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2018 Town Meeting Wrap Up

The following is a brief, **unofficial summary** of the results from this year's Town Meeting. The official minutes of the meeting will be provided by the Town Clerk.

The first session of the meeting was conducted on Tuesday, March 13th between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on Clough Hill to allow voting by official ballot on Articles 1 and 2 of the 2018 Loudon Town Warrant. Of the 4,218 registered voters in Loudon, 503 cast ballots on Articles 1 and 2.

In a scene eerily reminiscent of last year's Town Meeting, when the polls opened on Tuesday, we were in the throes of a Nor'easter that continued throughout the day and well into the next. Many thanks to those who got to the polls on Tuesday, to citizens who provided transportation to and from the polls for friends and neighbors, and to the employees, poll workers, and Town Officers who manned

the polls all day and had to make their way home that night during the storm.

Article 1: Election of Town Officers for the coming year:

Stanley Prescott, Selectman for 3 years

Sharon Drake, Moderator for 2 years
Wendy L. Young, Town Clerk for 3 years

Lynne Riel, Supervisor of the Check-list for 6 years

Jennifer Becker, Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years

Diane Miller, Library Trustee for 3 years

John A. Storrs and Alice Tuson, Planning Board for 3 years

Ned Lizotte, Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years

(A complete list of votes cast for each of the candidates can be found at www.loudonnh.org.)

Article 2: Increasing the Board of Selectmen

Article 2, submitted by petition, asked the Town to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5 members. The article was defeated by a vote of 166 yes, to 316 no.

Second Session

The second session of Town Meeting was scheduled to take place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17th at Loudon Elementary School. Because there were a number of voters who still needed to present identification and secure their voting cards, the actual start of the meeting was postponed until 9:30 a.m. Members of Cub Scout Pack 247 presented the colors and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator briefly reviewed her rules for conduct of the meeting and read the results of Tuesday's votes. Those present then took up discussion and voting on Articles 3 through 16 of the Warrant. Although they are not listed individually below, during the course of the meeting, voters passed motions to restrict reconsideration of Articles 3 through 15.

Article 3: Establishing and funding a Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund

Voters narrowly defeated a proposed amendment to modify the language of the

article as presented in the warrant. Voters then passed the original article as presented, authorizing the request to create a Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, to raise and appropriate \$18,000 to be placed in that fund, and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from that fund.

Article 4: Reclaiming and paving Pleasant Street

Voters passed a motion to raise and appropriate \$267,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Pleasant Street, with \$100,000 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and an additional \$167,000 to be raised by taxes. \$75,000 of Senate Bill 38 funds received by the Town in 2017 will be used to complete the \$342,000 project.

Article 5: Establish a Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund

Voters overwhelmingly approved an amendment to Article 5 as presented so that the proposed Capital Reserve Fund and Energy Committee would not be limited to use of "solar energy" and "solar panels," but could include other alternative energy sources. The voters then passed the amended motion authorizing the establishment of an Alternative Energy Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of installing alternative energy equipment at the Loudon Safety Complex, other Town facilities and/or Town Land; appropriating \$30,000 to be placed in this Fund; and authorizing the Selectmen to appoint an Energy Committee to aid in the execution of this project.

Article 6: To purchase land on Lovejoy Road

Voters passed a motion that authorized the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of purchasing the fee interest in 29 acres of land on Lovejoy Road (Tax Map 29, Lot 85) and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$195,000 from the Loudon Conservation Commission Land Expendable Trust and \$100,000 from the Loudon Conservation Commission Passbook Fund for this purpose.

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Thank You!

The Loudon Communications Council would like to recognize and thank Rob Imad of Loudon Mart for his generous donation of goods for its fundraiser held at the Loudon Town Meeting on March 17th. In addition, we would like to thank the following residents for volunteering and assisting us with sales during this event: Lisa Radcliffe, Bobby Fiske, Dylan Sheehy, Nancy Bottcher, and Jan Perrault. Finally, thank YOU, our residents, for supporting our fundraiser!

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 So. Village Rd., Ste. 1 • 798-4541 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Robert N. Fiske (*term expires 2019*) selectmanfiske@comcast.net
Jeffrey Miller (*term expires 2020*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Stanley Prescott II (*term expires 2021*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

Town Clerk

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 2 • 798-4542 • townclerk@loudonnh.org
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–8:45 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 4 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 3 • 798-4543 • taxcollector@loudonnh.org
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 6 • 798-5521 (Admin only) •
24-hour Dispatch: 228-1631
Mon.–Thur.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Building/Code Enforcement

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.
codeoffice@loudonfire.com • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: www.loudonnh.org→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400
The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.

Transfer Station

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-0170 • roadagent@loudonnh.org
YEAR ROUND HOURS
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Highway Department

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-4568 • roadagent@loudonnh.org
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Library Director: Jackie Heath • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: 2–7:30 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Wed.: 2–7:30 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride.
The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: Tuesday–Thursday by appointment only. Office hours and donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Closed Fridays. For more information or to see if you qualify for services, call Sue at 724-9731 or email info@loudonfoodpantry.org

Loudon Representatives

REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan. (603) 622-2204. www.maggiehassan.com
U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. Shaheen.senate.gov
U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter. (603) 251-9653. info@shea-porter.com
U.S. Rep. Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. Kuster.house.gov

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State Rep. Howard M. Moffett. (603)783-4993. Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
State Rep. Michael Moffett. (603)491-0553. Michael.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us

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

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 elucidate but not advocate.”

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to debbie@debbiekgraphics.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, 267-6509. ■

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July 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/18

August 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/16

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Where to Worship in Loudon

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334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org
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Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. • Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery provided for all.)

Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
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Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

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www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.
Fellowship time provided following the morning service.

Monday Evening: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.

Tuesday Morning: Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group

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Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.
(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Shirley Marcroft, Interim Minister

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 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 Cornier

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478
pastor.moe@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
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



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Rev. Joshua T. Johnson, Lead Pastor

Rev. Dallas Tharp, Intergenerational Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays:

Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–2-year-olds.)

Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.) Children’s Church (Grades 1–5)

Discipleship Hour: 11:00 a.m. for all ages.

Second Tuesdays: OASIS Potluck Luncheon (for folks 50+): 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Games, Food & Fellowship for Everyone: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

Youth Groups (Grades 6–12): 7–8 p.m.

Adult Bible Study and Kids Time (PreK–Grade 5). 7–8 p.m.



To have your Church’s information added to this column,
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Loudon Fire Department News

By Chief Rick Wright



Spring Fire Safety Tips

- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Replace the batteries immediately if needed.
- Check your fire extinguisher. Consider buying a fire extinguisher if you don’t have one.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords, replace where needed.
- Practice your family fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do and where to meet.
- Windows should be checked to make sure they open in case of an emergency.
- Properly store household chemicals out of the reach of children and never mix cleaning agents.
- Check and replace or clean filters in air conditioners, heating units, and range hoods.
- Pull refrigerator away from the wall and vacuum or clean the coils.
- Check and clean lint from the dryer lint trap and the vent hose behind the dryer.
- Keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in the event of an emergency or trip and fall hazards.
- Recycle old newspapers, magazines, cardboard, and junk mail. These items can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of a fire.
- Make sure your address numbers are visible from the street so emergency personnel can find you.
- Properly store paints, pool, and yard chemicals.
- Store fuel containers in a detached outside building, never in your home. Check for leaks and keep away from heat or ignition sources.
- Let power equipment sit outside for approximately 30 minutes before placing it inside to reduce risk of fire.

Install a fully charged multi-purpose ABC type fire extinguisher in a visible, easily accessible location near an exit from your home. Make sure you know how to use it. Always dial 911 to notify the Fire Department before attempting to extinguish the fire. Fire extinguishers should only be used to extinguish small fires. If a fire is large or if you aren’t comfortable using a fire extinguisher, exit the building immediately and dial 911. If you have a fire extinguisher check the pressure gauge to make sure it is fully charged, indicated by the needle in the green area. If the needle is below the green area consider it empty and it is time to replace it or have it recharged by a professional, if your extinguisher is the rechargeable type. If you have questions about how to use a fire extinguisher or what type to buy, stop by the Fire Station or call us at 798-5612. We would be glad to help.

Outside Fire Safety Information

- Fire permits are required unless the ground is completely snow covered.
- Permits to kindle a fire are available at the Fire Station on Cooper Street or online at www.nhdf.org.
- Seasonal permits are available at the Fire Station. You must own the property or have the owner’s written permission to obtain a permit to burn.
- Pick up a specification sheet at the Fire Station on how to build a fire ring safely and away from all buildings.
- Permits to kindle an outside fire are available most of the time but are subject to dry weather conditions. Never burn on windy days.
- Only brush and clean wood, nothing painted or pressure treated should be burned. 5” diameter is the maximum size allowed. Never burn household trash or building construction material.
- Keep a garden hose handy with enough hose to reach the burn area. An iron type rake or similar tool is also good to have on hand.
- Always have a plan on how to extinguish the fire before you start the fire. Never leave your fire unattended. If you have to leave, completely extinguish the fire before leaving.
- Dial 911 to notify the Fire Department if the fire gets too large or out of control.
- Call the Fire Station at 798-5612 if you have any questions about outside burning.

It is always best to have your home smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors “hard wired” by a professional. Typically this happens when a new residence is built. Often additional battery-only type detectors are added by the home owner and aren’t tied into the hard-wired system. Keep in mind when adding additional detectors at new or remote locations, only that detector will alert if activated and often aren’t easily heard if located at a remote location. ■

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Town Meeting Wrap Up — continued from page 1

Article 7: Chapter 79-E Tax Relief Incentive

Voters defeated a motion to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the provisions of Chapter 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive, for certain qualifying properties that have been substantially improved or rehabilitated within the Loudon Village area. If approved, the Tax Relief Incentive would have provided up to 5 years of relief from taxes on the increased value of qualifying properties as a result of such improvements or substantial rehabilitation. The proposed property tax relief would have applied only to properties within the Loudon Village area.

Article 8: To discontinue the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund

Voters passed a motion authorizing discontinuation of the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund. The remaining fund balance will be returned to the General Fund.

Article 9: To raise and appropriate monies for established Capital Reserve Funds

Voters approved a motion authorizing the Town to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$434,500 to be placed in the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds (CRF): Fire Department Apparatus CRF (\$100,000), Highway Department CRF (\$50,000), Bridge CRF (\$40,000), Recreation Facility Maintenance Trust CRF (\$2,000), Library Collection Maintenance CRF (\$5,000), Roadway Improvements CRF (\$125,000), J.O. Cate Memorial Van CRF (\$2,500), Ambulance/Rescue Equipment CRF (\$40,000), Loudon Conservation Land CRF (\$30,000), Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) CRF (\$30,000), and Town History CRF (\$10,000).

Article 10: To raise and appropriate monies for established Expendable Trust Funds

Voters passed a motion authorizing the Town to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$60,000 to be placed in the following previously established Expendable Trust Funds: Transfer Station ETF (\$20,000), Septage Lagoon ETF (\$10,000), Highway Equipment ETF (\$30,000).

Article 11: Solar Energy System Exemption (By Petition)

Voters defeated a motion asking for the Town to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through 72:64 inclusively, which would have provided a property tax exemption for 100% of the property's added assessed value for a Solar Energy Installation on the owner's primary residence.

Article 12: Offshore Wind (By Petition)

Voters defeated a motion asking the Town to express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. For more detailed information regarding the full text of the petitioned article, please refer to the official language appearing in the 2018 Loudon Town Warrant.

Article 13: Keno (By Petition)

Voters defeated a motion to allow the operation of keno games within the Town.

Article 14: MVSD Withdrawal Feasibility Study (By Petition)

Voters defeated a petitioned motion that asked the Town to direct the Merrimack Valley School Board to establish a committee to study the opportunities and liabilities to the Town of Loudon to withdraw from the Mer-

rimack Valley School District pursuant to RSA 195:25 Procedure to Withdraw. The motion was decided by secret ballot, with 74 voting in favor of the article and 117 opposed.

Article 15: For general municipal operations

After approving a proposed amendment to increase the appropriation for Loudon Old Home Day (Budget Line Item 01-45831-100-191) from \$2,500 to \$10,000, the voters approved a Loudon Town Operating Budget of \$4,512,067. This operating budget authorization does NOT include appropriations authorized in special or individual articles decided separately.

Article 16: To transact any other business

Voters applauded Cub Scout Pack 247 for presenting the colors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. Voters acknowledged Steve Ives' participation as a member of the Board of Selectmen and recognized his years of service. In his remarks, he asked voters to consider what percentage of their tax dollars are used to support the Merrimack Valley School District, and urged everyone to become more active in addressing policy and budget issues associated with managing and funding the school system. Voters applauded the work of the Town's employees and volunteers. Members of the Recycling Committee introduced a pilot program that will begin in April to recycle #5 plastics at the Transfer Station.

The meeting adjourned at noon. ■

Appreciation Dinner for Landowners of Sno Shakers Trail System

All landowners in the Sno Shakers trail
system are invited to the clubhouse
for a Pot Luck Dinner

70 Clough Pond Road, Canterbury, NH

Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Free!

For more information contact Tom Dow at
231-7996 or tdow289@comcast.net

Annual Meeting of the Loudon Communications Council

Monday, May 21, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Loudon Community Building

Join the Council as it makes plans for the upcoming year.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Currier Hill Farm

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Earth Day & The Pilot Gimme #5 Recycling Program

You're invited!
Join us April 21st to kick off the Gimme #5 plastic recycling program!

Loudon Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee has been listening to you and we are responding to your requests to recycle #5 plastics. We recently received an email from a Loudon resident informing us about the Preserve Gimme #5 program. <https://www.preserveproducts.com/recycle/programs/gimme-5-program-171>

We researched it and received the approval from our Selectmen to run this test pilot program starting April 21st (Earth Day) through June 2nd.

The recycling committee will be monitoring the barrel on Saturdays, and will be happy to answer your questions. We will also be taking turns hauling the plastic to the drop off location at Whole Foods in Bedford. Whole Foods works with the Preserve Gimme 5 program to collect and recycle #5's.

There will be a special blue barrel in the #1 and #2 plastics bin area where we will be accepting clean, #5 plastics.

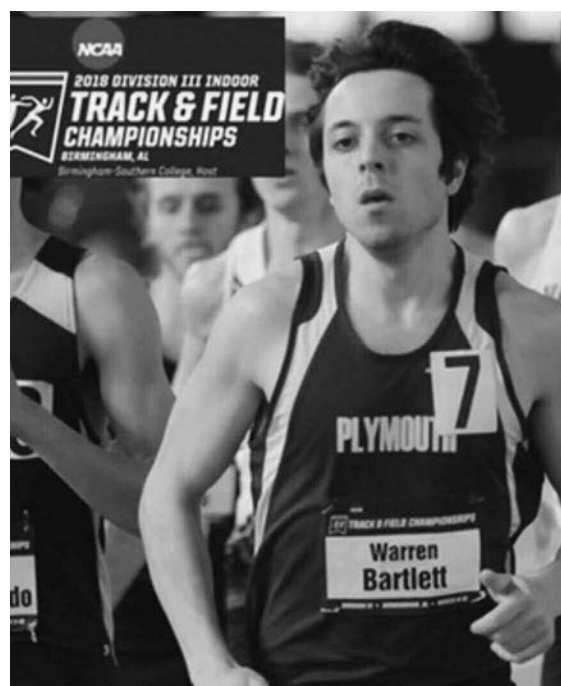
Examples of containers and products with the #5 recycling symbol include the following:

- Yogurt, Sour Cream
- Margarine, Butter
- Food Storage
- Take-out Containers
- Cottage/Cream Cheese
- Hummus
- Plum Organics Caps
- Plastic Utensils
- Food Containers (strawberries, kiwis, etc....)



It can't be stressed enough that in order for this program to work, all collected #5's must be thoroughly clean, dry, and free of food residue. Dirty containers will be thrown in the trash.

Let's all work together and make this project a success! Please follow us on these Facebook pages — Loudon Recycling Committee, Loudon Community, & Loudon Mamas. Or contact us at loudonrecycles@comcast.net. ■



Warren Bartlett Wins 3rd Title

Warren Bartlett, a Plymouth State University Junior, recently finished 13th in the preliminaries of the mile run at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Birmingham, Alabama Crossplex. The race was held March 9, 2018. Bartlett's time was 4:14.67, which was just shy

of his personal record and PSU record of 4:14.17. Bartlett won his third straight Little East Conference title in the 1000 meters on February 10, 2018 in Providence, Rhode Island, setting a new school and conference record with a time of 2:30.87. ■

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New Hampshire Motor Speedway Salutes Granite State Military Members

New Hampshire Motor Speedway Signs Statement of Support for Guard and Reserve Members from the New Hampshire Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

New Hampshire Motor Speedway is the latest Granite State company to proudly raise a flag to our state's military members by signing a Statement of Support from the New Hampshire Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) on Monday, March 12. The Department of Defense, through the ESGR, asks companies throughout the state to sign and display this formal statement, first signed by the Secretary of Defense, supporting current or future Guard and Reserve employees, as well as recognizing veteran employees. "We've got all branches of the military represented by the New Hampshire Motor Speedway team and their family members," said David McGrath, New Hampshire Motor Speedway's executive vice president and general manager. "To join a group of New Hampshire businesses who are standing up to support our state's military is a no-brainer, and we're proudly behind those who sacrifice so much when they make the decision to serve our community, our state and our country in the armed forces." The ESGR, a Department of Defense agency, seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR advocates for the Guard and Reserve employees and their families, recognize and thank supportive employers, inform all parties about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Right Act and mediate when issues arise. In addition, ESGR provides employment coordination through the Employment Support Program. "Today, supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units, which make up as much as 45% of our military capabilities," said Bruce Thompson, ESGR state chair. "I am very pleased that the New Hampshire Motor Speedway is standing up to support our state's



ESGR Representatives Lee Cheshire and Bruce Thompson, NHMS Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath (holding the Statement of Support for Guard and Reserve Members), ESGR Representative Woody Fog and NHMS Vice President of Marketing Bill Quigley.

guard and Reserve members and units." For more information about ESGR outreach programs, call (603) 225-1892, or visit:

- <http://www.ESGR.mil>
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Full Statement of Support reads as follows:

"We recognize the Guard and Reserve are essential to the strength of our Nation and the well-being of our communities. In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society. If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our Nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role

of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

- We fully recognize, honor and comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).
- We will provide our managers and supervisors with the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
- We appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills Service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ Guardsmen, Reservists, transitioning Service members and Veterans.
- We will continually recognize and support our country's Service members and their families in peace, in crisis and in war." ■

Remember When: Stories of Yesteryears

By Letty Barton

Spring cleaning may not be as common now as it used to be when this ritual ushered in warmer weather. This age-old tradition was necessary to clear homes of the soot and grime from wood or coal stoves and kerosene lamps. The sun shining in emphasized the cobwebs and dirt so folks wanted to clear those away.

Patty M. says when her Dad took off the storm windows she "knew she was in deep trouble." As an only child, she was expected to help her mother wash, scrub or polish anything that could be cleaned. Patty used orange peels to shine the wood stove and left some on the oil burner to act like a potpourri.

There was white woodwork to scrub, dishes and knickknacks to be washed and put back on new shelf paper. Can you imagine washing storm windows before they are put away for the summer??

Several of us recall curtains being washed and then stretched on a large frame on sharp pins. These frames were sometimes put outside for the curtains to dry faster.

During spring cleaning, furniture was pulled out to clean behind, feather mattresses were taken outside and aired and sometimes beaten. Straw was replaced as needed in old straw mattresses.

Ginny N. said her most difficult job as a youngster was standing on the kitchen table to wash the tin ceiling. The ceiling was raised in some areas, which made removing the

grime and soot from the wood stove a real challenge. Ginny also recalls washing windows with Bon-Ami, but first she had fun drawing pictures in the paste on the window.

Cleaning cupboards and closets were Lucille C's least favorite chore. There was plenty of Murphy's oil soap and Liquid Gold put to use.

Most storytellers said they went through the whole house during spring cleaning. There was a deep sense of satisfaction when the job was completed and everything shone brightly.

Aren't you glad we have such modern conveniences as vacuum cleaners and Windex? I think I'll stop at the hardware store and see if they have any Bon-Ami.

Be in touch at 783-4341 or lbarton@myfairpoint.net if you have a story to share. ■

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One of the best-kept secrets in New Hampshire is the UNH Cooperative Extension. Since 1915, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNH Extension) has improved citizens' lives by providing research-based information and non-formal education programs on topics important to the state. You can see what they have to offer at extension.unh.edu.

Through partnerships with county governments, UNH Extension offices staffed by specialists, educators, support personnel, and volunteers are located in each of the state's 10 counties.

UNH Extension works in four broad topic areas: Youth and Family Development, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Food & Agriculture.

By working in collaboration with county, state, and federal governments, UNH Extension is at work in every New Hampshire county, making the state's key industries stronger, developing vibrant communities and municipal leaders, fostering healthy families and an informed and engaged citizenry, and keeping the state's natural resources healthy and productive.

It is a good resource for information on things like gardening, farming, raising chickens, goats, sheep, canning vegetables, and a myriad of other topics. And they can answer questions like:

What do I plant now?

The gardening season will be here soon — we hope! Living in New Hampshire offers it's own unique challenges when it comes to gardens. The Cooperative Extension has a book to help you decide what will work best here in Loudon.

The Best Plants for New Hampshire Gardens and Landscapes — How to Choose Annuals, Perennials, Small Trees & Shrubs to Thrive in Your Garden uses the concept of habitat gardening to help gardeners and landscapers choose and care for plants in our unique New Hampshire environment.

The 96-page publication includes:

- Lively, easy-to-read text and useful charts
- Pen and ink illustrations, and black & white photos of selected plants
- Sections on plant selection and care
- Specialty plant lists and an index for easy referencing

Written by Cathy Neal and Margaret Hagen of UNH Cooperative Extension, along with Leslie van Berkum of van Berkum Nurseries, this book is published by the New Hampshire Plant Growers' Association in cooperation with UNH Cooperative Extension. It may be purchased online for \$12.95. To order: https://www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=2703 ■

Wings of Knowledge

Launched in 2001-02 at NH Technical Institute, Concord, *Wings of Knowledge* is an annual series of cultural events that are free and open to the public. The series supports and expands upon NHTI's wide variety of academic offerings, and is another element in the college's expanding community college mission.

All presentations start at 6:00 p.m., with refreshments to follow. Events take place in the NHTI Library Living Room unless otherwise noted. Wings of Knowledge is generously supported by the NHTI Student Senate and Campus Activities Board. For further information call (603) 230-4028.

April 3, 2018 — Culture in Many Societies

Come join us as we take a trip to the Kurdish lands of northern Iraq. Come hear Ali Gibran, who recently transferred from NHTI to UNH's political science program, as he shares his Kurdish heritage. Ali will speak about the Kurdish land and people, and their socio-political position in the Middle East.

April 24, 2018 — BEER: The Science and Cultural Phenomenon

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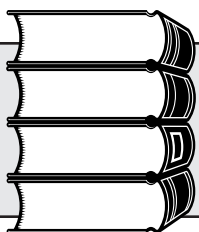
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Maxfield Public Library News

New Library Director

Have you stopped in at the Library to meet and greet the new library director? Jackie Heath comes to Maxfield Public Library from Holderness Free Library, where she was director for 4 years. She is enjoying the friendly atmosphere in Loudon and enjoys meeting everybody!! We look forward to lots of good times ahead!!

An Evening of Irish Music

Richard Kruppa, known musically as “Ramblin’ Richard,” performs songs folks love to hear and fondly remember. At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25th, he will be sharing Irish Songs with us! It will be an evening to enjoy and remember! Please join us for a bit of “blarney” and song. This program is free and suitable for all ages. Refreshments will be offered, too!!



Story Time-ers have fun at craft time after listening to a story.

Container Gardening

Gardening in a container can be very rewarding and not too difficult. On April 18th at 6 p.m., Master Gardener, Marge Badois, will share information and anecdotes on this popular gardening trend. We hope the snow is gone by then!!

National Library Week is April 8–14, 2018: “Libraries Lead”

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions, and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee’s goals included “encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time” to “improving incomes and health” and “developing strong and happy family life.” In 1957, they made a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that if people were encouraged to read, they would support and use libraries.

Celebrate by coming in to the Library, if you don’t usually use the Library, take time to stop by. The wonderful Maxfield Public Library is a leader in the community offering great books, movies, programs, and Internet. We look forward to seeing you every day but especially on National Library Week!

Children’s Activities

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for songs, rhymes, yoga, and more!

STORY TIME

Join us every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for stories and a craft.

On April 5, the children at story time will hear books about April showers. A rainbow craft will follow David Shannon and Miranda Paul’s books *The Rain Came Down* and *Water is Water*.

On April 12, we will celebrate National Library Week by reading Brian Lies’ *Bats at the Library* and *Zippling, Zapping, Zooming Bats* by Ann Earle. A take home craft of the nocturnal mammal will follow.

On April 19, Storytimers will learn about the upcoming Earth Day by listening to *Earth Day, Birthday* by Pattie Schnetzler and Mercer Mayer’s *Just a Gum Wrapper*. In the craft time to follow the children will make bird feeders from recycled materials.

School Vacation Week

Looking for something to do with the kids during school vacation? Come check out a few books and stop in for some programs.

Tuesday, April 24, will be our first **Parent Yoga** class. Moms and Dads are welcome to sign up for a yoga class while their child(ren) will be attending story time. The number of yoga participants is limited, so sign-ups are a must. Class will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please call the library for more information.

Thursday, April 26, stop in for a **parent-led drop-in craft time**. The craft room will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yoga

The library offers yoga classes on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Low-impact chair yoga is offered Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. The cost per session is \$5.00.

Hot Yoga

Classes will be held at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a cost of \$5 per class. We hope to see you April 4; you must sign up to reserve your space in class.

Spiritual Discussion Group


This group is reading *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin. Please contact the Library for the date of the discussion. It has been cancelled from its regular time due to snow!!

Book Group

Book group will be meeting, Thursday, April 26 at 7 pm. Our choice for next month will be *Where You’ll Find Me, Risk, Decisions, and the Last Climb* of Kate Matrosova by Holderness NH author Ty Gagne.

Library Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



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News From American Legion Post 88



David Testerman accepts a \$100 check from Tony Rabbia of American Legion District 5 for winning The American Legion District 5 Junior Oratorical Competition held March 3 at Faith Community Bible Church. David's oratorical speech was on the U.S. Constitution and his topic was "Divided We Fall." David will go on to the State Level of the Junior Oratorical, which will be held at St. Anselm College in Manchester on April 7th at 9 a.m. Joining David on stage from left to right is Martha Testerman (David's mother), Tony Rabbia, David, Hana Testerman (David's sister), and Pastor Pat Testerman (David's father). This was David's first year competing in the American Legion Junior Oratorical competition. We hope to see him continue to compete in the contest next year. The winning orator at the State Level of the competition will receive a \$500 check, while second place receives \$400, third \$300, and fourth \$200, with runners up each receiving \$25. The Junior Oratorical competition is held each year and any student in grades 6-8 may enter the competition. If you are interested in receiving information on the contest just contact Mike Hartt, Junior Vice-Commander of American Legion Post #88, at 603-496-2178.

Meet A Member — Junior Vice-Commander Michael Hartt

American Legion Post #88 Junior Vice Commander Michael Hartt is a resident of Penacook, NH, and has been in the American Legion for 3 years. He was in the U.S. Army for 24-1/2 years and retired in 1993 with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a radio repairman, an Avionics Communication Equipment Supervisor, a photo-journalist and a Public Affairs Supervisor during his career in the Army. He continued working after retirement as an Administrative Specialist & a Building and Grounds Coordinator for a Christian Foster Care Agency for 3 years, a Home Schooling Dad for many years, and now as The American Legion Veteran Service Officer for the State of New Hampshire. Mike is also the Junior Vice-Commander, the Children and Youth Officer, and the Oratorical Chairman for American Legion Post #88 in Loudon.

Mike is unmarried, and has a son, Joshua, who is away in college studying to become a lawyer. Mike's hobbies are reading, bowling, photography, and winning (once in awhile) while racing against his son as they play Mario Kart's Mushroom Gorge video racing game! ■



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Good News From Loudon Elementary School



Music In Our Schools Month



Mrs. Keaton organized our March assembly in recognition of *Music In Our Schools Month*. The 39th Army Band visited and entertained students and staff with their musical talents. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, and one lucky fifth grader was even invited to conduct the band!



LES Happenings

LES would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Loudon Fire Department for providing CPR training to our faculty on the recent Teacher Workshop day!

The past month has brought many exciting events to our school!

Ms. Staples organized the LES Olympics, which allowed for classroom competitions in five Olympic-inspired events. The highlight of the experience was our closing ceremonies assembly in which fifth graders took on staff members in a game of scooter hockey.

February was "I Love to Read Month." Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Hermann organized several exciting events including an author visit. Marty Kelley taught students about his "Shocking Author Secrets" and inspired students to take creative risks.

We invited guest readers into our classrooms to share their favorite books with students and were thrilled to have many community members take us up on this request! Thank you to the PTA and our community visitors for making these events possible.

Upcoming Events

- 4/9 Kindergarten Field Trip to CCA
- MVSD School Board Meeting, 7:15, Boscawen Elementary School
- 4/16 Incoming Kindergarten Info Night, 6:30
- 4/17 Arts Night, 5:45
- 4/18 Kindergarten Screening
- 4/23–27 Spring Vacation
- 5/1 Kindergarten Screening
- 5/3 Spring Picture Day
- 5th Grade Exhibition
- PTA ■

Pack 247 News

Dave Zarges, Charter organization representative and Arrow of Light Den Leader for Pack 247, was awarded the Spirit of Scouting Award by the Daniel Webster Council on March 16th at the Wannalancit District Recognition Dinner. Dave was nominated for his exceptional and outstanding service to youth and the programs of scouting. Only 5 people receive this award for the year, for the whole entire state. Congratulations on your achievement, Dave!

Pack 247 had a very busy March, full of activities including the Pinewood Derby! The pack started the month by visiting the Painted Cow Sugar Shack in Loudon on March 10th. They learned the process of making maple syrup including taste-testing sap from the tree. There were plenty of pancakes on hand in order to savor some syrup and each boy got to take a small bottle home with them to share with their families.

The pack was proud (LOUDON PROUD!) to present the colors at the 2018 Loudon Town Meeting on March 17th. The pack would like to thank the Loudon Communication Council for their donations for their Pinewood Derby, which was held on the 24th of March. The scouts, with the help of their parents, built their own cars from wood, and painted them to race on a 50-foot long track at Loudon Elementary School on March 24th. Each scout raced their car against the entire pack. Some scout siblings and parents/guardians also showed off their woodshop skills, completing in the "Family" Races. The winner will compete in the statewide pinewood derby on April 8th at Ellis School in Fremont, NH at 10 a.m.



The wolves are currently working on their requirements for Council Fire, Service to Community. Council Fire Adventure gives wolf scouts the opportunity to learn more about their neighborhood and community structure, how they can be a part of their community through service, and how others have provided service to our country.

There are no updates from the Lions or Webelos this month! The scouts enjoyed a night of sledding together on March 14th at the church hill.

The pack is looking forward to hosting NHX (NHXperience), the Daniel Webster Council jamboree at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on May 4–6.

NHX is an international adventure weekend, right in our own backyard this year. It is an immersive event with activities to try and experience, including a zip line! The pack and their families are welcome to spend the weekend camping at the Speedway as well. ■





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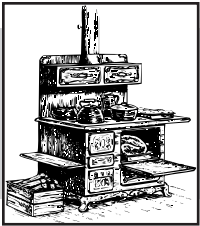
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What's Cookin'? Slow Cooker Recipes

By Deb Foss

5 Ingredient Slow Cooker Steak Fajitas

- 2 lbs. boneless chuck roast sliced
- 20 oz. salsa of choice
- 1 pkg. fajita seasoning mix
- large sliced onion
- large green pepper
- large red pepper

Give this a good stir and cover. Cook on low for 6–8 hours or high for 3–4 hours. Serve on soft flour tortillas.

Crockpot Barbeque Chicken

- 2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup BBQ sauce of choice
- ¼ cup Italian dressing
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce

Season chicken breasts with a small amount of salt on each. Put in bottom of crockpot. Mix other ingredients and pour over chicken. Cook on high for 3–4 hours. Can be served whole or shredded with two forks and add back into crockpot and heat for 10 minutes more. Good served on Hawaiian rolls, rice or over salad. For easy clean up use crockpot liner.

Crockpot Cherry Dump Cake

- 2 21 oz. cans cherry pie filling
- 1 yellow cake mix
- ½ cup melted butter

Pour pie filling into greased crockpot. Combine dry cake mix with of butter until crumbly, sprinkle over top of pie filling, sprinkle with walnuts if desired.

Cook on low for 4 hours or 2 on high. Serve with ice cream.

Easy Creamy Crockpot Ranch Chicken

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 6 medium russet potatoes cut into 2" pieces
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 1 large family-size condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 1 oz. packet dry ranch dressing mix
- ½ cup milk
- chopped fresh parsley (garnish)

Put crockpot liner in large crockpot. Place potatoes and baby carrots on the bottom of the pot. Top with layer of chicken breast. In a medium bowl mix cream of chicken soup, dressing mix, and milk. Pour evenly over chicken and vegetables. Cover with lid and cook on high for 5–6 hours or on low for 8–9 hours. Top servings of chicken and vegetable with chopped parsley if desired.

Slow Cooker Beef & Cheese Pasta

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 tbs. oil
- ½ cup diced onions
- 4 cloves diced garlic
- 2 cups uncooked pasta of your choice
- 24 oz. jar marinara sauce
- 1 cup canned or fresh diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp. each pepper & salt
- 3 cups water
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese

Heat medium frying pan brown ground beef. Drain and put into slow cooker. Wipe pan clean add 1 tbs. oil and cook onion until soft, then add garlic and cook for ½ minute more. Add to slow cooker. Add jar sauce, tomatoes, seasonings, and water. Cook on low for 4 hours. Next add pasta, heavy cream, ½ mozzarella, and parmesan cheese. Stir and top with remaining cheese. Cook on high for another hour or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

Slow Cooker Brownie Pudding

- 1 box Brownie Mix for 13"x9" pan, made per directions on box.
- 1 package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups milk

Spray slow cooker with cooking spray. Prepare brownie mix per package directions. Pour into slow cooker.

Mix pudding and milk until smooth and pour carefully over top of the brownie mix in the crockpot. Cover the crock pot with a paper towel and place the lid on top to catch the condensation. Cook on high 2 1/2-3 hours, do not overcook. Serve with whip cream or ice cream. Store leftovers (if any are left!) in the refrigerator.

Note: Can be made with sugar free brownie mix and sugar free pudding and lowfat milk. ■

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day Set for Saturday, April 21, 2018

Bring the family to Discover WILD New Hampshire Day, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's biggest community event of the year! The event is set for Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, N.H. Admission is free!

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and outdoor traditions. See live animals, big fish, trained falcons, and retriever dogs in action. More than 60 outdoor and conservation organizations from around the state will be on hand with exhibits and demonstrations. Check out the latest hunting and fishing gear in the Expo tent. Kids will love arts and crafts, plus hands-on activities such as archery, casting, fly-tying, and air rifle.

This event is your chance to explore new ways to get outdoors and be active. Tie a fly with members of Trout Unlimited. Explore new trends in recycling and environmental protection with the NH Department of Environmental Services. Enjoy live animal presentations throughout the day. Test your casting skills at the Bass Pro Shops boat. Admire the big trout in the Fish and Game stocking truck, and see how many warmwater fish you can identify in the demo tank.

Don't miss the giant raffle of outdoor gear and other great prizes, plus a sale of used hunting and fishing gear, at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire tent; all proceeds benefit the Foundation, NH Fish and Game's nonprofit partner.

Demonstrations of Conservation Officer K-9 teams will be conducted on the half-hour, starting at 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. At 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m., New Hampshire Audubon will be on hand with live owls. There will also be live animal demonstrations at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is held rain or shine. Fishing and hunting licenses will be sold. Food concessions will be available all day.

Please note that no dogs, except service and working animals, will be permitted at the event. This rule will be strictly enforced. Please leave your pets at home.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day began in New Hampshire in 1989 as an observance of Earth Day and a celebration of the state's wealth of natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities. The event is hosted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (www.wildnh.com) and sponsored by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire (nhwildlifeheritage.org), and media sponsor Binnie Media/NH1 News. ■

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Richard Brown House News

As the spring equinox promises the fading of winter, the hopes of residents and staff at Richard Brown House are that this winter's snow will finally finish, fear of power outages will recede and it will be warm enough to walk outside for a few consecutive days!!

Looking ahead to the month of April, this is a special one for Richard Brown House, since the facility opened in April 2008 and there will be a 10-year anniversary celebration this year, focused on Tuesday, April 17 in the early evening. There are still 13 of the original 33 residents, most of whom have New Hampshire roots, living here in Loudon and they have many memories of the past 10 years. The celebration will include a potluck meal, and music provided by the Home Depot band, The Solutions, whose toe tapping renditions of popular 70s and 80s music always bring smiles. It is hoped that folks who have volunteered in the past, and maybe other town residents may pop in for a part of that evening for either a bit to eat and/or to say hello and listen to a few numbers from the band. Look for fliers in the library and Village Store.

Several programs have been rescheduled due to weather but looking ahead there are going to be a series of new talks about gardening, courtesy of some of the Master Gardeners who volunteer for the UNH Cooperative Extension Gardening program. The first, from MG Jim Ramanek of Warner River Organics, on Seed Starting, was well attended and really informative. Jim's produce can be found at the Canterbury Farmer's Market during the summer. The second session will be on April 5, given by Master Gardener Mary Davidson, focusing on Healthy Soil Building. The third will be on May 10, also from Mary Davidson, looking at Basic Vegetable Gardening. There will be a flier in the library that will show the exact time of the programs. Loudon residents are welcome to attend those sessions, as indeed are all our programs open to town residents.

Another new program this spring is a short presentation on managing grief and loss. There may be other town members who have suffered loss who would be interested in attending Lifting the Fog, which will be given by Carmella Dow, CRVNA. This will be offered on Wednesday, April 4 at 10:00 am.

Everyone will be happy to know that a dance performance will be offered from Alicia's School of Dance. This will be on April 21 at 2.30 p.m. and will be open to Loudon residents. Details will be on the library notice board.

It has been heartening to have volunteers return on a monthly basis to offer crafts, card making activities, games and movies. Their commitment is much appreciated. Having a range of opportunities is enriching for the community as a whole. It is also very helpful to receive occasional volunteer donations that are surprises! Loudon resident Mary Sartwell came by again and donated 2 boxes of food, stationary, and cosmetics. Mary has been a new and good supporter of Richard Brown House in that she



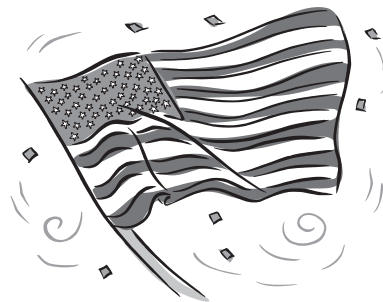
These kitchen appliances were purchased with grant money from Globe.



View of the river behind the Richard Brown House. Taken by Lorraine, housekeeper.

facilitated the giving of a grant from Globe and this has been used to purchase new kitchen items that were much needed. Wyatt Feinaver (who is the grandson of a resident) donated a dozen eggs to several residents. Those who did not get any will get them the next time. Such moments are real blessings for all concerned.

Please feel free to contact manager Lucie Bilodeau or service coordinator Lois Scribner with any queries on 798 3190. Alternatively, email lois.scribner@voanne.org.



Post 88 has a flag collection box outside their new headquarters, 45 South Village Road. Unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.

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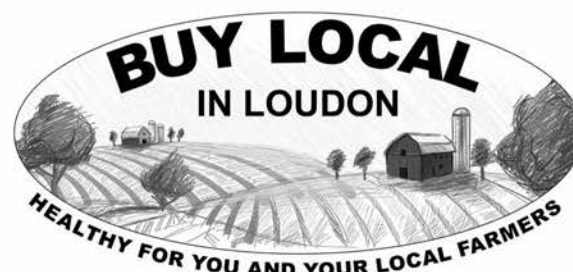
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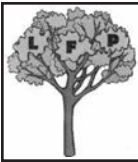
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Loudon Food Pantry News

February 2018 Numbers

In February, we gave out enough food to make 5,684 meals.

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Update

As of March 14th, we have received \$1,036.00 in food and \$1,874.91 in funds! That's a total of \$2,910.91. You can always see the current information at loudonfoodpantry.org. We have our tree in the right hand column.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 between food and funds to help restock our food and funds after the holidays and during the time of the year when donations are low.

We are currently \$7,089.09 shy of our goal and the deadline is April 30, 2018.

To help, please...

- **Donate In-date Food** — Each item will be counted as \$1.00. (5 cans = \$5.00)
- **Donate In-date Meat/Produce** — Each pound will be counted as a \$1.00 (4 pounds of carrots = \$4.00)
- **Donate funds** — Each \$1.00 will be counted as a \$1.00 (\$5.00 = \$5.00)

You must note your donation "LFP" if you want it included or just verbally let us know. Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry!

How do you donate?:

To donate online, go to loudonfoodpantry.org.

Mail or drop off donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307-0734 during the following: Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. **For the duration of this challenge, we are extending our Tuesdays office hours until 6:00 PM.**

We also have drop off locations at the following:

- Loudon Station, Loudon — *Food & Cash Bin*
- Loudon Village Country Store, Loudon — *Cash Bin*
- Elkins Library, Canterbury — *Food*
- Care Pharmacy, Epsom — *Cash Bin*

Please spread the word! With your help, we can feed those in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions please call Sue at 603-724-9731. ■

OBITUARIES

JOCELYN "JOSIE" LEIGH GLIDDEN

Jocelyn "Josie" Leigh Glidden, 20, born April 2, 1997 passed way Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.

Jocelyn was a loving, caring daughter, sister, and aunt. Jocelyn was free spirited and loved nature.

She is survived by her parents, Charles M. Glidden and Betsy and Greg Luckern; a brother, Evan Glidden; three sisters, Kaytelin Glidden, Lauren Glidden, and Emma Glidden; grandparents, Eugene and Marylee Glidden, Peg Glidden Wyamn and Lea Diccio; a step-brother, Troy Luckern; and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

She is predeceased by a niece Isabelle Cutter Glidden.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Loudon Family Bible Church. ■



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April Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional VNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic on Tuesday, April 10 at the Richard Brown House, 9 a.m. until noon. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. The January clinic will be held on Monday, April 2, 1–4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you.

In addition, flu shots are available to people age 3 and over and we can answer your flu-related questions. The discounted cash or check charge is \$30 per immunization. Clients who present an insurance card from Medicare B, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, or Anthem do not need to pay a fee. Seasonal flu clinics are dependent upon the availability of the flu vaccine and are subject to change. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815. ■

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After a long winter cooped up indoors, spring is the perfect time to start reimagining your home and making upgrades that create a fresh, welcoming vibe. These project ideas, some big, some small can help breath new life into your home so that you're ready to enjoy your favorite rooms to the fullest.

Air it out

Months of closed windows and doors can make any room feel dusty and stale. As soon as temperatures allow, throw open the windows and skylights to let the fresh air chase away the remnants of winter. It's also the perfect time to launder windows treatments and clean area rugs. If you're considering update to the overall décor, changing out these textiles is an easy and affordable way to create a new look.

Paint to perfection

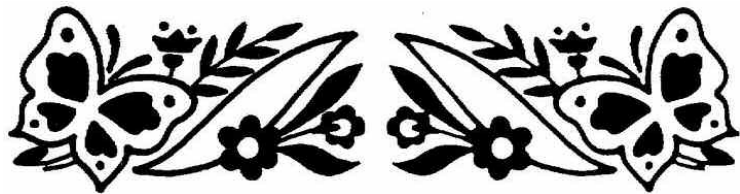
Over time, once cheerful walls can grow dull. Create a livelier ambiance with a fresh coat of paint, either in the same shade or something completely new. If you're not exactly sure where to start, tackle the project room to room. To choose the right hue, select a favorite item in the room, such as an heirloom throw blanket or a piece of wall art, and consider color shades that complement the item.

Make what's old new again

Sometimes a fresh perspective is as simple as rearranging a room to better fit your needs. Over time, furnishings can almost become an afterthought because they've been in place so long. Try moving things around to create new conversation groupings or to highlight a piece that has been tucked away in the shadows.

Get earth smart

With all the new growth and hues of green that abound during spring, it's natural to be more mindful of the environment. Earth friendly upgrades like switching out inefficient lighting or installing low-flow friendly toilets and shower heads can make a sizeable difference. ■



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Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes — February 1, 2018

Members:

President: Doug Towle Vice-President: Carole Soule Secretary: Bruce Dawson Treasurer: Cindy Shea

Attendees:

Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Carole Soule, Doug Towle
Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Old Business

- The minutes from the December 7, 2017 meeting were approved as presented. Note that there was no meeting in January due to inclement weather.
- Treasurer's report: There was no financial activity this past 2 months. However, we will be disbursing grant money for the workshops this month.
- Workshops for 2018
 - The board will look at having a Loudon Farmer's social in May.
 - The attendance at the October Workshops was comparatively high, and we'll probably do similar workshops again.
- Grants and Fund Raising

- The NH Mini Grant is due February 28. Carole suggested using it for helping to print/distribute the map.
- Websites and Social Media
 - Nothing to report.
 - Newsletter
 - We will be including information for meetings.
 - The Loudon Ledger/Farm Map — Discussed during grants. Also, the Ramsey's Farmstand wants to be taken off the list.
 - Filing
 - Bruce has not yet created the following folders: Minutes, Grants, Mail/E-Mail, others as needed.
 - Other Old Business — None

New Business

- Bruce and Carole need to get sworn-in.
- The board members discussed the Farm and Forest Expo. Cindy, Carole, and Bruce will be going Friday morning, and Doug will probably make it on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Historical Society Meeting Minutes — February 8, 2018

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held February 08 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees: Michele York, Stan Prescott, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Andrew Parrella, Ashley Simonds and Lucy Gordon

The minutes from the January meeting were read. *Roger made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written and Ashley seconded the motion.*

Our February meeting was held on Thursday instead of the normal Wednesday due to inclement weather.

The H.S. Laptop was updated to include Microsoft office. We are going to put the purchase of buying a second laptop "on-hold" until July. Roger reviewed and purchased a new printer/scanner. This machine will be easier to use and does not need to be attached to the laptop to be used.

We have ordered and received new supplies. With these supplies will be rules about handling old documents. Anyone handling old documents will now be required to use cotton gloves. We will be using acid-free folders for these documents. We will also have storage cartons in which to file items. We are making progress on getting things more organized for future generations to see.

Town meeting is March 17th. Michele will be speaking about the needs, hopes and wishes for the Historical Society. Michele will also speak with Sharon Drake about having a static display at Town Meeting. We would like to have everyone be aware that we are looking for help. And it will be difficult to get the Town history written without having more help.

One of the light fixtures in the museum needs a new ballast. Ashley will contact the

necessary people to get the fixture working again.

There was a large picture in the TD Bank building in Loudon. Stan will contact the Select Board to find out the status of the picture.

We had a young woman come into the museum in November. She was doing research on Loudon Post Offices for a College project. Lucy will contact her to ask about obtaining a copy of her report. Her work could be a chapter in the Town's History book.

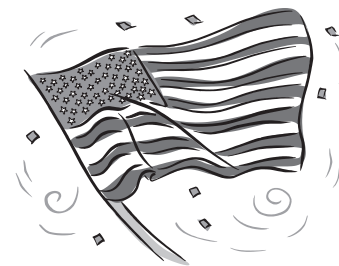
The H.S. is considering different ways of making money for the History book. A couple suggestions were: Selling Christmas ornaments, selling tee-shirts

Roger Maxfield will give his "One-Room School House" talk to the Young at Heart group. This will be on March 13th at 10:00 am in the Community room.

Stan is planning to visit an individual that borrowed a Canterbury History book. We have other people interested in looking at the book so we would like to have it returned.

Our next meeting will be March 07, 2018 at 6:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Gordon



Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 13, 2018

Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also present was Police Chief Kris Burgess and Road Agent Lance Houle.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 6, 2018 as written. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said he has an experienced person that he would like to hire. He explained that his name is Joseph Braley; he has experience in plowing, road maintenance and grading. Chairman Ives read that Mr. Braley was previously employed by the Town of Grafton. Chairman Ives asked if a background check was done. Mr. Houle said they called around; all his paperwork is downstairs. Selectman Miller asked if Grafton has a lot of dirt roads to grade. Mr. Braley said they have sixty miles of dirt roads. Selectman Fiske asked what his starting pay would be. Mr. Houle said \$16.50. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to hire Joseph Braley at \$16.50 starting Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Miller stated that his probation will be six months.

Mr. Houle said that he also hired Greg White. Mr. White was going to try and be there to meet the Selectboard but wasn't sure if he could make it and he isn't there.

Mr. Houle said that on February 8th one of his dump trucks scraped a pickup truck with his wing on Country Hill Road.

Mr. Houle said tomorrow they will start filling potholes with cold patch.

Mr. Houle said he saw in the minutes that there is a proposed hazardous waste day. He

said he read that Clean Harbors was called and didn't return a call. Mr. Houle said he called Clean Harbors and asked if they had received a call from the Loudon Transfer Station and they said they didn't, they would have returned the call. He said they are more than interested in doing the job. Selectman Fiske said he wants to see both bids when they come in.

Chairman Ives said they have a Memo of Council that they would like to give Mr. Houle. He asked if Mr. Houle would like to go into nonpublic session to do it. Mr. Houle said if this is the same issue that they talked about in public session a couple of weeks ago; nothing has changed. Chairman Ives said they are giving him the option. Mr. Houle said he has no problem doing it in public session. Chairman Ives gave Mr. Houle the letter, he said he won't read it into the minutes but asked Mr. Houle to read it and sign it. After reading the document Mr. Houle said he disagrees with it. He said the Selectmen had a closed session with two of the people that are employed by him; one of them is no longer there. Mr. Houle said he disagrees with it totally, he has said it before he is not in the wrong. He said he does not swear directly at his help. Chairman Ives said they can't force him to sign it but they can require him to attend the classes. Mr. Houle said he told them two weeks ago that he would do that. Chairman Ives said this puts them in a better position liability wise; he's been to the classes, he is doing his due diligence. He explained that they had a complaint, they notified him of it, he's going to do what they ask him to do and everything is done. Mr. Houle said in his opinion they have no liability. Chairman Ives said when someone files a complaint the liability bell goes off and they need to do what they have to do to protect the town. Selectman Miller explained that the document is non-disciplinary; it states that

right on it. Mr. Houle said it also states that further action can be taken. Selectman Miller said they are obligated to inform him of that. He explained that is called steps of discipline, it is what they do as managers and what they expect him to do as a manager of his personnel. Selectman Miller said its to give them an opportunity to correct what he perceives as them doing wrong by giving them the steps to correct it. Mr. Houle said he understands but prior to the Selectmen's meeting with his guys they were all in the lunch room and he asked them how things were going and if anyone had any issues or problems and not one person said a word. Mr. Houle said the things that he has learned since then have made him very aware of what took place. Chairman Ives said this will be taken care of and they'll move on.

Mr. Houle said he measured the pane of broken glass at the Town Hall, covered it with cardboard and will get it replaced.

Chairman Ives recognized Tim Landry from the audience. Mr. Landry said since the Selectmen are the managers of the Road Agent he would like to know why they salt the road and ten minutes later they are driving by and scraping it off. Mr. Landry said he has pictures of it; he stood in his yard. He also asked why they are being paid overtime to come in on Saturday when the road could have been scraped off on Friday a regular work day. Mr. Houle explained that he salted on Friday, it was supposed to storm that night, he had gone around earlier and scraped off some slush. Mr. Houle said he has a voice mail message from Mr. Landry saying how he went off the road and damaged his car because of the slush in front of his house. Mr. Houle said he was scraping off some of the heaviest slush during that time. Mr. Houle said he doesn't have the budget the state has; he can't keep scraping it off and re-salting. He said what they are call-

ing slush is brine, it is eating away at the hard-pack underneath it, when it starts to meal up it means it is working. Mr. Houle said he hates to take that off, he was planning on coming in later the next day because they were calling for a storm and instead of making two or trips trying to scrape it off they do it in one shot during the storm. Mr. Houle said it didn't storm but they went around and scraped off the heavy parts. Mr. Landry said as a tax payer he is wondering why ten minutes after they salt they are scraping it off; he said it takes a lot longer than ten minutes to work. Chairman Ives said the conversation is duly noted.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess submitted a couple of letters that he received. Chairman Ives said it's nice to receive a compliment once in a while.

Chief Burgess said they have been working employee evaluation forms. He explained that he took everything that was on the old one and added some more to it from the new one. He submitted a draft copy of that. Selectman Fiske said its better; the other was either bad or good and this one gives the opportunity to work up the ladder. Chairman Ives said he's glad Chief Burgess took the initiative to take their suggestion and improve upon it for the police department.

Chief Burgess said Friday the 16th, Corporal Nye, Officers Strout, Milton, Crowell and Emerson will be attending the sexual assault training. He said this is the same training he took in January.

Chief Burgess said he received a letter from NHDOT regarding the widening of 106. He wanted to be sure they had seen it. Chairman Ives said they have.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 20, 2018

Present:

Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Selectman Fiske called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted an ambulance disposition report for review.

Chief Wright submitted a copy of a letter he received from the Clough Pond Association regarding E. Coli testing at the pond. Mr. Edwards thanked Chief Wright for testing the pond last year and asked if he will be testing this year. Chief Wright said Mr. Edwards was contacted and told that they intend to test as they did last year.

Chief Wright said the tanker that is in Wisconsin for repairs should be done next week.

He explained that he will send two people out to pick it up. Selectman Miller asked if the work they are doing will have a warranty. Chief Wright said it will.

Chief Wright said the Suburban they got from the police department is back from Lanes' Automotive with a new red paint job. He said it still needs lettering and then the fire department will begin using it.

Chief Wright submitted a letter to the selectmen for review regarding the open position at the fire department. He explained that because the letter is about a specific individual he didn't discuss the details in public. Selectman Fiske and Miller agreed.

Selectman Miller Fiske recognized the recycling committee.

Barbara Burr explained that they have been looking into a program called the Gim-mie #5. She explained that they would like to run a pilot program for six weeks beginning Earth Day, which is April 21st. Ms. Burr said the biggest question they get is why can't they

recycle #5 plastics which include things like yogurt containers and prescription bottles. She said Whole Foods in Bedford is a collection site for #5 and the ladies on the recycling committee have volunteered to take the #5 plastics that is collected during the pilot program to Bedford. Ms. Burr said they will need a barrel in the recycling area, she said Dustin said he has one they can use. She said it will be clearly marked and the committee will monitor it during the pilot program. Ms. Burr said they can't take the #5 plastics to Bedford long term. They spoke to Hopkinton who explained that they collect it in their transfer station office, box it up and send it, they collect about 125 pounds per month. Ms. Burr said NRRRA suggested they apply for a grant to America the Beautiful asking for \$100 per month for a year to mail the plastic. She asked for the Select boards support in doing the pilot program as well as for writing the grant. Selectman Fiske asked about applying for the grant before the pilot program. Ms. Burr explained that they don't need money for the pilot program and if it is not a success it would end after the pilot program and they won't need any money. Selectman Fiske asked how people will know what #5 is. Ms. Burr said the program has a flyer and they can do a display. She explained that it has to be clean. Selectmen Miller and Fiske gave them the green light.

Selectman Fiske recognized Dylan Babonis.

Dylan said he is in to discuss his Eagle Scout project again. He explained that the last time he was in they asked him to speak to Tom Dow about the horseshoe pits. Dylan said he met with Mr. Dow at the rec field, they talked about pits as well as the brush and saplings growing up around the area. He said he intends to start in mid-May depending on the weather. Selectman Fiske asked if it will be done for Old Home Day. Dylan said it will, he said he has a good group of volunteers so it should only take a weekend or two to get it done. The Board reviewed and signed the paperwork.

Selectman Fiske recognized Henry Huntington from the audience.

Mr. Huntington said he just received the letter from the Board. He said he won't have the information available Thursday but he will have it available next Tuesday. Selectman Fiske explained that the last time they met Mr. Huntington said paperwork would be submitted; they haven't received anything yet. He said the town's attorney is concerned he is running out of time to prepare. Mr. Huntington said that is why he requested a meeting with them for the 27th. He asked if the Selectmen will meet with him next week; he said he will have all the information that was requested. Selectman Fiske confirmed that he will have all the information that the assessor and town attorney asked for. Mr. Huntington said the town attorney has everything that was requested by him. Selectman Miller said all that information should have gone to Ms. Murdough as well. Mr. Huntington said no; the information that Bart requested went to him and the infor-

mation that Ms. Murdough requested he is pulling together.

Selectman Fiske recognized Stan Prescott from the audience.

Mr. Prescott said he is disappointed because he sent an email to the office regarding two warrant articles. He thought they were going to look into them and either say they need a petition or include them. He is disappointed that one was not included. Selectman Fiske said he understands.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the NHDRA 2016 and 2017 Cyclical Monitoring Reports.

The Board received a list of Transfer Station changes from the Road Agent. Selectman Fiske read the following: mattresses will be disposed of right away and thrown into the hopper, not left in a pile, hard plastic items will be disposed of right way and thrown into the hopper, walkway beside the building of the Transfer Station will be cleared from any items, there must be two transfer station employee's working during the following hours: Monday closed, Tuesday 8am-5pm, Wednesday 7am-3:30pm, Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 7am-12:30pm, Saturday 8am-5pm.

The Board received a letter and check in the amount of \$2,163.01 from NH Charitable Foundation regarding the Veteran's War Memorial/Monument. Paul Branscombe asked if this is anticipated funds; if not the Board should make a motion to accept it. Selectman Fiske said they have gotten it in the past and assumed they would continue getting it but they will make a motion. *Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the check in the amount of \$2,163.01 from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Veteran's War Memorial. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received two newspaper articles from M. Harris.

The Board received the Warrant & Proposed Budget. *Selectman Miller moved to approve the Town of Loudon State of New Hampshire Warrant for 2018. The Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road for Articles 1 and 2. Articles 3-16 will be taken up at the second session of the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:00 A.M. at the Loudon Elementary School. Second by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a sealed envelope marked confidential from Chief Burgess. Selectman Fiske said they will take this under advisement.

Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:44 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Chief Burgess said Brittany Battye is on week seven at the academy and still doing very well.

Selectman Fiske said he and Selectman Miller will be running the budget hearing tomorrow night and he would like a breakdown of the outside services for that meeting. Chief Burgess submitted the list to Selectman Fiske.

Chairman Ives said they have a couple of letters from the town attorney that they need to discuss with Chief Burgess in nonpublic session.

Selectman Miller moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:22 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Fiske — yes; Miller — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to come out of non-public session at 6:32 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Fiske — yes; Miller — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Fiske — yes; Miller — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives said the non-public session was to discuss personnel issues with the Police Chief and recommendations from the town attorney regarding those personnel issues.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the MVSD bill for February in the amount of \$682,469.65.

The Board received a letter from S. Blanchard regarding the Trails Bridge. Chairman Ives said this is the letter that they have been waiting for. He explained that the Trails Committee is putting up a foot bridge. It was recommended that they get a letter saying that an engineer looked at the bridge. Now that they received that letter the Selectboard signed

a letter for the committee so they can solicit donations for materials from place such as Home Depot and Lowes.

The Board received a letter and check from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Francis Tewksbury Memorial Fund.

The Board received a memo regarding scholarships. The Board didn't make any changes from last year's applications.

The Board received a note from P. Touzin regarding the good plowing on Berry Road. The Road Agent read the letter earlier.

The Board received a letter from Ever-source regarding Third Party Attachers.

The Board received the Biennial Inspection Report of Town Owned Bridges from NHDOT. Chairman Ives said the town does not own any red-listed bridges.

Chairman Ives read the following reminders.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM is the Public hearing for the budget and warrant articles.

Monday, February 19, 2018 is Presidents Day the Town Office is closed.

Chairman Ives said his wife got a magazine, the 2017-2018 Guidebook to Greater Concord, New Hampshire. He explained that they have listed about 20 towns around Concord and out of all those towns the Town of Loudon has the lowest tax rate by almost three dollars per thousand.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:49 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 27, 2018

Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle. Selectman Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Selectman Miller moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 5:00 PM.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to come out of non-public session at 5:31 PM; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Fiske recessed the meeting until 6:00 p.m. Chairman Ives reopened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 20, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said he heard from Tom Levan who is doing the bridge study. He has a couple more bridges he wants to take a look at and expects to have the report to Mr. Houle in two to three weeks. Chairman Ives asked if the bridges will be categorized as to which are the most urgent. Mr. Houle will check on that.

Mr. Houle said they have been cutting dead trees. They did some on the Ridge and Clough Hill Road.

Mr. Houle said he doesn't like to post the roads for a specific date because he likes to keep people working as much as possible. He said Gilmanton and Chichester have already posted their roads. Mr. Houle said he will post Loudon's road on March 9th. He submitted a copy of the waiver that can be used. Mr. Houle said copies will be left at the town office and police station so they can be picked up, filled out and then he'll sign them. Chairman Ives said they will make a motion to post the roads next week in case the weather turns and Mr. Houle decides to wait.

Chairman Ives asked if Russell McKenzie started the work on the trailer. Mr. Houle said the trailer is behind the town garage, they are pressure washing it and getting it ready for the repair. It should be started soon.

Chairman Ives said he wasn't at the meeting last week but understands there was a question about unanticipated funds. He explained that there was a public hearing in August to accept the funds of approximately \$150,000 that they received from the state. Chairman Ives said there was a question about the Tewksbury Memorial Fund, he explained that they receive money every year from that trust fund for the care and maintenance of the memorial by the library.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an email from George Sansoucy, who does the towns utility assessing, regarding the impacts of House Bill 1381.

The Board received the 2018 Traffic Control Plan meeting calendar.

The Board received the ESMI 4th quarter 2017 Host Community Fee report and check in the amount of \$28,482.18. Chairman Ives explained that ESMI doesn't pay property taxes, they are exempt, but they do pay the town \$1 per ton of dirt that they process.

The Board received information regarding the NHDOT proposed resurfacing program for 2018.

The Board received a letter from Merrimack County Savings Bank regarding using their services.

The Board received a public hearing notice from the Town of Andover regarding a proposed cell tower.

The Board received a copy of the wetlands permit application from NHDOT regarding the Route 106 widening.

The Board received a thank you card from a scholarship recipient.

Selectman Miller moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:26 PM.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to come out of non-public session at 6:44 PM; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives explained that the nonpublic session was to discuss deeding and delinquent taxes with the tax collector.

Chairman Ives said the town deals with Eastern Propane, they give the town a deal and he thanks them for that.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:49 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — February 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Tom Moore, Jeff Miller and alternates Alice Tuson and Dustin Bowles.

Chairman Dow voted Mr. Bowles and Mrs. Tuson as voting members in replace of Mr. Huntington and Mr. Saunderson.

Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission was present in the audience.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 18, 2018 CNHRPC Meeting — Mr. Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Cole.

January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting — Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Bowles; All in favor; approved.

Discussion:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Application #18-01 Theresa Batchelder Map 38 Lot 1, RR District — Mark Sargent from Richard Bartlett & Associates presented the application. Robert & Janet Bernard were present in the audience; Janet is Theresa Batchelder's sister and her power of attorney. Abutters Mike Milligan and Richard Latham were present in the audience. Mr. Sargent said this property is currently 61.8 acres. Mr. Sargent said they are looking to subdivide the property of the portion on School Street using

on the road frontage of School Street. Mr. Sargent said this new lot will have the existing home on it. Mr. Sargent said Mrs. Batchelder can no longer live in the home and they would like to sell it. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move forward with a public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Cole; All were in favor. Accepted. Vice Chairman Prescott questioned the wetlands on the property and if there would be access to the back of the lot. Mr. Sargent said there is an old farm road at the back of the property that would provide access. Mr. Sargent had five waiver requests.

Waivers:

12.4 Section 7: Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Mr. Bowles. All were in favor. Passed.

12.4 Section 9: Vice Chairman Prescott asked if there were any buildings in close proximity to this property either on Oak Hill Road or School Street. Mr. Sargent questioned how far Mr. Milligan's home was from the property line. Mr. Milligan said it is not in close proximity to the property line on School Street. Mr. Sargent said there are no homes within close proximity on Oak Hill Road. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Mr. Cole. All were in favor. Passed.

12.4 Section 10: Julie Robinson questioned if the waivers are for the new lot that is being created or the entire lot. Mr. Sargent said these waivers are only for the new lot that

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Planning Board Meeting with CNHRPC Minutes — Feb. 15, 2018

Meeting with CNHRPC

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Cole and Alice Tuson.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Tardiff passed out three more final chapters to review. Board members took the chapters to review and make edits. Mr. Tardiff

set a March 1st deadline for the chapter reviews. Ms. Bosco said she arranged for Mr. Tardiff to meet with the PTA at 5:30 p.m. on March 8th at the Elementary School.

The board set a date and time March 15, 2018 to meet with Mike Tardiff at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Danielle Bosco

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is being created and if any further subdivision takes place they would need to submit different waivers. *Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Mr. Bowles. All were in favor. Passed.*

12.4 Section 11: *Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Mr. Moore. All were in favor. Passed.*

12.4 Section 12: Mr. Sargent said this property has been surveyed at the areas on either end but the middle of the property has not been surveyed due to the topography of the land making it very difficult. Chairman Dow asked how many acres were remaining. Mr. Sargent said 55 acres. Vice Chairman Prescott questioned how he determined the lot size. Mr. Sargent said with the tax map. Vice Chairman asked if this was shown as a tax map result. Mr. Sargent said it is +/- . Vice Chairman Prescott questioned the lines alongside the houses on Oak Hill Road. Mr. Sargent said there was a survey with that area of the parcel from years ago that they tied into when creating this. Vice Chairman asked if he was confident with the road frontage. Mr. Sargent said he located monuments and the road frontage is correct it is only the middle portion of the parcel that is not surveyed. *Mr. Bowles made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Mr. Cole. All were in favor. Passed.* Mr. Bowles asked about adding a note to the plan if any further subdivision be done the entire lot must be surveyed. Mr. Sargent agreed this would be needed. Chairman Dow asked if there were any questions from the public. Chairman Dow closed the meeting to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Mr. Bowles made a motion to approve the application with*

the stipulation any further subdivision be done they must survey the entire parcel. Seconded by Mr. Cole; all were in favor. Approved.

Report of the Board of Permit:
None

Report of ZBA:

Mrs. Bosco said there is only a discussion scheduled for the ZBA meeting next week for an ADU on Bumfagon Road.

Board Discussion:

Mrs. Bosco explained that the property at 7046 Pleasant Street has a cell tower that currently has a removal bond on it. Mrs. Bosco explained the owner of the cell tower is selling the tower and the new owners will have to put up the bond. Mrs. Bosco said the potential new owner has sent over language for the new bond and the town attorney has stated it is not satisfactory and they will have to provide something else.

Danielle Bosco presented a letter to the Board members from Robert Phillips with concerns about a landscaping plan for the LEF Greenhouses. Chairman Dow said he has spoke with Mr. Huntington from LEF and Mr. Phillips and a landscaping plan will be presented. Vice Chairman Prescott said he looks at this project as an active ongoing project.

Mr. Moore said that he and Vice Chairman Prescott have been working on the impact fees and met with Mr. Tardiff from CNHRPC and will be meeting again in two weeks.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.; seconded by Vice Chairman Prescott. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Danielle Bosco, Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — February 22, 2018

Present:

Chairman Ned Lizotte, Earl Tuson, Roy Merrill, Charlie Aznive, alternates and Dennis Jakubowski and Peter Pitman.

Chairman Lizotte appointed Peter Pitman a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl.

Minutes:

Regular Hearing December 28, 2017 — *Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Aznive seconded the motion; All in favor. APPROVED*

Discussions:

Cynthia Crawley — Mrs. Crawley of 52 Bumfagon Road approached the Board to discuss plans of an ADU on her property. Mrs. Crawley presented plans for a potential ADU that showed a garage attached to her current garage and a second living space connected to the new garage. Chairman Lizotte said this looks to be more of a duplex and not an ADU. Mr. Merrill asked how much road frontage

there was. Mrs. Crawley said about 318 feet of road frontage. Mr. Merrill said the property has enough road frontage to have a duplex on it. Mr. Tuson asked what district the house was in. It was determined it was in the AFP District which does not allow a duplex. Mrs. Crawley said she wants this layout so she can be set for retirement and it looks like this won't work for the property unfortunately.

Public Hearings:
None

Board Discussion:
None

Adjournment:

Mr. Pitman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm; seconded by Mr. Aznive. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Danielle Bosco
Administrative Assistant*

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Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

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Meetings are at the Community Building and open to public.

April in Loudon

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2nd Sunday of the month

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1st Monday of the month

5pm•Library Trustees Meeting
6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com.
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1st Tuesday of the month

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

1st Wednesday of the month

7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

1st Thursday of the month

6:30•PTA @ LES
7pm•Agriculture Commission @ Com.
Bldg.

2nd Monday of the month

7:15pm•MWSD School Board

2nd Wednesday of the month

6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library

2nd Saturday of the month

4:30–6:00pm•Family Bible Church
Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library

3rd Tuesday of the month

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

3rd Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village
Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the month

7pm•Planning Board @ CB

3rd Sunday of the month

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church
Healing Prayer Time

4th Tuesday of the month

7pm•LYAA @ Library

4th Wednesday of the month

6:30pm•Recreation Committee @
Library

4th Thursday of the month

7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

Every Monday

3pm•Movies @ Library (starts June 26)
6pm•Yoga @ Library

Every Tuesday

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Music & Movement @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
6:30pm•Prayer Mtg. @ Congregational
Church

Every Wednesday

6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
6:30pm•Wolf Pack @ LES
Full Pack•6:30 @ LES

Every Thursday

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
6pm•Yoga @ Library

EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES**April 1•EASTER SUNDAY**

April 4•10am•Lifting the Fog — dealing with
grief @ Richard Brown House

April 5•Building Healthy Soil @ Richard Brown
House

April 8–14•National Library Week

April 10•9–12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @
Richard Brown House

April 13•LEDGER DEADLINE

April 16•6pm•Communications Council
meets @ Com. Bldg.

April 18•6pm•Container Gardening @
Library

April 21•2:30•Alicha's School of Dance
performs at Richard Brown House

April 23–27•SCHOOL VACATION

April 24•10:30am•Parent Yoga @ Library

April 25•6pm•Ramblin' Richard music @
Library

April 26•11–3•Parent-led Craft Time @
Library



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