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2015 Town Meeting Wrap-Up

By Mary Ann Steele for the
Communications Council

Loudon voters went to the polls at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, to vote on three proposed zoning amendments and to elect officials for several town offices. With the exception of the Selectman's opening, there were no contested races.

At the second session of the Town Meeting held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Loudon Elementary School, representatives of the Fire Department presented the colors, and Moderator Michael LaBonte called those present to their feet to say the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence to honor our veterans and our service members serving at home and abroad. Moderator LaBonte thanked MVSD for use of the building for the meeting, and thanked the school principal, staff and members of the Town road crew for assistance in setting up for the meeting. After reading the Moderator's rules for conduct of the meeting, Mr. LaBonte introduced the Selectmen, Town Clerk and ballot clerks, then read the results of Tuesday's vote.

- *Selectman for three years:* Steve Ives – 272; John Storrs – 214
- *Supervisor of the Checklist for six years:* Marjorie Schoonmaker – 433
- *Town Clerk for three years:* Wendy L. Young – 458
- *Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:* Jennifer J. Becker – 428
- *Library Trustee for three years:* Molly Ashland – 423
- *Planning Board for three years (2 members):* Henry L. Huntington – 343 and Thomas E. Dow – 412
- *Zoning Board for three years:* Ned Lizotte – 416

Although there were no candidates on the ballot for the three-year term of Moderator, Roger Maxfield was elected to that office with 194 write-in votes.

Zoning Amendment 2015-1, which was submitted by petition, and which would have permitted the addition of



2015 Town Meeting was led by Moderator Mike LaBonte who is "retiring" from his position as moderator this year after many years of keeping town meeting on track. Left to right: Moderator Mike LaBonte, Selectmen Steve Ives, Dustin Bowles, and Bob Krieger.

"Accessory Dwelling Units" in the Rural Residential, Village and Agricultural Forestry Preservation Districts, was defeated by a vote of 212 to 234.

Zoning Amendment 2015-2, to clarify standards for the installation of fire cisterns where required, was passed by a vote of 344 to 93.

Zoning Amendment 2015-3, to exempt fire cisterns from the setback requirements of the zoning ordinance, was passed by a vote of 341 to 97.

Voters passed amended Article 3, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500 to purchase a mower and trailer, using funds from the Recreation Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund, \$2,500 in insurance for the mower being replaced, and \$13,500 to be raised by taxes.

Voters passed Article 4, to raise and appropriate \$242,000 to grind, add gravel and pave 4,665 feet of Lovejoy Road, withdrawing \$100,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of \$142,000 to be raised by taxes.

Voters passed Article 5, to raise and appropriate \$325,000 for purchase of a used Aerial Ladder Truck and Equipment to replace the former unit, which would not pass inspection. All funds

will be taken from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.

Voters did not pass Article 6, a petitioned article that asked the Town to adopt the provisions of RSA Chapter 79-F for Taxation of Farm Structures and Land, particularly the provisions of 79-F:4 regarding Qualifying Farm Structures to allow for additional tax reductions.

Voters passed Article 7, a resolution asking the Governor and State Legislators to reform state funding for education, specifically in order to provide a significant reduction in property taxes. The article did not specify how any such reforms might be accomplished.

Voters passed Articles 8 and 9, raising and appropriating \$491,500 for previously established Capital Reserve Funds, and \$60,000 for previously approved Expendable Trust Funds.

After amending Article 10 by adding \$47,000 to the budget bottom line in order to restore funding to support the position of Assistant Office Manager, voters agreed to raise and appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,186,534 to defray Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year.

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Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542 • townclerk@loudonnh.org
Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–8:45 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • taxcollector@loudonnh.org
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.com
Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School

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

Transfer Station

783-0170 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

783-4568 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.
Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays.
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives
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U.S. Representative Frank C. Guinta. (603) 641-9536. Guinta.house.gov
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Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
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Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc. are encouraged to submit articles to the *Loudon Ledger*. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, “attaboys,” etc. are all welcome.

Please note, however, that the *Ledger* will uphold its mission:

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

We will also follow our *Articles of Agreement*, which are on file with the Secretary of State:

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

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

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

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February 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 1/20

March 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/13 Council Meeting: Tues. 2/17

April 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/20 Council Meeting: Tues. 3/24

May 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 4/21

June 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/15 Council Meeting: Tues. 5/19

July 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 6/23

August 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 7/21

September 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/14 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/18

October 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/18 Council Meeting: Tues. 9/22

November 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 10/20

December 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/20 Council Meeting: Tues. 11/24

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbenh.org
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Children’s Worship: Bible Explorers for ages 3 up to 5th Grade
Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”
Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor
676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 or 267-8066
www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org
Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.
Fellowship time provided following the morning service.
Monday Evening: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.
Tuesday Morning: Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.
Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group
Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings: call or email for details
FREE Monthly Community Dinners: 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring
Pastor Paul J. Clow
103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info
Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.
(Nursery provided for all services.)
Please visit our website for more information!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John Young is currently serving as Pulpit Supply Minister
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
For information on upcoming events, please contact Sam Langley,
Fellowship Coordinator, at 848-3724 (days) or 796-2194 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time
Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Senior Pastor Rev. Joshua T. Johnson
Youth Pastor Brian Bollinger
Visitation Pastor Rev. Mike Matthews
33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org
Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.) *Jr. Kids Church* (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)
Children’s Church (Grades 1–4)
Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744
Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study with Pastor Josh: 7–8 p.m.
Kids Time (Grades 1–6). 7–8 p.m.



To have your Church’s information added to this column,
please email your information to debbie@debbiegraphics.com

LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Ready for some down home country food? Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church will be starting our monthly “Fellowship Supper” again on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend. For more info please contact Deacon Henry Welch at 603-435-6510.

New Beginnings Nazarene Church — Rise Again Outreach SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 11
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. at
New Beginnings Nazarene Church
33 Staniels Road., Loudon, NH
HUGE EVENT! 100+ PACKAGES TO BID ON!
Local benefit for those in need — and great fun too!
(Cash and checks only accepted.)



UNH Cooperative Extension will host a

Tree & Shrub Pruning Demonstration

Led by professional pruner, David Seavey

At Memorial Field, Pleasant Street, Pembroke, NH
(Follow Pleasant Street past the Recycling Center and down the hill to Memorial Field)

Saturday, May 23rd, 2015, 10am – 12pm

*The date for this workshop was changed to May 23 due to snow.



Join UNH Cooperative Extension and professional pruner, David Seavey, for a discussion and demonstration of pruning techniques for a variety of ornamental trees and shrubs in the landscape. Learn the when, why, and how of pruning flowering trees, evergreens, shrubs, and more!

Please come dressed for the weather, as this event will be held outside – rain or shine.

We invite you to bring your gloves, hand pruners, and loppers!

Pre-registration is appreciated. Contact Mary West at 796-2151 or mary.west@unh.edu.

A suggested donation of \$5 will be accepted at the event.

Find more demos and events at extension.unh.edu/events

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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015
Serving dinner at 4:30-6:30 p.m.
The Family Bible Church
676 Loudon Ridge Road
Loudon, NH 03307
Bring your friends. • Bring your family.
Bring your appetite

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU

Call Cindy at 393-4384 for information
or directions. Leave a message.

Snow and Ice Dam Removal Signs of This Year's Winter!

We know no one wants to see pictures of snow but we thought we'd remind you of what we'd survived this year! On Saturday, February 28 firefighters and other volunteers went up on the roof of the safety building and removed ice dams and snow. It was a tough year for roofs: the safety building ended up with water damage inside the north side of the building, including rugs and walls needing to be replaced. ■



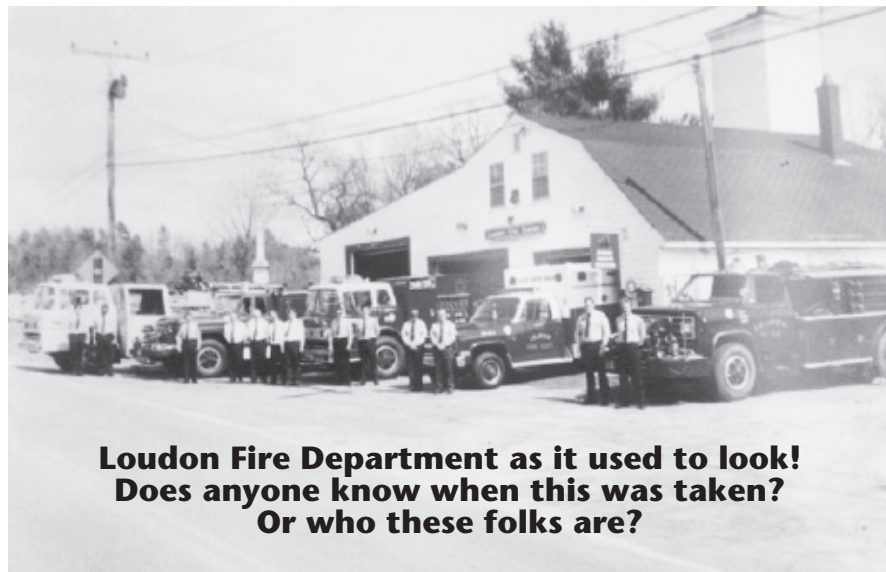
Loudon Firefighters Association

Happy Spring! With the Spring Ahead Daylight Savings Time the Fire Association just wants to remind everyone that it is a good idea to check and change all the batteries in your fire and/or CO detectors. It is also a good idea to check any fire extinguishers you may have in your home to make sure they have not expired.

We'd like to remind you that our Annual Spaghetti Dinner is going to be on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Loudon Village Fire Station from 5 p.m.–7 p.m.; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. There is going to be a 50/50 raffle, as well as the mystery raffle. We would also like to thank Brookside Pizza for all the generous donations for this event. The Spaghetti Dinner will be fundraising for a new Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC).

A Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) is used to capture the infrared energy transfer from an object to its environment. It produces a color picture to show if the area is hot or cool. This is used to show if a fire has spread to other areas of the structure. It helps assist the firefighters to know that the fire is completely out. It helps show if the fire has extended into other walls or areas with minimal damage to the structure. It may also be used to detect heat from a human body to help locate and rescue someone trapped in a burning building.

The Loudon Firefighters Association would also like to announce that our annual Open House will be held on May 16, 2015 this year. This is going to be the beginning of the National EMS week. ■



**Loudon Fire Department as it used to look!
Does anyone know when this was taken?
Or who these folks are?**



Loudon Lions Club News

Get out your running shoes! The Loudon Lions Club is again hosting the Angels 5K Road Race and Fitness walk on Friday, May 1 at 6:15 p.m. at Merrimack Valley High School. You can register online at www.angel5k.com or on race day. All proceeds will go towards scholarships for graduating Merrimack Valley seniors.

The Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Maxfield Library. We welcome visitors and are always looking for new members! ■

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

Please check your ad carefully. If there is a problem with your ad, you must contact the Communications Council prior to the next deadline. If there is an error solely attributable to the Council, your corrected ad will be run in the next issue for free.

**Next Loudon Ledger
Deadline: April 17, 2015
For the May 2015 Issue**

Local Farm “Meats” the Need for More Healthy Food Options

As more restaurants begin using locally-grown meat and vegetables when preparing their signature dishes, hospitals have begun to follow suit. Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro is participating in a joint effort with Loudon's Miles Smith Farm to purchase locally-produced grass-fed beef. Miles Smith Farm is the aggregator of several producers of locally-raised, high-quality meat, free from added hormones or systematic antibiotics.

Patients, employees, and visitors will have more healthy food options at the hospital thanks to this new partnership.

Huggins Hospital employees were the first to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, and kielbasa at an employee appreciation barbecue given in March. ■



Brent O'Blenes, Huggins Hospital's Plant Operations Department, shows off his hamburger and hot dog made from locally-sourced meat during a recent Employee Appreciation Day event.



The New Hampshire Humanities Council and the Loudon Historical Society are proud to present:

Jere Daniell of Hanover, speaking on

“The Origins of Loudon and Colonial New Hampshire”

One hundred and seventy-six pins on Jere Daniell's map of New Hampshire mark the towns, cities, and villages he's visited so far to talk about early New England history.

His featured topics on Colonial New Hampshire have pleased many listeners.

When: Wednesday, May 6th

Where: 29 S Village Road, Loudon-Charlie's Barn

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: free

Contact information: cbabonis@gmail.com
or Michele York 396-2362

10th Angels 5K Road Race & Fitness Walk

RUN OR WALK WITH US!



**Friday,
May 1, 2015
6:15 PM**

Merrimack Valley High School
106 Village Road
Penacook, NH

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE,
WWW.ANGEL5K.COM**

Hosted by the
Loudon Lions Club
to support scholarships
for MVHS seniors



Announcing the 2nd Annual

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please join the

Loudon Firefighters' Association

fundraiser as we raise funds for a new

Thermal Imaging Camera

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

CONTINUOUS SITTINGS – COME ANYTIME!

There will be a raffle drawing at the end of the night!

Location:

Arthur Colby Safety Complex
Loudon Fire Department
8 Cooper Street
Loudon, NH

ADULTS	\$10.00
CHILDREN	\$ 5.00



American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Commander

Greetings from Loudon Post 88,

We had 11 members present at our February meeting. I gave a report from the Mid Winter Conference I had attended. I also advised the membership that the town of Loudon would help us with the cost of putting on the Memorial Day parade. We have the Recreation Committee members to thank for making this possible along with our town Selectman.

Our Commander's Fund Raffle Winners were as follows: February: \$50/C. Parent, \$25/C. Merrill, \$10/G. Loford, \$10/K. Bean, and \$5/A. Dymont. March: \$50/S. Hargraves, \$25/L. Sinclair, \$10/D. Pollock, \$10/W. Stinson, and \$5/D. Lowe. April: \$50/R. Denis, \$25/A. Dymont, \$10/F. Merrill, \$10/J. Sweeney, and \$5/H. Stevens. Congratulations to our winners and thank you for supporting our post.

We had 10 members present at our March meeting. Department Vice Commander Gerard LeDuc of Epsom Post 112 and his wife, Jane, paid us a visit. Charlie Wilox, also a member of Epsom Post 112, came to the meeting to take photographs during the evening. Charlie will return in April for our installation of officers. The Vice Cmdr updated us on some things going on within our district and the Junior Oratorical Contest on March 28th. He will be working on expanding this program for next year as we only had two contestants come out of all the schools that had received information about the program.

Getting back to post installations, the only change of officers this year will be James "Don" Small who volunteered to be our Second Vice Commander. It's my wish we will have a good turnout of members and their families for the ceremonies. Some members offered to bring in food and refreshments to share after the installation is over. I did talk to the members who were present about the ongoing need to recruit new members who someday will help lead the post. Without new members or current members willing to serve as an officer, we might, like other posts, close our doors. We need members and revenue from dues and fundraising in order to stay in business.

We also discussed the Memorial Day parade. I'll touch more on this for the May edition of the *Ledger* so it will be fresh in people's minds. We voted in favor of spending up to \$100 on a POW/MIA flag to use in the parade. We even had a member come forward who offered to carry the flag as part of the color guard. We also voted to spend \$48 to buy a case of Girl Scout cookies to send to our overseas troops as we have done over the past few years. Our newest member, Michael Hartt, from Concord came to his first meeting. We hope he will continue to come to our monthly meetings and be involved with the direction of our post.

There will be a District 5 spring meeting on April 11 at Post 28 Suncook, 43 Church St. Coffee hour at 0900, with the meeting beginning at 1000. All District 5 members are encouraged to attend. We will be seeking nominations for officers. Some of the positions open are: Adjutant, Sr. Vice, Sgt. at Arms, Service Officer, and Judge Advocate. We ask that each post send at least one representative to this meeting. We need to have a quorum to conduct District business.

Testimonial Dinner

A Testimonial Dinner honoring Commander Bob Dionne will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Social hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. This will be held at Hooksett Post 37, 5 Riverside St., Hooksett, NH. The evening will feature a roast beef dinner and costs \$20.00 per person. All vice commanders and the office have tickets. Only 150 tickets will be sold. If you have questions, please call Bob Blais at 493-2921.

Membership Renewals at 85.53%

Our current 2015 membership renewals stand at 85.53%. We still have some ground to cover to reach 100%. Last year we made 100% by May 1st; I hope we can do it again this year. On a good note, we are still third in the district but not in first place like we were last year.

For any new members who wish to join our post and have never been in the American Legion, we will pay your first year's dues for you as our way of saying thank you for joining Post 88. Please contact a member of the post for a membership sign-up card or contact me directly at uscgr1987@tds.net or 603-496-0204. I can also provide you with information about the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion.

We meet again on April 15th at the Loudon Community Building (Charlie's Barn) at 1900 hrs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectively submitted,
Shawn Jones Commander

Think Spring!

Recreation Committee News



"Like" us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events. Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website www.loudonnh.org know that we sometimes add stuff after the publishing of the latest *Loudon Ledger* so please check for updates.

COMMUNITY SUMMER FUN NIGHTS

The Recreation Committee is putting the finishing touches on the schedule for the Loudon Community Summer Fun Nights. Each Wednesday in July and August is an opportunity to gather with your friends and neighbors at the recreation fields for a concert or other performance. Stay tuned for more details!

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Skill and Drill Pick-Up Games for boys and girls in grades 5-8 will take place two days week (Tuesday and Thursday) from March 31st-June 11th at Loudon Elementary School from 6:00-7:30 p.m. \$20 Loudon residents/\$25 non-residents Questions? Call Laurie Jaquith at 568-0971

LINE DANCING

Beginners and all are welcome! Adults and Seniors who are ready for lots of fun and laughs should join this group on Thursday nights from 6-7 p.m. at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. Donations accepted. Contact Janet at 961-0061 for more information.

EXERCISE GROUP

This chair and standing exercise group meets on Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m. at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. The goal of this group is to get moving and have fun — mainly fun. Donations are accepted. For more info, contact Janet at 961-0061.

ZUMBA

If you are interested in joining the next session of Zumba, email Jen at cjmercer@myfairpoint.net. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. Zumba is on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six-week session. Registration is at the first class. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation.

WE NEED HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We NEED other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. ■



LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Ends April 30

As of March 19, 2015 we've received \$978.87 in food and \$3,222.57 in funds. This brings our total donations towards this challenge to \$4,202.44.

Please spread the word! The food and funds we collect from this challenge will help us to feed your neighbors, friends, families and co-workers throughout the spring and summer months when donations are extremely low. Check out our progress at LoudonFoodPantry.org. All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry to be utilized.

To be part of this effort... 1. Donate In-date Food (It will be counted as \$1.00 per item). 2. Donate In-date Meat or Produce (It will be counted as \$1.00 per pound). 3. Donate funds (It will be counted dollar for dollar).

We will not include your donation in this challenge unless you note it for challenge use. So please note your donation or let us know verbally. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Please donate today and help us reach our goal of \$12,000. If you have any questions please call Sue at 724-9731.

HOW AND WHERE TO DONATE

Please mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307 or drop off at one of these convenient locations:

Business	Town	Collection Type
TD Bank	Loudon	Food & Funds (speak with any teller)
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
106 Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Yellow Submarine	Concord	Funds
Camping World	Chichester	Food

Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. ■

Loudon Police News: D.A.R.E. Pizza Night

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

On March 18, 2014 we held our annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. What a great community night!! This fundraising event supports our D.A.R.E. Program in several ways, including supplies, sporting events, community day, D.A.R.E. graduation, as well as offering scholarships to graduating high school students from Loudon. The monies raised always stay within our community. The support our program receives from not only the contributors but also the participants is HUGE. Without the community support of the many behind-the-scene volunteers, individuals, businesses (and all that attend), we would not be able to provide these services to our youth!

Warm weather is fast approaching finally! Remember that with school vacation at the end of the month and summer vacation right around the corner, we will see more people (both our youth and adults) out enjoying the outdoors walking, bicycling, etc. Please use extra caution on our roadways.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.loudonpolice.com. Our webmaster continues to update the site.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chief.fiske@loudonpolice.com. ■



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LYAA Getting Ready For Spring

Spring is finally here and so is LYAA baseball/softball season!

Field Clean Up Day: Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

We need all the help we can get and we have plenty for everyone to do! Come for an hour or stay for the day! Counts towards community service hours, too. (Rain/snow date Saturday, April 18)

Opening Day: Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Help us cheer on all the players for our opening ceremony and catch the first games of the season.

If you are would like more information or if you are interested in sponsoring a team for baseball or soccer please let us know!

We are always looking for help with our concession stand!

Cash Calendar Fundraiser

We are selling cash calendars for \$5. There are lots of great gift cards and drawings held daily in May. You may buy a calendar from a player or contact Breanne Mullen at 603-496-4032 or mbmullen98@gmail.com. ■



April VNA News

April Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics on Tuesday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until noon at the VOANNE Senior Housing complex on South Village Road. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203.

April Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. The April Clinics will be held on Monday, April 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Tuesday, April 21 from 2:30 to 4:30 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

April Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, April 3 from 9:30 until 11 a.m. at the Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815. ■

Celebrate Earth Day April 22nd!

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station & Recycling Committee

Earth Day promotes environmental awareness and calls for the protection of our planet.

How did Earth Day begin? Founded 45 years ago, Earth Day became a day of education about environmental issues. During the 1970's, activist John McConnell and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson encouraged American citizens to join nationwide grassroots demonstrations to support the celebration of Earth Day. It began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. McConnell chose the spring equinox (March 21, 1970) and Nelson chose April 22. Millions of people participated, and today Earth Day is widely celebrated with events on both dates.



What on earth are you doing on Earth Day?

Chances are you won't be able to actually plant anything just yet. But surely you can start researching and making plans for some of the following:

1. Plant wildflowers.
2. Plant a butterfly and hummingbird garden.
3. Try an organic vegetable garden.

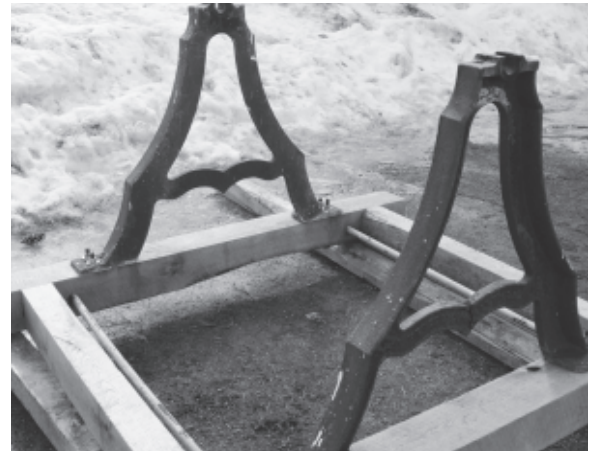
Join the Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee. Members learn more about all aspects of recycling. Learning about recycling helps you educate your family, friends and neighbors about the importance of recycling. We meet once a month for only an hour, usually the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm (also subject to change - we are very flexible) at the Loudon Town Hall. Interested? Contact Steve at the Transfer Station, 783-0170 or loudonrecycles@comcast.net. You will be glad you joined!



**Make Mother Earth Smile
Remember to Reduce, Reuse,
Rethink and Recycle!**

Congregational Church Steeple Back In Place

The Loudon Congregational Church has been looking a little bare this winter. The bell tower had been removed for refurbishing and was recently put back in place. Here are some close-up photos of the various parts — something you'll probably never see unless you're allowed to climb up inside! Everything will be repainted as weather allows. Thanks to the Loudon Police Department for taking and sharing the photos. ■



5 Smart Uses for Your Tax Refund From Bank of New Hampshire

Nearly eight out of 10 U.S. tax filers will receive a federal tax refund this year. As millions of Americans await reimbursement from Uncle Sam, Bank of New Hampshire has highlighted five tips for making the most of your tax refund.

"Smart use of your tax refund can start you on the path to long-term financial security," said Vickie Routhier, SVP – Chief Retail Banking & Marketing Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. "Instead of going on a spending spree, take a moment to evaluate your financial situation and decide on where those dollars will make the most difference."

Bank of New Hampshire recommends the following tips for consumers looking to put their tax refund to good use:

- **Save for emergencies.** Open or add to a savings account that serves as an "emergency fund." Ideally, it should hold about three-to-six months of living expenses in case of sudden financial hardships like losing your job or having to replace your car.
- **Pay off debt.** Pay down existing balances either by chipping away at loans with the highest interest rates or eliminating smaller debt first.
- **Save for retirement.** Open or increase contributions to a tax-deferred savings plan like a 401(k) or an IRA. Where can you get one? Your bank can help set up an IRA, while a 401(k) is employer-sponsored.
- **Put it toward a down payment.** The biggest challenge that most first-time home buyers face is coming up with enough money for a down payment. If you intend to buy a new home in the near future, put your tax refund toward the down payment.
- **Invest in your current home.** Use your refund to invest in home improvements that will pay you back in the long run by increasing the value of your home. This can include small, cost-effective upgrades like energy-efficient appliances that will pay off in both the short and long term. If you have more substantial renovations in mind, ask how your bank can help with a home equity line of credit.

For more tips and resources on a variety of personal finance topics such as mortgages, credit cards, protecting your money and saving for college, visit aba.com/consumers. ■

PTA Has Been Busy

Thank you LES families for all the donations and help with events and fundraisers! The PTA has just purchased 21 Chrome Books for the students to use! Without your support this would not be possible!

Loudon Elementary School now has a mascot and slogan! Congratulations to Chloe Renkert! She came up with the winning idea. The new mascot will be a paw print and the slogan will be "The Pride of Tomorrow."

Thank you to all who participated in our High Mowing Organic Seeds fundraiser! The orders went home earlier this month. If you noticed anything missing from your order please call the school. Thank you to the Community Service Club for their help in packing up the orders!

Please keep an eye out for information regarding an upcoming walk-a-thon being planned! It will be a great family event!

PTA Officers

Becky Herrmann: *President*, bckey@handcut.com
 Rebecca Stuart: *Vice President*, stuartfamily9@comcast.net
 Rachel Butler: *Treasurer*, rachelbutler1773@yahoo.com
 Kristen Byron: *Secretary*, sbkk@tds.com

Calendar of Events

April 2	PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
April 24	Snack Cart Day
May 7	PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
May 8	Mother's Day Flower Cart
May 22	Snack Cart Day
June 4	PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
June 12	Snack Cart Day ■



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Maxfield Public Library News

**Loudon Village Arts Spring Show —
New Date: June 13 & 14**

We just have to let the anticipation build a little longer for the Loudon Village Arts Spring Show. It’s been moved up to June. The show will offer an assortment of miniature artworks as well as full-sized paintings and photographic works. Hours are Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yoga — Smooth Moves — Mind And Body

The prospect of warm weather and lighter clothing may be just the incentive you need to finally try those yoga exercises you’ve been meaning to fit into your schedule. Fran Nash welcomes you to join in for one or more of these classes: Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Also, on Thursdays, low-impact chair yoga takes place at 11 a.m. At \$5.00 per class, these prices are hard to beat. Stop by the library for a schedule of sessions.

Zen Art — April 15 — 6:30 p.m.

Let your creative pen strokes flow as you create Zen art with the help of Tyler Moser. A path to relaxing mental rhythms, this drawing exercise is likely to surprise you with artistic accomplishments you never thought you could achieve. Space is limited. Please sign up at the library or call 798-5153.

Herbs With Helen — April 28 — 6:30 p.m.

A \$3.00 investment can provide you with herbs to spice up your cooking for many years to come. Local gardener Helen Hayes will help us put together a mini herb garden. Leave for home with your own ready-to-plant starter pack. The program will take place on April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please sign up soon. Come dressed with comfortable clothes and gardening gloves since this is a fun and dirty project!

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Please contact the library for the title to be discussed at 7 p.m. on April 16.

Classic Book Group

Author Franz Kafka created plots with surreal, bizarre, or disorienting settings. His writings inspired the term “Kafkaesque” which brings to mind nightmarish situations. On April 28 at 2:30 p.m., book group will discuss his novella *Metamorphosis*, the story of a man who finds himself turning into a large insect. “What does it mean?” is sure to be one of the questions.

New Books

Fiction

Archer, Jeffrey	<i>Mightier than the Sword</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>The Assassin</i>
Essbaum, Alexander	<i>Hausfrau</i>
Graeme-Evans, Posie	<i>Wild Wood</i>
Jance, J. A.	<i>Cold Betrayal</i>
Macomber, Debbie	<i>Last One Home</i>
Nesbitt, John B.	<i>Don’t Be a Stranger</i>
Russell, Mary Doria	<i>Epitaph</i>
Winspear, Jacqueline	<i>A Dangerous Place</i>

Nonfiction

Brill, Steven	<i>America’s Bitter Pill: Money, Politics, Backroom Deals, and the Fight to Fix Our Broken Healthcare System</i>
Frank, Barney	<i>Frank</i>
Fuller, Alexandra	<i>Leaving before the Rains Come</i>
Gawande, Atul	<i>Being Mortal</i>
Grenier, Robert L.	<i>88 Days to Kandahar</i>
Guangcheng, Chen	<i>The Barefoot Lawyer</i>
Hodgman, George	<i>Bettyville</i>
Larson, Erik	<i>Dead Wake</i>
Poehler, Amy	<i>Yes Please</i>
Rogan, Eugene	<i>The Fall of the Ottomans</i>
White, Michael	<i>Travels in Vermeer: A Memoir</i>

New DVDs

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day; Before I Go to Sleep; Clan of the Cave Bear; Dragonheart 3: The Sorcerer’s Curse; Foxcatcher; Hector and the Search for Happiness; The Homesman; Horrible Bosses 2; The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1; The Interview; Kill the Messenger; Klondike; Left Behind; Rosewater; Rudderless; Whiplash

Story Time

For the month of April, story time will focus on different animals, showcasing our new series of early reader fiction, “Zoo Clues.”

On April 7, 8, and 9, the children will be turned into red-eyed tree frogs after listening to *My Eyes are Big and Red* by Joyce Markovics and *Red-Eyed Tree Frog* by Joy Cowley.

On April 14, 15, and 16, we venture out to the ocean as we read *My Skin is Gray and Wrinkly* by Joyce Markovics and Julie Fogliano’s *If You Want to See a Whale*. A miniature whale will be the craft to follow, no need for harpoons.

On April 21 and 22, the children will build the perfect habitat to house the cutest hippo. Join us for Jack Kent’s *The Biggest Shadow in the Zoo* and *My Tail is Long and Striped* by Joyce Markovics.

School Vacation Week

On Tuesday, April 28, the library will offer a drop-in craft time. Please stop in between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for a parent-led project.

On Thursday, April 30, the library will be showing a movie at 2:00 p.m. Free juice and popcorn will be provided. Please call the library to see what new release is playing.


Book Sale

There will be no book sale in April.

Library Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Wednesdays 1–9 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■

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Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE
Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 discounted admissions of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 18. Children under 6 free.

CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4. Children under age 1 free.

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART
Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

MCAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER
Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM
Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY
Unlimited free admission to the Society’s museum and free use of the Society’s library.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER
Free trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.

WRIGHT MUSEUM
Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (under 18 years).

Cub Scouts Advance to Boy Scouts



On Wednesday March 11th, the Webelos II Cub Scouts of Pack 247 all received the Arrow of Light award. The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can receive. The boys have now graduated to Boy Scouts and will be joining Troop 30 and Troop 247.

Spring Outdoor Adventure Talks at NH Fish and Game

Get inspired for outdoor adventures this spring at a series of evening talks offered by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. No pre-registration is required. Unless otherwise specified, the talks start at 7 p.m. at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. Admission is free (except film festival). Come learn something new about wildlife and outdoor recreation!

April 9: Inside the Sport of Kings — Hunting with Raptors

Falconry remains one of the most exciting and adrenalin-producing hunting activities, and New Hampshire has excellent choices of area and game for falconers. Learn some of the basics of this often-misunderstood sport. Master Falconers Jim and Nancy Cowan of the New Hampshire School of Falconry will share an unusual glimpse into the partnership between men/women and the birds of prey with which they hunt. The Cowans will be accompanied by some of their hawks and falcons.

April 15: Reel Paddling Film Festival at Red River Theatres (Concord)

See the best paddling films from around the world at the Reel Paddling Film Festival at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord, N.H. Co-sponsored by N.H.

Fish and Game and the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. Tickets are \$12 (students \$10) at the door or <http://www.ticketriver.com/event/14579>. Check out the movie trailers at <http://www.reelpaddlingfilmfestival.com>. The Contoocook River Canoe Company will be on hand with raffle items and information on great paddling locations around Concord.

April 23: Kayak Fishing — Learn from the pros!

Fishing guide and outdoor writer Tim Moore will talk about equipment and techniques he uses to kayak fish for northern pike and walleye on the Connecticut River, and striped bass and black sea bass on the Piscataqua River. Moore offers insights into everything from choosing the right kayak for the area and species you are fishing for, to the importance of proper paddling form.

April 30: New Hampshire Raptors

See live birds of prey including owls, a peregrine falcon and a red-tailed hawk at this talk by Kevin Wall, Director of Education at New Hampshire Audubon. Learn about the adaptations that helped establish these raptors as some of New Hampshire's top predators. Raptors play a unique role in our ecosystem. At this entertaining presentation, you'll learn how NH Audubon assists in protecting raptors, and how you can help. ■



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Loudon Elementary School News

Music In Our School

LES Rocks with the 39111 Army Band

March is Music in our Schools Month! To celebrate our love of music, Loudon Elementary School had a special treat. On Tuesday, March 10, the 39th Army Band came to spend some time with us to share their love of music.

Throughout the morning, Army Band musicians sat in with the fifth grade band students in rehearsals. It was a great opportunity for the fifth graders to hear a professional musician playing the same instrument right next to them! The Army Band was also able to give the fifth grade musicians practice techniques, review concepts, and demonstrate ensemble skills for them. The culminating event of the day was a concert for the entire school, where students were able to hear a variety of music ranging from Bruno Mars to Star Wars, from jazz standards to polka!

Happy Music in our Schools Month!



play are Uno (number recognition, matching, following direction left or right), Dominoes (number recognition, fact families, patterns, trains to total certain sums), and Cribbage (mental math, addition, skip counting, combinations of 15) just to name a few.

Transdisciplinary Themes in the PYP

Submitted by IB PYP Coordinator, Nancy Webster

Student instruction is grounded in a set of Common Core and NH state standards. These standards list the skills, content and concepts that each student must know or be able to do. They are divided into broad categories in each subject area.



Through the use of the six transdisciplinary themes, the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) works in collaboration with these standards. These themes cover ideas that cross over single subject boundaries, delving into ideas and skills in science and social studies, as well as math and language arts. It is important to learn the con-

tent and skills of a specific subject, but it is equally, if not more important, to be able to transfer content, ideas and concepts to other subjects. Students need to understand how ideas are connected, and how they can be applied to their lives. The six transdisciplinary themes help teachers organize the standards into units of study. These units help



students make important connections across subject lines and to their daily lives. Each theme has a global significance, it is important to students all over the world. The themes provide a way for students to learn about their own community and country, as well as explore other cultures. The themes are supported by the knowledge and skills from the traditional subject areas, but also push students to cross the subject boundaries to reach transdisciplinary learning. The themes are visited every year, so a student's understanding grows deeper over their PYP years.



LES Updates and Reminders

- We encourage parents to visit the MVSD Transportation website and sign up for the *Remind* app on that page to receive text messages or emails when buses are running late.
- Thank you to Target and the Loudon community! We received a charitable donation from the company's *Take Charge of Education* initiative, which is funded by shoppers who designate LES as their school of choice.
- Congratulations to Chloe Renkert! Chloe's entry in the school mascot contest was selected by students and staff as the winner. The school mascot is a lion cub and the motto is *The Pride of Tomorrow*.
- Congratulations to Kristen Therrien and Diego Lizotte! Their submissions to the town annual report cover contest were selected. Look for their artwork on your annual report this year!
- Congratulations to Evelyn Belo! The National Geographic Society has notified her that she is a semifinalist in the NH Geography Bee! Good luck, Evelyn!



Understanding the "New" Math Ideas and Keeping it Fun

Submitted by MVSD Math Specialist, Jessica Jacques

A subject that parents frequently discuss with teachers is the "new" style of math instruction. What appears as the "new" math is a different instructional model that is explorative, connecting to prior knowledge and asking students to demonstrate their understanding of concepts. The combination of both helps students to build a stronger understanding of numbers and how they are composed. You may have noticed some of these models, such as ten frames, counters, unifix cubes or base 10 blocks in your child's work/homework. A way families can support this learning is to have your child explain the work he/she is working on.

This "new" way of instructing is just a shift from the teacher demonstrating a math concept for students to repeat the process, to one where students explore math ideas using their foundational knowledge from the primary grades. The goal is to make learning math more engaging, fun and exciting. Students will explore how to solve the problem as well as explore ways that are more efficient than simply counting. This exploration helps students to better learn their facts, begin to explore place value, and opens the door to many strategies that will be valuable as students start solving more complex problems in the upper grades.

Another way families can support math learning is by making math work fun. As part of a homework routine, add in some game nights during the week. Games that support mathematical and strategic thinking that are fun, quick, and easy to

Upcoming LES Events

- April 2: Kindergarten and First Grade Field Trip
- April 7: Arts Night at 5:45 p.m.
- April 8: Kindergarten Parent Information Night at 6:00 p.m. ■



The Out of Bounds Sports Pub & Grill will change back to its summer menu on Wednesday, April 15!

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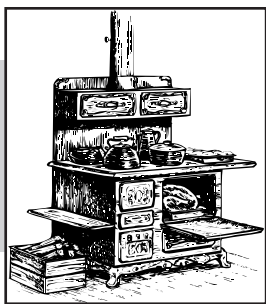
Spring Really Is Coming!

And We'll Be Ready!

Loudon Country Club's Championship Golf Course will be opening in early April (weather permitting). It's time to get out your clubs and start thinking about what promises to be an outstanding golf season at Loudon Country Club!



Loudon Country Club, 653 Route 106 North, Loudon
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What's Cookin'! Spring Time Is Asparagus Time

By Jenn Pfeifer

Now that we can all see some sunlight at the end of the tunnel we should be starting to see some green back in our world too. One of the first spring vegetable that we see in our NH gardens is Asparagus and it happen to be one of my favorite vegetables second only to spinach. Asparagus is packed with nutrients and antioxidants. It is perfect for soups, salads, side dishes and is great raw and cooked.

PROSCIUTTO WRAPPED ASPARAGUS — By Damn Delicious

- 6 ounces sliced prosciutto, halved horizontally
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Working one at a time, wrap halved prosciutto slice on each asparagus spear at an angle, covering the entire length of the spear. Repeat with remaining prosciutto and asparagus. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add asparagus and cook until prosciutto is crisp and asparagus is tender, about 2–3 minutes. Serve immediately.

DIJON MAPLE ASPARAGUS — By Taylor Kiser

- 2 Bunches of asparagus
- 2½ tsps. Red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Maple syrup
- ½ Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- ½ Tbsp. Garlic, minced
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- Pinch of Pepper
- 1 Tbsp. Olive oil

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Break the spears off the top of the asparagus and place into the water once it has boiled. Boil for 2–3 minutes until the asparagus has turned bright green, Quickly transfer the asparagus into a large bowl of ice water, to halt cooking.

Let it sit for 10 minutes. While the asparagus cools, mix together the red wine vinegar, maple syrup, Dijon mustard, garlic, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Once mixed, slowly mix in the olive oil. Dump the ice water out of the bowl of asparagus and add in the Dijon dressing, tossing until well combined. Devour!

CREAMY ASPARAGUS-POTATO SOUP — From EatingWell

In this fast asparagus soup recipe, potato adds creaminess without adding cream. Double or triple this soup and freeze the leftovers for a quick lunch.

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil plus 1 1/2 tablespoons, divided
- 1 medium shallot, chopped
- 3 cups low-sodium vegetable broth or chicken broth
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup diced peeled potato
- 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup whole-wheat country bread cubes (1/4 inch)
- Sliced scallion greens for garnish

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add shallot and cook, stirring, until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add broth, asparagus, potato, horseradish and salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until the vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Puree with an immersion blender or in a regular blender. (Use caution when pureeing hot liquids.) Meanwhile, heat the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium, add bread cubes and cook, stirring, until browned and crispy, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve the soup topped with the croutons and scallions, if desired.

LEMON ORZO WITH ASPARAGUS — By Jo Cooks

For the dressing:

- 1 lemon, zested
- juice from 1 lemon
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ cup olive oil

For the orzo:

- 1 lb asparagus
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp turmeric
- 1½ cup dry orzo pasta
- ¼ cup fresh Parsley, chopped

Dressing:

Place the lemon zest, juice, garlic, salt, and pepper in a deep medium bowl. Add oil and whisk until it emulsifies a bit. Set aside.

Orzo:

Snap the end pieces off the asparagus and lay the asparagus stalks in a baking dish, 9x13 inch. Pour boiling water over the asparagus (just enough to cover it), cover dish with plastic wrap and let sit until the water is warm to the touch. Drain water and cut the asparagus stalks into 2 inch pieces. Place the chicken broth and water in a large pot and bring to a boil. Add the salt and turmeric and bring back to a boil. Add the orzo and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain orzo, but do not rinse it. Place the hot orzo in a large bowl, add the asparagus and parsley. Whisk the dressing if needed and pour it over the salad. Mix well.

BAKED ASPARAGUS FRIES — By Chungah

A healthy alternative to french fries baked to crisp perfection right in the oven!

- 1 cup Panko (or bread crumbs)
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Lightly oil a baking sheet or coat with nonstick spray. In a large bowl, combine Panko and Parmesan; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Set aside. Working in batches, dredge asparagus in flour, dip into eggs, then dredge in Panko mixture, pressing to coat. Place asparagus in a single layer onto the prepared baking sheet. Place into oven and bake for 10–12 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp. Serve immediately.

ASPARAGUS AND MASCARPONE GRATIN — By Christin Mahrlig

- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 to 2-inch pieces
- ½ sweet onion, finely diced
- ½ tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs
- ⅓ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- ⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 5 ounces mascarpone cheese
- ½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Place oven rack 6 inches from broiler and heat broiler on high. In a 2-quart gratin dish, toss together the asparagus, onion, ½ tablespoon olive oil. ½ teaspoon salt, and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Broil until crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. In a medium bowl, toss together bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, 1 tablespoon olive oil, and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Remove asparagus from oven and dollop mascarpone in little spoonfuls over asparagus. Sprinkle with nutmeg and top with breadcrumb mixture. Broil until bubbly and golden brown, about 2 minutes.

ROASTED SESAME GARLIC ASPARAGUS — By Dan Mikesell

- 1 lb. asparagus
- 2–3 T olive oil
- 3–4 cloves crushed garlic
- Course salt
- Fresh ground pepper
- Sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 400 degrees convection. Clean, trim and dry the asparagus. Add olive oil, crushed garlic, salt and pepper to plate. Mix well. Coat the asparagus one at a time in the oil mixture and place in oven safe pan. I used a grill pan. Sprinkle generously with sesame seeds. Place on center rack and bake for 8-10 minutes until tender. Don't over cook.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■

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Under Article 11, to transact any other business that may legally come before the town, Cindy Shea and Carol Soule of the Agricultural Commission presented copies of a local farm products guide that the Commission had received a grant to produce. They also indicated that the Commission planned to host some seminars and workshops and asked for ideas for those workshops. Barbara Cameron asked for volunteers to assist with scheduling and driving the John O. Cate van. She noted that she could use additional volunteer drivers, and said there was a need for someone to take phone calls to ticket and track requests for services. Steve Jackson and others urged voters to attend the annual Merrimack Valley School District Meeting. According to Mr. Jackson, a budget of more than \$40 million was passed by 297 voters, only 66 of whom were from Loudon. He noted that the largest portion of everyone’s property tax bill was spent on school funding and said that the only way to get control of the budget was to significantly increase local voter participation.

David Steele suggested that video conferencing could be used to allow voters in each of the towns in the school district to attend the meeting and vote in their own towns. In the alternative, he said that the district should consider holding the annual meeting in the different towns in the district rather than having every meeting held in Penacook.

Before the meeting adjourned, Selectman Ives explained that the Board had asked Loudon Elementary School students to submit drawings to be used for the cover of this year’s annual report, and that the Young at Heart had selected the winners. They chose Diego Lizotte’s picture for the front cover, and Kristen Therrien’s drawing was picked the back cover. Both students were awarded certificates for their efforts. Those present then gave Michael LaBonte a standing ovation to thank him for his years of service as the Town’s Moderator.

Please note, these are NOT official minutes of the meeting, but a summary from notes taken at the meeting by a member of the Loudon Communications Council. Official minutes of the meeting are provided by the Town Clerk. ■



Selectman Steve Ives recognizes Diego Lizotte as the artist of the front cover of this year’s Annual Town Report. Cover drawings were submitted by elementary school students and chosen by the Young at Heart group.



Selectman Steve Ives is shown here with Loudon Elementary School student Kristen Therrien who drew the artwork used on the back cover of the Loudon Annual Town Report.

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2015 Meet The Candidates Night



Loudon traditionally holds its "Meet the Candidates Night" the first Wednesday of March. This event gives residents the opportunity to meet the candidates for various public offices, including school board, and ask questions. This year's event was moderated by Mary Ann Steele, left.

Notice To Taxpayers

Dear Taxpayers,

We have contracted with Murdough Assessing Services to do our annual and cyclical assessing for the Town. As part of the annual update, Assessor Christina Murdough will be reviewing properties throughout town that have/had building permits, and any property flagged for review/follow-up.

We encourage all taxpayers to assist by letting Ms. Murdough access your property. At your discretion, please take a few minutes to show her the interior of your home to ensure that the items listed on your tax card are correct.

Please note that Ms. Murdough will have photo ID, indicating her affiliation with the Town of Loudon.

If you have any questions regarding this process, you may contact Brenda or Bonnie in the Town Office during normal business hours at 603-798-4541.

Respectfully,

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Kimberly Green Raises Money for Make A Wish



Congratulations to Merrimack Valley High School senior and Loudon resident Kimberly Green on her success raising money for the Make A Wish Foundation, which she chose as her senior project. Through an online donation page, bake sale, and an Open Mic Night organized by Kimberly and held March 6th at MVHS, she raised \$1,016. Many thanks to students who volunteered their time and talents, as well as friends and family who attended the event and all who donated. Kimberly plans on attending Southern New Hampshire University in the fall, where she will be majoring in Early Childhood Education. ■



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Between the Covers: Great Stone Face Book Awards Part II

By Kate Dockham

Last month I shared 11 of the 20 books on this year's Great Stone Face nominee list. I am going to share the final nine from the list this month. Why? It's hard to believe that I have been writing this article for 3½ years! It seems like just yesterday I agreed to take the plunge. And twice a year I review the titles on award lists: The Great Stone Face Award and The Ladybug Award. So again, why? Here's the thing. There is a lot of junk "literature" out there. The titles on these two lists are previewed and read by a panel of school librarians and chosen as the best titles of the year. If we are to continue to encourage our children to read, shouldn't it be a book of some quality?

A short time ago, graphic novels were considered by many to be junk literature. Many teachers, including myself, would use graphic novels to try and interest a non-reader into picking up a book. There are times when seeing students read something is better than nothing. The genre of graphic novels has grown in popularity and quality. *Cardboard* by Doug TenNapal is a great example of this. In this story, Cam's unemployed father can only afford a cardboard box for his son's birthday present. So to make the best of a bad situation, they work together and bend the cardboard into a man. However, this cardboard is special and to their astonishment, it comes magically to life. Bill, the cardboard man spits out new pieces of magic cardboard. This cardboard powerfully projects the thoughts and desires of its users. This power becomes dangerous when the neighborhood bully, Marcus, warps the powerful cardboard into his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all. This action-filled adventure is not only highly entertaining, but is also a thoughtful and gripping read. TenNapal's rich colors printed on glossy pages, along with dramatic cuts between panels, give the comic a cinematic feel, and the illustrations' sharp angles and sinewy lines are striking.

So, while talking to my students about genre last week, we found many books fell in more than one category. *Cardboard* is a graphic novel. It is a fantasy story. It is also an action/adventure story. We are going to find that our next 8 books also blur the lines between fantasy and adventure. *Fortunately The Milk* by Newbury Award-winning author Neil Gaiman is a great example. A little boy and his little sister wake one morning, milkless. Their mother is away on business, their father is buried in the paper, and their Toasties are dry. What are young siblings to do? They impress upon their father that his tea is also without milk and sit back to watch their plan take effect. But something goes amiss, and their father doesn't return. When he finally returns, he has quite an amazing, time-twisting, mind-bending tale to tell. It is a tale full with planet-remodeling aliens, savage pirates, blood-thirsty "wumpires," a time-travelling dinosaur scientist, and dancing elves. The story is told from the son's point of view, who interjects his father's storytelling with occasional questions and skeptical comments. There is time travel, treachery, and ample adventure, and, fortunately, the milk he has procured is rescued at every turn. This short but humorous novel is great for nightly read aloud with children entering the world of chapter books.



Another good choice for a read aloud is *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A Novel of Snow and Courage* by Chris Hertz. In this story Flora the pig will inspire any would-be explorer! The day Flora spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. Before she knows it, she's on board a ship to Antarctica! While Flora sees the expedition as an opportunity, the crew views her as potential pork chops. Then they are shipwrecked and readers will root for spunky Flora as she discovers just how brave she can be. Flora saves the captain's life, and her own bacon, but starvation looms and the crew's survival depends on an unlikely sled team which includes Flora!



Operation Bunny by Sally Gardner is the first of three in the *Wings & Co.* detective series and not only has talking animals, but magic, fairies, and witches also! To escape her miserable life, Emily Vole finds refuge by visiting Miss String, an eccentric neighbor who has more than a few secrets up her sleeve, including a human-sized talking cat. Fidget's existence is Emily's first hint that magic is real. Sure enough, Emily discovers that she, too, has special powers — a revelation that kicks off a whirlwind journey through the underbelly of London. Emily and her cohorts must keep certain objects out of the hands of the villainous witch Harpella, who wants to use them to steal souls and obliterate fairies. Soon Emily and Fidget embark on an adventure to solve the sudden transformation of a bevy of train passengers into fluffy pink bunnies and defeat Harpella. By the end of the story, Emily has become a no-nonsense, brave, ace detective specializing in magical crimes. Young readers looking

for silly magical adventures will find much to love, but will have to read the novel closely in order to keep track of past events that caused the current state of affairs.

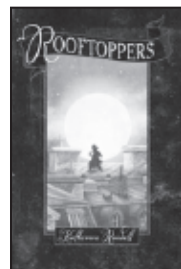
First in *The Imaginary Veterinary* series is *The Sasquatch Escape*. When Ben Silverstein is sent to the rundown town of Buttonville to spend the summer with his grandfather, he's certain it will be the most boring vacation ever. That is, until his grandfather's cat brings home what looks like a baby dragon. Amazed, Ben enlists the help of Pearl Petal, a local girl with an eye for adventure. They take the wounded dragon to the only veterinarian's office in town, Dr. Woo's Worm Hospital. But as Ben and Pearl discover once they are inside, Dr. Woo's isn't a worm hospital at all, it's actually a secret hospital for imaginary creatures. While there, Ben inadvertently lets a Sasquatch into the Known World, and he and Pearl must return the hairy beast before anyone notices him. Eventually, Dr. Woo offers them summer apprenticeships where they will be supervised by the mysterious Mr. Tabby, a man with a red mustache and a long cat's tail. The series' preposterous situation and the need for secrecy provide plentiful opportunities for suspense as well as humor.



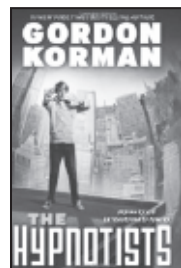
Alfred Bunce and his 10-year-old apprentice, Birdie, are also out to find mythical creatures in *How to Catch a Bogle* by Catherine Jinks. Birdie has faced down plenty of monsters lurking in the chimneys, wells, and other dark places of Victorian London. She serves as bait, singing sweetly to lure the bogles out so her master, the well-seasoned Alfred Bunce, can kill them with his trusty spear. Orphans are disappearing and a bogle is suspected, but Alfred and Birdie discover something even more sinister at work. Capable, forthright, and street-wise, Birdie fairly leaps off the page with pluck, intelligence, and courage. Historical details are woven in to ensure that readers are firmly ensconced in Victorian London, where bogles may be waiting to snatch unsuspecting children, but they are certainly not the only danger to be had. The well-paced story builds to an exciting climax as each bogle encounter raises the stakes and Birdie and Alfred face a decision that will change their lives. While this particular adventure is wrapped up nicely, readers will be delighted that the stage is set for future bogling exploits.



Also taking place in the 19th-century world, *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell is also magical, although not in the usual sense. Rundell's writing is filled with sparkling images, dreaminess, and humor. One-year-old Sophie is literally unsinkable, as she is found floating in a cello case in the English Channel, wrapped in the score of a symphony. Sophie is saved by one of the passengers, a gangly young scholar named Charles Maxwell. Charles decides to keep her. Sophie has a wonderful life living in his drafty house, being taught all manner of interesting things by Charles, and wearing whatever she likes, especially trousers. But, a single man having a young girl as his ward is frowned upon in 1890s London and when Sophie is 12, the authorities order her to an orphanage. Instead, she and Charles escape to Paris, and it is there that Sophie begins her search for her mother, who, she is convinced, is alive after all and not drowned. Sophie begins to explore the rooftops and meets an extraordinary boy, Matteo, who lives and scavenges entirely on the roofs. Life up there is full of dangers, and Sophie's determination to find her mother lands her in some tough situations. Ultimately, however, with the help of Matteo and Charles, her quest comes to a genuinely touching and satisfying conclusion.



Gordon Korman is a great children's novelist. In one of his newer books, *The Hypnotists*, things just have a way of working out for Jax. The bus stops when he is running late. The pretty girl looks his way. Teachers love him, and for a mediocre athlete, he has got a magic touch on the basketball court. But soon Jax discovers that it's not just good luck; rather, he has an ability to hypnotize those around him. When his skill is discovered by another hypnotist, he is recruited into a secretive training program. Jax is skeptical at first, but then he decides to make the most of his skill — until he realizes that Dr. Mako has plots far more nefarious and powerful than Jax's dream of getting an extra serving of fries out of the cafeteria ladies. Brief, fast-moving, mysterious, and full of suspenseful moments, this first in the *Hypnotists* series hits all the right notes for aspiring magicians as well as those who like plucky underdogs who are easy to cheer for.



Our final book is *Wake up Missing* by Kate Messner and this book is another example of teenagers fighting against an evil group of adults. Following a traumatic head injury, 12-year-old Cat is accepted at I-CAN, a "miracle" treatment center for neurological disorders in the Florida Everglades. Things seem strange right away: the small number of patients (only six), the isolated island facility, the prohibition against cell phones, and the absences and personality changes of those undergoing

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Lists Four Nonnative, Large Constrictor Snakes As Injurious Wildlife

Protections for native wildlife and sensitive U.S. ecosystems strengthened through prohibitions on importation and interstate transport.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has declared the reticulated python, DeSchauensee's anaconda, green anaconda and Beni anaconda as "injurious" under the Lacey Act. A fifth snake, the boa constrictor, has been removed from consideration for listing as an injurious wildlife species.

The listing will prohibit import of the four snakes into the U.S. and its territories, as well as transport across state lines for snakes already in the country, and is intended to help restrict the snakes' spread in the wild. Following opportunities for public comment, an economic analysis and an environmental assessment, the Service produced the final rule, which was published in the Federal Register March 10, 2015. The prohibitions in the rule will go into effect 30 days after publication and apply to live individuals, gametes, viable eggs or hybrids of the four snakes.

"Large constrictor snakes are costing the American public millions of dollars in damage and placing at risk 41 federally and state-listed threatened or endangered species in Florida alone," said Service Director Dan Ashe during an event to announce the rule at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Florida. "Today's action will help prevent humans from contributing to the spread of these snakes."

In March 2010, the Service proposed listing nine species of large constrictor snakes not native to the United States as injurious wildlife. The listing was finalized in 2012 for four species: Burmese python, yellow anaconda, and northern and southern African pythons. In 2014, the Service reopened the public comment period for the remaining five species, including the boa constrictor. Although the boa constrictor can be damaging to U.S. wildlife, the circumstances surrounding the species, which include widespread private ownership and domestic breeding, render importation and interstate transport prohibitions less effective.

The reticulated python and the green anaconda, considered the two largest snakes in the world, are traded commercially as pets. Some of these powerful snakes have been intentionally released into the wild, while others escape from poorly secured enclosures. Small numbers have been found in the wild in Florida, putting at risk native wildlife unprepared to defend itself against these giant and efficient predators. Prohibiting additional importation and interstate transportation could reduce opportunities for future releases into the wild.

The Beni and DeSchauensee's anacondas are not known to be in the United States. The Service determined an injurious listing now is the most effective way to prevent future problems like those occurring with the Burmese python. In Florida, Burmese pythons are preying on native wildlife species, including those that are endangered or threatened. Scientists have not found any way of eradicating invasive constrictor snakes once they become established in the wild.

Species are added to the list of injurious wildlife to prevent their introduction or establishment and to protect the health and welfare of humans; the interests of agriculture, horticulture or forestry; and the welfare and survival of wildlife resources.

The Service considered a variety of factors when evaluating these snake species for listing as injurious, such as the species' survival capabilities and ability to spread geographically, their impacts to threatened and endangered species, and resource managers' ability to control and eradicate the species.

Most people who own any of these four species will not be affected by this regulation. Those who own any of these species will be allowed to keep them if allowed by state law. However, they will not be allowed transport or sell them across state lines. Those who wish to export these species out of the United States may do so from a designated port within their state after acquiring appropriate permits from the Service.

The final rule, supporting documents and questions and answers about this action are located at the following web site: <http://www.fws.gov/verobeach/InvasiveSpecies.html>

For more information on the injurious wildlife provisions of the Lacey Act, please read the following fact sheet: <http://www.fws.gov/verobeach/PythonPDF/20150306%20LCS%20Final%20Rule%20QA.pdf>. ■



Phase Three. After overhearing a sinister conversation, Cat and the others do some judicious, although implausibly easy, snooping, where they learn that the miracle cure is a ruse. Instead, the children are to be implanted with the DNA of dead scientific paragons such as Oppenheimer and Edison as part of a modern-day Manhattan Project. Their escape through alligator-infested swamps ahead of hired thugs is suspenseful though ultimately reassuring, as the enemies are punished and the children are saved. An author's note explains the real science used as a basis for this thriller, which will get kids talking about the role DNA plays in our identities. A smart, safe scare for older elementary children.

The Great Stone Face Award is to congratulate authors on work well done. It also opens discussion and encourages youngsters to pick up a book. The best way to encourage your child to read is to talk. Talk about what you are reading and talk about what they are reading. Be enthusiastic. And until next time...keep turning those pages. ■

Bank of New Hampshire Hosts Free Shredding Days

Bank of New Hampshire is hosting free paper shredding days on Saturday, April 18th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at their Laconia and Manchester offices and on Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at their Concord North Main Street and Littleton offices. This is an opportunity for all residents to destroy old documents and confidential files safely. Bank of New Hampshire and AARP have partnered together to generate more awareness about safely and securely disposing of documents. AARP will be on site each day and available to discuss the best practices for protecting your identity.

"We are happy to offer this event for responsible paper disposal which will help reduce the risk of identity theft," said Vickie Routhier, SVP – Chief Retail Banking & Marketing Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. "Bank of New Hampshire continues to be proactive in finding ways to protect consumers from fraud. We encourage residents to do their part by making use of this event for secure disposal."

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Loudon Agriculture Commission — Monthly Update

By: Cindy Shea — President

It's hard to believe that it is April and by the time you read this I am hoping my crocus and daffodils will be blooming. As I write, there is still quite a bit of snow on the ground, but we all know that in the blink of an eye, mud season will be here.

I have already started a few seeds indoors and have plenty of seeds ready to plant come May. We are doubling the size of our backyard garden this year and plan to add new items we've never grown before. We are also expecting eight Rhode Island Red chicks in April and can't wait until they start producing those delicious fresh eggs.

A wise woman once said, "Everyone who has a backyard is a potential farmer." That couldn't be truer. While we only have a couple of acres, we are growing, canning and freezing our own vegetables and herbs, we have some fruit trees, but plan to add new stock to the property, and let's not forget those chicks who will give me, my family and friends some fresh eggs.

You don't have to have ten or more acres to be a successful farmer. All you need is a little inspiration and the desire to grow your own food and/or flowers. A small garden is just as good as a big one; you just have to be more specific about what you want to plant.

The Ag. Commission finished the Loudon Farm Map and you can draw your own inspiration from those around you who farm and especially from the owners of Ridgeland Farm, a young couple starting out on their own adventure. You can read their story at right.

If you haven't seen the map, you can stop by several locations in town including the Library, check it out on our website at www.loudonag.org or stop by our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. held in the community building.

While we gave it our best effort, the warrant article we petitioned did not pass at Town Meeting. However, we were able to meet lots of great people who gave us ideas on what they would like to see from the AG Commission.

Several people mentioned beekeeping and we would like to have a representative from one of the local beekeeping organizations come and give a talk. Did you know you could support honeybees just by planting certain flowers?

We are also excited to announce that we received a mini-grant from the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food. This money will go towards the Loudon AG Commission sponsored workshops like beekeeping along with a special workshop on grant writing.

There are many grants out there and some that are specific to organizations that support farmers. You can learn how to write your own grants or talk to us about a joint venture that we can help support.

The Loudon Agriculture Commission would like to thank all those who donated money so we could have matching funds for this grant. We also would like to thank all those who supported our efforts on the warrant article.

Happy Spring! ■

Ridgeland Farm, Loudon Ridge Road

By: Cindy Shea — Loudon AG Commission

Drive down any back road in town and your bound to find at least one farm, but drive down Loudon Ridge Road and you'll pass many including the newer Ridgeland Farm.

Started by longtime town residents Stefan and Stacey Lillios, Ridgeland Farm is their new adventure together. Currently their focus is on maple syrup and pigs.

Stefan was kind enough to give me a private tour of his new (to him) maple processing set up. Sap feeds from a pan to a series of pipes suspended inside the evaporator, which preheats the sap that has already had some of the water content removed through reverse osmosis. As the sap heats, it moves through the system getting hotter as it goes. The more it heats the more it thickens and so the process goes until it feeds into the syrup pans where it is tested for readiness, filtered and either bottled directly or stored in drums to be bottled later.

A new grading system is in place this year and Stefan was happy to share with me the difference in syrup.

"The darker grade is good for cooking while the lighter is typically used for candies and sugar." He explained.

I asked Stefan how he got into the maple syrup business.

"Boredom." He replies with a boyish grin.

Back in 2007 or so, Stefan started with about ten taps and boiled on a small burner. The boiling took all day, so Stefan hooked up with family friends, the Moore's, and started helping them on their farm and boiling his sap there. This year his goal is reach a thousand gallons on his own equipment with 2,500 taps.

In addition to maple syrup, Stefan raises pigs. In fact, he will raise a pig for you. He currently has two pigs he is raising for customers and once they hit maturity, they will be processed and packaged. This is a great resource for those who want fresh pork but don't have the means to raise a pig on their own.

"We're going to have some milking goats. Just for us." Stefan explains. He and Stacey are adding Nubians to their farm. "We tried chickens at one point, but decided washing all those eggs just wasn't for me." He chuckles.

In talking with Stefan, it was clear that this young man is excited about his farm and the future it holds. There was a sense of pride as he spoke about his syrup making system and the pigs he is raising including a boar and sow he plans to keep and breed. He embodies the future of farming; young families starting out and finding what not only excites them, but also what works best for them.

This is exactly the type of entrepreneurial spirit that embodies the Loudon Agricultural Commission and why we support local farmers.

You can contact Ridgeland Farm at (603) 520-4337 or visit their website at www.ridgelandfarmnh.com. Or find them on the new Loudon Farm Map (they are number thirteen). Stop by and ask for your own tour of the maple process and don't forget to ask about his pigs. (Mmm, can you say maple-cured bacon?)

If you or someone you know would like to be highlighted as one of our featured farms, please contact Cindy Shea at cindy_shea@comcast.net. ■

Bank of New Hampshire Offers 7 Tips to Frustrate a Fraudster During Tax Season

The weeks leading up to the April 15th tax deadline are often vulnerable ones for consumers as W-2s and tax returns containing their personal information circulate over the internet and through the mail.

According to a Javelin Strategy and Research study, 12.7 million Americans were victims of identity fraud in 2014. Though down from 2013, it remains the Federal Trade Commission's number-one consumer complaint.

"Identity thieves look for every opportunity to steal your information, especially during tax season," said Vickie Routhier, SVP – Chief Retail Banking & Marketing Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. "Consumers should be on high alert and take every step to protect their personal and financial information."

To help consumers, Bank of New Hampshire offers the following tips:

- **Don't share your secrets.** Don't provide your Social Security number or bank account information with anyone who contacts you online or over the phone. Neither your bank nor the IRS will contact you requesting this information.

- **Beware of phishing emails.** Phishing attacks occur when criminals use 'spoofed' emails and fake websites of trusted organizations to coerce consumers into sharing personal information. During tax season, fraudsters often pose as the IRS. Don't be fooled. The IRS will never initiate taxpayer contact via unsolicited email to request personal or financial data.

- **Shred sensitive papers.** Shred receipts, banks statements and unused credit card offers before throwing them away. For papers you must keep, like tax docu-

ments, keep them in a secure place. Bank of New Hampshire is offering several free mobile shredding days at select locations during April; visit www.banknh.com/shred to learn how you can shred old and confidential documents safely.

- **Keep an eye out for missing mail.** Fraudsters look for monthly credit card statements, W-2s, tax refunds or other mail containing your financial information. If you don't receive your W-2s, and your employer indicates they've been mailed, or it looks like it has been previously opened upon delivery, contact the IRS immediately.

- **Protect your computer.** Make sure the virus protection software on your computer is active and up-to-date, particularly if you plan to file your taxes online. When conducting business online, make sure your browser's padlock or key icon is active. Also look for an "s" after the "http" to be sure the website is secure (https).

- **Use online banking to protect yourself.** Monitor your financial accounts regularly for fraudulent transactions. Sign up for text or email alerts from your bank for certain types of transactions, such as online purchases or transactions of more than \$300.

Report any suspected fraud to your bank immediately. Additionally, if the IRS denies your tax return because one has previously been filed under your name, alert the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490. ■

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04/11/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
04/11/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough PD	Moultonborough
04/11/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Portsmouth UFC	Portsmouth
04/11/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham
04/18/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Bedford PD	Bedford
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04/18/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Plaistow Lib	Plaistow
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04/25/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough PD	Moultonborough
04/25/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Portsmouth UFC	Portsmouth
04/25/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham
05/02/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Bedford PD	Bedford
05/02/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Winnisquam Marine	Belmont
05/02/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
05/02/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough PD	Moultonborough
05/02/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham
05/10/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham
05/16/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Bedford PD	Bedford
05/16/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
05/16/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough PD	Moultonborough
05/16/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Portsmouth UFC	Portsmouth
05/16/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham
05/21/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Holderness SLA	Holderness
05/30/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Bedford PD	Bedford
05/30/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Concord DOS	Concord
05/30/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Moultonborough PD	Moultonborough
05/30/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Plaistow Lib	Plaistow
05/30/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Portsmouth UFC	Portsmouth
05/30/15	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Windham FD	Windham

TWO EVENING SESSIONS (WEEKNIGHTS)

04/13/15 & 04/15/15	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	Berlin WMCC	Berlin
04/27/15 & 04/29/15	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	Exeter Lib	Exeter
05/04/15 & 05/06/15	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	Dover HS	Dover
05/11/15 & 05/13/15	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	Exeter Lib	Exeter
05/18/15 & 05/20/15	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	Berlin WMCC	Berlin
05/18/15 & 05/20/15	6:00 p.m.–9:30p.m.	Dover HS	Dover

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What You Should Know About Closing Costs

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

If you are selling your home, the debate about who is going to pay Closing Costs will come up eventually. So before you decide whether or not it's worth it to you to pay closing costs on the sale of your home, here are three things you need to consider.

1. How much will the closing costs be? Closing costs generally amount to 3-6 percent of the total home price, though they could be higher depending on where you live and whether additional costs-like title insurance property premiums- factor in.
2. What are the closing costs? Closing costs are the fees associated with the sale of a home. This could include fees to pay for title insurance, appraisals, inspections or legal services.
3. What happens if you refuse to pay closing costs? It depends. As the seller, you typically don't have to pay most of the closing costs, which is typically the responsibility of the buyer. However, some buyers may request that you pay the closing costs because they have strong credit histories but lack the additional cash to handle closing costs expenses. Refusing to pay them could jeopardize a sale.

Closing costs can be tricky to manage but if you have questions, remember, your Realtor is there to help. Consult with your Realtor and seek their guidance. They can help you sell your house quickly and potentially for the best price. ■

Old Home Day Planning Underway!

Our Annual Loudon Old Home Day will take place on **Saturday, August 8, 2015** beginning with the parade. The theme of this year's event is "Fired Up," in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the Loudon Firefighters' Association. There will be updates of times, locations, and planned events posted in future issues of the *Loudon Ledger*. If you are interested in helping with any of the activities or have any ideas, please feel free to contact Terri Barton at resq-mom61@yahoo.com. ■

OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA "GINNY" BURR

Virginia "Ginny" Burr passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015. Ginny was born March 2nd, 1930, in Rockville Center, Long Island, N.Y. to Horace Wellington Watts and Clara Gwynne (Birch) Watts. After graduating from Ocean-side High School, she attended the Massachusetts School of Physiotherapy and X-Ray majoring in Science. After moving to Nutley, N.J. with her parents, Ginny met Charles W. 'Charlie' Martin. They were married in 1956 and moved to West Caldwell, N.J. and had two children, Geoff and Pam. In 1971 the family moved to Loudon where Ginny soon became involved in the community. She was a past Deaconess, choir member, and Vice President of the Ladies Guild at the Loudon Congregational Church. She was a secretary for the Piper Insurance Agency in Concord, Attorney John S. Kitchen in Laconia and clerk for the Loudon Municipal Court.

Affectionately known to many simply as "Ma" Burr, Ginny touched the lives of countless friends, neighbors and family, old and young alike with acts of kindness and generosity. She loved to paint with oils and acrylics. She loved to create hand-made crafts, and many people still cherish one of her custom pine cone wreaths, or a fully decorated miniature Christmas tree complete with lights! Ginny also loved to cook, and you never went away hungry from her home.

Ginny's family includes her daughter, Pam Bartlett and husband, Rick, her son, Geoff Martin and wife, Susan Felker-Martin, grandchildren, Erik Strand, Kris Strand, Kara Perez, Ric Bartlett, Chris Bartlett, Jennifer Angus, Travis Martin, Nicole Martin, Gretchen Martin and Chloe Martin, and 13 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in honor of Ginny to The Loudon Fire Department, 8 Cooper St., Loudon NH 03307 or Concord Regional VNA, Hospice House, 240 Pleasant St., Concord NH 03301.

The Bennett Funeral Home of Concord is in charge of the arrangements. Messages of condolences may be offered at bennettfuneral.com.

TIMOTHY ROBERT DUGAN

Timothy Robert Dugan, 36, after a courageous race against Cancer, Tim is now racing for eternity. On Friday, March 6, 2015, Tim crossed the finish line at the gates of heaven.

Tim was born in Concord, the son of Donna Lucardi of Concord and George Dugan of Zephyr Hills, Fla. Tim was a graduate of Concord High School class of 1996 and was most recently employed as a Lineman at Unitil Corporation in Concord. Prior to joining the brotherhood at Unitil, Tim worked for JCR Construction in Raymond. While employed at JCR, Tim worked in the Hi-Line division where he stepped off of a helicopter onto a structure to "go to the office."

Tim lived life to the fullest, always on the edge defying the odds. He had no fear. Tim had a passion, as well as a talent for racing — he won the New England Region SCCA championship 2 years running. Tim enjoyed working on cars and bikes in his garage — he rarely let anyone help maintain his race car! When Tim was not racing, he was camping with family and friends. Tim never turned down the opportunity to go on a road trip — even when his wife disagreed.

Tim had an infectious smile that would light up a room. He always put others before himself. Tim's legacy is going to live on in his pride and joys, his girls, Mackenzie(8) and Taylor(6).

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Tim is survived by his loving wife, Sarah Dugan, of Loudon; his daughters, Mackenzie Dugan and Taylor Dugan both of Loudon; his mother, Donna Lucardi, and his stepfather, Albert Lucardi of Concord; his father, George Dugan of Zephyrhills, Fla.; his in-laws, Richard and Linda Garland of Concord; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

A Celebration of Tim's Life will be held at a later date when people can gather to have a party in Tim's honor.

In lieu of flowers donations may be to the Mackenzie and Taylor Dugan Trust c/o Sarah Dugan at Citizens Bank.

IRENE GILMAN

Irene Gilman, 87, passed away peacefully at her home in Loudon with her family by her side Thursday, March 19, 2015.

She was born March 28, 1927, in Plymouth. She was the daughter of Frank and Helen (Houghton) Sherburne. She graduated from Concord High School in 1945 and worked for New England Telephone Company in Concord and then Verizon in Manchester for 23 years. She was also a Girl Scout leader in Penacook for many years. She was a member of The Canterbury United Community Church in Canterbury. She was a member of the Eastern Stars in Franklin and Penacook.

She is predeceased by her daughter, Leanna Kerr in 2000 and her husband, Charles Gilman Jr. in 2006.

She is survived by four children, daughter, Cheryle Bastarache and her husband, Gerard of Penacook, son, David Ethridge and his wife, Debbie from Monroe, Ohio, daughters, Marie Perry and her friend, Mike Perry of Bow and Diane Colarusso and her husband Greg, of Loudon; and her stepchildren, Kenny Gilman, Anne DeMotta, Nancy Sciascia and Richard Gilman. She will also be missed by her eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren along with her cousins Patricia Locke of Concord and Victor Wright of Contoocook.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Canterbury United Community Church or a charity of ones choice.

Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes — March 5, 2015

Members present: Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Larry Stone (alternate)

Absent: Chris Koufos, Annette Batchelder

Present: Howard and Robin Pearl, Dennis Schaefer

Officers:

Cindy Shea — 2016 President

Chris D Koufos — 2016 Vice President

Carole Soule — 2017 Secretary

Larry Stone — Alternate, 2016

Bruce Dawson — 2017

Annette Batchelder — 2015

Old Business

- Minutes from Feb 5, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected
- NEGFF:** The grant from NEGFF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) for \$1,000 was received May 4, 2011 "for graphic design and/or printing of a local farm map to highlight and raise awareness of local resources."

2250 copies have been printed and are ready for distribution. Howard and Robin Pearl offered to distribute copies. Board members will distribute as well. Copies will be available at the March 14 Town Meeting.

- Website: www.loudonag.org
Dennis Schaeffer and Bruce Dawson met to enhance the website
The board needs to continue review the site for errors and to make suggestions

We would like to send a newsletter from material on the website and be able to upload pictures. Links to

farms will be provided. Carole will send Board minutes to Bruce for posting.

- The board will have a booth at the March 14th Town Meeting. Carole and Cindy will meet with Mike Labonte on March 10th to discuss details. Dennis will send Bruce a 24" banner to print for display. Carole and Cindy will create a questionnaire for Town Residents including questions like:

- What type of farm related workshops are you interested in? Grant writing, bee keeping, pig workshop, other?
- Do you support Agriculture in Loudon?
- Do you buy from Loudon Farmers?
- Would you be willing to pay a small fee to attend workshops?

Town Meeting: The board will have a table at the March 14th Town Meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend and support the Commission as well as speak out in favor of RSA 79-F.

The following will be needed for the meeting:

- Clipboard for names and addresses
- Short questionnaire
- Workshop suggestions
- Volunteer requests
- Banner

- Grants:** Carole Soule and Cindy Shea submitted a grant application to NH Agriculture Department for \$350 to match funds we currently have. If

the grant is approved these are some of the workshops we would consider holding.

- Beth McGwin would like to present from 5 Rivers about conservation easements
- Grant writing for farmers
- Website set up and design — Basic/Beginners course
- Bee Keeping
- Farm to Table
- Building Barns

- Sustainable Farming
- Pig Workshop
- UNH Cooperative offerings?

- Board members are encouraged to attend the next Planning Board Meeting on March 19th at 7 p.m.

New Business

A "Farmers" potluck was discussed but tabled for future discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be on April 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — January 5, 2015

Ken Krzewick called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

In attendance: Trustees Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Alice Tuson; Library Director Nancy Hendy

Acceptance of minutes: The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the December 1, 2015 meeting. *Molly moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.*

The Library Director's Report was reviewed, which included the following:

- The town offices are in the process of sending notices for when annual reports are due to be submitted.
- Upcoming library programs include: January — "Healthy Detox" with Carolyn Richardson, February — "New Year, New You" with the Empire Beauty School, and March — "Kaleidoscope Gardening" with Helen Hayes.
- Regularly scheduled weekly library programs for 2015 continue to include: four yoga sessions, three story times, LEGO Club, Sit 'n' Stitch, and open art studios.
- The next SILC meeting and A/V exchange will be in Epsom on Jan. 13.
- The next book sale will be on Jan. 24. The sale will be followed by a Hardy Road Village District meeting at 2 p.m.

The Trustees reviewed the profit and loss statement.

The Trustees started to review the Personnel Policy and will continue the discussion next month. The Town's Personnel Policy will be reviewed as well to see if the

Library's Policy may be modified as necessary to be consistent with the Town's.

Alice will contact Irving Oil, who currently services the furnaces, to determine what the ongoing issues are and see what they recommend as a solution. She will also contact other heating companies for their input as well. She will look at the copies of the furnace and installation blueprints to familiarize herself with the building's HVAC system.

The Trustees reviewed quotes from two painting contractors. The third contractor did not submit a quote. Alice will contact Keeley Painting Company in Pittsfield, NH for references.

The Library received the results for the annual water test from the State. There were no compounds or minerals found to be above the safe level for drinking. The water tested a little over the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level for manganese. SMCL is a threshold level for aesthetic concerns (taste, odor, and staining) and is not considered a health concern.

There was discussion regarding the damaged ground light behind the library and whether or not it should be replaced, fixed, or removed. The breaker has been turned off to the fixture for safety reasons.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Molly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.

Submitted by:
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland
Alice Tuson

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 10, 2015

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 3, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 4, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives stated that there is no Board of Permit this evening.

Chairman Ives stated that they need to accept the Warrant. He explained that Article 3 will affect the tax rate by approximately .03 cents per thousand, Article 4 will affect the tax rate by approximately .27 cents per thousand, Article 8 will affect the tax rate by approximately .92 per thousand, and Article 9 will affect the tax rate by approximately .11 cents per thousand. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to accept the Warrant and read the following: Town of Loudon, New Hampshire, Warrant and Budget 2015. To the inhabitants of the town of Loudon in the County of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows: Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Time: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Location: Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road, Loudon, NH. Articles 1–2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 P.M. at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road. Articles 3–11 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.*

Chairman Ives explained that they held a contest for the 5th grade students in Loudon to design the front cover of the town report. The pictures were judged by the Loudon Young at Heart. He explained that the winner would be the front cover and second place would be on the back cover of the book.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the February 2015 Merrimack Valley School District invoice in the amount of \$662,830.23.

The Board received one overdue ambulance bill for review. *Selectman Krieger moved to forward the following past due ambulance bill to collection; account #2742 in the amount of \$619.10. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board a Block Grant Aid payment in the amount of \$29,794.28 from the State of NH.

The Board received the NH Charitable Foundation activity summary report.

The Board received the January 2015 Agricultural Commission minutes.

The Board received the February 2015 Agricultural Commission minutes.

The Board received the Agricultural Commission brochure and invoices to be approved. If approved the invoices will be paid from the Agricultural Commission 2011 grant and money they collected from farms for the map project.

The Board received a NHDOT letter forwarded from Michael Harris.

The Board received a UNH Tech Transfer Center booklet. Chairman Ives explained that this is about the Roads Scholar

program and asked that it be forwarded to the highway department.

The Board received the NRRA Annual Report.

The Board received a renewal letter from North American Power.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders: there is a building committee meeting Thursday, February 12th at 4 p.m. and Monday, February 16th the town offices will be closed due to Presidents Day.

The Board recognized Steve Jakubowski from the audience. Mr. Jakubowski asked the Board if they know what day the school board meeting is. Selectman Bowles said it's the first week of March, he explained that they went over a week ago Thursday for the first budget hearing, the Annual Meeting is the first week in March but he wasn't sure of the day. Mr. Jakubowski suggested that the board write a letter to the residents of Loudon explaining the amount of the tax bill that comes out of the school; he said people really need to be encouraged to attend the school meeting. Selectman Krieger said it can go on the website. He also reiterated that \$662,830.23 is sent to the school monthly. Mr. Jakubowski suggested that several letters from the board go to the *Concord Monitor*. Selectman Bowles said there are several petitions to be voted on that will make things more transparent on the board.

The Board recognized Jessica Ferreira from New Hampshire Motor Speedway. She explained that they have had the Color Run event there for the past two years. This year they want to change it to a nighttime event. Ms. Ferreira stated that participants would arrive between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.; runners will start at 7:00 p.m. She explained that because this is at night, the powder being thrown would be activated by a black light. Ms. Ferreira said that being at night, they want to be good neighbors so they have changed the course and the festival area so there won't be as much noise impact. She said the music would end at 9:59 p.m. and the festival area cleanup would begin by 10:00 p.m. Selectman Krieger asked what day the event would be held. Ms. Ferreira said Saturday, September 12, 2015. Chairman Ives said he doesn't have a problem with it as long as the music is off when it's supposed to be. Selectman Krieger stated that he is all for it however if the police department gets complaints about the music and deems it to be within the disorderly conduct statute they will ask for it to be shut down. Selectman Bowles asked how many vehicles they are anticipating. Ms. Ferreira said they figure about 2.5 people per vehicle so it depends on the number of participants. Selectman Krieger asked if they have police at the Color Run event now. Ms. Ferreira said they did a plan with Chief Fiske; they didn't have an officer at the facility. She explained that once they are closer to the event they will have a better idea of the number of participants and the plan will be finalized. Ms. Ferreira went on to say that, this is a low-key family event and there will not be any alcohol served. Mr. Steve Jakubowski asked about the number of events that take place at the track currently. Selectman Krieger stated that there are music events that take place on race weekends and the music only goes to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Jakubowski asked if holding evening events would create an option for the track to hold night races. Chairman Ives stated that the covenants in the court documents

do not allow for night races. Mr. Jakubowski cautioned about losing control over the night events. Selectman Krieger stated that the Selectmen and representatives of the track discussed the night events that the track proposed last year, the Selectmen tried to trim down the number of events proposed, and there was an agreement between the Board and the track. He said that this event occurred last year and they are making some changes to it for this year. Selectman Krieger said if there were numerous complaints received regarding this event, than the Selectmen would need to discuss it with the track; however, he does not expect there to be a lot of complaints. Ms. Ferreira stated that the event is going to be held in a different area this year and she feels it will cut down on the noise. Chairman Ives said with 5,000–7,000 people versus 70,000–80,000 people attending this event he feels it will be a low-key smaller affair comparatively. He went on to say that if there are issues and complaints, then the Board will talk with the track but he is ok with this event taking place at night; if there are issues then they will deal with it then. Selectman Krieger said he agreed. Selectman Bowles stated he had some concerns regarding making sure both the Fire Department and Police Department are completely updated on this event. Ms. Ferreira said that there are ambulances on-site and also security at the event. Selectman Bowles said his concern was regarding being sure that there is enough coverage within the town for the vehicles exiting the event. Chairman Ives asked if the participants preregistered for this event so that there would be an idea of the number of participants expected. Ms. Ferreira said participants did need to preregister. Chairman Ives stated that he wanted to be clear, by agreeing to this event it does not condone or approve any additional expansion of nighttime activities. He said this is a trial and depending on the outcome will depend on if it would continue in the future. Selectman Bowles asked for clarification on the traffic plan regarding if it would be one lane or two lanes exiting the event. Discussion ensued regarding the area that the participants would be parking and entering/exiting from and it was stated that there should not be any back up nor would there be two lanes used. Tom Blanchette from NHMS stated that the ambulance service utilized at the track are state certified and can help the town if needed in an emergency event. Ms. Ferreira stated that once she receives the final information she will be back with the updated information and will

be discussing the updates with Chief Fiske as they happen.

The Board met with Carole Soule and Cindy Shea of the Loudon Agricultural Commission regarding a request for matching grant funds in the amount of \$500.00.

Chairman Ives stated that the Board had researched how the Agricultural Commission was set up initially, and he noted that the Board was under the understanding there would be no funds for this group. Ms. Soule stated she felt the Commission was doing good things for the community. Ms. Shea stated that the members of the Agricultural Commission have gotten the Local Farm Map together, that they have been reaching out to the community members with farms, they are looking to help with grant writing for farms in town for grant money, and are looking at trying to hold workshops for some of the new younger farm owners to learn about things like organic farming, sustainability, etc. Ms. Soule said she felt that the Agricultural Commission members would have liked this grant to be an "in kind grant"; however, it was a matching grant. She said that the Commission members are fundraising to help put money towards the grant, at this point they have raised \$250.00. Chairman Ives stated that there are other groups and businesses in Loudon that do not get funds from the town such as towing companies, contractors, etc. He feels that people may take offense if the Board favors one type of business over another. Chairman Ives said that the Agricultural Commission was set up and operated for a while, then became less active and about a one year ago became active again. He said his opinion would be to not approve the \$500.00 request but thought that the farms in town could chip in money to go towards this grant. Ms. Soule stated she felt the difference between this request and other organizations or businesses is that they are a "town commission." Steve Jakubowski stated that he feels there is a huge difference between an agricultural community and private businesses. He said Loudon has a history as a farming community and feels that supporting and protecting farms is very different than helping private businesses. Chairman Ives referred to the Agricultural Commission Local Farm Map and said he felt that it was an advertisement for the farms in town. He said the Conservation Commission is in place and they protect open space and land in town. Mr. Jakubowski said this request is supporting the protection of farms and land as well.

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Selectman Krieger asked when the grant paperwork needed to be submitted for consideration. Ms. Soule stated February 19, 2015 and they have to say that there is a source of money for matching funds. Selectman Krieger said he was all for supporting farms but Chairman Ives does have a point regarding the possible issues with other groups forming in order to receive funds from the town. He said that unless the Board had more time to check into this subject, he agrees with Chairman Ives, that the Agricultural Commission was setup with the understanding that it would be self-sufficient and would not be requesting any town funds. Selectman Krieger stated that he would be willing to donate to the organization but did not agree at this time to utilize town funds. Selectman Krieger and Selectman Bowles each donated \$25.00 to the organization. Selectman Bowles said he realizes the request for \$500.00 is not a huge amount when looking at a \$4,000,000.00 budget but he does not feel right asking the taxpayers to fund this when there are other ways to fund this request. Ms. Soule asked if the Board liked the farm map that was produced. Both Selectman Krieger and Bowles said they did like the map. Chairman Ives stated that the members of the American Legion Post #88 approached the Selectmen to pay the \$500.00 to have the Merrimack Valley Marching Band play at the Memorial Day Parade and the Selectmen did not want to pay for this request. He said the Selectmen went to the Recreation Committee and asked if they would reduce their budget as they had a \$500.00 surplus in their budget, they agreed and the Selectmen then agreed to move the \$500.00 to the Patriotic line to pay for the American Legion's request. Chairman Ives said if the Agricultural Commission can find a town organization with a budget, they may be able to request that that organization help them with their request. Selectman Krieger said his point was that he thought since there was not a lot of time to deal with this subject this year, it might be addressed at next year's Town Meeting. Selectman Bowles said that the seminars the Agricultural Commission would be putting on would be for the local farmers but for others in the community as well. Sheri Landry was recognized from the audience. She said she is just recently getting acquainted with the Agricultural Commission and she feels the \$500.00 request is minor in comparison to the benefits that will be seen for the town. She asked that if the Board decided not to help with the grant this year, would they consider funding it in the future. Selectman Krieger asked Ms. Soule and Ms. Shea if they could find out if this grant would be available next year so it

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 17, 2105

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 10, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor: Motion carried.

Chairman Ives explained that they received applications and resumes for the Road Agent job that was posted and closed today at noon. He said that two of the four applications came in after the noon deadline. Selectman Bowles said one application didn't include references; the Selectmen will send a letter asking for references. The Board will take these applications under advisement at this time.

Chairman Ives recognized Harley Parker from the audience. Mr. Parker explained that there is a tree on the boundary line between his property and the town property. He said he's spoken to the road agent about it over the last three years. Chairman Ives explained that the road agent is no longer working for the town. Mr. Parker said that the road agent said he would have the tree taken down before it does any more damage. Michelle Parker said that a week before the October storm a year ago they had talked to him, during the storm a big limb came down and

could go before the town at next year's town meeting, as it is too late for consideration at this year's meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Agricultural Commission already planning on having a table at this year's Town Meeting to share their progress.

Ms. Soule asked about the Petitioned Warrant Article that the Agricultural Commission submitted for 2015 Town Meeting. The Board advised Ms. Soule that it is included in the Town Warrant.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. Selectman Krieger stated with regard to the last discussion he wants to see every business in town succeed; but he did not think he could agree to approve the payment without taxpayer input. Chairman Ives said the Selectmen are stewards of taxpayer money and that is why he was adamant that he was not going to give out any money. All in favor: Motion carried.

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landed on their metal shed. She said they didn't say anything about it then because they were told that the tree would be coming down but they have been waiting and waiting. Ms. Parker said during the Thanksgiving storm limbs just missed their tractor, she said to others this might not seem urgent but to them it is. She said that if they could take it down they would but it's a property line tree. Selectman Bowles said they don't have a problem with the Parker's taking the tree down. He said that he spoke to the acting road agent who spoke to Mr. Parker. Selectman Bowles said he understood that Mr. Parker was going to snow blow a path to the tree, the town would push the tree down and Mr. Parker would cut it up. Mr. Parker agreed. Selectman Bowles said with the weather they just haven't gotten to it yet. Mr. Parker said he understands that but it has been going on for three years. Chairman Ives stated that they hadn't been getting all the information about things like this so they didn't realize it was going on, he said that he wished they hadn't waited so long to come to the Board so they could have done something about it sooner. The Parkers said they didn't want to be a bother. Selectman Bowles asked if the tree is accessible now. Mr. Parker said you can drive up his driveway to the tree. Selectman Bowles asked the Parkers to give the Selectmen a couple of days to find someone to take care of the tree. Chairman Ives stated that the board will get back to them in the next couple of days.

Chairman Ives explained that the board put two tax deeded mobile homes at Presidential Pines up for sealed bid he explained that 1 Pierce Lane went up for sealed bid twice, the first time they received no bids, the second time they received two bids but the park denied both applicants. Chairman Ives said in his opinion they should just pull that trailer out rather than keep paying park rent. Selectmen Krieger and Bowles agreed. Chairman Ives stated that they are in agreement that they will move that home out of there and move the shed to the transfer station to be used for battery storage. Chairman Ives explained that 2 Hoover Circle hasn't been put up for bid yet. A Presidential Park Board member said she works with someone that has a son interested in the home; she said he would probably be accepted into the park. Chairman Ives said they will put that one up for sealed bid; advertise it for one week, with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00. Selectman Krieger suggested that they look into having someone remove 1 Pierce Lane.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an email from Donna White regarding the Race weekend

parking lot permit fee that is currently \$20.00 per permit. Chairman Ives explained that the fee needs to cover the cost of having someone inspect the lots during the races for proper egress, fire lanes, signage, porta-potties etc. Selectman Krieger stated that he doesn't want to increase the fee however it shouldn't cost the town anything for the parking lots. They board will look into the cost and fee's involved in the parking permits to see if the fee needs to be adjusted.

The Board received the New Hampshire Municipal Association Wage, Salary, and Benefit Survey position and responsibility listing for their review.

The Board received the ESMI January 2015 Self-Report.

The Board received a request from USDA to post information about home repair loan and grant funds. The Board agreed that the information can be posted inside the town office.

The Board received a request from Jungle Jim's to be put on the bid list with regard to septic system installation for the new town office.

The Board received a note regarding a snowplowing issue near the property of Ken Green of Chichester Road. Chairman Ives stated that Tad from the Highway Department has already taken care of the issue.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board received the following reminders.

Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. is the Planning Board meeting.

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 the Selectmen's Meeting is cancelled.

Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7 p.m. is the Zoning Board meeting.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7 p.m. is Candidate's night.

Thursday, March 5, 2015 is the MVSD annual meeting. Polls open at 6 p.m., the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

The Board met with Jay and Jim St. Jean from St. Jean Auctioneers.

Chairman Ives stated that the town has three properties that they tax deeded. He explained that they haven't done this before so they are looking to them for expertise. Mr. St. Jean said they have three occupied properties. The Board agreed. Mr. St. Jean said their preference would be to sell the properties on sight one right after the other. He also explained that most banks won't finance these properties, they are usually cash sales. Mr. St. Jean stated that if the homes are not occupied it opens it up to many more buyers. Selectman Krieger said they have no problem notifying the occupants. Mr. St. Jean suggested that town council be in attendance the day of the sale.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 3, 2105

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 17, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Chief Wright.

Chief Wright explained that there was a building fire Saturday night on Pine Ridge Road. He said no one was home at the time. Chief Wright said a firefighter found a cat in the building unconscious it was brought to the ambulance crew where EMT Katie Downs revived it with oxygen. Chairman Ives read a notice that the Board received that says a fund has been set up at TD Bank for the collecting of donations for our neighbors Michael and Colleen Mitchell who lost their home to a fire. Chief Wright said the dry hydrant right around the corner worked great.

Chief Wright said Engine 3 is at Valley Fire Equipment getting the pump rebuilt.

Chief Wright said he will be ordering the new pump for the forestry truck to replace the 1950 era pump that parts are no longer available for. Chief Wright said they were awarded a \$2,000 grant from the state, the remaining balance will be paid for out of the Fire Department operating budget.

Chief Wright said last Saturday nine firefighters and one selectman removed snow and an ice dam from the roof at Station 1. He explained that last week water came into the fire station in the office area and several locations. The Board asked Chief Wright to contact the insurance company to look at the walls, insulation and rugs.

Selectman Krieger moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:10

p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of non-public session at 6:27 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes; Ives — yes. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2015.

The Board received the 2015 Building Permit List.

The Board received a 2014 Tax Abatement request from Eversource Energy (PSNH).

The Board received a 2014 Tax Abatement request from Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC (Fairpoint).

The Board received a 2014 Tax Abatement request from NH Motor Speedway.

The Board received an email from Faith Stevens regarding the CERT team. Selectman Bowles explained that he spoke to Brian Grimaldi last week. Mr. Grimaldi is willing to come in, meet with the Board and the Emergency Management Directors and head up the CERT team. Selectman Bowles said this allow them to keep the trailer and equipment local instead of turning it over to regional. He said that Mr. Grimaldi would like to meet with the Emergency Management Directors to see if they will use the CERT team.

The Board received a copy of a returned scholarship payment from Stephen Schwab. Chairman Ives stated that Stephen received a scholarship, didn't need it all and returned his refund. The Board expressed their appreciation to Stephen for returning it; enabling them to put it back into the fund to give to someone else that can use it.

The Board received a copy of the payment received from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church for their share of expenses at Town Hall.

The Board received a copy of ESMI's 4th Quarter Host Community Fee payment in the amount of \$23,949.57.

The Board received a copy of a payment from NH Charitable Foundation for the Loudon Veteran's War Memorial/Monument Maintenance in the amount of \$2,142.04.

The Board received a copy of a payment from NH Charitable Foundation for the Francis E. Tewksbury Memorial Fund in the amount of \$385.20.

The Board received the NH DOT 2015 Red Listed Bridge list for review. Chairman Ives noted that there are none in Loudon listed.

The Board received the NH DOT Road Inventory Collection form for review.

The Board received the Central NH Regional Planning Commission FY 2017 – 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program information.

The Board received information regarding the Central NH Regional Planning Commission 2015 Transportation Data Collection Program. The Board will forward this to the Planning Board for their input.

The Board received the NHMA 2014 Town Meeting and School Meeting Handbook.

The Board received a Public Notice from Town of Canterbury regarding a campground. The meeting will be held March 10th at 7 p.m. Selectman Bowles asked that the information be forwarded to Chief Wright.

The Board received a memo from the office manager and a folder with supporting information regarding miscellaneous items.

The Board received two denial letters from Property-Liability Trust for broken dump truck windows. The replacement costs were less than the deductibles.

The Board received notifications from Property-Liability Trust that they will be forwarding a check in the amount of \$8,380 for the damage to a plow truck.

The Board received notifications from Property-Liability Trust that they will be forwarding a check in the amount of \$2,500 for the mower. Selectman Krieger stated that that money will go towards the new mower that is to be voted on at town meeting.

The Board received notification that Property-Liability Trust denied the claim

for damage to an employee's pickup saying that the town had no liability. The Board received estimates and the police report for their review. Selectman Krieger said he doesn't understand why the town's insurance isn't covering it. He said the damage happened on town property while the employee was working and he feels the town needs to take care of it. Chairman Ives and Selectman Bowles agreed. Chairman Ives said if absolutely necessary while the truck is being fixed if he needs transportation the employee can use the highway department's old cruiser. The Board decided that the funds will come out of the contingency fund.

The Board reviewed memos and information from the town attorney regarding a lawsuit.

The Board decided that they will sign the Municipal Agreement with NHDOT for the intersection improvements at 106 and Staniels Road. The Board consented to signing the agreement as long as it is specific to this project only.

The Board agreed that they will not accept a payment plan for a tax deeded property.

The Board discussed parking permit fees. They decided that the \$20 per lot that they collect now is sufficient for inspections. The fee will remain \$20.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 a.m. the Selectmen are meeting with Town Attorney.

Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. is Candidates Night.

Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. is the MVSD Annual Meeting — Polls open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th is Town Meeting Elections — (No Selectmen's meeting).

Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. is a Selectmen's Meeting.

Saturday, March 14th at 9:00 a.m. is Town Meeting.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil gave the board a list of properties to review for tax lien/deeding. She discussed who has payment plans and whether or not they are keeping up with their plan. Chairman Ives asked if this list is shorter than usual. Mrs. McNeil said it is; last year was over 60 this year it is 36.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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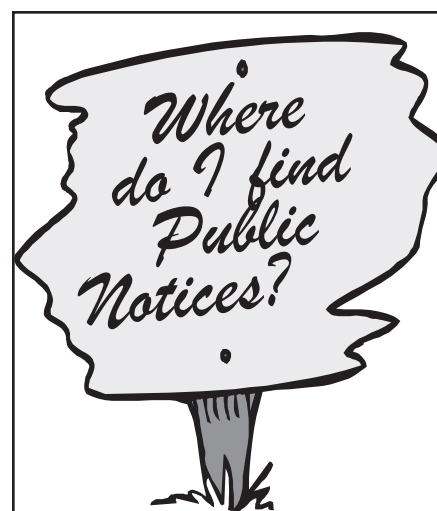
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Chairman Ives clarified that if the homes are occupied the people should be notified that they should not be there the day of the auction, best case scenario they are vacated before them. Mr. St. Jean suggested that the board find out the occupants intentions; he suggested that if the occupants intend to be at the home the day of the auction he would suggest that the auction be held at the town office instead of on site. Selectman Krieger clarified that if the occupants are still in the homes when they are auctioned it will be up to the new owners to go through the eviction process. Mr. St. Jean agreed. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. St. Jean what their fee is. Mr. St. Jean recommended selling the

homes at absolute auction; meaning no minimum and no reserve. Mr. St. Jean explained they receive a 10% fee; this is on top of the sale price. The town gets whatever the property sells for; the buyer pays an additional 10% that goes to the auctioneer. Mr. St. Jean said they pay all the advertising expenses, the town doesn't pay anything.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 11, 2105

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 3, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor: Motion carried.

The Board met with Chief Wright.

Chief Wright said a week ago Saturday they had a work detail to clear the station roof of the melting snow and ice. The melting snow and ice caused water to come in to all the rooms on the north side of the building with the exception of the kitchen. He said nine firefighters and one selectman showed up to help clear the roof.

Chief Wright said last Friday he met with the insurance adjuster to look at the damage from the roof leaks. The adjuster said the carpets in the bunk room and Chief's office need to be changed soon due to a mold issue and the carpet in the meeting room needs to be cleaned. Chief explained that due to the high moisture content found in the outside wall with his gauge the adjuster said the baseboard trim would have to be stripped off, sheetrock would have to be removed 2' up from the floor; possibly higher depending on the moisture content inside the wall. Chief Wright said they found ice inside the wall and at times have heard water running inside the wall. He said as soon as water stops coming into the building a contractor will be hired. Chairman Ives asked if this will be covered by insurance. Chief Wright said it will be covered minus the \$1,000 deductible. Chief Wright said they also talked about the roof, the adjuster indicated that the screws probably aren't tight and some of the leaks that occur way up are due to that.

Chief Wright said they have been very busy of the last couple of weeks, including a building fire on Pine Ridge Road, a kitchen fire on Redwood Road, a chimney fire on Route 129 that all happened last week. He said they also have had several serious automobile accidents. Chief Wright thanks everyone that came out on all the calls. Chief Wright said the fire hydrant that was just put in on Pine Ridge worked great; he said they were fortunate that it was in because there would have been nothing in the area.

Chief Wright explained that the employee that he discussed with the Selectmen previously is on leave of absence. He was asked to turn in all his gear and radios.

Chief Wright said the position left vacant by the resignation of John Reese was posted on the fire academy website on Friday and is open until Friday, March 27th. He explained that they will continue to hire people per diem to cover shifts. Chairman Ives asked how the budget looks. Chief Wright explained that the part time line is over but they are saving on the full time so they are okay.

Chief Wright explained that the fire department auxiliary wants to hold a yard sale/flea market type of event in June in the parking lot of the fire station below the library. He said their idea is to sell table space for \$10 to anyone in town. Chief Wright said he asked Brenda to check with the insurance company to see if they had any issues. Brenda explained that she spoke to one person at Property-Liability who suggested that there could be a liability issue. She said the auxiliary get what they call TULIP insurance; insurance for a one-time event. The cost of that would be about \$105 for the day. Brenda spoke to another person at Property-Liability who is looking further into it and will be in touch later in the week. Selectman Krieger said he isn't too worried about liability and suggested that perhaps it could be held at the rec field where parking would not be an issue. The Board will find out about the insurance; they all agreed they want to support the auxiliary.

Chief Wright said the new ambulance is going to International; it needs an oil change, and a check engine light and the heater need to be checked. He explained that from Manchester he will be going to Bradford to pick up Engine 3, the pump has been rebuilt.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District March 2015 invoice in the amount of \$662,830.23.

The Board received the 2014 Equalization Ratio Summary Report. The equalization ratio is 105.1.

The Board received a list of the properties Murdough Assessing Services will be reviewing.

The Board received a copy of a check from Property-Liability Trust in the amount of \$8,380.00 for the Highway Department Plow Truck damage.

The Board received a copy of a check from Property-Liability Trust in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Highway Department Mower damage. Chairman Ives said they will amend the amount requested at town meeting for the mower by \$2,500.00.

The Board received a letter from a resident regarding tax deeded property Map 024, Lot 025. The Board discussed the money due to repurchase the property. The full amount will be forwarded to the resident. Selectman Bowles suggested that the offer be made that she meet with the Board.

The Board received an email from Lisa Laughlin regarding Selectman Ives and the Merrimack Valley School Annual Meeting.

The Board received notice from Liberty Utilities regarding a feasibility study of gas facility expansion in Loudon.

The Board received Unifit's 2015 Inventory of Taxable Property.

The Board received the February and March Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes and copies of the local farm map.

The Board received the November 2014 through January 2015 J.O. Cate Van Meeting Minutes.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board reviewed the warrant articles for town meeting and decided which of them would present each article.

Brenda explained that LYAA still has \$1,990 from the Comcast Cares Day money that they received. She received a request from LYAA for approval of the purchase of soccer goals with that money. The Board reviewed the requests and quote and agreed that the money can be used for the purchase.

Brenda gave the Board information regarding posting the roads for weight limit. The Selectmen will make a motion next Tuesday and the highway department can begin posting the roads the following day.

Chief Wright said they pumped the hydrant at the dam, it was frozen. He explained that they back flushed it under pressure with tank water; it opened up so it should be good now.

Chief Wright said he was in the Community Building the other day with Stan Prescott taking balloons down from the ceiling of the building and fixing the light that was falling out of the ceiling. He explained that the fan was on however due to the number of balloon strings that were wrapped

around it, it wasn't moving. He said this could have been bad. Selectman Bowles said the Board discussed it and they are going to change the rental policy to say that no balloons will be allowed.

Selectman Krieger thanks Mike Labonte for all his years of service as Moderator, particularly the last couple of years coming home from his vacation to do it. Chairman Ives and Selectman Bowles concurred.

Selectman Bowles thanks all those that came out to vote yesterday, it was a good turnout. He did say that he wishes more people would vote at the school meeting. Selectman Bowles thanked Chief Wright, Gary Brooks, and Stan Prescott for fixing the light and fans in the barn.

Brenda and the girls thank Selectman Bowles for spending three hours on Monday in the basement blowing out pipes so they have running water in the office again.

Chairman Ives thanks the Ballots Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist for the fine job they did yesterday.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor: Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman



Planning Board Meeting Minutes — February 19, 2015

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

Attendance:

George Saunderson, Tom Moore, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Alice Tuson

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 15, 2015 CIP & Zoning Amendments Public Hearing — Bob Cole made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

January 15, 2015 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Discussion:

CNHRPC Master Plan update — Mike Tardiff and Sam Durfee were present to talk with the Board about the ongoing revision of the Master Plan. Mr. Tardiff informed the group that he spoke with Mrs. Masterson at the elementary school, and she agreed that the fifth graders would be a good group to talk with about the future of Loudon. He will meet with the students in the near future; he will get the date to Donna. Mike said they will meet with Young at Heart in a couple of weeks. Sam has a draft of the Community Facilities chapter. Katie Nelson is putting together some demographic

details. He said they want to connect with at least one more group and/or perhaps have another community visioning session on a weeknight. Mike said the Energy Committee will meet soon; Joanne will follow up with Donna early next week. He said they can start tying some things together, moving toward a late summer completion. Mike said they would like to meet with the Board for a 45-60 minute session next month. Once the agenda is set it will be decided if this meeting will be before or after the regular meeting. Sam handed out copies of the draft chapter. He said he took the 2001 format and updated it with new information, including information received from Donna. Mike said it would be good to put together a sub-committee for the Community Facilities chapter.

Old Business:

Application #14-12, Debra Rattee — *Minor Subdivision in the RR District, Map 46, Lot 35.* Abutters Warren and Paula Wells, Greg Wells, and Joe Eggleston were present. Jeff Green represented the applicant.

Chairman Dow reminded the Board that last month it was decided to have CNHRPC review the subdivision plan. He explained that the applicant decided she did not want to pay the cost of the review. He asked Mr. Green if he had anything new to discuss with the Board. Mr. Green said he understood that the Board got a letter from the applicant; he said he would like the letter read for the minutes. The chairman read the



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letter from Deb Rattee and then asked Mr. Green if there was anything else. Mr. Green said someone was supposed to be here to help present but that person was unable to be here due to personal issues. He said he would like to ask for a continuance. Stan Prescott asked Mr. Green why the applicant did not want to pay the \$500 to have the plan reviewed. Mr. Green said counsel said she should not have to pay for a review of a one-lot subdivision. Mr. Prescott said, referring to a comment in Ms. Rattee's letter, he did not understand what part of the matter Mr. Green did not get to address. Mr. Green said he was not allowed to address the entire thing (comments submitted by an abutter). Mr. Prescott said it was decided to send the plan to CNHRPC for review and then meet with Mr. Green to go over the results. He stated that there is an RSA that gives the Board the right to deny an application if an applicant does not want to participate in such requirements. He said the Board wanted to discuss it altogether, and he would like them to abide with the Board's request. Mr. Green said he cannot do that as it is in the hands of counsel. He said he did not like the way it was going to be reviewed and he voiced that at the last meeting. Bob Cole read from the minutes that Jeff Green would talk with the applicant about the review and get back to Donna. He said he does not feel anyone was cut off from discussion as Mr. Green is claiming. Paula Wells said she recalls Mr. Green saying he did not see any issues from Joe Eggleston's comments. Chairman Dow stated that the Board wanted to be sure they had good clear information to use in their decision, and they felt an outside review was the best avenue. Joe Eggleston stated that the written comments given to the Board were verbatim of his presentation at last month's meeting. Tom Moore, referring to the January minutes, said Paula Wells asked about the lot's frontage. He asked if the frontage is understood and where the required frontage is found. He reviewed a copy of the plan. Jeff Green stated that the applicant owns the road and the new lot frontage is on Rainbow Drive.

The chairman said the Board has to decide if they will continue the hearing or act on the application. Tom Moore asked what sense there is in continuing if the Board is not getting the outside review and good solid guidance to be sure not to make a mistake. He suggested denying the request to continue. Stan Prescott said they would need to deny the application. George Saunderson said they could continue if they urged Mr. Green to convince his applicant to pay for the review. Bob Ordway asked Mr. Green if his client is open-minded about the review. Mr. Green said the applicant has been more than fair with the Town on previous matters. He said counsel is the one to be convinced, repeating that they are being advised not to do the review. Stan Prescott said he would be in favor of continuing only under the condition that the plan goes to CNHRPC and then discussed as requested last month. Tom Dow said if the application is continued they would be addressed by the attorney at the next meeting and they still might not have the review. He noted that this is a very different type of plan, citing the private road and many unusual parts, so he would want to have a full review to guide the Board. He said he has never seen anything like this plan and is definitely behind a CNHRPC review. Mr. Dow said the Board has asked for it once and the applicant decided she did not want to pay. He asked Board members if they ask again or deny the application. Dustin Bowles said Board members have the responsibility to do as they see fit. He said there are a lot of gray areas and he still wants a review. He said an attorney can come in and tell the Board

what they are doing wrong but they still do not have good answers to their questions on frontage, etc. He said there are a lot of unanswered questions.

Bob Ordway said the Board has decided on an independent review and he would not object to waiting if the review was certain. He said he would be more comfortable if Mr. Green was waiting on an engineer, etc. rather than an attorney. He asked Mr. Green if he has a feeling of the direction of the attorney. Mr. Green said he is not even sure of the issues; the attorney would have to address the matter. Mr. Ordway stated that an independent review would resolve the issues/questions. Mr. Green said he left the last meeting very confused. He said he had two meetings with no problems and then an abutter read a thirteen page letter and he was not allowed to address the comments. He said he has more confidence in the Board than any third party. Mr. Green said he is asking for a continuance, and he will speak with his client and do the best he can. Mr. Eggleston asked what Mr. Green will be discussing with his client if he feels there aren't any issues. Tom Dow said the situation is too wide open with the way the road is laid; he said he has never seen a plan like this and that is why the Board wanted the review. Dustin Bowles noted that CNHRPC helps the Board with its Land Development Regulations and other documents, so he feels they know our town and has faith in their ability. Stan Prescott said he would like to see Mr. Green go to his client. He suggested the Board could do something conditional that if the review does not happen within the next thirty days then it would be denied.

George Saunderson made a motion to continue the project for a month contingent upon going to CNHRPC for review; failing that, the project will be denied. Several members suggested additions/revisions to the motion. *Mr. Saunderson withdrew his motion. Stan Prescott made a motion a) to continue the application contingent upon the plan going to CNHRPC for review at the applicant's expense, b) the applicant will have until March 5, 2015 to have engaged CNHRPC to do the review, and c) if the applicant has not done so by March 5, 2015 then the application is denied; seconded by George Saunderson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.* Chairman Dow reminded abutters that they could call Donna at the office for updates. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Donna asked about coverage to explain zoning amendments on the day of voting. She would typically be there all day but is now in the Code Enforcement office during the first half of the day. It was agreed that the Board would like her to be at the Town Hall the entire day; she will notify Code Enforcement.

Report of the ZBA:

This month's agenda includes an appeal from an administrative decision on Loudon Ridge Road (letter to withdraw received this date) and an application for a rehearing/appeal on Chichester Road.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Alice Tuson made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — March 19, 2015

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

Attendance:

George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternate Alice Tuson

Acceptance of Minutes:

February 19, 2015 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Joe Poisson, Map 8/Lot 5 — Mr. Poisson attended on behalf of Colin Cabot, owner of the property which has frontage on both Ring Road (Class V) and Sanborn Road (Class VI). They have been talking about subdividing the parcel into two lots. One would be off Ring Road, twelve acres, two residential and ten in current use. The other would be off Sanborn Road, forty-one acres, two residential and thirty-nine in conservation. Board members reviewed the tax map; Stan Prescott presented minutes from a PB meeting on February 12, 2013 where a similar discussion on this property took place. It had been agreed at that time that Sanborn Road would have to be upgraded in order for the parcel to be subdivided. Mr. Poisson asked if the larger piece could be made unbuildable until such time as the road was upgraded. The Board did not feel that would be the right course to follow.

Old Business:

Application #14-12, Debra Rattee — Minor Subdivision in the RR District, Map 46, Lot 35. Abutters Warren and Paula Wells, Sarah Dalrymple, and Joe Eggleston were present. Jeff Green represented the applicant.

Chairman Dow explained to Mr. Green that the Board is asking for a continuance based on the applicant paying the \$500 for review of the plan by CNHRPC. He said the Board is hoping to have the review results before the next meeting on April 16th.

Bob Cole moved to continue the hearing to April 16, 2015; seconded by George Saunderson. Warren Wells asked if Ms. Rattee fulfilled her obligation to commit to the review by March 5th. It was explained that Mr. Green emailed the Planning office after hours on March 5th. Mr. Dow said some members felt quite adamantly that the obligation was not met; others felt they wanted to see this through as requested. Paula Wells asked if, as abutters, they could ask for another continuance as they will not be able to attend the April meeting and have been to every meeting thus far. It was explained that they could submit written comment for that meeting; Mrs. Wells stated that they would not have the opportunity to know the results

of the review in order to submit comments. Donna was asked to research Mrs. Wells' request. Joe Eggleston said there was discussion prior to this of having a workshop to review the results. He asked if that would still happen. Stan Prescott agreed that it was mentioned in earlier meetings. Dustin Bowles said he would think they would determine if the review clarifies everyone's questions or if there needs to be further discussion and review. Mr. Eggleston asked if it would be alright for abutters to receive a copy of the review. Stan Prescott stated that it would be part of the public record. *All were in favor.* The next meeting is on April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; there will be no further notification. Chairman Dow reminded abutters that they could call Donna at the office for updates.

Board Discussion:

E-Z Stop — Donna explained that the owner of Z-1 Express recently purchased the former Speedway Convenience location. Mr. Nasr has completed an application to change the parking permit to the new name, reviewed the layout (same plan used by Speedway Convenience) with Bob Fiske, and paid the renewal fee. The Board agreed that there was no need for Mr. Nasr to do anything further.

CNHRPC traffic count — The Board reviewed results of past traffic counts and locations. Several locations were agreed upon for counts to be done this year. The suggested locations will be given to the Selectmen for submission to CNHRPC. The Board agreed that they would like to see results of counts done during race events.

CNHRPC Master Plan update — Mike Tardiff was present to talk with the Board about the ongoing revision of the Master Plan. He informed the Board that he met with a fifth grade class at Loudon Elementary today. He said they spent an hour together, marking up maps, talking about places they like to go in Loudon, complaining about potholes on North Village Road, and discussing the broadband issue of needing more bandwidth. Mr. Tardiff said it was an interesting counter to his meeting with the Young at Heart. He explained that he spent about an hour and a quarter with the Young at Heart and had a good conversation about demographics and items of interest/concern.

Mr. Tardiff gave the following review: 1) draft of the Natural Features chapter has been sent to Donna; 2) an Energy chapter has been started; the sub-committee met on Monday; 3) Land Use chapter is being done as a staff group; they will work through a series of questions with the Board and start connecting the different chapters; 4) a sub-

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Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — February 26, 2015

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Dave Powelson, Ned Lizotte, Earl Tuson, and alternates George Saunderson and Charlie Aznive.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes of January 22, 2015 as presented; seconded by Earl Tuson. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application #Z14-17, Bonnie Martin — Appeal from an Administrative Decision, Map 35, Lot 5. Chairman Powelson read a letter received from Ms. Martin's attorney requesting the withdrawal of their appeal. The chairman explained that Ms. Martin and her attorney met with Bob Fiske and came to a resolution. Ned Lizotte made a motion to formally close Case Z14-17; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Inisfree Investments — An application for a rehearing/appeal of Case Z14-14 was received on February 18, 2015. Roy Merrill recused himself as an abutter; George Saunderson was appointed a voting member. Jeff Green was present. He said neither he nor the applicant was aware there was a meeting tonight until a couple of hours ago. The chairman explained the process to be followed per RSA 677:2, Motion for Rehearing. He stated that this is not a public hearing but a public meeting to decide what

action to take on the application. Mr. Powelson said the Board must decide if an error has been made as stated on the application, that "the Zoning Board did not apply 701.3 to the applicant's request as is required by law." The chairman reviewed what the Board did during the two hearings when the case was discussed, noting that they addressed the points of 701.3 several times. Earl Tuson said he feels the Board addressed each point. Howard Pearl said he understood if the application failed any of the points it is denied. Ned Lizotte spoke about a gravel pit vs. fuel distribution, saying that point 3 could actually have been included when the Board failed the application on points 1, 2, and 4. Howard Pearl said the points were considered individually, and the Board clearly agreed on point 2. Earl Tuson made a motion to deny the application for rehearing; seconded by Ned Lizotte. A roll vote was taken: Earl Tuson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Howard Pearl — yes; George Saunderson — yes. Unanimous — DENIED.

Howard Pearl spoke briefly about SB146 which addresses Accessory Dwelling Units. He said he is very concerned about the proposal; he will forward the amended bill to Donna and Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.; seconded by Earl Tuson. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

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committee for Land Use is needed; they could meet for an hour or so. Tom Dow said an early evening meeting would be nice so more could participate. Mike will get some dates to Donna.

Old Business:

Application #14-12, Debra Rattee — Minor Subdivision in the RR District, Map 46, Lot 35. Jeff Green returned to the meeting and submitted a letter to withdraw this application. There was brief discussion about procedure amongst Board members. George Saunderson made a motion to accept Mr. Green's letter to withdraw Application #14-12 and return the \$500 payment to Mrs. Rattee; seconded by Henry Huntington. The chairman stated that the office would notify abutters of this change. All were in favor.

Election of Officers:

Bob Cole made a motion to elect Tom Dow as Chairman and Stan Prescott as Vice

Chairman; seconded by George Saunderson. Both members agreed to accept the positions. All were in favor.

Henry Huntington moved to have Bob Ordway as an Alternate for one year; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Report of the ZBA:

There is no meeting this month.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there were five Hawker & Peddler permits (NHMS, Z1/E-Z Stop, Boy Scout jamboree at the track, stock car race July 4th weekend).

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

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