

*** Please mail forms or bring day of parade! No one will be turned away the bigger the parade the better!!**

Please send to:

Loudon Old Home Day Committee

PO Box 7050

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For more information please watch the Loudon Ledger or contact Susan at the below number:

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Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023

Time: *Please see the schedule below for specific age group times.*

Place: Loudon Elementary School Playground - 7039 School Street - Loudon NH

In order to keep things running smoothly, please follow the schedule below to find the time for your child's age group.

10:00-10:15 Children under age 5/K *This one will take place on the soccer fields

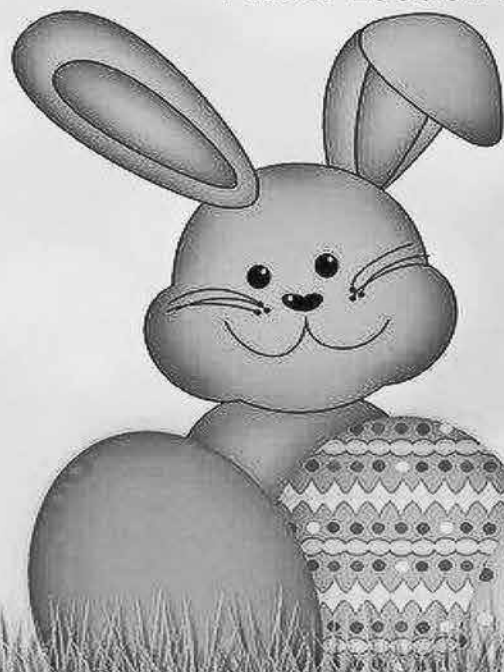
10:20-10:35 grades 1 & 2

10:35-10:50 Children in grades 3, 4, & 5

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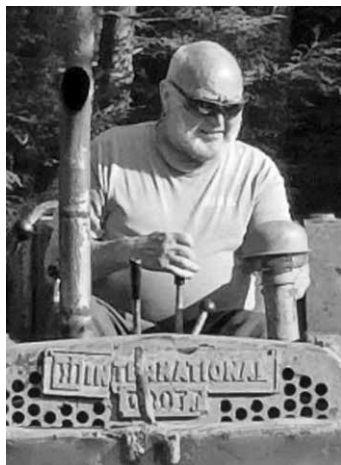
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OBITUARIES

Paul W. Merrill



Paul W. Merrill, 92 of Loudon, died peacefully on January 24, 2023 at his residence. He was born on June 27, 1930 to Frank Lewis and Lottie Clara Merrill at the family farm in Loudon. Paul was a former road agent in Loudon. He managed the family farm after the death of his father. He graduated from Pittsfield High School Class of 1948. He was later employed by LK Ladd Inc. as a mechanic and equipment operator for 32 years. He loved to work, starting at a very early age with his father and up to when he passed. The obituary photo shows Paul operating his bulldozer at the age

of 91. Paul loved to dance and took ballroom dance lessons. He competed in dance competitions in several states and won many trophies. He enjoyed restoring antique cars and trucks. Paul was loved and respected by all who knew him. In addition to his parents, Paul was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Barbara Jean (Keyes) Lawrence; stepson, Christopher Lawrence, and three sisters, Elsie Fife, Elizabeth Weston and Jennie Brooks as well as three brothers, Joseph, David and Richard Merrill. He is survived by his brother, Karl Merrill, stepdaughter, Linda Viens, stepson, Michael Lawrence, two step-granddaughters, Nancy and Paula, three step great grandsons, Calvin, Michael and Brandon and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Kenard F. "Butch" Ayles, Jr.



Kenard F. "Butch" Ayles, Jr., 81, of Pembroke, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at his residence. Born on March 3, 1941 in Pittsfield, he was the son of the late Kenard F. Ayles, Sr. and Kathryn (Felix) Ayles. Butch earned his nickname from a young age and it stuck with him throughout his life. He was a graduate of Pittsfield High School and in 1962 married the love of his life, Marie (Bergevin) Ayles with whom he lovingly shared the next 61 years. Together, they shared a love for the game of golf,

raising a family, and later wintering in Aruba and Florida. He proudly served his country in the National Guard and went on to work as a Sales Representative for over 30 years with Lorillard Corp. until his retirement. Even in retirement, Butch never slowed down. He filled his time helping others by mowing lawns, taking part in the Old Home Day events, playing cribbage, and even more golfing as a longtime member of Plausawa Valley Country Club (now Pembroke Pines), but his greatest joy was spending time with his family. With his quick wit and keen sense of humor he made friends wherever he went. All who were blessed to know him were always treated with a joke and a smile. He was a 53 year member (Master Mason) of the Corinthian Lodge #82 in Pittsfield. Butch was raised Baptist but as a 35th wedding anniversary gift to Marie, he decided to join her in the Catholic Faith. He was a proud resident of Pembroke for over 50 years, serving on the Zoning Board and Building Committee for the Safety Center, as well as the self-proclaimed "Mayor". He also

served on the Concord Crimeline.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a nephew, Dale Bishop. In addition to his wife Marie, Butch is survived by two daughters, Debra Marie Ayles Jodoin and her husband David Marc Jodoin of Concord and Donna Baker and her husband Tim of Chichester; his sister, Virginia Merrill of Loudon; grandchildren, Kyle Scott Jodoin of Concord and Tyler Aaron Jodoin currently serving in the US Navy in Italy, and Meghan Rose Baker of Los Angeles, CA; Two nephews, Douglas and Dana Bishop; Brother and Sister-in-law Victor and Anita Bergevin of Napa, CA, and many cousins.

Harry E. Hazeltine, Jr



Harry E. Hazeltine, Jr., 91, of Epsom, NH passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at Epsom Health Care Center. Harry was born in Hill, NH on April 11, 1931 to the late Harry E. Hazeltine, Sr., and Beatrice (Ballou) Sawyer. He lived the majority of his life in Concord, NH and recently moved to Epsom, NH. He was a quiet caring man and looked for the good in everyone. Harry was employed as a conductor for the Boston & Maine Railroad for 42 years. He was a member of the Blazing Star Eureka Lodge of the Masons for over

50 years. Besides his parents, Harry was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Ellen (Landers) Hazeltine; two brothers, Howard and Lyle Hazeltine; sons, Jean Hammond, Charles, Harry J. and Thomas Hazeltine. Members of his family include his sons, Michael Hazeltine of Kannapolis, NC, Kenneth Hazeltine of Epsom, NH; his daughter, Diane Fredericks of Vallejo, Ca; step-daughter, Sheryl Sabean, Loudon, NH; 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Scott Miner



Scott Miner of Pittsfield, NH passed away on March 2, 2023 with his family by his side following a brief illness. Scott was born on October 7, 1956 to David Miner and Sylvia Towle of Penacook, where he was raised and attended Merrimack Valley High School, graduating in 1974. After school, he married Mary Lou and had two children. Scott worked at Pitco Frialator in Bow for 47 years and made many long lasting friendships with the "Pitco Crew". Scott loved the simple things in life, riding his Harley on a beautiful day and spending time

with friends and family. Scott was predeceased by his father, David; brother, David; and mother, Sylvia. He leaves behind his sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Rick Preve of Pembroke; daughter, Missy of Boscawen; son, David of Loudon; granddaughters, Lena and Ava; as well as his nieces, Kristie and Amy; and many friends.



Moderator Musings

Town Election Follow-up

Thank you to all the town departments who worked to make the election on March 14 a success!

Monday morning March 13, the Town department heads met at 8am to discuss whether to postpone the election and, if not, how to ensure a safe and successful election realizing that postponing the election would bring its own set of logistics issues.

Loudon, along with about 2/3 of the municipalities in NH went ahead with their election. We also decided to encourage residents to vote absentee on Monday to avoid having to venture out on Tuesday and thus the Town Clerk’s office remained open until 6pm. We had to scramble, as other towns did, to photocopy blank Absentee Ballots and create more of the absentee voter packets. It was a success with more than 130 residents voting absentee.

On Tuesday March 14, at 7am Dalia Corbett of Girl Scout Troop 60180 led everyone at the polls in the Pledge of Allegiance and then opened the polls for voting! Thank you, Dalia!

During the day voters made a slow but steady appearance at the polls. We were pleased to have a total of 444 voters make decisions on races and questions on the two ballots. That compares to 507 last March which is 87.5%. Great job Loudon!!

The additional absentee ballots did result in a little longer time to count votes. Ballots are normally a heavier card stock. The photocopied blank Absentee Ballots were on regular weight paper and I did not want to put them through the ballot counter since we had not tested it with the lighter weight paper. Therefore, we hand counted all these ballots.

I want to give a shoutout to my counters. As Moderator, I trust my counters to do the heavy lifting. On election night I am not a counter. I answer questions the counting teams have, assist our Town Clerks, and work to keep things moving. The counting teams (groups of three people) are given stacks of ballots as they come out of the ballot counting machine. They then must sort them, looking for ballots that might need special attention, place them in stacks of 25, and then they are ready to begin the careful process of determine the voter’s intent on write-ins and hand-count ballots.

We finished counting just after 9pm and promptly made the results available on Facebook.

Town Clerk Ashley Simonds has told me numerous times since the night of the election that this was her favorite election. Her comment reflects so well on the Town of Loudon and everyone that makes our elections a success!

We also tried to make a significant improvement in the voter parking experience this election. From what I have heard, it was a success. We asked that all electioneers park at the Recreation Field and all poll workers park at the old town office. This freed up a lot of space for

voters to park. Road Agent Russ Pearl determined what we needed for signage to support one-way traffic along Recreation Drive. This was also a great success and should improve safety going forward.

There are so many moving parts (and people) when it comes to an election. Loudon knocks it out of the park. From great poll workers, town employees, and food, to the wonderful smile of Deputy Town Clerk Theresa Chudoba when you turn in your ballot.

Thank you all!!!

And, as we have done for all 3 elections since September 2022, we do not release numbers from the tape coming out of the AccuVote machine. The Secretary of State has asked us not to do this as results can change depending on how close the races are and how many write-ins and hand-count ballots there are. Additionally, our counting teams need to be able to concentrate. There is plenty of room to observe the counting process, in compliance with NH law, but there is no talking allowed.

Contact me at any time by calling either the Selectmen’s Office or the office of the Town Clerk.

Rodney Phillips Loudon Moderator



(A)Town Moderator Rodney Philips, Dala Corbett and, Town Clerk Ashley Simonds. (B) photo is: Rodney, Deputy Town Clerk Theresa Chudoba, Town Clerk Ashley Simonds, and Assistant Town Moderator Janice Morin



Unofficial Town Meeting Wrap-Up

(Official Minutes of the Meeting will be provided at a later date by the Town Clerk)

Loudon residents met on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Loudon Elementary School for the second session of the Loudon Annual Town Meeting.

Moderator Rodney Phillips introduced Scouts from Troop 247 to present the colors and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Scouts and their leaders were available throughout the meeting, accepting donations and providing food and beverages.

Moderator Phillips reported that 442 votes were cast on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, resulting in the following elections:

Selectman for 3 years: Jeffrey C. Miller

Tax Collector for 3 years: Meghan O'Hare

Treasurer for 3 years: Kathy Pitman

Library Trustee for 3 years: Elizabeth Moser

Library Trustee for 2 years: Juliana E. Lawler

Planning Board for 3 years: Danielle Bosco

Planning Board for 3 years: Jeffrey L. Green

Zoning Board for 3 years: Charlie Aznive

Zoning Board for 3 years: Todd Phelps

Trustee of the Trust Funds: Terese Basterache

Moderator Phillips announced that all but one of the proposed zoning amendments had passed. The only amendment that was defeated had requested a change in the zoning of Map 43 Lot 17 from AFP to RR.

After reading the results of Tuesday's voting, the moderator opened the meeting for discussion of the remaining 20 articles on the warrant. The results were as follows:

Article 3 was passed, raising \$175,000, with \$133,000 being withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, and receiving \$42,000 from the State Clean Diesel grant to purchase a loader.

Article 4 was passed, raising \$215,000, with \$111,000 being withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund, receiving \$52,358 from the State Clean Diesel grant and the balance of \$51,642 to be raised by taxes to purchase a dump truck with plow and sander.

Article 5 was passed, raising \$175,000, with \$125,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, and receiving \$50,000 from the Highway Block grant money to reclaim and pave 2590 feet

of Loudon Ridge Road between houses #373 and #461.

Article 6 was passed, raising \$370,000 by taxes to reclaim and pave 6170 feet of Clough Hill Road from Route 129 to Pleasant Street Ext. (Young Hill Road).

Article 7 was passed raising \$145,000 by taxes to reclaim and pave 2640 feet of Currier Road from Route 106 to the bridge.

Article 8 was passed raising \$95,000, with funds being withdrawn from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to replace the existing guardrail system on the Lower Ridge Road concrete bridge.

Article 9 was passed by secret ballot raising \$375,000, with \$183,000 from the one-time bridge payment, \$69,000 from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund and \$122,389 raised by taxes, to replace the Loudon Ridge Road bridge.

Article 10 was passed by secret ballot raising \$60,000, with \$29,500 being withdrawn from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, \$9,875 from an insurance settlement and \$20,625 by taxes to purchase a police cruiser.

Article 11 was passed by secret ballot raising \$290,000 with \$190,000 being withdrawn from the Ambulance/Rescue Capital Reserve Fund and \$100,000 by taxes, to purchase an ambulance. This article will not lapse until the purchase is complete or June 30, 2028 whichever is sooner.

Article 12 was passed to place a question on the state election ballot to change the polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm for all regular state elections beginning the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2024.

Article 13 failed, the town treasurer will remain an elected position.

Article 14 passed to readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.

Article 15 passed to readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or Optional Veterans' Tax Credit voted by the town.

Article 16 passed authorizing the Board of Selectmen to take steps necessary to convey all portions of the parcel of land identified as Map 20, Lot 70.

Article 17 passed after the amount was amended to \$10,000 to be raised by taxes to purchase ballot counting devices. This article will not lapse until the purchase is complete or June 30, 2028 whichever is sooner.

Article 18 was passed by secret ballot raising \$1,033,000 by taxes to be placed into previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

Article 19 was passed by secret ballot raising \$142,000 by taxes to be placed into previously established Expendable Trust Funds.

Article 20 was passed raising \$5,737,891 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in the above articles.

Article 21 presented by petition was tabled - New Hampshire Motor Speedway and/or its vendors from hosting/sponsoring and conducting demonstration motorcycle rides on Loudon Ridge Road and Lower Ridge Road.

Article 22 Motion was made to record all meetings held in the meeting room at the Town Office Building and place them on the town’s You Tube channel. This motion failed.

Loudon Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

DRAFT

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present: Brenda Pearl, Town Administrator

- I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- II. Chairman Maxfield stated that the meeting is being held to discuss the town report. He explained that the complete draft of the town report has too many pages to bind the way it usually is done which is saddle-stitched. With over 100 pages the printer said it would have to be done with perfect bind. The additional cost is \$475.
- III. Selectman Miller made a motion to approve the additional cost of printing the town report for a total cost of \$3,415.08.
- IV. Chairman Maxfield explained that the reason for this emergency meeting was to make a decision on the additional funds for the binding; they are required by law to have the report available by a certain date. This way of binding takes longer and because of that it needs to get to the printer as soon as possible.
- V. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 5:13 PM. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders, Town Administrator Brenda Pearl and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

- I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- II. Selectman Miller made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Chairman Maxfield opened Board of Permit at 6:01pm. Also, present Planning Board Chairman Rodney Phillips.
- IV. Chairman Maxfield said New England Racing Museum submitted three separate applications all Car/Motorcycle Shows to be held on May 6, 2023, August 19, 2023 and September 9, 2023. Chairman Maxfield said included with the application is the Facility Management and Operation Plan and Certificate of Insurance and the applications look complete. Chairman Maxfield asked Planning Board Chairman Rodney Phillips if there are any concerns, Mr. Phillips said no concerns. Selectman Miller said there is a rain dates of, May 7, 2023, August 20, 2023 and September 10, 2023. Chief Blanchette said there have been a couple of issues that were corrected right away and the layout will be different than in the past due to a parking lot that was previously used is now part of the Rusty Lantern. There were no concerns. Applications approved.
- V. Chairman Maxfield closed Board of Permit at 6:08pm.
- VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said there are two members of the department out with COVID currently.

b. Chief Blanchette said car 1 is still waiting on the material for the decals.

c. Chief Blanchette asked for the ok to put the suburban formerly used as car 1 and the Police Departments speed board and the command box from the suburban on Municibid. The Board agreed that is the best place to post.

d. Chief Blanchette said he had been contacted to distribute COVID tests and has opted to take 900. Chairman Maxfield said there are many more available. Chief Blanchette expressed his concern with

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storage and the shelf life The Board discussed obtaining one pallet and some storage at the Town Office.

e. Chief Blanchette said he had been contacted through the Planning Board to discuss the public safety impact on the proposed hotel casino complex in Concord. Chief Blanchette said he does not feel comfortable discussing the public safety impact as it is not in our town and the town of Loudon holds a major sporting event in our town that could affect public safety in surrounding towns as well. Chief Blanchette said if something were to go on, there is a mutual aid plan in place. Chief Blanchette said he would be ok with speaking on his perspective but not

comfortable speaking on whether the town is for or against the development. Chairman Maxfield said he does not feel the Chief should represent the towns opinion. Selectman Miller said it would be ok to discuss his professional opinion.

f. Chief Blanchette said last night was the monthly training with 18 members in attendance.

g. Chief Blanchette said he has received and update from Stephanie Alexander regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chief Blanchette said HSEM submitted our plan to FEMA on Feb 6th. It is expected to take about 45 days for review. Chief Blanchette said because of the timeframes with submission, there will be a few administrative changes that will need to be made. Chief Blanchette said it looks like early April before it will be ready for full Board approval.

h. Chief Blanchette said they have four members of the department, Brady Leonard, Nathan Ecker, Sarah Lewis and Sean Marden signed up and enrolled in NH Fire academy all apparatus driver operator course. Chief Blanchette said the program is co-hosted by Loudon Fire and Henniker Fire in late March and will give them their Driver Operator Certifications and prep to apply for CDL. Chief Blanchette said Brady Leonard is also enrolled in Fire Fighter 2 program at Lakes Region Fire Mutual aid. Chief Blanchette said that is a Grant funded program.

i. Chief Blanchette said as of today the department has responded to 139 calls.

j. Chief Blanchette said there is a spring storm coming in Wednesday into Friday and there is a call with HSEM, NHDOT and Public Utilities Commission tomorrow at 2pm if the Board, Police Chief or Road Agent would like to attend.

VII. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:

a. Mr. Pearl said he is going to post the roads the first or second week in March depending on the weather. Chairman Maxfield said it is the Road Agents discretion. Mr. Pearl said he will update the Board at the next meeting.

b. Mr. Pearl asked about the holiday policy and counting a holiday as hours worked for the purpose of overtime calculation. Selectman Miller said it is a policy change that needs to be made. Chairman Maxfield said they are currently reviewing the Personnel Policy. Selectman Miller said he has done the research and some places do not count the hours but where he works at the state the hours are counted. Chairman Maxfield said it is something to consider.

VIII. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess:

a. Chief Burgess said employees are well and one employee is out on FMLA until the first week in March at the latest the second week. Chief Burgess said one employee was out with COVID but is now back.

b. Chief Burgess said Administrative Assistant Morin and Assistant Radcliffe attended and completed a Right To Know Law Enforcement workshop.

c. Chief Burgess said car 4 currently has a small exhaust leak but were told it is ok to drive. Chief Burgess said they are ordering the part and hope to have the car fixed soon.

d. Chief Burgess said Lieutenant Flanders did well in his absence.

e. Chief Burgess said they have an interview scheduled for Thursday.

f. Selectman Miller asked if this is the second car with an exhaust leak. Chief Burgess said the car that was totaled was the first one with the leak. Chairman Maxfield

asked if the interview is scheduled with a certified officer. Chief Burgess said it is not, but the individual was recommended from another department.

IX. The Board reviewed new business:

a. The Board reviewed an agreement with Normandeau Associates regarding the Wetlands Scientist needed for DES permitting for the ADA ramp at Clough Pond. Chairman Maxfield said this is an unanticipated expense and the money could either come from the contingency fund or ARPA funds as ARPA funds support recreation. Selectman Miller said he is leery to take money from the contingency fund and this is a recreation program. Selectman Miller made a motion to approved the expenditure from ARPA funds in the amount of \$4,305 to contract with Normandeau Associates for Wetlands Science Contract to send the appropriate paperwork to DES to complete the ramp. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectman to sign the contract with Normandeau on behalf of the town of Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Board reviewed an appointment paper for Stefan Lillios. Selectman Miller made a motion to appoint Stefan Lillios to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate Member. This appointment shall expire March 31, 2024 given this hand the 21st of February 2023. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Discussion, Chairman Maxfield said Mr. Lillios was recommended by the Chair of the Conservation Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. The Board reviewed a contract with NOBIS Engineering for the Landfill post closure groundwater monitoring. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the contract with NOBIS for the Landfill Post closure monitoring and inspecting requirements. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. The Board received and reviewed the settlement agreement with McCrea. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman

of the Board of Selectmen to sign on behalf of the Town of Loudon a settlement agreement and release of all claims between the town of Loudon for the incident that took place on 106. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Discussion, Selectman Miller said it is a settlement agreement for the insurance company for the Town holding the town non liable for any further litigation for an incident from 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. The Board received and reviewed a Benefits Advantage Agreement for the Healthtrust members. Selectman Miller said it is an FSA card for employees receiving the health insurance through the town for medical expenses. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign on behalf of the town the Benefit Advantage Service Agreement effective July 1, 2023 between the town and its employees and Healthtrust inc. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. The Board reviewed payment to Peter Randall Publishing for the town history book. Chairman Maxfield said this is the second payment of \$5,000 and the final payment will be \$10,000. Chairman Maxfield said all the revenue from the sales of the books will come back to the town.

X. The Board reviewed old business:

a. The Board received and reviewed an employee holiday request. Chief Burgess said the request is to use two holidays for a vacation in April. Selectman Miller said the policy was changed because people were holding holidays and not using vacation time. Selectman Miller said it is to get people to use annual time as well as not to create a financial burden on the town. Chief Burgess asked if the employees could use the holiday within the fiscal budget year. Selectman Miller said the board is talking about that now but the holiday should be specific to that holiday and not annual time. Mr. Pearl said he worked some hours on the holiday this week and if he were to be paid out for it, it would cause the town to be paying out more hours than if he could use that day in the summer when he has not also worked hours on that day. Mr. Pearl said in his opinion as long as it is used within the fiscal year. Selectman Miller said it then is no longer a holiday. Chief Blanchette said he thinks it was done with admirable reasons but there was another policy changed as well that allows the employee to be paid out at just 10% of their total accrual. Chief Blanchette said for his department being able to take the day within the fiscal budget year it does save on overtime costs. Selectman Miller said it needs to be discussed. Lt. Flanders said in the last 30 days they have had two vacations, someone out on FMLA and various out with sickness and he has not had much time to be able to take those holidays. Lt. Flanders said he is asking to use them for the benefit of he and his family however, he has not had the time to take them. The Board discussed when the changes could be made to the policy. The Board decided to schedule a work session to discuss further. The Board agreed to allow the use of the holidays for this one-time purpose.

XI. The Board reviewed important dates:

Zoning Board Meeting 2/23-7pm

Candidate's Night 3/8- 6pm

MVSD Annual Meeting 3/10- polls are open from 11am-7pm, meeting starts at 7pm

Town Election 3/14- 7am-7pm

Town Meeting 3/18-9 am

Volunteer Information Night 3/28- 6-7:30pm

XII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard 122 Lower Ridge Road, Mr. Leonard asked if there have been any town residents inquire about COVID tests. Chief Blanchette said no, he has not had anyone. Mr. Leonard asked why we would house a pallet of the tests if no one is asking for them. Selectman Miller said because they may not know it could be available and are going and buying the tests. Selectman Miller said once we have them, we will put it out there that they are available. Mr. Leonard said there is a shelf life and if they do expire, they would have to go to the dump and cost more money in tonnage and the cost of the time to get and unload the tests. Mr. Leonard said he thought spending money from the ARPA fund needed to go to the committee. Selectman Miller said it is not required. Mr. Leonard said when he was asked to be on the committee that is what he was led to believe any money being spent would go to the committee first to be voted on and then to the Selectmen. Chairman Maxfield said the Selectmen do have the final

authorization. Selectman Miller said the reason for the expenditure was that it needed to be expedited so the forms can be submitted to DES and the intention was not to slight anyone. Mr. Leonard asked if Mr. Pearl who worked 6 hours on the Monday holiday would get paid for the 6 hours and then the holiday. Selectman Miller said he could. Mr. Leonard asked if they do not take the holiday, they get paid the regular hourly rate for hours worked and what happens with the money to pay the holiday. Selectman Miller said they would get paid out or the option to take the day off within 30 days. Mr. Leonard said in his opinion he thinks the employee should be allowed to take that holiday within the fiscal year.

XIII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Dwayne Gilman 19 Kenney Road. Mr. Gilman said at the last meeting employee retention was discussed and all departments are facing issues with employee retention. Mr. Gilman said the policy needs to be reviewed to help prevent losing people and not all about the budget. Mr. Gilman said there was discussion about money for hiring incentives but that money should be spent on current employees that are working hard daily. Mr. Gilman said the Board holds the ticket to take care of their people and that needs to be moved to the front line. Selectman Miller said they are working on it and the Town Administrator has submitted some changes.

XIV. Chairman Maxfield said they have some scheduled Non-public sessions. Mr. Phillips said he would like to discuss some compliance issues from property owners. Selectman Miller made a motion to go into Non-Public session at 7:19pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public session at 7:41pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- yes, Selectman Storrs- yes, Chairman Maxfield- yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XV. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session at 7:42pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 8:24pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVI. The Board discussed the scheduling what needs to be discussed at the work session for next week.

XVII. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 8:33pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen - Work Session Tuesday February 28, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs, Town Administrator Brenda Pearl and Rondal Lane.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

II. Chairman Maxfield explained that the purpose of this work session is to discuss changes to the towns personnel policy. The Selectman and Town Administrator went through the policy and discussed several changes. The changes will be made to the document and presented to the Selectmen for final approval.

I. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session at 5:00 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 6:07pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Selectman Miller made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said everyone is healthy and all vehicles are running well.

b. Chief Blanchette said there have been some communication issues with the radio system since the Christmas storm. Chief Blanchette said they think they have the issue figured out and will be testing it. Chief Blanchette said at some point the compact will need to spend some money to get the system running but they are working with the insurance company and tower company.

c. Chief Blanchette said he has received a letter of resignation from Matthew Cole effective March 31st.

d. Selectman Miller asked if Chief Blanchette has half of the COVID tests that were received. Chief Blanchette said the town received 1,800 and he has 900. Selectman Miller asked if some of the tests should be brought to Town Meeting. Chief Blanchette said he does not have the staff to sit and hand out but they can do something. Selectman Miller said maybe a notice can be put out at the Town Meeting.

IV. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess:

a. Chief Burgess said employees are well and cruisers are running.

b. Chief Burgess said last week Scott Ferguson from Police Standards and Training came out to the town to take photographs to put in the simulator at the academy for the Officers to go through different scenarios.

c. Chief Burgess said tomorrow there is a department meeting/training with officers from surrounding towns attending on Juvenile Law and then a training at the school.

d. Chief Burgess said April 13th there is a Battle of the Badges blood drive at the Fire Department and April 22nd is Drug Take Back day.

e. Chief Burgess said he dropped off a packet on a potential officer that he feels will be a great fit.

f. Chairman Maxfield asked what they do at the school. Chief Burgess said they will do a walkthrough of the school to get an idea of the layout. Chief Burgess said he has been working on using the building for some training.

V. Chairman Maxfield said since most of the ARPA Committee is present, he wanted to share some information. Chairman Maxfield

said the town must incur a contract for the funds prior to December 31, 2024, and the funds must be expended before December 31, 2026. Chairman Maxfield said they are on hold waiting for some information on broadband and the Recreation Committee is looking at playgrounds.

VI. The Board reviewed new business:

a. The Board reviewed a contract with Plodzick & Sanderson, PA. Chairman Maxfield said they have received an information packet and now the contract. Chairman Maxfield said the town is considering a new audit firm for the town audit. Chairman Maxfield said the current auditor is in Maryland. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with Plodzick & Sanderson, PA Certified Public Accountants for the Town of Loudon with estimated fees of \$15,750 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, \$17,725 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$19,125 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Discussion, Selectman Miller said the last couple of years the town has run into a problem with the previous group we had which pushed the sending of tax bills out and this is the end of the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Board reviewed the personnel policy. Chairman Maxfield said they have made some changes and updates to the policy, and this is about the 15th update to the policy. Selectman Miller said the work session was around 2.5 hours and updated some of the wording and changes to policies as requested from department heads. The Board signed and approved the policy book.

c. The Board received an appointment paper for the Recreation Committee. Selectman Miller made a motion to appoint Josh Pearl to a position on the Loudon Recreation Committee as a Member, this appointment shall expire March 31, 2024 under this hand on March 7th, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Discussion, Chairman Maxfield said the appointment is pending the correction of the expiration date on the printed form. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. The Board reviewed old business:

a. The Board received an employee evaluation. Chairman Maxfield said the Board is not going to take action on the evaluation at this time and can talk to the Police Chief about it.

b. Chairman Maxfield said previously the light on the back of the building was discussed. Selectman Miller said the Road Agent was going to look into options.

c. Selectman Miller asked if the cost of a portable toilet for the Transfer Station was looked into. Town Administrator Pearl said it is about \$100 a month. Selectman Miller asked if that is for pumping weekly. TA Pearl said she would need to look into it.

VIII. The Board reviewed important dates:

Candidate's Night- 03/28- 6pm

MVSD Annual Meeting- 03/10, Polls are open from 11am-7pm,
Meeting starts at 7pm

Town Election- 03/14- 7am-7pm, Chairman Maxfield read a request from Moderator Rodney Phillips, We are asking that the electioneers park at the Recreation Field and poll workers park at the Old Town

Office building/Charlie's Barn. Recreation drive will be a one way, for the day only, with entry off of South Village Road entrance by the Library and exit by the old town office. There will be signage for that day.

Town Meeting- 03/18- 9am

Volunteer Information Night- 03/28- 6pm-7:30pm

IX. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard 122 Lower Ridge Road, Mr. Leonard asked if the time off and holiday pay was changed in the policy book. Chairman Maxfield said it was changed with the option to take the holiday or save it to be used within the fiscal year. Mr. Leonard said that cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states, and he would not go cockfighting because he is a law-abiding citizen.

X. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session at 6:27pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 6:49pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XI. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Loudon Zoning Board Minutes

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023

DRAFT

Chairman Tuson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Peter Pitman, Alvin See, Chairman Earl Tuson.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 26, 202, Regular Meeting Minutes –Peter Pitman made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Alvin See. All in favor; meeting minutes adopted.

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

#Z23-01 Cobblestone Properties of Epsom – Map 49 Lot 123 – Special Exception to allow Auto Body. The applicant was not in attendance. Chairman Tuson explained that the Board received an email from John Rokeh, Rokeh Consulting, representing property owner Cobblestone Properties of Epsom, requesting a continuation

of the hearing to the March meeting to prepare additional information for the Board’s consideration to respond more fully to the concerns raised by the Board in January meeting, and another email from Jennifer Gavin. He offered to the Board that the latter would be included in the following month’s packet if the Board were to continue the hearing. Abutters Kurt Wageling and Lorraine Wageling of 7077 Shaker Rd and their attorney John Laboe, resident Carol Desmaris, 7082 Shaker Rd, and resident John Thompson of 7091 Shaker Rd were present.

Alternate Ned Lizotte arrived at 7:03. Chairman Tuson appointed Alternate Lizotte as a voting member for the duration of the meeting in the absence of Charlie Aznive.

Attorney Laboe brought to the Board’s attention a letter from abutter Maurice Sampson; Chairman Tuson stated that the Board received copies of Mr. Sampson’s letter in their January meeting packets. Alvin See made a motion to continue #Z23-01 to the March 23 meeting, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor; motion carried; application continued to the March meeting. There will be no further notice.

New Business –

#Z23-03 NHMS– Map 61 Lots 6 & 9, Map 52 Lot 15, Map 51 Lot 18 –Extension of Special Exception Z17-05 to permit Recreational Facilities for Concerts.

Chairman Tuson stated the Board would also address in conjunction:

#Z23-04 NHMS– Map 61 Lots 6 & 9, Map 52 Lot 15, Map 51 Lot 18 –Extension of Variance Z17-06 to permit Overnight Camping and Tenting in conjunction with a Recreational 3 Day Concert. Attorney Jennifer Parent and David McGrath, General Manager, were in attendance representing the applicant, as was R.J. Harding representing LiveNation. Attorney Parent explained that the application was a request for a procedural extension. No abutters were present. Chairman Tuson expressed that this would constitute a development of regional impact and explained that the applicant had included Central NH Regional Planning Commission and abutting impacted communities among their notifications. Alvin See made a motion that applications Z23-03 and Z23-04 present developments of regional impact, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor; applications constitute developments of regional impact. Chairman Tuson reiterated that the additional notification required under RSA 35:57 had been met by the

applicant. Attorney Parent stated the applicant could not complete the concert within the current time frame allowed and were thus requesting a 24 month extension to September 28, 2025. She cited NH RSA 674:33 I-a which allows extensions by the ZBA for good cause and Loudon Zoning Ordinance Section 701.4.8, and that the applicant had submitted their request prior to the existing approval expirations of September 28, 2023. She contended that good cause exists for extension of both applications and the conditions that existed that required previous extensions to September 28, 2021:pending litigation; September 28, 2023: COVID. She explained that the request does involve COVID because of the difficulty in securing performers. Mr. McGrath discussed the contract NHMS has entered into with LiveNation for a concert during the past summer, the caliber of performer that is being sought for a concert in Loudon, and the difficulty that presents in conducting a concert in summer 2023. Alternate Lizotte asked if COVID has exacerbated the concert preparations. Mr. Harding affirmed, elaborated on the challenges, and

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explained the level of performer sought. Attorney Parent explained that all of the details previously presented for these approvals remained the same; only the expiration date was requested to be changed. She requested that the Board find good cause to extend the Special Exception under Z23-03 and the Variance under Z23-04 by 24 months to September 28, 2025. There were no questions from the public. Chairman Tuson closed the Public Hearing, and the board took the application up for deliberations. Alternate Lizotte expressed support for the application. Vice Chair Phelps expressed his understanding of how COVID has continued to impact the applicant’s preparations. Vice Chair Phelps made a motion to approve application Z23-03 to extend the Special Exception Z17-05 by 24 months to September 28, 2025. Motion seconded by Alternate Lizotte. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Alternate Ned Lizotte – yes. In a unanimous vote the motion carries and application #Z23-03 is approved. Vice Chair Phelps made a motion to approve application Z23-04 to extend the Variance Z17-06 by 24 months to September 28, 2025. Motion seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Alternate Ned Lizotte – yes. In a unanimous vote the motion carries and application #Z23-04 approved.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

Chairman Tuson stated that a P/Z Administrative Assistant has been hired - her name is Lindsey Roy, and she will start on March 13. He discussed the role the P/Z AA typically fills at the town election day staffing a table to help answer voters’ questions concerning Zoning Ordinance ballot questions. Because of Ms. Roy’s start date, Planning Chairman Rodney Phillips’ role as Town Moderator, and that Chairman Tuson will be assisting Voting Day in a different role, Chairman Tuson requested if other Board members could assist at a table on Voting Day, March 14.

Report of Board of Permit:

Chairman Tuson stated that there was no Board of Permit meeting.

Adjournment:

Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Phelps. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Tuson, Chair, Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment

Loudon Planning Board Minutes

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

APPROVED

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Stan Prescott, Marilyn Whitten, Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Alternate Bob Phillips, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Vice Chair Danielle Bosco, Chairman Rodney Phillips.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Chairman Phillips made the following corrections, line 74 change “two” to “to”, line 138 question, on line 146 add that Bob Phillips also voted yes. Additionally, Alternate Bob Phillips suggested changing the entire section of petition warrant article to read; “Chairman Phillips read a petitioned article for a lot on Bumfagon road to be re-zoned from AFP to RR. Stanley Prescott asked for clarification as to why the petitioners want to have their lot changed from AFP district to RR. Chairman Phillips noted that this is spot zoning which is defined by the state municipal association as ‘singling out a small parcel of land for a use classification totally different from that of the surrounding are for the benefit of the owners of such property and to the detriment of other owners. Changes in zoning boundaries can be justified only when they are for the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, or the general welfare of the community; furthermore, they must be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan.’ Mr. Prescott also noted that the same owners have also had a greenhouse on this property. Bob Phillips said the land owner knew the zoning when purchasing the property and to ask for it to be re-zoned is not appropriate.”

Josh Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendments, seconded by John Storrs. All in favor

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

Application #22-14 John C. Johnson – Tax Map 2 Lot 21 – Site Plan

Chairman Phillips read a letter asking for a continuance written by surveyor Jeff Green. Danielle Bosco made a motion to continue the application to the next meeting, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; application #22-14 continued to March 16, 2023.

New Business –

Application #22-21 Taranovich -Tax Map33 Lot 40 – Subdivision

Surveyor Matt Routhier represented the application. Abutters present- Per-Olof Garp M33-L1, Paul & Jean Sterns M24-L21 were present. Chairman Phillips opened the public hearing at 7:09pm. Matt Routhier explained to the board he requested a waiver on two lots for lot configuration. Chairman Phillips questioned the reasoning on leaving the two lots so long. Matt Routhier said one was due to the frontage which required a deeper depth and the second was due to the lot having a smaller lot cut out the middle. Chairman Phillips explained the ratio is a maximum they can have smaller ratios. Matt Routhier explained they felt the way the lot was configured it made sense to create the lots like this. Bob Phillips questioned if there was a driveway on lot 3. Matt Routhier said they will mark it on the map. Chairman Phillips questioned the road frontage on lot 4. Matt Routhier said the frontage is broken up into different measurements that are listed. Chairman Phillips also questioned the road frontage on lot 9 that

has road frontage broken up and said that the road frontage has to be contiguous so it isn’t enough. Matt. Routhier said he believes

there is a portion that isn't labeled for road frontage and can be fixed. Stanley Prescott questioned if Matt Routhier had heard any feedback on the cistern. Matt Routhier explained he has not heard any feedback yet. Josh Pearl suggested the Road Agent have input due to some upcoming road changes. Chairman Phillips said there is an upcoming warrant article to reclaim and resurface the road. Chairman Phillips brought up offsite improvements such as drainage. Chairman Phillips stated as of right now there isn't a lot of water that runs into the road but there will be more once there are driveways. Chairman Phillips said it would be wise of the board to require the applicant to work with the road agent on the upcoming changes of the road. Chairman Phillips said he believes the Town could just put a base coat down on the road until the construction is complete. Stanley Prescott said a ditch line needs to be created so the water doesn't flow into the road. Chairman Phillips stated he thinks it would be a good idea to meet with the road agent and come up with a plan. Per-Olof Garp said the water gathers on his property and with houses more water will. Chairman Phillips said it doesn't look like the elevation slopes to Mr. Garp's property. Forest Green said he thinks some water from lot 1 will run onto the Garp property but not the others. Chairman Phillips said they will set up a time for a site walk. Jean Sterns questioned if the road frontage had to be all usable because lot 9 is wetlands. Forest Green said they are proposing the driveway out of the wetlands. Chairman Phillips said there isn't designated wetlands in that area. Per-Olof Garp questioned how it is determined they are wetlands. Chairman Phillips said the wetland scientist designates the wetlands and to be a true wetland it has to be wet a certain amount of the year. Per Olaf said his field is designated wetland so he is questioning the wetlands. Chairman Phillips said he is going to go by what the wetland scientist is saying. Matt. Routhier said it isn't unusual for farm fields to have wet areas and they have flagged the wetlands in portions of the property.

Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 12.4 (4) existing conditions. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 12.4 (5) locus map scale. Josh Pearl said the locus map is missing on some of the maps. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve the waiver pending adding the locus map to sheet 1 of the existing conditions map, seconded by Forest Green. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 12.4 (12), shape, size. Chairman Phillips asked if this is difficult to do for abutting properties. Matt Routhier said typically on older properties there is no records of wells or septic plans. Stanley Prescott asked if he would consider asking the abutters themselves. Matt Routhier said typically they don't do that. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 12.4 (12), shape, size. Josh Pearl said this request was similar to the existing conditions and isn't a bad request to declutter otherwise you have to break it up into a lot of pieces of paper. Chairman Phillips said he doesn't think they need the selective cut and non-disturbed can be removed from the subdivision plan. Stanley Prescott said he thinks that should be on the plan if someone is going to utilize the lot. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 12.5 (5), Locus Map Scale. Forest Green made a motion to approve

the waiver, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 23.6.1 E, Lot shape formula. Chairman Phillips questioned if he was including

the parent lot. Matt Routhier replied yes. Chairman Phillips said they don't typically include the parent lot and the regulations could be cleaned up to make that clear. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 23.6.1 E, Fire Cistern location. Stanley Prescott said they should wait to see what the Fire Chief says. The Board will wait for a final vote for this waiver. Bob Phillips brought up sheet 1 existing conditions has part of the stamp missing and note 6 has words are cut off. Matt Routhier said he can fix that. Chairman Phillips suggested setting up a time for the Site Walk. Matt Routhier asked if it would be helpful to stake the driveways prior to the Site Walk. The Board agreed that would good. Josh Pearl made a motion for a Site Walk for March 11, 2023 at 8:00am, seconded by Forest Green. All in favor; Site Walk scheduled for March 11, 2023 at 8:00am. Chairman Phillips said the regulations only allow for the approval of 5 lots per calendar year. Chairman Phillips said he spoke with the Town Administrator and there were other Subdivisions created in the past with more than 5 lots but they were only allowed 5 building permits per calendar year. Chairman Phillips suggested the Board take a look at changing regulations because it didn't make sense to come back to request more lots. Chairman Phillips closed the Public Hearing at 8:14pm. Forrest Green made a motion to continue the meeting to the Site Walk, seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor; application #22-21 continued to the March 11, 2023 Site Walk.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

Excavation Regulations Updates • Core & Main Discussion

Traffic Study – Chairman Phillips stated he discussed with the Town Administrator and decided it was best to have the Road Agent decide which roads were best to do a traffic count.

DOT Meeting – Chairman Phillips asked the Board if anyone went to the meeting about the intersection of 106 and Chichester Road. There were comments made that a number of people at the DOT meeting thought a round-a-bout would be nice.

Gravel Permits – Chairman Phillips said he has been working in the office on regulations and came across map 30 L 38 was approved for gravel extraction in 2018 but they will need to come in for an excavation permit, there has been a letter drafted up by the Town attorney asking them to do this. Jeff Green said he is currently working on the property and the land owners are aware they have to do this and are working on that. Chairman Phillips said they did a lot line adjustment and moved property from M30 L38 to M40 L13. Technically they would have needed to come in for an excavation on that chunk of land but the lawyer advised not to do that as the Board didn't make it clear to them when the lot line adjustment was done. Chairman Phillips also added the office is working with the Treasurer to look at what bonds are in place.

Core and Main – Chairman Phillips said he was not able to sign the Site Plans until the Voluntary Lot Merger was recorded and by the time he was able to sign the plans they were already completed the work. Chairman Phillips said he went and looked and it was not built to design, the detention pond is in the northeast corner and was supposed to be in the southeast corner. Chairman Phillips said he would like to see as-built plans with supporting calculations for storm water calculations. Forrest Green questioned how they can enforce that because if

plans were able to be signed prior to construction they could still build differently after that. Chairman Phillips said they do have the right to revoke a plan. The Board agreed to have the applicant come in with as-built plans to present.

Excavation Regulations – Chairman Phillips said the Board discussed inspections and operating hours being the biggest issues. Stanley Prescott said he thinks inspections should be done. Josh Pearl questioned if this would be a case-by-case decision on inspections. Chairman Phillips said a 5,000 yard cut off seemed to fit and thought an inspection should be done every 10 years except if they went over the 5,000 yard cut off they would require the inspection. Josh Pearl questioned what the cost of that would be. Chairman Phillips said wasn't sure of the cost. Forrest Green said smaller pits he didn't feel like the smaller pits should be inspected as there hasn't been any issues with them. Chairman Phillips questioned how they would know if there were any issues. Forrest Green said they haven't received any complaints. Chairman Phillips said people may not want to complain. Josh Pearl questioned if they were to going to set regulations or other municipalities set regulations at time of permitting. Chairman Phillips said he doesn't mind doing it on a case by case but the Board has been accused of going after small gravel pits and doesn't want that to happen. Stanley Prescott said he doesn't think inspections should be done as frequent for smaller gravel compared to others that are taking out truckloads daily. Jeff Green said the AOT has a reporting process with the gravel pits. Chairman Phillips stated that, depending on size, even grandfathered pits are required to get an AOT permit. Jeff Green said the crusher is grandfathered but Benevento is required to have inspections. Bob Phillips questioned if it would be wise to have the reports checked. Josh Pearl said it would be good to get pricing on these services to see if it is feasible to impose this. Bob Phillips said hours of operation should be regulated. Forrest Green said a case by case would make sense and a truck moving around the property would be different than a crusher. Bob Phillips said setting a time for crushers not before 7:00am or something similar to that would be good versus putting time restraints on trucks. Chairman Phillips said he will look at the AOT permitting, he believes they cover reclaimed areas. Chairman Phillips said he believes they should replace the reclamation standards with the NRCS standards because they have come up with the best practice for vegetated NH gravel pits. He said the noticing regulations should be the same as planning noticing. He said he will find out about cost of the inspections. Bob Phillips said they have issues with individuals starting projects before being approved. There is a property across from him that has been running a business out of the property for 3 years. If code enforcement speaks to the lawyer that works for us but if the lawyer is not willing to work on enforcement, what do we do. Chairman Phillips said they have had trouble with the prosecutor for the Town. CK5 told him they would be in, in the fall with new plans but they still haven't come. Chairman Phillips said he can speak to the Selectmen about this. Forrest Green brought up Central NH Trailers now selling attachments, tractors and maintenance. Rodney Phillips said they were approved to trailer sales not maintenance. Chairman Phillips said they should be in with plans. Chairman Phillips said they had one case of enforcement in town through the courts last year.

Adjournment:
Ex-Officio John Storrs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Bosco
Administrative Assistant

April 2023 in Loudon

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6pm: Communications Council via Zoom
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6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices
6:30pm: Recycling Committee @ Town Offices (subject to change / 219-6863)
7:00pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St.
- 3rd Wednesday of the Month**
1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open
4:30pm Alternative Energy Committee meeting Charlie's Barn
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6:30 - 7:30pm: Boy Scouts @ LES 7pm: Legion & Auxiliary @ Post 88
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7pm: Planning Board @ Town Offices
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9:30am: Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time
- 4th Monday of the Month**
4pm: Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building
5pm: Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices
- 4th Wednesday of the Month**
- 4th Thursday of the Month**
7pm: Zoning Board @ the Town Offices
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