The Loudon Ledger

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Spring Is Here!

(A) Town Clerk Ashley Simonds and Deputy Town Clerk Theresa Chudoba with Secretary of State David Scanlon

(B) Jeremy Minery and kids after voting in the town election

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Practical Education in Action

This Spring, New Hampshire Motor Speedway will once again host the Formula Hybrid+Electric event sponsored by the Dartmouth College Thayer School of Engineering. The event, currently scheduled to run from April 29 th through May 2 nd is free and open to the public.

This event is not just another race. As described on their website (www.hybrid-electric.org), "The Formula Hybrid competition is an interdisciplinary design and engineering challenge for undergraduate and graduate university students. They must collaboratively design and build a formula-style hybrid or electric-only racecar and compete in a series of events. This educational competition emphasizes drivetrain innovation and fuel efficiency in a high-performance application."

There are 32 teams registered for 2024. Canada is sending teams from Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia. Teams from Alabama, California, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming round out the field. Each team represents a college, and 100% of the activity involving organization, design, building and driving is performed by students as an extracurricular activity overseen but not directed by a faculty advisor. Just like "the big time," the cars and the teams that build and drive them must complete in a variety of static events before an entry is allowed to run under power. The static events cover every phase of the process to bring the car to competition. Qualifying cars then compete in dynamic events demonstrating straight-line and cornering performance and then finally an endurance race. The entire experience integrates many discrete functions including planning, teamwork, presentations, project management, design, sourcing, decision-making and documentation. And if past experience is any indicator, much pizza will be consumed in the process.

There are a few volunteer positions still available at NHMS and might be a wonderful way for a local student to accumulate community service hours. Be sure to check www.formula-hybrid.org for more information.

Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In January 2024 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 276 individuals for them to prepare 5,238 meals. Of these people, 117 were age 60 and older (42%), 69 were age 18 or under (25%), and 90 were between those ages (33%).

In February 2024 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 296 individuals for them to prepare 6,543 meals. Of these people, 134 were age 60 and older (45%), 66 were age 18 or under (22%), and 96 were between those ages (32%).

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BOISVERT & NORMAND NATURE PRESERVE NOW OPEN

Mike Boisvert and Jon Normand are pleased to announce the opening of a new hiking trail system. In 2023, they purchased a 79-acre tract of land with the intention of creating a nature preserve. The preserve is under a conservation easement with Five Rivers Conservation Trust.

Parking for the Boisvert & Normand Nature Preserve is located off Currier Road near the intersection of Route 106. If driving north on Route 106, after the traffic lights for the intersection of Route 129, look for Currier Road on the right. If driving south on Route 106, after the road on the left called Town Dump Road, take your next left, Currier Road.

From the kiosk, the entrance to the trails starts at the Grand Junction, with options to take the Soucook Sanctuary, Esker and Pollinator Garden trails. There also is an extensive woods roads network for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking.

The Soucook Sanctuary Trail leads to a breathtaking medieval, old growth forest along the Soucook River; the preserve has 1,200 feet frontage on the Soucook River. The Esker Trail leads to an extensive glacial formation known as an esker, a long ridge of sand or gravel left by the melt water pattern of the last glaciers; this trail also leads to numerous vernal pools. The Pollinator Garden leads to a future pollinator garden at the previous logging yard.

The nature preserve is intended solely for non-motorized recreational uses such as hiking, skiing, and mountain biking. The intent is to preserve the wild nature and native habitat of the property. Hunting will continue to be allowed provided written permission is obtained from the new owners. The new owners will continue sustainable forestry practices and being a member of the Tree Farm Program with a forest management plan.

Boisvert & Normand Nature Preserve provides a special open space resource for Loudon, with its forested lands and trails. It is an island of peacefulness, located right along the Soucook River, enriching the fabric of this community. The preserve is open to school groups and organizations to use for exploration, field studies and workshops.

The Loudon Communications Council will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building (Charlie's Barn). The meeting, at which Directors and Officers will be chosen, is open to the public.

Loudon Elementary School

Important Upcoming Dates

March 30: Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am

April 1: Kindergarten Screening

April 4: Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:00-7:00 pm – LES Media Center

April 8: Total Solar Eclipse – Over New Hampshire 3:28-3:31 pm

April 17: LES PTA meeting – 5:30 pm – LES Media Center

April 19: LES PTA Snack Cart

April 22-26: Spring Recess – No School

May 24: Kindergarten Screening

****Special Note: April 1st & May 24th - No school for our current Kindergarten students****

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the incredible support and generosity that you have shown me in my first year as principal of LES. Your unwavering commitment to our school and its students has made a significant impact on our school community, and I am truly grateful for all that you do.

Your kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed, and I am continually amazed by the acts of kindness and support that I see from community, parents, and local businesses. Your commitment to the success and well-being of our students is truly commendable, and I am grateful for the strong partnership that we have built together.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your ongoing support, dedication, and commitment to LES. I am honored to be a part of such a caring and compassionate community.

Sincerely,

David Bartlett
Principal Loudon Elementary School

LOUDON LIONS SUPPORT MVSD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Loudon Lions President Ed Friedrich recently presented a donation check to Merrimack Valley School District Food Services Director Wendy LaClair – along with fellow Lions Vince Giambalvo, Esther Boriss and Barry Boriss. The donation was made with a portion of the funds generated by the annual Loudon Lion Memory Tree Holiday Fundraiser. Folks will recall the brightly lit live Christmas tree next to Loudon Country Club on Route 106. The donation was aimed at helping offset the MVSD School Lunch Program deficit while also supporting Loudon families and students.

Young At Heart

Brooke Noonan, a community educator from the Granite VNA gave a presentation on “A Healthy Life for Me” to over 40 members of the Young at Heart on March 12th. Some of the topics discussed were the importance of nutrition, gaining a healthy perspective on life, managing change as we age, and practicing safe habits. Brooke spoke about the importance of staying active and the four types of exercise- Endurance, Strength, Balance, and Flexibility.

Brooke stressed the importance of physical, mental, and social aspects of aging, and connecting with family, friends, and neighbors. Various resources and links were made available and the members were able to share stories and ask questions. Additional resources are available from the Granite VNA. Brooke gave a wonderful presentation about simple strategies to assist you in staying healthy and feeling your best at any age.

The meeting on Tuesday April 9th will take place at the Lakes Region Community College. A luncheon will be provided by the students of the Community Table for a cost of $15.00 per person. Limited space is still available for dues paying members. Please contact Letty at 491-2312 prior to April 1st to reserve your spot.

The May 14th meeting will feature Sheryl Faye Productions – Historical Women, - Helen Keller.

The June 12th (Wednesday) meeting will be a trip to the Butterfly Conservatory. More information about this trip will be available at the May meeting.

The Young at Heart began in 1997 and is open to Loudon residents 55 and older who enjoy getting together to socialize, travel and learn. We are always happy to welcome new members. Young at Heart meets the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) beginning at 10:00am at the Faith Community Bible Church.

See you all next month and until then stay safe and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry and will also collect plastic bags for recycling!!

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Loudon Historical Society

A Glimpse into the Historical Society

by Liz LeBrun

Every piece in the Historical Society Museum had a story before it came to us. Most often the artifact had a long life in someone’s home. It’s those stories that we want to preserve just as much as we want to preserve the piece itself. Sometimes when we are given a donation, we can tell that item was greatly valued by its owner. We recently acquired Dinah, a beloved doll owned by Maureen Prescott. Maureen remembers being given Dinah by a neighbor shortly after her father’s death, almost seventy years ago. Maureen liked Dinah from day one. Maureen had two brothers and so Dinah became her little sister. Dinah came with her name and Maureen kept it. Dinah is twelve inches tall with an all-black cloth body. She has a red mouth, yellow eyes and black embroidered hair. She wears a white ruffled pinafore with two buttons at the throat and black decorative stitching around the edges. Red plaid sleeves stick out of the pinafore to cover her upper arms. The clothes are not original to Dinah evidenced by the words “cabbage patches” on one sleeve. Dinah was redressed when her original clothing became frayed. Maureen moved several times over the years and Dinah always went along to sit quietly in the corner of each home. Now Dinah stands on the front desk of the museum waiting to be registered in the computer to document her stay with us. We’ll take good care of her, Maureen!

You may want to say hello to Dinah on April 3 at 6:30 when you come to our free presentation by speaker Paul Wainwright. The program topic is New England’s Colonial Meetinghouses and their impact on American Society. The program is made possible by the NH Humanities to Go. http ://www.nhhumanities.org

Loudon Historical Society

NEW HAMPSHIRE humanities

The Loudon Historical Society and Museum receives New Hampshire Humanities Grant for April 3 presentation on New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society

Loudon, NH - The Loudon Historical Society and Museum has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities to present New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society. The speaker is Paul Wainwright, an author, photographer, and historian. The program will be presented on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 pm, at the Loudon Community Building, "Charlie's Barn" located at 29 South Village Rd.

Speaker Paul Wainwright is a photographer with a special interest in historical buildings. He has researched the history of many town meetinghouses throughout New Hampshire. Photographs of these buildings that still remain in our communities will be shared with his audience as well as the stories behind the building and the communities that built them. In many instances these meetinghouses were dual purpose buildings serving as places where residents discussed town business and also held Sunday worship services. Wainwright will examine how these buildings were community centers and helped shape early New Hampshire communities.

This program is free and open to the public. The event is made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities. New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

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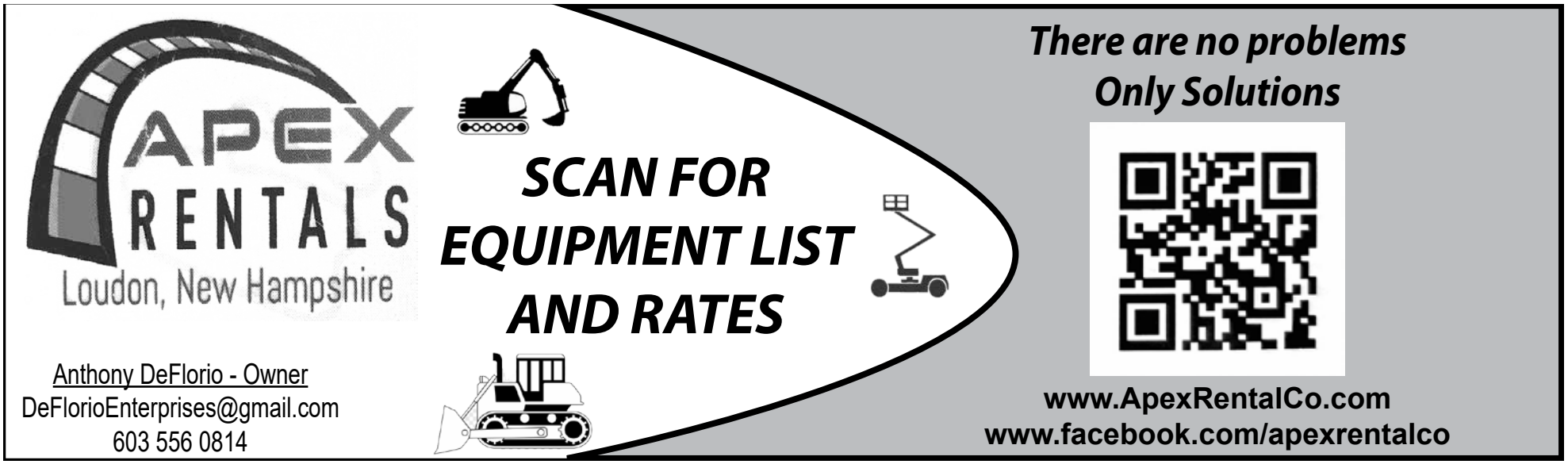

What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton

Chicken is such a universal and easy protein to work with. Sometimes we tire of it so here are a few unusual recipes to try.

Angel Chicken Pasta
6 boneless, skinless chicken halves
¼ cup butter
1 (.7oz) pkg. dry Italian style salad dressing
1 can condensed mushroom soup
½ cup white wine
4 oz. cream cheese
1 cup cut up mushrooms
Pasta of your choice (angel hair, rotini or---)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. (I did this recipe in a crock pot.) Arrange chicken breasts in a single layer in 9x13 pan or crockpot. Melt butter in large saucepan over low heat. Stir in dressing mix, then soup and wine. Add cream cheese; cook and stir without boiling until smooth and heated through. Pour over chicken. Bake in oven about 1 hour or cook in crock pot 3-4 hours. Cook pasta and serve chicken and juices over pasta.

Crescent Chicken Squares
2 cups cooked, cubed chicken
3 oz. softened cream cheese
3 T. butter, softened
¼ tsp. salt & 1/8 tsp. pepper
2 T. milk
1 T. chopped onion
1 T. chopped pimiento
8 oz. crescent rolls
¾ cup seasoned croutons, crushed

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl mix cream cheese and 2 T. butter until smooth. Add the next 6 ingredients and mix well. Separate crescent dough into 4 rectangles; firmly seal and press perforations to seal. Spoon ½ cup meat mixture onto center of each rectangle. Pull 4 corners of dough to top center of chicken mixture. Twist slightly and seal edges. Brush tops with reserved butter; dip in croutons crumbs. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 20-25 min.

Chicken Cheese Bake
2 whole boneless chicken breasts
½ tsp. salt & ½ tsp Accent or all purpose seasoning
2 eggs, beaten
dry bread crumbs
½ cup butter
4-5 slices Muenster cheese
6 oz. mushrooms, drained and sliced
2 cups chicken broth
2 lemon halves

Season chicken with salt and Accent. Immerse in eggs for 2-3 hours. Drain. Roll pieces in bread crumbs and brown in butter. Place in single layer in baking dish.

Cover with mushrooms and top with cheese.Bake at 350° for 30 minutes., basting every 5-10 min. with chicken broth. Squeeze lemon over chicken just before serving.

Chinese Walnut Chicken
1 cup coarsely broken walnuts or almonds
2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 cup onion slices
2 T. sherry
5 oz sliced water chestnuts
¼ cup oil
½ tsp. salt
1 ½ cup celery, chopped
1 ¼ cup chicken broth
1 tsp. sugar & 1 T. cornstarch
¼ cup soy sauce
5 oz. bamboo shoots

In skillet, toast nuts in hot oil, stirring constantly. Remove nuts to paper towel to drain. Slice chicken in thin slices. Put chicken into skillet. Sprinkle with salt. Cook, stirring often, 5 to 10 min or until tender. Remove chicken; add onion, celery and ½ cup broth. Cook uncovered 5 min. In a separate bowl combine sugar, cornstarch, soy sauce and sherry. Add remaining broth and pour over vegetables. Cook and stir until sauce thickens. Add chicken, bamboo shoots, water chestnuts and nuts. Heat through and serve with rice.

Crab Stuffed Chicken
6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery
5 T. butter
3 T. dry white wine
1 (7 ½ oz.) can crab meat, drained
½ cup herb seasoned stuffing mix
2 T. flour
½ tsp. paprika
1 envelope Hollandaise sauce mix
¾ cup milk
2 T. dry white wine
½ cup shredded cheese

Flatten chicken. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook onion and celery in 3 T. butter until tender. Remove from heat. Add 3 T. wine, crab meat and stuffing mix. Toss lightly. Divide among breasts, roll up and secure with tooth pick or string. Combine flour and paprika and coat chicken with it. Place in a 9x13 baking dish and drizzle with 2 T. melted butter. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Turn onto a platter and keep warm. Blend sauce mix and milk. Cook and stir until thick. Add remaining wine and cheese Cook until cheese melts.

Loudon Elementary School PTA

Happy Spring from the LES PTA!

On Saturday, March 30th, the PTA held the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the LES playground. The kids had a blast running to find the hidden eggs, especially the golden eggs. A special thank you to Wayne Wilson for donating the candy for the Easter eggs and to the Easter Bunny for visiting us during the event. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us.

Starting Monday, April 1st and ending Friday, April 12th, the PTA will be holding a LES Read-A-Thon to promote literacy and raise funds for a book vending machine for the school. The PTA is looking for local businesses to purchase an ad to help support the Read-A-Thon fundraiser. Please reach out to loudonelementarypta@gmail.com for more details. Keep an eye out for additional information on our Facebook page and student folders.

Upcoming Happenings

Monday, April 1st – Friday, April 12th – LES Read-A-Thon

Monday, May 6th – Friday May 10th – Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 15th – LES PTA Officer Elections at May Meeting

Date TBD in May - LES PTA Talent Show

Like us on Facebook (Loudon Elementary PTA) and stay tuned for additional information in the weekly Smore's newsletter sent home with students weekly.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on April 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School media room for anyone interested in joining us.

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Suzy Bean – Treasurer

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MINIVAN MAYHEM In this weekly workshop, moms will have a space to socialize, learn about self-care, and support each other in their motherhood journeys. This program will be held on Thursday evenings at 6pm through the end of April. Nursing little ones are welcome, but we ask that older children do not attend.

CROCHET WITH CAROLE Join us for this beginner crochet class with Loudon local Carol Owens. All skill levels are welcome to join us on February 8th and 22nd at 11am. Please bring a size 5.5 crochet hook and worsted yarn!

COOKBOOK CLUB Every second Saturday of the month, our Cookbook Club will meet to share food and fun! This group chooses a cookbook to peruse, and encourages everyone to bring a dish to share at the monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on April 20th at 12pm.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB The next Afternoon Book Club will be on April 25th at 12:30pm to discuss The Island of Sea Women. Looking for Jane will be discussed at the May meeting.

EVENING BOOK CLUB The next Evening Book Club will be on April 25th at 6:30pm to discuss History of New Hampshire Abenaki. West with Giraffes will be discussed at the May meeting and If You Tell will be discussed at the June meeting.

THRILLER BOOK CLUB The next Thriller Book Club will be on April 4th at 6:30pm to discuss The It Girl Ruth Ware. Flicker in the Dark Stacy Willingham will be discussed at the May Meeting and The Marriage Lie will be discussed at the June meeting.

PUZZLE FRIDAYS We have a dedicated group that meets every Friday at 2:00pm to complete large puzzles. Come down to meet new friends and try to fit a piece or two!

WATERCOLOR PAINTING This beginner level watercolor program encourages us to learn together. Drop in on Tuesdays at 12:30pm to try simple, yet beautiful paintings with us. You do not need to register or bring any supplies.

SIT AND STITCH Join this group of fantastic ladies each Wednesday at 2pm, for knitting or other stitchwork, socializing, or working on puzzles. Bring your own project to work on while you chat!

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS:Spring has sprung! It’s April! Whether you are enjoying the flowers or staying inside because of the April showers, it is always a great time to visit the library!

STORY TIME: Storytime is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am downstairs in the children’s room! We have been reading books about St. Patrick’s Day, colors, things that go, bears, and counting! Come read, sing, and craft with us!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Have your voice heard and join our Teen Advisory Board! By joining and attending meetings you can earn community service hours! Email us at cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to register! This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday April 23rd at 5:30 pm.

TEEN MANDALA STONE PAINTING: Come paint a mandala stone! Painting these intricate patterns is fun and relaxing! This event is happening on Tuesday April 16th at 5:30 pm. Registration required. Please email cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to register.

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

KIDS LEGO BUILD CLUB: This program is on Thursdays at 3:30 pm! Come build Lego creations with us!

HOMESCHOOL TEEN WRITERS GROUP: Come do fun creative writing exercises, work on a current project, or get inspiration from your peers! This is a group for homeschool teens who love to write! This event happens on Thursdays at 2:30 pm.

SCIENCE HEROES INTERACTIVE STEM SHOW (SUMMER READING FINALE): Come see the Science Heroes Adventure of the Lost Treasure interactive STEM show! Help the performer conduct exciting experiments that bring this story to life! Experiment with chemical reactions, air pressure, physical explosions and more! After the show, celebrate the end of summer reading and see the reveal of our raffle prize winners! This event is happening on August 17th at 11:00 am.

THE MAGIC OF JASON PURDY SUMMER READING KICK-OFF SHOW: Come see extraordinary magic that will enchant people of all ages and sign up for summer reading after! This event will be happening on Sat. June 29th at 11:00 am.

ANIMALS IN NH WITH DR. SPLATT (BREWSTER BARTLETT): What does roadkill tell us about the population of animals in each state? What is the difference between a moose and a bear skull? How many bears, moose, and deer are in NH and how can we prevent them from being killed by motor vehicles? Brewster will have skulls, furs, and interesting materials on display and squirrel

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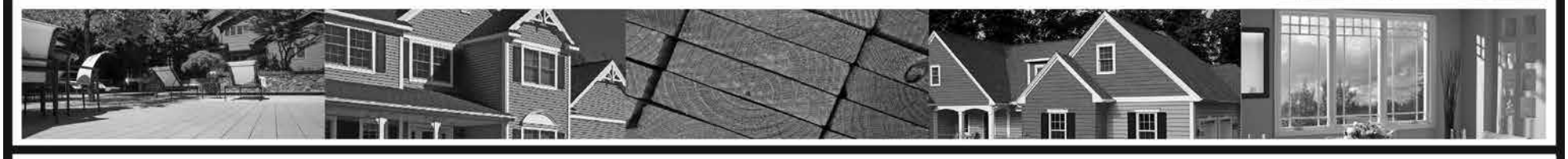

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snacks! Space is limited and registration is required. Please register by emailing cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or giving us a call. All ages are welcome! This even is happening on Friday, April 19th at 6:00 pm.

HANDS-ON NUTRITION NIGHT FOR KIDS: Join Hannaford Supermarket Registered Dietitian, Katy Magoon-Fredette, RDN, LD for a hands-on nutrition night! Children will learn how to use the Hannaford's Guiding Stars program to find foods that help their bodies grow their best along with playing a variety of food-focused games including "Produce Grab Bag", "Guess The Guiding Stars", and "Snack Pals Trivia". This event is for kids ages 4-12. Snacks, giveaways, and coupons will be provided! Registration is required. Please register by emailing cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or calling 603-798-5153. This event is happening on Tuesday June 4th at 5:00 pm.

THE LOUDON COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Loudon Communications Council, which is responsible for publication of the Ledger and management of the town's website at www.loudonnh.org, is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization established for educational purposes. Our approved mission is: "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." Once again, we're asking Loudon residents to consider joining us as a member of the Council.

With the exception of advertising sales, graphic design, printing and mailing, all work is performed by volunteers. Members of the Council and those elected to serve on the Board of Directors must be willing to understand, honor, and uphold the Council's mission and by-laws to ensure that the Ledger continues to provide an unbiased source of information about our town. We do not publish "opinion pieces" or "letters to the editor." We do not support or advocate on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office. We also will not endorse any plan or proposition that does not clearly facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation. We publish unedited copies of minutes from all of our local boards and commissions, and insist on giving our readers a chance to understand both sides of an issue.

We continue to believe that the Loudon Ledger fills an important function for our community. For some of us, it's a nice way of staying caught up with what's going on in town. For others, it can be a lifeline, particularly for the elderly and the disabled.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, we meet monthly at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Members also communicate regularly by phone, email, and text messages regarding content, editing, and policy decisions. For additional information, you can contact us by mail at PO Box 7871, Loudon NH 03307 or by email at ledgerarticles@gmail.com.

Loudon Fire Department News

The Loudon Fire Department has been very busy. As of March 15, the fire department has responded to 182 emergency calls, including 122 emergency medical service calls and 60 fire calls. Two of the calls involved carbon monoxide problems. One of the fires was a chimney fire which resulted in an estimated potential $10,000 property loss.

The fire department has responded 30 times to other communities for mutual aid. Loudon has received mutual aid 3 times. We also had 24 calls which occurred at the same time. Loudon Fire has had multiple units on multiple calls at the same time 15% of the time. This can become challenging when there are typically only two people on paid duty.

The average response time, from the time of dispatch until the time of arrival on scene, has been 9 minutes and 15 seconds. The average time from dispatch until the apparatus is responding is currently 1 minute and 36 seconds.

In March we placed two McGrath Fiber Optic Video Laryngoscopes in service. There is one device on each of the ambulances. The devices are considered the standard of care for paramedics engaged in performing endotracheal intubation on a patient. This allows the paramedic to visualize the patient's airway on a small 2-inch x 2-inch LCD screen so that they can pass a breathing tube through a patient's vocal cords. The tube is then available to ventilate a patient who needs assistance in breathing. All four of our current paramedics have been trained on the devices. Each McGrath Fiber Optic Video Laryngoscope costs $2,800.

The Loudon Fire Department would like to remind citizens that fire permits are now required if you intend to have an open fire. Fire permits can be obtained online for a price of $5.50. The money collected goes to the software vendor. Online permits can be accessed from the town website at www.loudonnh.org. You may also come to the station at 8 Cooper Street during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 08:00 to 16:00 or by contacting your local Fire Warden or Deputy Fire Warden.

Seasonal permits for category 1 and category 2 permits are good options for those who burn on a regular basis. Please make sure you research the size and type of fire you plan to have so that you obtain the correct permit. Category 3 fires are for brush piles. Brush piles must be located more than 100 feet from any structures. The brush pile may contain brush smaller than 5 inches in diameter. No building debris or household rubbish can be openly burned in NH. Burning debris or rubbish may result in potential warnings and fines. If you have questions about rules or regulations regarding outdoor burning, or if you plan to kindle a fire, please contact the fire department.

If you need a bicycle helmet for you or your children do not hesitate to stop by the station. We have bicycle helmets available for free distribution from a grant we received. It is important now that the nice weather has returned, and the days are beginning to get longer, that everyone who rides a bike is adequately protected with a current bicycle helmet. Head injuries from bicycle accidents are a leading cause of death from serious traumatic injury, which oftentimes can be avoided by simply wearing a helmet.

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OBITUARIES

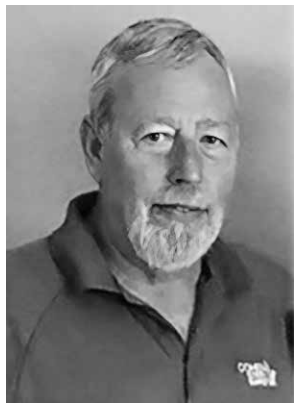
Jeane R. (Carder) Hodgman-Ashland

Jeane R. (Carder) Hodgman-Ashland of Loudon, passed away peacefully at home on February 26, 2024. Born in Portsmouth to Rex and Florence (Brownfield) Carder. She attended Concord schools before graduating from Portsmouth High School (class of 1952). She worked at Blake's Turkey Farm, The Village Press and D. McLeod Florist before retiring as a supervisor, from the NH Dept. of Safety after 22 years. She was a longtime member of NH State, Pomona & National Granges, through Millville, Bow and Pembroke Granges. She had also been a longtime member of the Loudon Freewill Baptist Church and Granite State Bowling League. Jeane loved camping & RVing, travelling across the country with her late husband Don and spending time with her friends as a member of the NH Wanderers, Good Sam Club. She enjoyed knitting & crocheting for everyone and her trips to the casinos. Jeane was predeceased by her two husbands Elwin Hodgman in 1990 and Donald Ashland in 2007, three brothers Richard, Dean & Robert Carder and a stepdaughter Joyce Dukette. Jeane is survived by her sons, Timothy Hodgman and his wife Linda of Warner, Terry Hodgman and Jeane's "adopted" son Alan Puglisi of Manchester and Toby Hodgman and his wife Cindy of Concord, step daughters, Brenda Bodi and her husband Brian of Concord and Bonnie Ashland of Penacook and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law Louraine Martell of Loudon and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn G. (Mercier) Beaule

Evelyn G. (Mercier) Beaule, 96, of Boscawen, passed away with her family by her side on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Merrimack County Nursing Home, Boscawen. Evelyn was born on March 21, 1927 in Walden, VT, daughter of the late Francis and Irene (Michaud) Fisher. She spent her childhood in Vermont, loving life on her grandparents' farm before moving with her parents to Laconia where she attended Laconia High School. At the age of 17, she went back to Vermont to care for her grandmother whom she loved dearly. Returning to Laconia, she worked for many years in the healthcare industry as a nurse's aide, showing love and care to all her patients, from the babies at the Laconia state school, to the patients at St. Frances home in Laconia. Making sure that no one passed alone, she was always there. She spent many years fostering children and welcoming them into our home and family. She enjoyed her flower garden, sewing, quilting and Bingo and most especially spending time with her grandchildren and gathering the family for holidays. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by three sons, Steven Fournier, Ronald Mercier and Daniel Bolduc. She is survived by her children, Linda Shaw of Ashland, Valerie Belyea of Goshen, Robert Mercier, Jr. of Camp Verde, AZ and Tina Huntley of Loudon, grandchildren, Amy Fournier, Brady Fournier, Jillian Mercier, Jonathan Mercier, Robert Mercier, III, James Shaw, Lisa Wyatt, Bethanne Day and Stephanie Huntley as well as nine great grandchildren.

Craig William Cleveland



Craig William Cleveland (also known to his friends as Turk), 70, died Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at his home in Loudon, NH. He was born on February 11, 1954, in Concord, NH. He was the son of Robert William Cleveland and Mary Annette (LaClair) Cleveland. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 40 years Patricia Mae (Hurlbutt) Cleveland. They were married on April 27, 1990, in Boscawen, NH. In addition, he leaves his brother, Corey Robert Cleveland, sister, Julia Jane (Cleveland) Pelkey and brother-in-law Shannon Gary Pelkey (Ninker). He also leaves stepchildren, Stephanie Lynn Hill of Boscawen, Christine Marie Hill of Newport, and Kristopher Jon Hill of Loudon. In addition, he leaves grandchildren Lindsey Jane Dineen of Boscawen, Adam Francis Dineen of Boscawen, Vivian Mae Peatie of Edgartown, Keaton Mannix Salathe, and Kalvin Maerk Salathe of Newport. He also leaves behind his niece, Brianna (Pelkey) Heath, nephews Brendon Pelkey and Nathan Cleveland. He was also the proud great grandfather of Amelia and Ashlyn Mottram. Craig graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 1972. He then went to work for Allied Leather for the next 16 years. After Allied Leather closed, he went to work for the State of New Hampshire, Materials and Research Department for next 30 years and until his retirement. Craig was an avid sports fan. He played baseball, basketball, golf, horseshoes, ping pong, darts, pool, bowling…and most of all he enjoyed being a part of a team. His most enjoyable moments were when he was fishing on the many rivers, lakes, and oceans throughout New England in all seasons. In addition, one of his most memorable fishing trips was when he went to Alaska. He was also a musician in the late 70's. He played the drums for a band called Desperados dressed in his polyester plaid bell bottoms, platform shoes and a cowboy hat. The group travelled in a carpeted van and played for many local dance halls.

Wayne Lawrence Petrovek

It is too soon that we announce the passing of Wayne Lawrence Petrovek on February 27, 2024. Wayne was born on November 19, 1944 the son of; August and Mary Petrovek (Cloherty). Wayne was a Career educator, coach, president of the Pittsfield teachers union, concord country club board member, Norwood sports legend and Umass hall of fame inductee with the 1965 hockey team. He loved a good book, Indiana jones, a cold beer, his family, friends, and a beautiful sunset. Most of all, his proudest moments were spent providing unwavering guidance to his grandchildren Bailey and Myles who will, no doubt, one day confirm his wisdom. He fought the good fight. He finished the race. He kept the faith. Wayne is survived by his wife; Susan Petrovek (Upham) his children; Caity Wayne Carter, Matthew George Petrovek. His brothers; Kevin and Brian Petrovek, Grandchildren; Bailey and Myles, Mother in law; Beverly Upham, In laws; Mark and Charlotte Upham, Michael and Kelly Upham, Nephew; Harry Upham and Nieces; Hannah and Maggie Upham. Predeceased by; his parents and George Upham.

Raymond Limoges

On February 23, 2024 the bright twinkle in his blue eyes and loving smile faded and the sounds of Ray's contagious laughter, quick wit, sarcasm, and sound advice were silenced as he went home to be with his beloved Jesus. The youngest of five children, he was born on September 18, 1943, in Claremont NH to Irene (Lambert) and William Limoges. In 1981, he married his "sweetheart", Mary (Witkop), and together they have been the truest example of a real-life love story. Ray's family meant everything to him, and he loved each of them unconditionally. He could be found supporting his children in all of their numerous activities, chaperoning Youth Ministry activities, and simply having fun with his kids and grandkids. Ray graduated from St Mary's High School in Claremont (class of 1961). He then attended St. Francis College, completed his Bachelor's Degree at NH College, and furthered his studies toward an MBA at Southern NH University. He worked for many years in business finance and computer services before founding Acceptance Leasing in 1988. After retirement, Ray thoroughly enjoyed pursuing his talents doing home repairs and remodeling projects for family and friends and fixing almost anything that was broken. He also enjoyed photography and creating videos for family, friends, and his parish community. A man of deep Christian faith and prayer, he was an active member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Concord. He was heavily involved in Youth Ministry and Religious Education, the Social Committee, Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Senior Day festivities, participated in Men's Prayer Group and team member for the construction of the Padre Pio Adoration Chapel, as well as a variety of services to his parish and community. His IHM family and close friends meant so much to him and have been such a blessing throughout his illness. He was also an active member of the NH Cursillo Movement, living out the motto "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ." He valued the time shared with his close friends in Cursillo and visibly wore his Cursillo Cross, in his own words, "as a reminder to me about who I am supposed to be." Ray and his wife Mary shared 43 years together and welcomed three children: Katie (Tayo) Atoro, Zachary (Chelsea Corr-) Limoges, and Aaron (Caitlin) Limoges. The family grew as four grandchildren were welcomed: Gideon and Levi Atoro, Nolan Limoges, and Sophie Limoges. Mary's college roommate, Mae Marchand, was a life-long, close family member who assisted with Ray's care during his illness. Survived by his first wife, Janet Ross, they share two children: Norman Limoges and Denise Kirk, and six grandsons: Joshua (Noelle) Limoges, Steven, Ethan and Spencer (Diamond Weeks) Limoges, Christopher and Ryan Kirk, and two great granddaughters, Mercedes and Madeline Weeks-Limoges. He is survived by his oldest brother Norman (Marie) Limoges, his sisters-in-law Marina, Sylvia and Colleen Limoges and Sue Flemming, Jeanette Gilmartin, Jane Sullivan, brother-in-law, Gerald Witkop, Jr., and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, sister Pauline and brother-in-law Galen (Spike) Veayo, brothers Donald and Richard Limoges, son-in-law Alan Kirk, sister and brother-in-law Josephine (Francis) Seddon, sisters-in-law Eileen Witkop, Kathleen Butler, Anne Trudeau, brother-in-law James Gilmartin and close family friend Rita Marchand. We are at peace, knowing he is welcomed home by these family and friends. Ray had the uncanny ability to bring joy to any situation, even difficult ones. In his honor, please share kindness in an unexpected way. We will miss him endlessly, but these acts of joy and love are his legacy.

Floyd S Potter, JR

Floyd S Potter, JR passed away peacefully at his home with his wife Cathy and stepdaughter Tammy by his side. Floyd fought a courageous battle of cancer for many years. He was born in Nashua, NH, The son of Floyd S. Potter, Sr and Esther Johnson Potter on February 3, 1937. He attended Alvirne High where he met his first wife Barbara. Floyd was predeceased by his parents, his first wife Barbara of 64 years, a son Steven who was killed in a motorcycle accident six days after he lost his wife Barbara. Also predeceased by a brother Neil, a sister-in-law Holly and a niece Amy. He also lost his favorite cat, Tommy, one week prior to his passing. Floyd is survived by his second wife Catherine (Cathy Thurston), a daughter Cathy of Georgia, brothers Robert and his wife Jane of Vermont and Florida, Richard of Florida, and his granddaughter Ariel and her husband Tom of NC, a stepdaughter Tammy Hisel and her husband John of NH, and a step grandson John of NH, and multiple nieces and nephews. Floyd's passion in life was law enforcement. After high school he joined the Army in 1955 and worked his way up to becoming an MP. He was stationed in Germany where his Wife Barbara joined him, and they traveled extensively through Europe. After the Army he went on to be a conservation officer for NH Fish and Game from 1958-1967. In 1967 he started as a state trooper for the state of NH. There he attended a 2 month polygraph examiner school in NYC, graduating in 1969. He was then transferred to the Division of Criminal Intelligence and Narcotic Bureau. He was promoted to Corp. Tech, Detective Corporal and then Detective Sargent. He was in charge of NH State Police polygraph unit division and worked with the Attorney General's office. He retired from the State Police in 1977 and then went on to be Chief of Police for Newport, NH. from 1977-1980. After being Chief Of Police, he was elected Sullivan County Sheriff from 1980-1982. He continued doing polygraph for agencies and himself personally until he Retired from Law Enforcement. In 1982 he accepted the position of Director of Security for Sturm Ruger Co. in Newport, NH. This also included the position of Environmental Manager.

Granite VNA Offers “A Matter of Balance” Program

Granite VNA is offering “A Matter of Balance,” an eight-week falls prevention program that helps adults view falls and the fear of falling as controllable, change the environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The program is at Epsom Public Library, 1606 Dover Road on Thursdays beginning April 18 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Our “A Matter of Balance” classes help participants gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies.

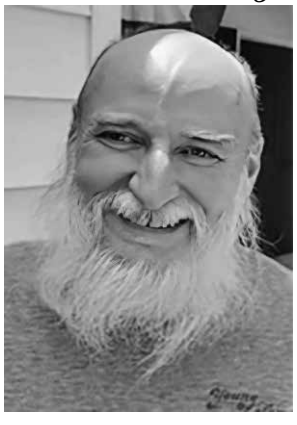
To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85815 or visit www.granitevna.org. Registration is required and space is limited. This program is offered at no charge.

OBITUARIES

Candace K. (Cunha) Schaefer

Candace K. (Cunha) Schaefer received her wings on February 22, 2024 following her 7-year battle with cancer. Candi was born in New Bedford, MA on October 11th, 1985, then her family moved to Loudon, NH. She graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2003, and continued her education at St. Anslem's College, earning a Bachelor's degree in political science in 2007. Her career in politics began with Congressman Paul Hodes and then Senator Jeanne Shaheen where she became the Director of Constituent Services. Her passion for physical fitness started 20 years ago when she started taking Jazzercise classes and then became an instructor. Her continued passion for fitness and helping others, she fearlessly opened her own studio in 2019, Thrive Group Fitness in Concord, NH. Her dream studio flourished earning her several recognitions for Best Fitness Studio in the greater Concord area. Despite her continued battle with cancer, Candi continued motivating those around her by doing Breast Cancer awareness events and raising money for cancer research. As an outlet, she created a blog "A Beautiful Mess – Thriving through life with Cancer" https://beautifulmess32.wordpress.com to share her experience not only for her own healing process but to help others going through the same process. Candi's biggest passion was her family. Marrying the love of her life, husband Fred in 2008 and welcoming their beautiful daughter, Lydia in 2010. When she was enjoying life with her family and friend, she was truly at her happiest. She will forever be in the hearts of her mother and step-father, Kelsy & Jared King; her father and step-mother, Paul & Bernie Cunha; her siblings, Jay & Celeste; her mother/father-in-law, Karen Schaefer & Rich Bittle; her sister/brother-in-law, Cassie & Scott McVey and her brother-in-law, Ritchie Bittle.

Thomas Alan Young, 66



Thomas Alan Young, 66, of Williamston, NC, passed away February 7, 2024, peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, after a five-month courageous battle with metastatic colon cancer. Tom was born in Goffstown on April 7, 1957, and was a son of Kenneth E. and Betty L. (Kenney) Young. He grew up in Manchester and Londonderry and graduated from Pinkerton Academy with the class of 1975. In addition to his parents, Tom leaves behind his son, Marshall and wife, Melissa, granddaughter, Olivia of Loudon; partner of 25 years, Sandra Morgan; step children, Annie Morgan of WI, Ian Morgan of NC, Emily Morgan of SC, and Chelsea (Morgan) Fortescue of AL; brother, Andrew and wife Claudette of Freeman Township, ME; sisters Sandra and husband Ken Fongeallaz of Londonderry, Debra and husband Glen Bolser of Bedford; along with many step grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by brother Michael. Tom turned his love of woodworking into a 40-year endeavor working alongside his brother Andrew and nephew Jason in the family cabinet business. Tom was a lifelong musician, playing drums in numerous bands with friends and family. He was an avid golfer, reader and enjoyed training for his pilot's license. He also had a passion for motorcycles and classic cars. Tom will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

911 Loudon Police News

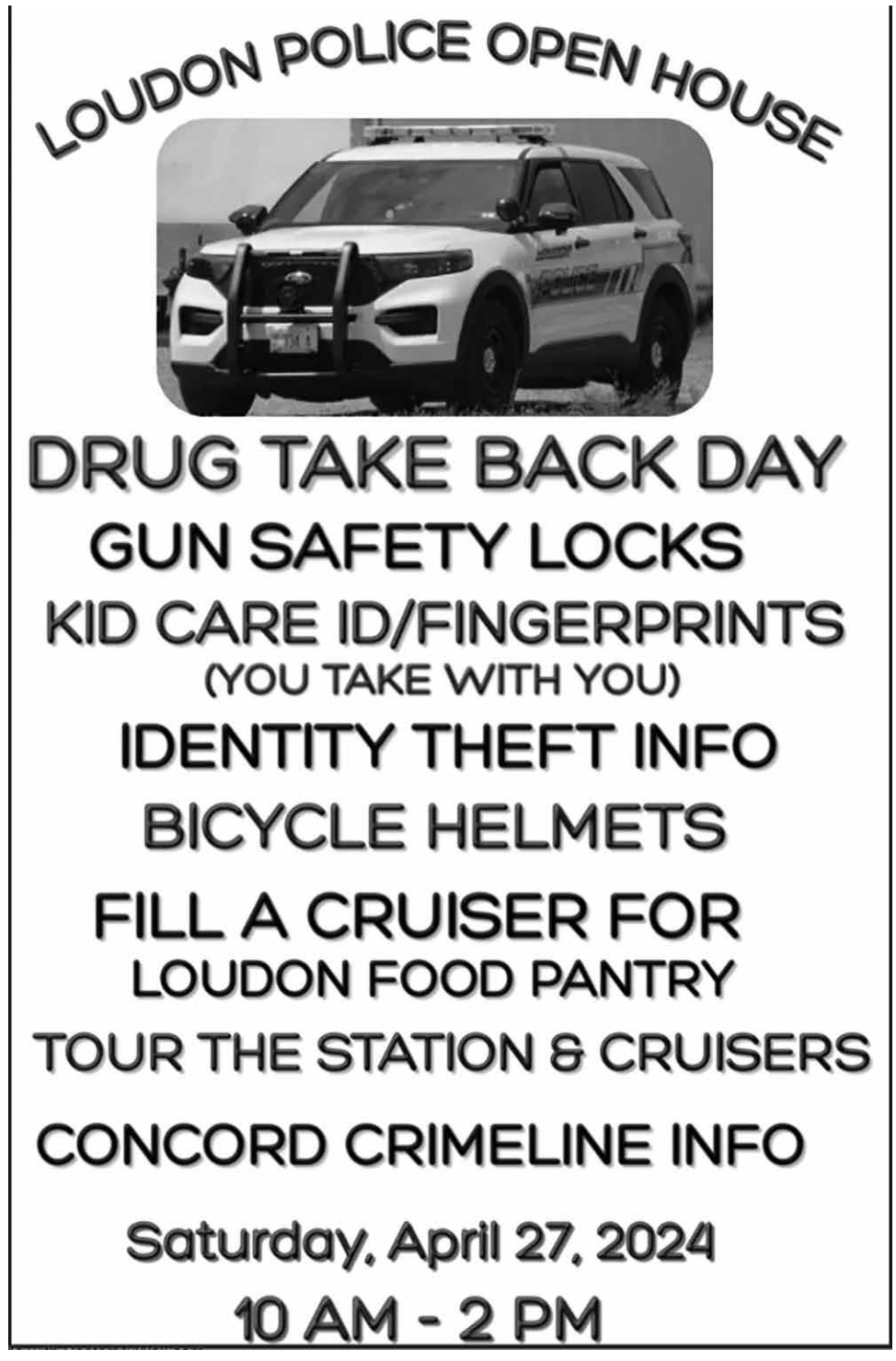
OPEN HOUSE:

On April 27, 2024, we will be hosting an open house at the Police Department from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This will be held in conjunction with our semi-annual Drug Take Back Day. We will have lots to offer including Identity Theft information, bicycle helmets, gun safety locks, Concord Crimeline information, just to name a few. We will also be hosting our 2nd fill a cruiser event for the Loudon Food Pantry. Last year we raised $914.55 in food items and $35.14 in household items for the Food Pantry. Let's see if we can exceed that this year!

SPRING WEATHER:

Friendly Reminder:

No person shall enter or remain on any parcel of land owned by the Town of Loudon or Merrimack Valley School District between the hours of 10:30 pm and 5:00 am unless approved by the Board of



Selectmen or proper authorization from the Merrimack Valley School District. (Loudon Town Ordinance)

With the nicer weather arriving and school vacation right around the corner, you will also see children out on their bicycles, skateboards, etc. Please use extra caution and slow down. Remember bicycle helmets are required for any child under the age of 16.

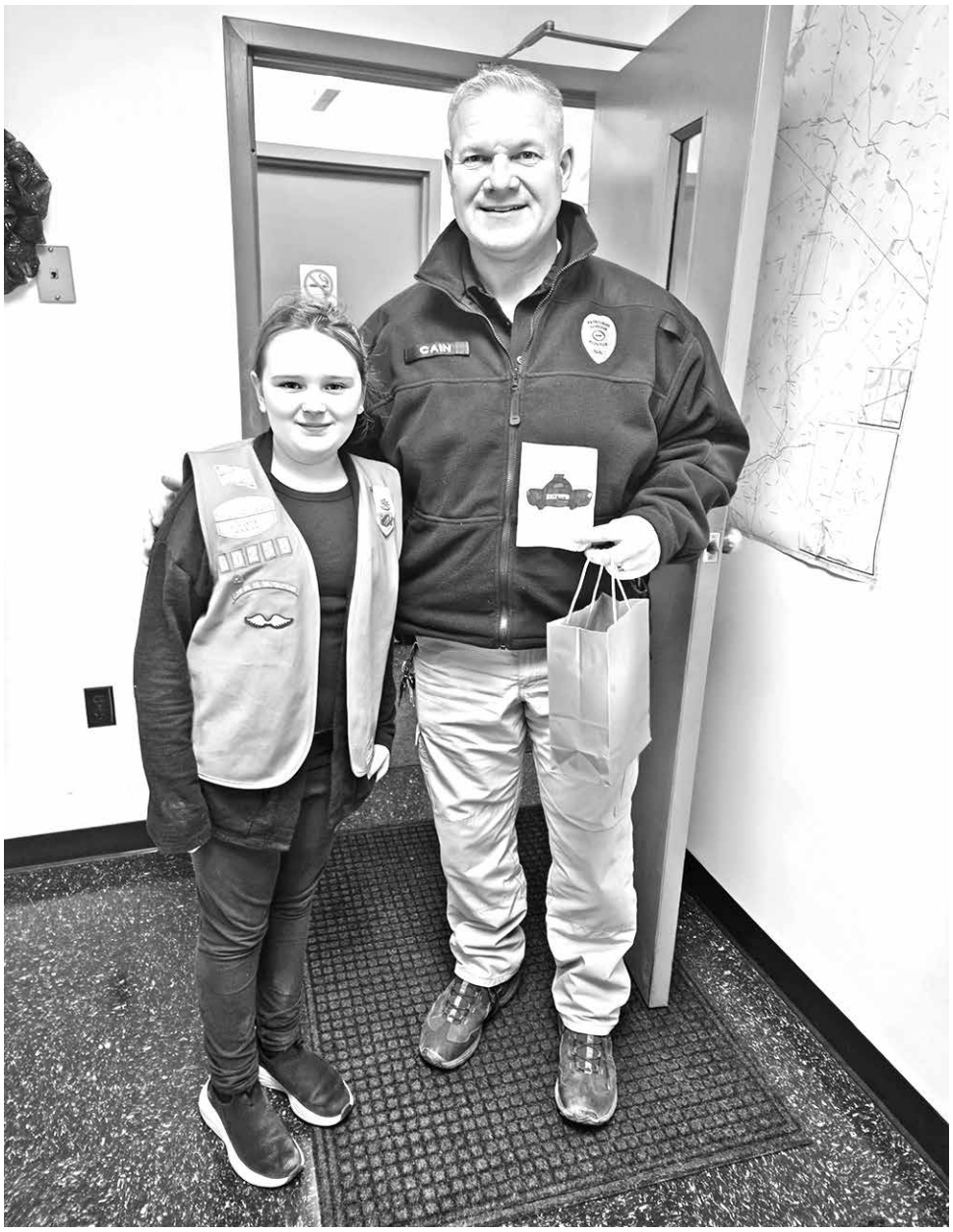
The recreation fields are seeing increased activity as the sports season is in full swing. Please use respect while visiting and using the fields. If you see anything suspicious, we strongly encourage you to contact us at 603-228-1631. Please remove any trash when you leave (there are dumpsters located at both fields).

Clough Pond Beach – a resident sticker is required while using the beach. The sticker can be purchased at the Loudon Transfer Station during normal business hours.

Alcohol is prohibited on town owned property.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

On April 11th we will co-sponsor our 6th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive with the Loudon Fire Department. The Fire Department previously had the privilege of holding the trophy for the first 4 years but the Police Department was finally able to gain control of the trophy last year. This is a fun competition between the Fire & Police Departments, but the true hero's are our donors who contribute as there is a critical need for blood.



Charley Flint from Girl Scout Troop 60180 donated cookies and a beautiful card. Officer Cain is pictured with her.

Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will be held indoors as we will also be hosting an open house.

MAJOR 2024 EVENTS:

We recently had our kickoff meeting for the traffic control planning with local, state and federal agencies for the upcoming Nascar race, The Ambetter 301, which is scheduled for June 23, 2024. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the event.

INFORMATION SHARING:

Remember if we have information to share with the general public, we will post it on the website at www.loudonnh.org (click on Police Department) and/or our Facebook page. You can also go on the website and get notified when news is posted (click on subscribe to e-alerts on the main page).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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A Special THANK YOU to the Church of the Nazarene in Loudon!

The Benjamin Franklin Academy board, staff, and families extend MANY thanks to Pastor Eddie Kish, his wife Rachel, and the entire congregation at the Church of the Nazarene. They generously supported us by allowing us the use of their, 33 Staniels Rd, Loudon facility for a temporary site at the start of our first school year!

THANK YOU Loudon and Merrimack Valley Community!

* **Tasker Landscaping:** Plowing to provide safe drop off and pick-up for our students
* **Huckleberry Propane and Oil:** Quick install of our new oil tank and great delivery service
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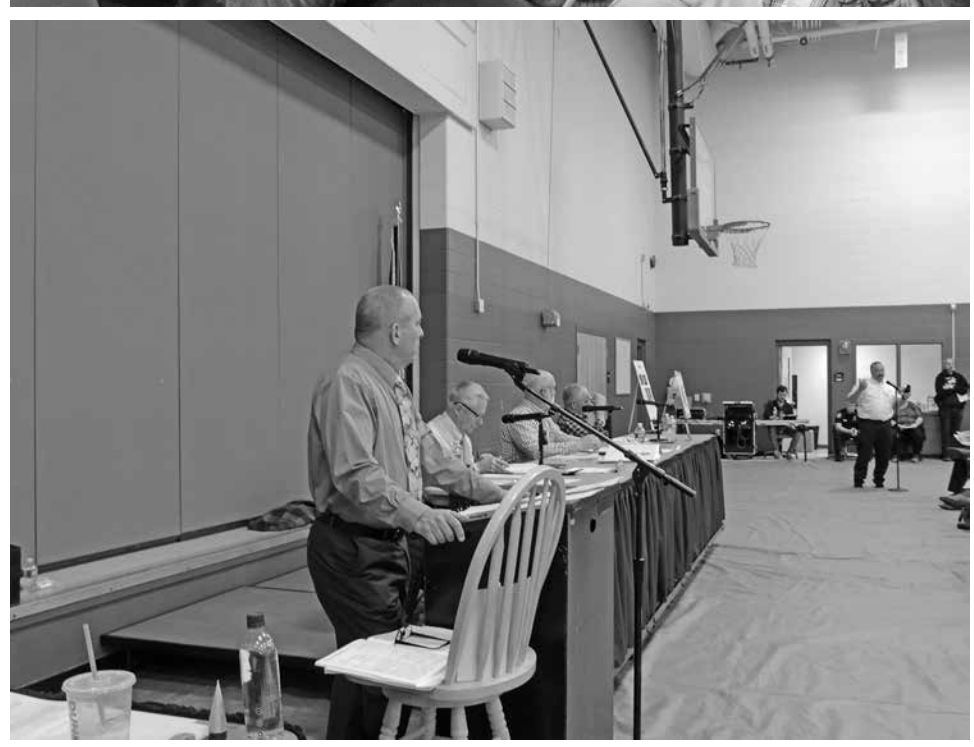
Moderator Rodney Phillips and Assistant Moderator Janice Morin with Secretary of State David Scanlon



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Official Town Election Tally Report

VotingWorks

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Loudon, New Hampshire
This report was created on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 9:55:27 PM EDT.

Certification Signatures: We, the undersigned, do hereby certify the election was conducted in accordance with the laws of the state.

× Rodney W Phillips × Ashley Simonds ×

Ballot Counts	
Hand Marked	681
Sheet 1	681
Sheet 2	690
Machine Marked	0
Manually Entered	20
Total	**701**

Town
Selectman
For 3 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	13	0	13
Dwayne R. Gilman	280	13	**293**
Ned A. Lizotte	153	3	**156**
John A. Storrs	233	4	**237**
Write-In	2	0	**2**

Town
Town Clerk
For 3 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	24	0	24
Ashley E. Simonds	657	20	**677**
Write-In	0	0	**0**

Town
Moderator
For 2 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	123	5	128
Rodney W. Phillips	529	13	**542**
Write-In	29	2	**31**

Town
Supervisor of the Checklist
For 6 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	1	1
Undervotes	129	5	134
Francine Clave	537	12	**549**
Write-In	15	2	**17**

Town
Trustee of the Trust Fund
For 3 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	498	11	509
Vickie Phillips (Write-In)	135	8	**143**
Other Write-In	48	1	**49**

Town
Planning Board (2 seats)
For 3 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	359	12	371
Stephen N. Caine	221	5	**226**
Forrest H. Green	383	10	**393**
Stanley H. Prescott II	381	11	**392**
Write-In	18	2	**20**

Town
Planning Board
For 1 year

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	1	1
Undervotes	55	1	56
Alicha M. Kingsbury	328	12	**340**
Bobbie L. Gaudette	287	6	**293**
Write-In	11	0	**11**

Town
Zoning Board
For 3 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	188	8	196
Peter V. Pitman Sr.	465	10	**475**
Write-In	28	2	**30**

Town
Library Trustee
For 3 years

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	105	0	105
Brianna K. Hemmah	130	2	**132**
Rebekka Herrmann	275	14	**289**
Mary Olson	168	4	**172**
Write-In	3	0	**3**

Town
Library Trustee
For 1 year

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	63	0	63
Dyrace Maxfield	296	4	**300**
Amy Corliss	321	16	**337**
Write-In	1	0	**1**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-01

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	51	0	51
Yes	516	14	**530**
No	114	6	**120**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-02

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	49	1	50
Yes	551	13	**564**
No	81	6	**87**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-03

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	46	0	46
Yes	533	12	**545**
No	102	8	**110**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-04

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	55	0	55
Yes	539	14	**553**
No	87	6	**93**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-05

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	85	1	86
Yes	451	10	**461**
No	145	9	**154**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-06

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	681	20	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	47	0	47
Yes	507	14	**521**
No	127	6	**133**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-07

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	44	1	45
Yes	513	7	**520**
No	133	3	**136**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-08

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	60	0	60
Yes	447	7	**454**
No	183	4	**187**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-09

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	53	0	53
Yes	497	7	**504**
No	140	4	**144**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-10

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	94	1	95
Yes	445	5	**450**
No	151	5	**156**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-11

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	113	1	114
Yes	416	6	**422**
No	161	4	**165**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-12

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	122	1	123
Yes	442	5	**447**
No	126	5	**131**

Town
Amendment No. 2024-13

	scanned	manual	total
Ballots Cast	690	11	701
Overvotes	0	0	0
Undervotes	80	2	82
Yes	481	5	**486**
No	129	4	**133**

VOTING FUN FACT

A single vote can make or break an election.

Over the past two decades, more than a dozen races were decided by a single vote or ended in a tie. If enough people vote in your district or county, your ballot can increase your preferred candidate's chances of winning an election and help get policies passed that reflect your values and your community's needs.

News From The Town Clerk's Office

Ashley Simonds

Happy Spring! We are pleased with the voter turn out for our Town elections. Thank you so much to the voters and our election workers for coming together to help make our election successful!

We would also like to thank Chief Blanchette for providing the election workers with amazing food! Thank you Chief, it was delicious! And thank you and your staff for sharing your space with us as well.

We had a total of 701 voters for our Town elections, results are as follows. (see Attached).

If you would like to know more about our election results, rules, procedures, and any other information you can find it on the Town Website. Go to Loudonnh.org > Departments > Town Clerk > Election Information or Election Town Meeting results.

We would like to remind you that we process boat registrations as well as Fishing, Hunting, and off road OHRV's.

Dog licenses are also due this month. In the State of New Hampshire all dogs are required to be licensed within 30 days after the age of 4 months. The dog must have received a rabies vaccination.

New residents are required to license their dog(s) within 30 days after moving to Loudon. The fee to register your dog is as follows:

UNALTERED MALE/FEMALE $9.00

SPAYED/NEUTERED $6.50

SENIOR CITIZEN (65 & OVER) $2.00 (One dog per household)

PUPPIES (UNDER 7 MONTHS) $9.00

KENNEL (5 DOGS OR MORE) $20.00

LATE FEE COMMENCING JUNE 1ST $1.00/MONTH

Feel free to call us with any questions, comments, or future articles you'd like us to "brush-up" on in the World of Motor Vehicles, Elections, Vital Records, Record Retention and Dog licenses.

-Ashley Simonds

Official Official Town Election Write-In Adjudication Report

VotingWorks

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Loudon, New Hampshire
This report was created on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 10:07:22 PM EDT.

Town
Selectman
2 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Todd Gaignat	1
Robert Fiske	1

Town
Town Clerk
0 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Town
Moderator
33 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Michael Longver	4
Paul Johnson	1
Ernie Roberts	1
David Moody	1
Tyler Willis	2
Karen Noyes	2
Sharon Drake	1
Phillip Carpenter	1
Other	1
Donna Odde	1
Jeff Leonard	1
Janice S Morin	1
Dick Wright	1
Dana Flanders II	1
Steve Ives	1
Anyone else	1
Jeff Green	2
John Storrs	2
Joe Smoe	1
Marc Griffin	2
Anyone	1
Any Body else	1
Not Rodney	1
Invalid	2

Town
Supervisor of the Checklist
19 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Andy Palhof	1
Michelle	1
Michael Longver	4
Dana Flanders II	1
Leon Verville	1
John A Storrs	1
DennisD Jakubowski	1
Karen Noyes	1
Tyler Willis	2
Lucy Gordon	1
Janice Morin Schoonmaker	1
None of the above	1
Mike Mullen	1
Invalid	2

Town
Trustee of the Trust Fund
198 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
George Page	1
Bill Lake	1
Stan Prescott	1
Mary Ann Steel	1
Pete Crouch	1
Ernie Roberts	1
Dean Nixon	1
Vickie Phillips	143
Peter Crown	1
Stephen Jakubowski	2
Howard Pearl	2
Rodney Phillips	2
George Saunderson	1
XXXXX	1
Shia Cambrils	1
Donna Odde	1
Dana Flanders II	2
Dustin Bowles	3
John Storrs	1
Vicky Phelps	1
Cecile Merrill	5
Todd Simmons	1
Kelly Clark	1
Katie Phelps	1
Dwane Gilman	1
Me	1
Terese Bastarache	1
Charlie Pearl	1
Maureen Prescott	2
Patrick Golden	1
Bob Fiske	1
Jason Landry	1
Ronald Nowe	1
	1

Katherine Phelps	
Stan Lloyd	1
Rebekka Hermann	1
Karen Noyes	2
Vincent	1
Invalid	6

Town
Planning Board
22 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Sara Farnet	1
Alicia Kingsbury	1
Howard Pearl	1
Dana Flanders II	1
Josh Pearl	1
Terry Bridges	1
Rodney Phillips	1
Kevin Jordan	1
Les Seaboyer	10
Anybody else	1
Karen Noyes	1
Invalid	2

Town
Planning Board
11 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Bob Fiske	1
Stanley H Prescott II	1
Dana Flanders II	1
Jim Claremont	1
Robert Philips	1
Dwayne Gilman	1
Stephanie Gaignat	1
Michael Corbett	1
Anybody else	1
Chris Michael	2

Town
Zoning Board
32 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Rusty Stratton	1
Dwayne Gilman	3
Ned Lizotte	1
Ernie Roberts	1
None	1
John A Storrs	1
Tyler Willis	2
Matthew Moore	2
Forrest Green	1
Anybody else	1
Leslie Seaboyer	1
Robert Philips	1
Dana Flanders II	1
Michael Longver	4
Karen Noyes	1
Matt Raimer	1
Not Peter!	1
Dennis Jakubowski	1
Linda Verville	1
Stephen Darling	2
None of the above	1
Joe Jackson	1
Invalid	2

Town
Library Trustee
3 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Vickie Phillips	1
Dana Flanders II	1
Raven Pearl	1

Town
Library Trustee
2 total write-ins / 0 not adjudicated

Write-In Candidates	
Dana Flanders II	1
Invalid	1

Town of Loudon New Hampshire Town Meeting Results

Saturday, March 16, 2024, held at the Loudon Elementary School.

Article -03 To purchase a police cruiser- majority vote PASSED.

Article-04 To close police cruiser CRF- majority vote PASSED.

Article 05- To purchase Lunar Devices- majority vote PASSED.

Article 06- To replace doors & windows at Safety Complex- majority vote PASSED.

Article 07- To reclaim and pave Lesmerises Road- majority vote PASSED.

Article 08- To purchase a road tractor- majority vote PASSED.

Article 09- To purchase excavator and trailer- Secret ballot Yes- 165, No-124 PASSED.

Article 10- Solar array at the Clough Hill Fire Station- Secret ballot Yes- 179, No- 132 PASSED.

Article 11- Community Power- Secret ballot Yes- 164, No- 146 PASSED.

Article 12- Close Town History CRF- majority vote PASSED.

Article 13- Retiree Liabilities ETF- majority vote PASSED.

Article 14- To raise and appropriate for existing CRF's- majority vote PASSED.

Article 15- To raise and appropriate for existing ETF's- majority vote PASSED.

Article 16- Operating Budget- majority vote PASSED.

Article 17- To discontinue a section of Old Wales Bridge Road- majority vote FAILED.

Article 18- To Discontinue a section of Old Wales Bridge Road- majority vote FAILED.

Article 19- To purchase playground equipment- Secret ballot Yes- 41, No- 232 FAILED.

Article 20- Paper ballot & hand counting- majority vote FAILED.

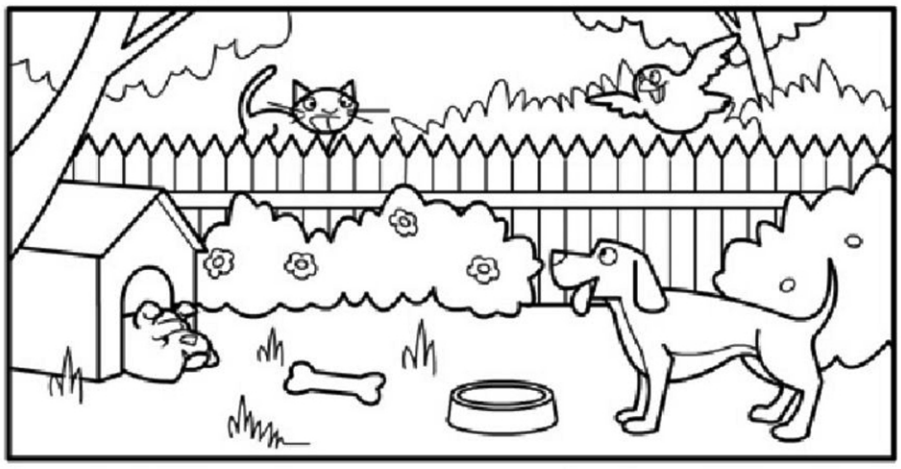
Article 21- To transact business- (No further discussion) majority vote PASSED.

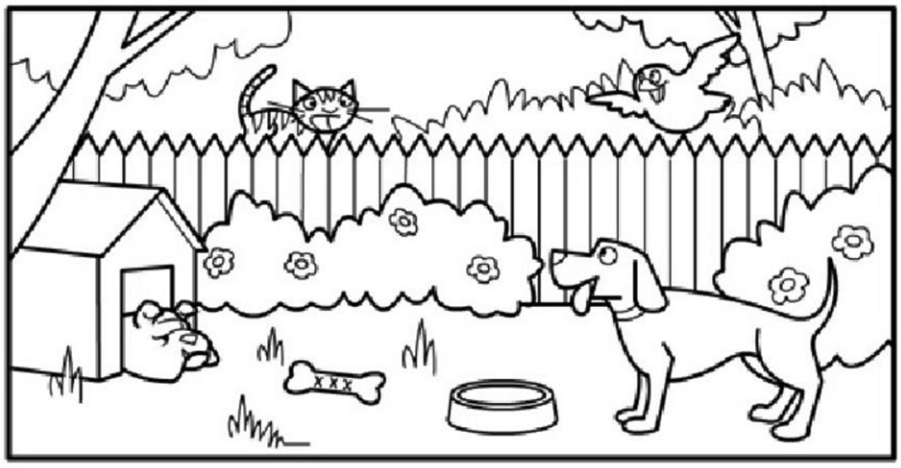
We would also like to thank Chief Blanchette and team for providing the election workers with amazing food! Thank you all, it was delicious!

PUZZLE PLACE

What's the Difference?

Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?





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Word Bank

flower rainbow kite bird
sun frog nest seeds
cloud bee snail leaf

Search for Spring

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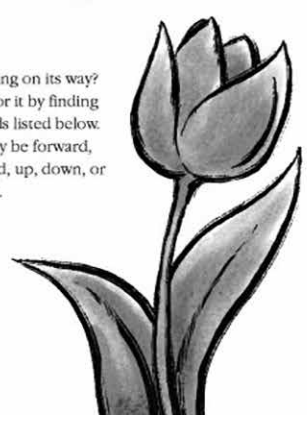

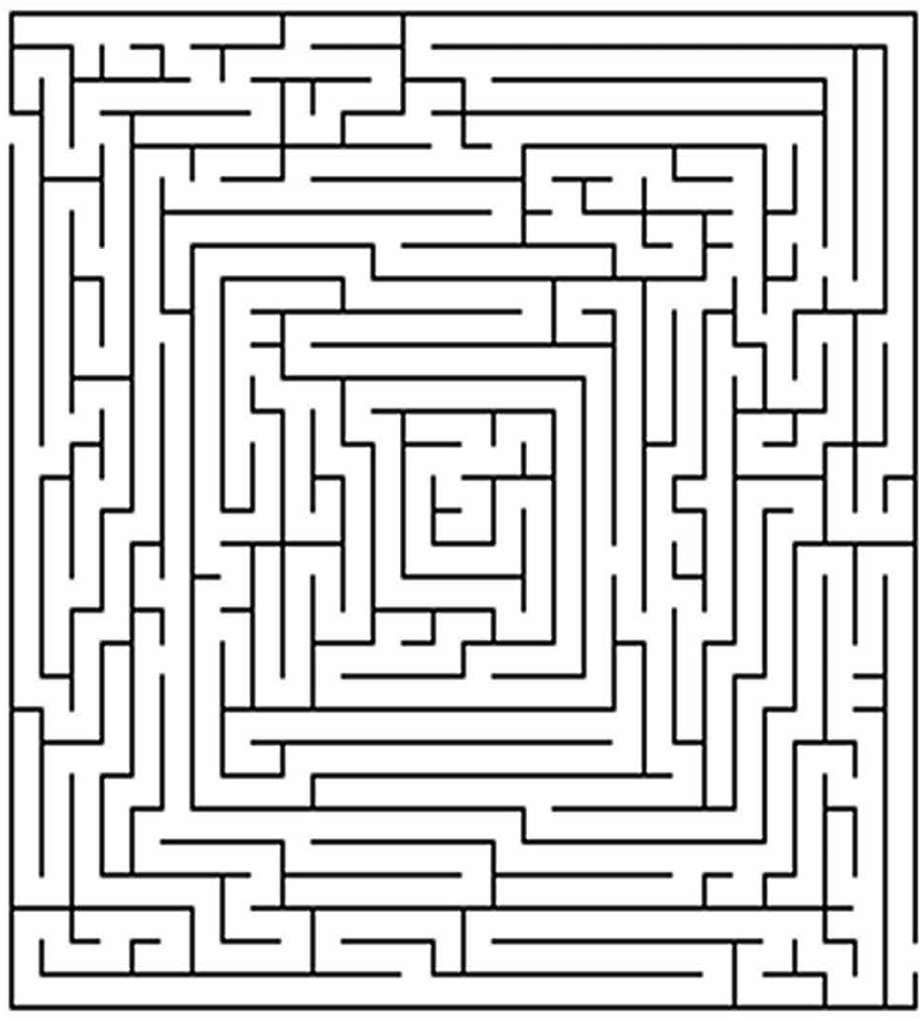

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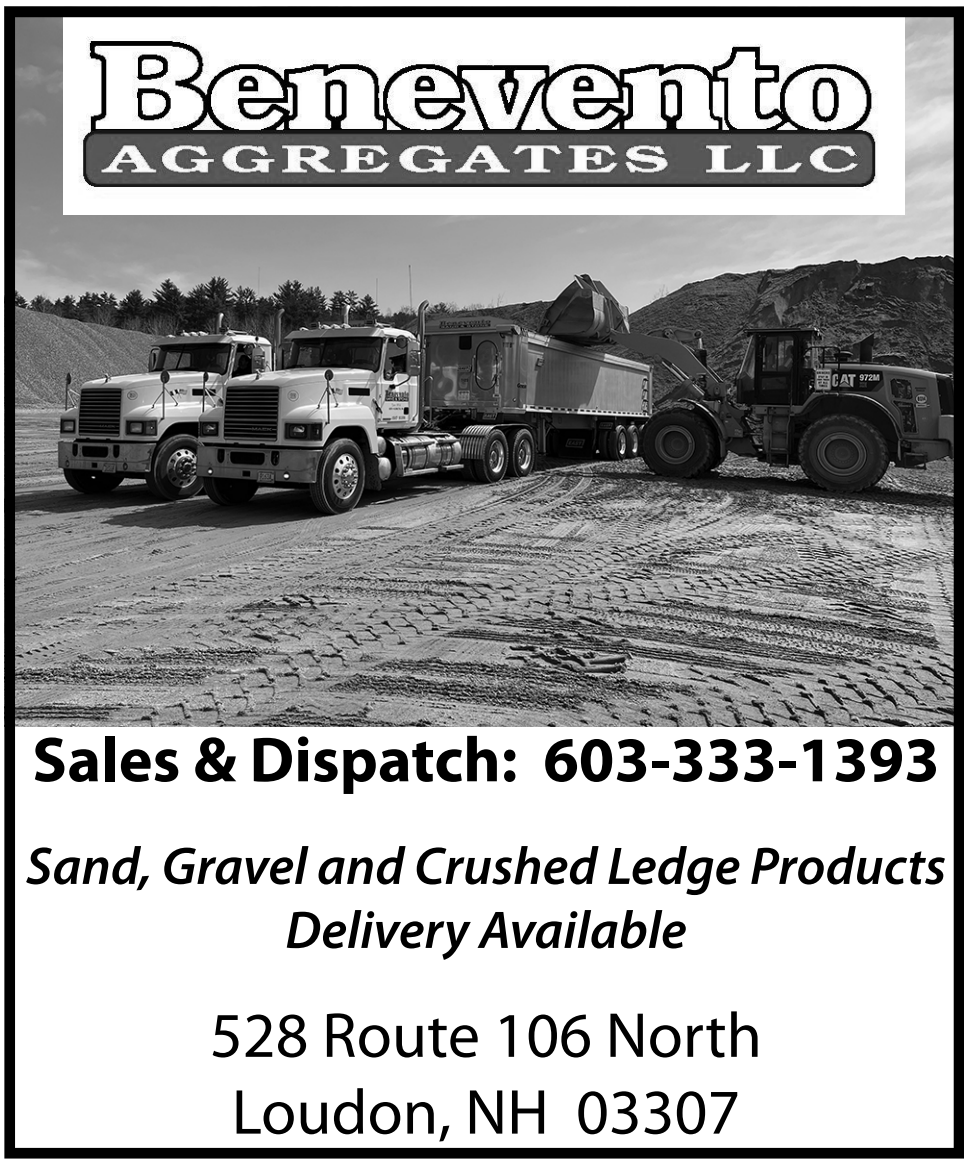

Loudon Selectmen's Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 20, 2024
Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectmen Miller, and Selectman Storrs

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Maxfield.

III. Roger Maxfield opened the Board of Permit at 6:01pm.

a. Chaiman Maxfield stated they had 3 applications all from the New England Race Museum. They want to do motorcycle shows and this is something that has been done in the past. The 3 dates they are looking for are 5/24/24 with a rain date of 5/25/24, 6/28/24, and 8/24/24 with a rain date of 8/25/24. Chairman Maxfield stated the Police Chief had no issues with this. Earl Tuson, from the Zoning Board had no issues with this. The Selectmen signed the 3 applications.

IV. Roger Maxfield closed the Board of Permit at 6:06pm.

V. The Board welcomed Henry Herdon and George Saunderson from Community Power. Chairman Maxfield stated the town received a Cost Sharing Agreement from the Community Power Coalition of NH, which would not be signed before our Town Meeting vote. Chairman Maxfield stated, by law, NH towns cannot use municipal funds to cover any program expenses for community power. The Board asked Henry who finances the program, since they cannot use municipal funds to cover any expenses. Henry Herdon stated that they have 28 towns and roughly 120,000 customers who participate in Community Power. Instead of the people buying their electricity from say Eversource they buy it from Community Power and Community Power gets a percentage of that money. Customers get it at cheaper rate than they would from the electric company. The Board stated there would be a warrant article and the town will vote on it at town meeting. Henry informed the town that if it was voted yes then everyone in the town would be opted in, but you will have 30 days to opt out.

VI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board of Selectmen is going to put new business on hold until they have time to review the two quotes they received for Actuarial Valuation.

VIII. The Board reviewed old business:

a. The Board revisited Joe Brown's temporary permit access for a driveway. The Selectmen reviewed the rules and believe that the $25 fee is necessary. The reason for this is so they can keep track of permits that have been issued for properties andfor the administrative fee. This will also allow it to be on file if the property is ever sold.

IX. Important Dates:

a. Candidate's Night - Wednesday, March 6th – 6pm – Town Office

b. MVSD Annual Meeting – Friday, March 8th – at the High School

(Polls are open from 11am – 7pm, Meeting starts at 7pm)

c. Town Elections – Tuesday, March 12th – 7am to 7pm – Safety Complex

d. Town Meeting – Saturday, March 16th – 9am – Loudon Elementary

X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard, 157 Kenney Rd, Jeff Leonard was inquiring about Community Power and why they would be automatically enrolled if the Warrant article for it was voted in. The Board of Selectmen informed him that he would be automatically enrolled because that is how their process works, but anyone who does not want to participate would have 30 days to opt out. Jeff Leonard also asked how long the contract would last for. The Board informed him there was no time frame. They would just have to decide when they wanted to opt out.

XI. Chairman Maxfield recognized Ned Lizotte of Hardy Road. Ned Lizotte was wondering about Community Power and what they would have to do if they were happy with their current electric provider. The Selectmen informed Ned all he would have to do is opt out. Ned also asked why there was not any information given out before hand about Community Power. The Board of Selectmen did let him know that they had multiple meetings.

XII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Alicha Kingsbury of 293 Bear Hill Road. Alicha asked what the J. Jackson email was about on the consent agenda. Selectmen Miller informed her it was a letter in support of Joe Osborne. Alicha Kingsbury also asked what the Rolfe Canal Project was on the consent agenda. Selectmen Miller stated they received a letter because Penacock sent out letters to surrounding towns just let towns know about a project they were doing. This project does not affect Loudon at all.

XIII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Terese Bastarache of Oak Hill Road. Terese stated that she received a letter from the town Moderator, Rodney Phillips. She wanted to know why she received this letter about voting sign laws and why the town spent money to send it certified. The Selectmen stated they were unaware of this letter and that they would investigate the matter for her.

XIV. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Tax Collector, Meghan O'Hare at 6:45 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:16 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XV. Selectmen Storrs made a motion to adjourn the at 7:28pm. Seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller, and Selectman Storrs

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

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

II. Chairman Maxfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said that the planning for race week in June begins next week.

b. Chief Blanchette said ambulance 1 is at Nucar due to the turbo letting go in the truck.

c. Chief Blanchette said they have been busy with mutual aid calls and Loudon calls but have been going along at a normal pace.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:

a. Russ Pearl said they are just dealing with early mud season.

b. Russ Pearl stated they are just doing maintenance over at the garage.

c. Russ Pearl stated that the Girl Scouts are ok to set up at the Loudon Transfer Station to sell cookies.

VI. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess:

a. Chief Burgess said they have two candidates they are reviewing

for hire.

b. Chief Burgess said Hayden is in his ninth week at the academy. He is doing very well.

c. Chief Burgess said Corporal Nye completed his Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol instructor class.

d. Chief Burgess said himself, Lieutenant Flanders, and Janice Morin met with the town moderator to go over the upcoming election for Loudon.

e. Chief Burgess said the contract between Loudon and the Concord City Prosecutors office has been reviewed by both town lawyers and things have been changed and agreed upon. The contract was given to the Selectmen to be reviewed.

VII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Chairman Maxfield stated they had 2 proposals for the Actuary Group to compute figures for retirement healthcare. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept KMS LLC as the actuary company to fulfill the obligation and provide the services. The evaluation dates are July 1st, 2022- June 30th, 2023, July 1st2022- June 30th, 2024, July 1st, 2024- June 30th, 2025, and July 1st, 2024- June 30th, 2026. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. Discussion, the town does not provide healthcare for retirees, but they still need to have the figures and documentation for every employee. It is a new requirement. If they do not do it, then they will keep getting flagged for it on an audit The total cost will be $11,000 over a period of time. The money will come out of the contingency fund. That fund is for unanticipated expenses. Selectmen Miller made a motion to add to pay KMS LLC through the contingency fund. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept the original motion as mended. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. The Board reviewed old business:

a. Selectmen Miller asked Chief Blanchette if he has had any communication with the business Tree Fellas on School St. Chief Blanchette told him that he has not. Selectmen Miller told him to reach out to him and let him know course of action will be taken if they do not wish to comply.

b. Chief Blanchette asked the Selectmen if the response for the other property on School St with the tiny house was ok to send. The Board informed him it was.

IX. The Board reviewed important dates:

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X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Alicha Kingsbury of 293Bear Hill Road. Alicha asked what the address was for the tiny house on School St. Chief Blanchette stated that he would have to get back to her because he does not know the address off the top of his head. Alicha Kingsbury recommended when referring to a property to give the address or map and lot for transparency.

XI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Road Agent, Russ Pearl, and Scott Bernier at 6:36pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. Roll call vote, Chairman Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectmen Storrs- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public session 6:39pm. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Roll call vote, Chairman Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectmen Storrs- Yes. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XII. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Police Chief, Kris Burgess, and Lieutenant Flanders at 6:41pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. Roll call vote, Chairman Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen

Miller- Yes, Selectmen Storrs- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public session 7:23pm. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Motion seconded by Selectmen Miller. Roll call vote, Chairman Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectmen Storrs- Yes All in favor. Motion carried.

XIII. Selectmen Miller made a motion to appoint Alexander Andruzzi to part time patrolman with the Loudon Police Department on March 5th, 2024, with the start date of March 11th, 2024. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIV. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Town Administrator, Brenda Pearl at 7:28pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. Roll call vote, Chairman Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectmen Storrs- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public session at 7:55pm. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Roll call vote, Chairman Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectmen Storrs- Yes Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XV. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 7:57pm. Motion seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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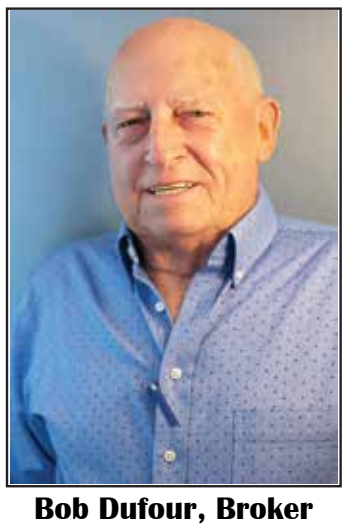

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- It is the second month of spring. It is a time of planting and spring cleaning.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The diamond of April symbolizes innoncence.
- The Boston Marathon is held during April.
- In Ancient Rome the month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus.
- In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.
- April is the month when the professional baseball season begins

Loudon Planning & Zoning Board Minutes

APPROVED

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes
January 18, 2024

Chairman Jeff Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Chairman Jeff Green, Vice-Chair Danielle Bosco, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Alicha Kingsbury

Marilyn Whitten and Alternate Bill Taranovich were not present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 21, 2023, Zoning Amendment Workshop #6 Minutes –

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to approve the Zoning Amendment Workshop #6 minutes. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried. The Zoning Amendment Workshop #6 minutes were approved.

December 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes –

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting Minutes from the December 21, 2023, Planning Board Public Hearing were approved.

Conceptual Consultation:

The Conceptual Consultation on the agenda for this month was moved to the March 2024 Planning Board Meeting by the owner of the property.

Public Hearings:

New Business –

Application #24-01 3GG LLC Site Plan Review Revision – Map 50 Lot 12

Chairman Jeff Green and Forrest Green recused themselves from the Board. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco took over.

Jeff Green, Land Surveyor, presented on behalf of the applicant. There were no abutters present.

The Board discussed the new number on the application. Jeff Green explained that this application is a revision of a previously approved site plan. Josh Pearl said that #24-01 is a revision to the conditionally approved application #22-19.

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to accept application #24-01 as complete. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried. Application #24-01 was a complete application.

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

Jeff Green explained that the project was done in 2 phases. The new application is to present revisions to the Phase 1 plan of the project. On the revised site plan, he was asking for light pole locations, to move the deck from the left side of the building to the right side of the building, and to move the dumpster to the corner of building C which allowed for a wider area to accommodate both trash and recycling. The lighting plan shows the full photometrics plan. The same lighting is used throughout the project. Proposed revisions are shown in red on the plans. Sheet 4 of the plans shows the location of the light poles, the dumpster, and the deck. Josh Pearl asked for clarification of the garage door note on the application. Jeff Green explained that, as shown on the building elevations page, the doors are reversed from the location they were in on the original submission. The Board discussed the dates on the plans and the previous applications for the project. Jeff Green said that he was not referencing the previous applications and was just asking for the proposed changes as shown. Alicha Kingsbury was concerned that some of the things on the plan didn't match what the plan is referring to. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco said that any type of approval for this current application would need

to reference being pending the previous application approvals. Jeff Green said that the square footage of the buildings and structures has not changed at all; all that is being proposed is a change of location. Nobis still had one more final review to complete.

Josh Pearl made a motion that Application #24-01 did not constitute a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Josh Pearl said that the application approval could be conditional based on the finalization of previous conditions of approval on #22-19 and #23-03.

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM. Alicha Kingsbury said she wanted to make sure the conditions were met for the previous applications because the plans look very different.

Josh Pearl made a motion to approve Application #24-01 conditional to the final acceptance of all conditions for Applications #23-03 and #22-19. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. All in favor, the motion carried. Application #24-01 was conditionally approved.

Jeff Green and Forrest Green rejoined the Board. Chairman Jeff Green resumed control of the meeting.

Public Hearing: Land Development Regulations

Chairman Jeff Green opened the public hearing at 7:37. He explained that the public hearing was to approve amendments to the Land Development Regulations.

Chairman Jeff Green read #1. Amend: Article 11 (Formal Application Procedure) Section 11.1(F) by: Changing the requirement from 15 days to 10 days for the submission of revisions from TRC. Forrest Green made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #2. Amend: Article 12 (Subdivision Submittal Requirements) Section 12.3 by: Changing the requirement from six 22” x 34” paper copies to four copies for formal application submittal and for final plans for signature; Changing requirement from two Mylar copies to one Mylar copy to be filed with the MCRD. Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #3. Amend: Article 12 (Subdivision Submittal Requirements) Section 12.4 (4) by: Changing the required scale from 1” = 50 feet to 1” = 100 feet. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #4. Amend: Article 12 (Subdivision Submittal Requirements) Section 12.5 (5) by: Changing the requirement of the locus map of the vicinity of the site from 1” = 1,000 feet to requiring a locus map detailing the public street system in the vicinity of the site with no specified scale. Forrest Green made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #5. Amend: Article 12 (Subdivision Submittal Requirements) Section 12.6 (1) by: Changing the language from the requirement of the “Town Engineer” to the “Planning Board”. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #6. Amend: Article 13 (Site Development Plan Submittal Requirements) Section 13.3 by: Changing the requirement from six 22” x 34” paper copies to four copies for formal application submittal and for final plans for signature; Removing the requirement for Mylars to be submitted. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #7. Amend: Article 13 (Site Development Plan Submittal Requirements) Section 13.5 (5) by: Changing the requirement of the locus map of the vicinity of the site from 1” = 1,000 feet to requiring a locus map detailing the public street system in the vicinity of the site with no specified scale. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #8. Amend: Article 13 (Site Development Plan Submittal Requirements) Section 13.6 (5) by: Changing the requirement of the locus map of the vicinity of the site from 1” = 1,000 feet to requiring a locus map detailing the public street system in the vicinity of the site with no specified scale. Forrest Green made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #9. Amend: Article 14 (Lot Line Adjustment Plat Requirements) Section 14.4 (4) by: Changing the required scale from 1” = 50 feet to 1” = 100 feet. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #10. Amend: Article 14 (Lot Line Adjustment Plat Requirements) Section 14.4 (5) by: Changing the requirement of the locus map of the vicinity of the site from 1” = 1,000 feet to requiring a locus map detailing the public street system in the vicinity of the site with no specified scale. Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #11. Amend: Article 22 (Items Required for Application Approval) (1) by: Changing the requirement for Mylar copies from two to one. Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #12. Amend: Article 22 (Items Required for Application Approval) (2) by: Changing the requirement from six paper copies of the plat and all design pages to four paper copies of the plat and all design pages. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read #13. Amend: Article 23 (Additional Design Standards for Site Plans and Subdivisions) Section 23.6-1 (d) by: Removing the requirement for all lots to contain a minimum rectangular area measuring 180’ x 240’; except in the Village District which shall contain a minimum rectangular area measuring 100’ by 200’; Re-lettering (e) to (d). Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green Closed the Public Hearing at 7:48 PM.

Public Hearing: Application Updates

Chairman Jeff Green opened the public hearing at 7:50 PM. He explained that the changes to the applications were formatting changes, and the content was not changing. Josh Pearl made a motion to adopt all of the proposed application updates. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried. Chairman Jeff Green closed the public hearing at 7:52 PM.

Public Hearing: Capital Improvements Program

Chairman Jeff Green opened the public hearing at 7:52 PM. He explained to the Board that the CIP committee worked on the numbers on the Municipal Improvements Schedule. The committee then sent a memo to the Selectboard about the recommendations. The CIP document was worked on with assistance from CNHRPC. Forrest Green made a motion to adopt the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2024/25 to 2029/30. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried. The Board signed the Certificate of Adoption.

Board Discussion & Correspondence

Chairman Jeff Green discussed that the Change of Use approval for the Church of the Nazarene being used by Ben Franklin Charter School had an end date of January 15, 2024. It doesn't appear like the location at Chichester Road is being used yet. He asked the Board how they wanted to proceed. The Board discussed sending a letter to the school asking for a status update and encouraging a visit back to the Board for an extension if they needed more time. The Board agreed that this method would help keep communication open.

Report of the Next ZBA Meeting:

#Z23-37 LaCourse – Map 23 Lot 27 – Special Exception for Wetland Impacts

#Z24-01 NH Consistory – Map 20 Lot 100 - Special Exception for Reduced Side Setback for a Driveway

#Z24-02 Koufos – Appeal of an Administrative Decision made in #Z23-36

#Z24-03 Town of Loudon – Motion for a Rehearing of #Z23-36

Adjournment:

John Storrs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Roy
Administrative Assistant

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Zoning Amendment Public Hearing
January 18, 2024

APPROVED

Attendance:
Planning Board: Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Chairman Jeff Green, Vice Chair Danielle Bosco, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Alicha Kingsbury
Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA): Alvin See

The Board held a Public Hearing to review the proposed Zoning Amendments for the 2024 election on March 12, 2024, and to determine which amendments would be moved to the ballot. Chairman Jeff Green called the Public Hearing to order at 6:04 PM.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-01.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-01** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article II Section 204.3(N) by deleting the words in strikethrough, as follows:

Accessory buildings may be built before the dwelling provided that the applicant has a current ~~is on the~~ building permit ~~list. Adopted 2007~~

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-01 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-02.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-02** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 1. by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:

Forestry and tree farming, using Best Management Practices Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire ~~(April 1996)~~ (April 2016 and as amended).

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-02 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-03.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-03** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 2. by deleting the words in the strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:

Agriculture, including grazing, crop production and the construction of fences, using Best Management Practices for Agriculture ~~(July 1993- Amended September 1998)~~ (July 2017 and as amended) provided that such use does not cause significant increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion.

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-03 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-04.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-04** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 4. by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:

Conservation areas and nature trails using Best Management Practices for Erosion Control During Trail Maintenance and Construction ~~[1994 update 1996]~~ (January 2017 and as amended).

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-04 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-05.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-05** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article V Section 502.1 by adding as underlined, the bullet heading "L" as follows:

"L. Permitted minor home occupations include, but are not limited to the following:"

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-05 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-06.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-06** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article V Section 502.1 11. by deleting the word in strikethrough and adding the word in underline, as follows:

"11. Family daycare home involving not more than ~~three~~ four children"

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-06 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-07.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-07** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

amend Article V Section 502.2 11. by deleting the word in strikethrough and adding the word in underline, as follows:

"Daycare facilities caring for more than ~~three~~ four children"

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-07 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-08.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-08** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of "Kennel" to the definition section as follows:

"The establishment or domicile of any person who sells dogs at wholesale or retail; and, if retail, who sells or transfers 10 or more litters per year, or sells or transfers 50 or more puppies per year; or who derives 40 percent or more of gross annual income from the sale or transfer of dogs"

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-08 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-09.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-09** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to add an Article V Section 505.2 A 5 as follows:

In granting a special exception, the Zoning Board shall impose a requirement that any new telecommunications tower will reserve a 12 (twelve) foot section of the top 50% (fifty percent) of the tower to be used by public safety telecommunications needs for the Town of Loudon in, and in addition, provide space in any auxiliary structure erected to house and provide a climate controlled constantly electrically powered area for public safety telecommunications equipment.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-09 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-10.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-10** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article V Section 502.2 by adding, as underlined, the bullet heading "I" as follows:

"I. Major home occupations requiring a special exception include but are not limited to the following:"

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-10 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-11.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-11** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article VII Section 701.3 (1) by adding the underlined words "Article V", as follows:

"The special exception is specifically authorized by Article II, Article III, or Article V of this Ordinance."

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-11 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-12.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-12** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II by:

Creating section 201.5 and adding Zoning Map from CNHRPC.

Deleting existing maps.

Moving the Table of Dimensions after the updated map in 201.5.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-12 to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-13.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-13** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Remove Section 507 in its entirety and

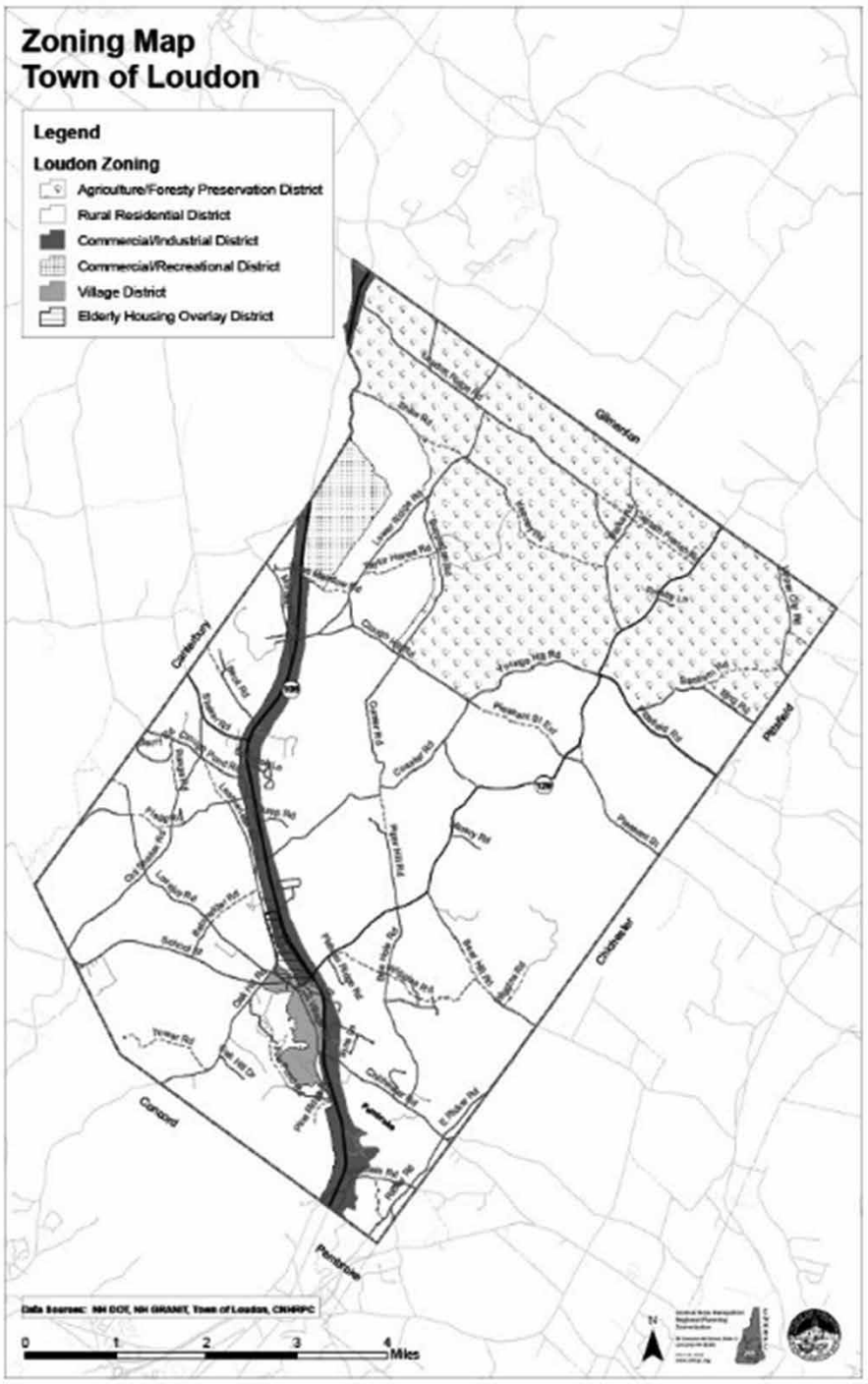
Replace with a new Section 507 as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program which will:

Add Zone AE

Amend definitions

Add a Regulatory Floodway

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-13



to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Conclusion
Chairman Jeff Green closed the public hearing at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Roy, Administrative Assistant

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Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024

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

Attendance: Alvin See, Charlie Aznive, Chairman Earl Tuson, Peter Pitman, Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Alternate Ned Lizotte

Alternate Steve Ives was not present.

Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission was also present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes:

Peter Pitman made a motion to approve the December 28, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. All in favor, the motion carried; the minutes were approved.

January 8, 2024, LaCourse Site Walk Minutes:

Peter Pitman made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024, LaCourse Site Walk minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. All in favor, the motion carried; the minutes were approved.

The Zoning Board hears appeals for rehearings, special exceptions, variances, and administrative appeals. They need to be filed within a timely basis within 45 days of an action. For further information, applicants can see the Loudon Zoning Ordinance, the RSAs, or can stop by the Zoning Office and talk to Lindsey during business hours.

Chairman Earl Tuson discussed a law that was passed by the legislature 2 years ago in August 2022 requiring written findings of facts for each decision made by the Board. He said that the Board had neglected this requirement but will be fulfilling the requirement moving forward.

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

Application #Z23-37 LaCourse – Map 23 Lot 27 – Special Exception to allow wetland impacts

Adam Doiron from Doiron Environmental was present. The applicants, Michael & Katherine LaCourse, were present. No abutters were present. Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission was present.

Adam Doiron explained that a site walk was conducted on January 8 with the ZBA and Conservation Commission. The fire chief recommended having the driveway designed to be able to handle a tanker truck. The engineer redesigned the driveway to reflect the suggestion. Having the driveway at a 14' width minimizes impacts to the buffer. The driveway width is closer to 16' near Route 129. Both culverts are being improved. The owner of the property wants to access the backland of the property. Addressing the crossings now means that a future application to the state would not be required. The Conservation Commission had recommended an open-bottom culvert, but the engineer would have required footings, and it would have led to higher design costs and higher material costs. The planned structure is a single family house. The pipe would be 36" for the intermittent stream. The watershed above the crossing is steep and the larger pipe would accommodate the water. The 1st crossing would be a 24" pipe. The applicant and the Board discussed the options for culverts and the restrictions because f the slope. The land had been previously used for forestry activities.

Julie Robinson gave the Board members a map with drawings. The red line on the map signifies the 25' no touch buffer, the yellow shows the 75' wetland buffer, and the green shows the proposed underground power to the house. The buffer is in place to protect the wetlands. Julie Robinson shared concerns about the buffer becoming totally compromised and the 25' no touch being encroached on at many points. The property is on the Bee Hole Brook Watershed which feeds into the Soucook. The fear is the wetland would become compromised. The owner owns a decent amount of land in the upland. The impervious material of the house makes the water flow downward.

Adam Doiron explained that moving the house further back into the property means more driveway. Chairman Earl Tuson asked if other house sites had been identified further back on the property. Adam Doiron said that the wetland extends to the rear boundary and the back area was not delineated for wetland boundaries. Michael LaCourse said that bringing the power back further onto the lot is costly. There was a previous approval for the driveway a few years ago for the driveway.

The Board took a 5-minute recess for the previous application to be brought up from the office.

Chairman Earl Tuson said that any work outside the red line would be subject to the "no cut" buffer. Adam Doiron said that no additional cutting was proposed within the 25' buffer. Michael LaCourse said that they were not planning on cutting anything further. There would be some excavation between the 25'-75' buffers on the west side.

Application #Z20-03 allowed for a special exception for the wetland impacts. Vice Chair Todd Phelps clarified that the approval in #Z20-03 was more than 2 years ago and had since expired.

The Board reviewed the points of the application with the applicant's agent. A Special Exception was requested from Article III Section 301.5 A. The special exception will provide reasonable access to the property without injurious or detrimental effects on the neighborhood.

301.5 A. 1. – The proposed construction allows access and productive use of the non-wetland areas of the property.

301.5 A. 2. – Impacts will be minimized by using the existing gravel access road and existing woods road. Construction is proposed during dry conditions. Silt fences are proposed to contain impacts. Slopes will be stabilized with vegetation.

301.5 A. 3. – There is no other alternative that is feasible or reasonable to gain access to the usable non-wetland areas of the property. The proposal is for the least impacting alternative.

301.5 A. 4. – A wetlands permit application will be submitted to NHDES.

301.5 A. 5. – All special exception criteria have been addressed.
301.5 A. 6. – The disturbed areas will be stabilized with vegetation.

The Special Exception will allow permanent impacts to forested wetland, an intermittent stream, and wetland buffer areas and temporary impacts to wetland buffer areas. Appropriate erosion and sediment control measures are proposed to prevent impacts outside of the proposed project area. There will be no impact on groundwater resources.

Chairman Earl Tuson closed the public hearing at 7:39 PM and opened Board deliberations.

Vice Chair Todd Phelps touched on feasibility and reasonability – if the applicant moves the house location up on the land, there would be more impacts because of excavation without the help of the existing logging roads. Chairman Earl Tuson said that without seeing what is back on the property, it is unknown. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that the current place seems feasible and reasonable.

Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to approve Application #Z23-37 as presented. The motion was seconded by Peter Pitman. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. Application #Z23-37 was approved.

The Board completed the Findings of Fact for the application.

1. There is no alternative construction site that would avoid wetland impact.

2. The application adequately addresses design, construction, and maintenance, and minimizes detrimental impacts.

3. No feasible or reasonable alternative was identified during testimony.

4. Applicable permits were addressed during testimony.

5. All Special Exception criteria were satisfied.

6. Appropriate mitigation measures were addressed during testimony.

Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for Application #Z23-37. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor.

New Business –

Application #Z24-01 NH Consistory Map 20 Lot 100 – Special Exception to allow for a reduced side setback for a driveway

Gary Roy was present. Bob DuFour, representing the owner of lot

20-101, was present.

Gary Roy explained that he presented drawings to the Board to show circumstances of how the roads are aligned and how everything is angled. They met with the Road Agent, Russ Pearl, to discuss entrance onto the property from Chichester Road. Shifting the side setback from 30' to 15' aligns with what is needed for access.

Alvin See made a motion that application #Z24-01 did not constitute a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor, the motion carried.
Alvin See clarified that the drawings provided show proposed future improvements of the intersection and does not reflect what is currently in place.

Bob DuFour, representing the owner of lot 20-101, spoke in favor of the application.

Gary Roy explained they were denied access from 106 for a driveway onto the property.

The Board reviewed the points of the application. A Special Exception is requested from Article II Section 206.5 to allow a reduction in in the side setback from 30' to 15'. The Special Exception will improve property access. There are no additional demands or impact on municipal services. There would be no impacts on the natural environment or groundwater resources. In the criteria for a reduced setback, the applicant explained that the driveway would not unreasonably diminish the light, air, and space between the properties and would probably increase them. There would be no unreasonable hardship because of the commercial nature of the lots. The requested reduction in setback would increase visibility and give more room for larger emergency vehicles to enter the property. There would be no increase in storm runoff, no negative impact on abutting property values, and would increase the potential development capability of the lot. The special exception would improve traffic and pedestrian safety by providing better visibility.

Chairman Earl Tuson closed the public hearing at 8:07 PM.

Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that it seems like a fairly easy application. The Board agrees with the 9 justification questions for a reduced setback. There is really no other alternative for a driveway. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to approve application #Z24-01. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. The motion carried. Application #Z24-01 was approved.

The Board completed the Findings of Fact for the application.
1. The Special Exception addressed all 9 individual required criteria in the application for the Board to approve a setback reduction.

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Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM
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2. The Board regularly approves applications of this nature.

Alvin See made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact for Application #Z24-01. The motion was seconded Peter Pitman. All in favor, the motion carried.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

Chairman Earl Tuson introduced Application #Z24-03 Town of Loudon as an application for a rehearing of #Z23-36. He explained that this application did not constitute a public hearing and no testimony would be provided. The attorney for Joe Osborne from Orr & Reno had submitted a letter to the Board regarding the rehearing, but because the Board does not take testimony in this type of application, the letter was not distributed to members. The RSA allows the Board of Selectmen to motion for a rehearing of an application. The ZBA can also decide to do a rehearing. The application for a rehearing submitted by the Town of Loudon stated in 4. d. that there was a legal error on behalf of the ZBA. "At the December 28th meeting, the ZBA voted that Osborne failed to satisfy the spirit of the ordinance prong but then nonetheless voted to grant the variance. To issue a variance, the ZBA must determine that each of the five (5) variance elements has been satisfied; if they are not satisfied, the ZBA cannot legally grant the variance. Because a majority of the ZBA determined that the spirit of the ordinance element had not been satisfied, it was legal error for the ZBA to then vote to grant the variance." Chairman Earl Tuson explained that the Board had voted 3-2 that the spirit of the ordinance was not observed, and because of that the Board did not have the legal ability to approve the variance. The ZBA also failed to determine if the application constituted a Development of Regional Impact and Findings of Fact were not completed for #Z23-36. Without Findings of Facts, any court would sent the application back to the Board to be reheard. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said it seems like there is good cause to rehear the application. Chairman Earl Tuson explained that the Board did not have the ability at this time to reverse the decision they made in granting the variance. They could either grant or deny the rehearing request. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion based on the errors made by the Board to grant a rehearing of Application #Z23-36. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes.

The rehearing of Application #Z23-36 was scheduled for the February 22, 2024, Zoning Board Meeting.

Public Hearings:
New Business –

Application #Z24-02 Koufos – Appeal of an Administrative Decision

Tracy and Chris Koufos submitted an application to appeal an administrative decision made by the ZBA in Application #Z23-36.

Tracy Koufos was present. Doug and Judy Hayes of 128 Route 129 were present, Joe Jackson of 35 Plateau Ridge Road was present, Linda Porter of 24 Plateau Ridge Road was present.

Chairman Earl Tuson asked Tracy Koufos if she wanted to continue with her application for an appeal of the decision made in Application #Z23-36 that was just granted a rehearing for February 22, 2024. Tracy Koufos withdrew Application #Z24-02.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

The Board reviewed correspondence from Code Enforcement dated January 18, 2024, as a notice of Violation to Nelson Perron. The Board reviewed correspondence from Code Enforcement dated January 18, 2024, as a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn.

Joe Jackson of 35 Plateau Ridge Road questioned the Board regarding the motion for a rehearing. Chairman Earl Tuson explained that the Board had legally no right to approve the variance because one of the 5 variance tests failed.

Adjournment:

Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. Alvin See seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Roy, Administrative Assistant

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment

APPROVED

Site Walk Minutes
January 8, 2024

Map 23 Lot 27, Rt 129, Loudon (no fixed address)

Meeting opened at 3:03 PM.

Attendance:

Board members: Alternate Steve Ives, Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Peter Pitman, Alvin See, Chairman Earl Tuson

Applicant and Agent: Michael LaCourse, Adam Doiron

Conservation Commission: Chair Julie Robinson, Sandy Sims, Pauline Touzin, Sandra Blanchard

Resident: Noreen Ives

Application #Z23-37: The Board viewed the location of proposed stream crossings, the location of the proposed driveway, and the proposed building location.

Chairman Tuson appointed Steve Ives as a voting member for the duration of the meeting.

Alvin See made a motion to continue Application #Z23-37 to the regular January meeting. Seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor.

Motion made to adjourn by Alvin See, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 3:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Tuson, Chair

April 2024 in Loudon

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Conservation Commission @ the Community Building	6PM
1st Tuesday of the Month	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #86, South Village St	7PM
1st Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Historical Society Meeting @ the Museum	6PM
1st Thursday of the Month	
Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices	5:30PM
2nd Monday of the Month	
M.V. S .D. School Board	7:15PM
2nd Tuesday of the Month	
Young at Heart @ Faith Commuity Bible Church	10AM
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
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P.T.A. Meeting @ Loudon Elementary	5:30PM
2nd Saturday of the Month	
Family Bible Church Community Dinner	4:30-6PM
3rd Monday of the Month	
Communcations Council Meeting via Zoom	6PM
3rd Tuesday of the Month	
Gardener's Club @ Community Building, subject to change. 603-608-5437	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #88, South Village St	6:30PM
3rd Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Alternative Energy Committee Meeting @ Charlies Barn	4:30PM
Garden Club @ Community Building/subject to change /396-4950	
Boy Scouts @ L.E.S.	6:30-7:30PM
Legion & Auxilary @ Post 88	7PM
3rd Thursday of the Month	
Planning Board @ Town Offices	7PM
3rd Sunday of the Month	
Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time	9:30AM
4th Monday of the Month	
Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building	4PM
4th Tuesday of the Month	
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
4th Thursday of the Month	
Zoning Board @ the Town Offices	7PM
Every Tuesday	
Prayer Meeting@ the Congregational Church	6:30PM

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