

# The Loudon Ledger

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## Lēf Farms: New Grower Aims To Be The Northeast's Source For Greens

By Brad Turner with Cammy Nolin



Loudon residents are well acquainted with the sight of farms and greenhouses. So though you may have noticed a huge new project going up on Route 106 across from Loudon Country Club, its crops and growing method may surprise you. This new addition to our local agriculture is also the newest venture of Pleasant View Gardens, and it's called lēf Farms.

Lēf Farms (pronounced "leaf") is currently in the final stages of construction and will be the first of its kind in the Northeast. Lēf greens will be grown in an advanced climate-controlled

greenhouse environment where fresh and nutritious baby greens will be harvested at premium quality standards every day of the year — regardless of the weather. So lēf greens can be consistently delivered at the peak of freshness and flavor, whether it is January or July. Their grand opening is right around the corner, with finished product expected to be available as early as June.

Pleasant View's owners Henry Huntington and Bob LaDue had been asking themselves for the past few years why folks in the Northeast settle for eating lettuce and herbs that typically spend an entire week on a truck shipped in from the West Coast. "With the discerning tastes and Yankee practicality here in the Northeast, we truly couldn't understand why anyone would choose to eat something that was perceived fresh, but in reality was a week or so old," stated lēf's President and

*lēf Farms — cont. on 4*

## Town Meeting 2016 Wrap Up

By Mary Ann Steele for the Communications Council

Loudon voters went to the polls at the Safety Building on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, to vote on three proposed zoning amendments and to elect officials for several town offices. Results were as follows:

- Moderator for 2 years**  
*Sharon Drake*
- Selectman for 3 years**  
*Robert N. Fiske*
- Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years**  
*Francine Clave*
- Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years**  
*Kathleen Fisher*
- Library Trustee for 3 years**  
*Carrie L. James*

*Town Meeting — cont. on 4*



*Voting at this year's town meeting was a colorful affair! PHOTO BY LEE LAUGHLIN.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

### Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543 • [taxcollector@loudonnh.org](mailto: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](http://www.loudonpolice.com)  
Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Building/Code Enforcement

PO Box 7032 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.  
[codeoffice@loudonfire.com](mailto:codeoffice@loudonfire.com) • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • [chief@loudonfire.com](mailto:chief@loudonfire.com)  
*To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org)→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.*

### Loudon Elementary School

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

### Transfer Station

783-0170 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto: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](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

### Maxfield Public Library

Library Director: Deborah Gadway-Lambert • 798-5153 • [maxlib@comcast.net](mailto:maxlib@comcast.net)  
Mon.: 2–7:30 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Wed.: 2–7:30 p.m.  
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
*The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.*

### John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

### Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon  
Intake Hours: 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](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

### Loudon Representatives

#### REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte. (603) 622-7979. [Ayotte.senate.gov](mailto:Ayotte.senate.gov)  
U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. [Shaheen.senate.gov](mailto:Shaheen.senate.gov)  
U.S. Representative Frank C. Guinta. (603) 641-9536. [Guinta.house.gov](mailto:Guinta.house.gov)  
U.S. Representative Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. [Kuster.house.gov](mailto:Kuster.house.gov)

#### REPRESENTATIVE STATE SENATE (DISTRICT 17)

State Senator John Reagan. (603) 463-5945.  
[john.reagan111@gmail.com](mailto:john.reagan111@gmail.com)

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 9)

State Representative Howard M. Moffett, (603)783-4993.  
[Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us)

State Representative George L. Saunderson. (603)783-4750. [George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us)

#### REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

State Representative Jason R. Parent. (603)387-4626.  
[Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us](mailto: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](mailto: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 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/22 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/25

March 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/22

April 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/21

May 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/18

June 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/20 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/23

July 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/20

August 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/18

September 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/22

October 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/19

November 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/17

December 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/21

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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.fcbcnh.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:* 9:30 a.m. for all ages

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

*Bible Study:* Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> 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:* 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Shirley Marcoft, Interim 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 Gayle Doyle, Clerk at 603-435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For other information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 603-435-6510 (please leave a message if no answer).



## 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

*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*

*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 1–5)

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

*Youth Groups all Ages:* 7–8 p.m.

*Adult Bible Studies and Kids Time* (PreK–Grade 4). 7–8 p.m.



To have your Church’s information added to this column,  
please email your information to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com)

# LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

**April 20, 2016 — Supper at 5:30 p.m. —  
Entertainment at 6:30 p.m.**

Come join us for a **Fellowship Pot Luck Supper** celebrating the arrival of spring.

Back by popular demand is one of our favorite groups, the “The Homefolks.” Enjoy delicious homemade food and a great night of music. Bring your favorite covered dish and invite your families and friends. The supper is free, but we ask that a DONATION is brought for our local Food Pantry. Our suppers are held the 3rd Saturday of the following months: April, May, June, September, October, November, and December. If you have a group that would like to perform at one of our suppers, please call for details. For further info, please contact the following:

- Gayle Doyle, Clerk 603-435-0496 / email: gad022948@gmail.com
- Lorraine Welch, Treasurer at 603-435-5610 ■

## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016**

**Serving Dinner: 4:30-6:00 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.*

## Legislative Listening Session

**Saturday, April 16th — 10 a.m. to noon  
Maxfield Public Library**

Do you have questions about what’s happening at the State House or concerns about State government you’d like to discuss with your elected representatives? State Representatives George Saunderson and Howard Moffett look forward to meeting you at the Library on Saturday, April 16th from 10 a.m. until noon to hear your concerns, answer your questions, and discuss ideas you wish to share. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this latest legislative listening session at the Maxfield Public Library. ■

## Loudon Lions Club News

The Loudon Lions Club and the American Legion Post 88 have joined with the Chichester Grange to donate dictionaries to the third graders at the Loudon Elementary School. The children have enjoyed the dictionaries and we have enjoyed reading their thank you letters! ■

### CLASSIFIED AD

**LOOKING TO BUY:** Cast iron one-cent match machine (put in a penny and get a small box of matches). Hangs on the wall. Made in early 1900’s. Cash. In Loudon 435-6615.

**Town Meeting** — *cont. from 1***Planning Board for 3 years***Thomas Moore and George Saunderson***Zoning Board for 3 years***Roy Merrill*

Voters approved all three zoning amendments presented in Article 2 of the warrant, including the following:

- Expansion of uses permitted by special exception in both the Rural Residential and Agricultural/Forestry Preservations Districts to allow outdoor event venues for non-recurring events such as weddings or reunions
- Addition of a definition for the word “farming” to include all such activities included under NH RSA 32:34-a
- Expansion of uses permitted to special exception to allow meeting halls and lodges for non-profit social, fraternal and club organizations in all zoning districts

At the Saturday session of the Town Meeting, the most remarkable feature was that before 10:15 a.m. the voters passed all twelve articles in the warrant with only one amendment, and in doing so, agreed to raise and appropriate \$5,222,347 for the following\*:

- Purchasing equipment for the highway department, transfer station, and fire department
- Reclaiming and paving Wales Bridge Road
- Hiring a full-time police chief
- Adopting Mount Hope and Moore Cemeteries
- Establishing a Town History Capital Reserve

- Continuing funding for eleven existing capital reserve funds
- Continuing funding for three existing expendable trust funds
- Defraying all other costs of municipal operations

(\*Note, these figures are taken from the published Annual Report for the Town of Loudon for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. *The amendment noted above was an increase of \$4,499 for library staff COLAs accidentally omitted from the warrant. \$253,000 of the total approved budget will come from existing expendable trust and capital reserve funds. Withdrawals from the Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust may be reduced by as much as \$5,000 if the Town is awarded a NH The Beautiful grant.*)

The most extensive discussion at the meeting concerned funding and constructing the new town offices. Voters had expected the building to be completed last year. According to Selectman Ives, the Selectmen hired an architect and expected to receive bids from independent engineers to design the plumbing, heating and electrical systems. He said it was the Board’s intention to keep the work in town if possible. Selectman Ives said that because the project was delayed, and the Board was unable to obtain engineering bids as expected, the Board decided to hire Denron for the HVAC (plumbing and heating) because they had in-house design capability, and was receiving quotes from Harry-O [Electrical] for electrical work for the same reason. He said that the Board tried to keep an open bid process, but simply could not do it in a timely manner. Mr. Ives said that one of the owners of

Denron lives in Loudon, that Harry-O is a local contractor, and that construction of the building itself will be done by one of an approved list of local contractors. He said that the bid process would begin soon.

Mr. Ives said that after Tom McNeil inspected the well, the Board decided to pound the existing 177 foot well to a greater depth in order to improve water volume that the well can be expected to deliver. He noted that the existing architectural drawings call for two outside restrooms for use at the recreation fields, but that those will not be constructed if there is insufficient funding. He also said that by delaying construction, the town is now able to use a lift instead of an elevator in the building, resulting in an expected savings of about \$30,000.

When asked for an expected date of completion, Mr. Ives said they expect it to be completed this fall. When questioned further about funding, and whether or not the existing funds, including the \$100,000 added at this meeting, would be sufficient, he said he hoped they would have enough to complete the project without coming back to the town for more money. Asked about anticipated costs, Mr. Ives said he did not want to speculate, and wouldn’t guess whether the costs would be \$20 a square foot or \$80 a square foot. He said you just couldn’t guess at those prices until the bids for the building come in.

Please note, these are not official minutes of the meeting, but a brief summary compiled from information printed in the Town Report, notes taken at the meeting, and election information provided by the Selectmen’s Office. ■

**lēf Farms** — *cont. from 1*

CEO, Henry Huntington. “We knew there was a tremendous opportunity to better serve the people of our region with greens that are truly fresh. To give them a choice while elevating their expectations of how fresh packaged lettuce could actually taste,” affirms Huntington. It was this very opportunity that motivated them to break ground on a brand new, 75,000-sq.-ft. greenhouse growing facility right here in Loudon.

“We will initially be able to produce 1.3 million pounds of fresh greens a year, with tremendous future capacity,” confirms lēf’s VP and COO, Bob LaDue. “Most importantly, our customers can get those greens within 24 hours from the time they’re harvested. Grocers, retailers, restaurants, schools, hospitals and consumers all across the Northeast will be getting the absolute freshest and most flavorful salad blends possible,” continues LaDue. “It’s something bagged lettuce shipped in from Mexico and California simply can’t match.”

Beyond fresh and delicious, lēf Farms delivers on another principle that’s near and dear to the folks in the Northeast: Sustainability. Lēf Farms’ hydroponic method of production relies on recycling water balanced with nutrients rather than dirt to provide essential minerals for optimal growth. And since the process delivers an exact amount of water, oxygen and nutrients to the plants, lēf is able to employ a plant nutrition program that has essentially zero waste and uses as much as 90% less water than traditional methods.

Just like the population it will serve, lēf doesn’t care for salad topped with pesticide. So it has invested heavily in technologies and techniques that will minimize the introduction of insect pests. This includes expertly managing the high growth rates of its greens while also taking advantage of something the organic movement has helped make affordable: The use of beneficial insects to fight the bad ones.

From a food safety perspective, lēf Farms starts with 100% non-GMO seeds and employs a unique process where those seeds are sown, grown, cut, mixed, weighed, packaged and boxed all under the same roof. So human hands (sadly, the greatest source of food pathogen risk) will never touch the product directly. And since lēf greens will be grown in a clean environment with no pesticides, the need to pre-wash the product is eliminated.

“When you add it all up, the benefits of our greens are tremendous,” says Huntington. “Fresher lettuce that’s grown without chemical pesticides, contains little to no packaged water, and hasn’t experienced a weeklong road trip means our customers will get a much greater value for much tastier, safer lettuce,” smiles Huntington.

No strangers to the world of agriculture, both Henry Huntington and Bob LaDue have a rich history in growing. Not only is Mr. Huntington the President of lēf Farms, he’s also the President of Pleasant View Gardens, one of the country’s top 100 growers, with New Hampshire-based facilities that span 15 acres and generate more than 1.5 million trays of plant material annually. Henry and his brother Jeff have built one of the most successful horticultural businesses in the Northeast, including the creation of the world’s #1 plant brand, Proven Winners®.

With the solid foundation of their Pleasant View success, the Huntingtons have actively sought ways to expand and diversify their core agricultural business. A

good example of this is the recent introduction of their Savor™ Edibles & Fragrants line of herbs and vegetables to garden centers. And now, with its involvement with the independently owned and operated lēf Farms, Pleasant View Gardens has evolved from being an organization exclusively focused on traditional ornamental growing into one that’s more technology-driven, using environmentally advanced systems for food production.

“It’s been a natural progression for us. We started with flowers, incorporated edibles, and now we’re involved in the production of food for direct consumer consumption,” beams Henry Huntington.

Mr. Huntington isn’t alone in his enthusiasm about the possibilities the lēf venture holds. His counterpart Bob LaDue is equally excited. And he, too, sports a pretty impressive background in the field of agriculture. With a degree in Agricultural & Environmental Systems Technology from Cornell University, Mr. LaDue started his career designing, building and operating fish growing systems, while managing the university’s Aquaculture Research and Demonstration Facility. He then expanded his aquaculture expertise by developing recirculating systems for various projects in New Hampshire, New York and Louisiana.

Prior to connecting with the Huntingtons and joining lēf Farms, Bob gained critical operational and business experience in a commercial greenhouse business in Ithaca, NY. LaDue created and marketed new leafy-green products for retail and wholesale markets, established its distribution system, developed and implemented its food safety program, and advanced expansion plans for a new greenhouse and packing facility.

Now that Loudon is home to this state-of-the-art facility, what will it mean for our community? For starters, expect to see lēf greens at many of our local grocery store chains this summer; and later, there may be expanded service to schools and restaurants. As for employment, opportunities are anticipated closer to the grand opening phase. While the operation may be more automated, lēf will still need qualified personnel, and they are confident they’ll be able to find those skilled people locally. For more information about lēf, visit their website at lef-farms.com or check their Facebook page at Lef Farms Corp. ■

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# News From American Legion Post 88

By Commander Shawn Jones



Dear Legionnaires,

We held our March meeting on the 17th with 16 members present plus one new prospective member. Gary Tasker, from our building committee, gave us an update on the building renovations. The bathroom had to be enlarged from the original specifications to meet the new ADA requirements. A small amount of space will be taken from the kitchen floor plan. It was recommended that we consult with a kitchen designer on how to best utilize what existing space and cabinetry we have. In addition, we will be looking at replacing the kitchen stove and possibly our current gas flat top griddle for a newer one. Gary also recommended that the roof be replaced sooner rather than later. He and Stanley Prescott will be getting bids to replace the roof. Gary said he and Stan will be working on a parking lot design and Tasker's Landscaping will be donating the labor and material for the landscaping.

Our Americanism Chairman Michael Hartt gave us a report on the High School and Junior Oratorical programs. He showed us the informational boards he made up and will be working on ones for Boys State and Girls State programs. Applications for both programs are being accepted. Please contact Mike or myself for an application or go to [www.legionnh.org](http://www.legionnh.org) for more information and an application. On March 5th Contoocook Post 81 hosted the District 5 Junior Oratorical Contest and Annora Brown, a 6th grader, won this year's competition and advanced to the state level competition, which was on March 19th at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. For her efforts she was awarded \$100.00 from the District as well as an additional \$50.00 from our Post. We also voted to retroactively award the High School Oratorical winner Sophomore Hanna Testerman an additional \$100.00. Hanna and her mother will be traveling to the 2016 National Finals being held April 16-17 in Indianapolis to compete against her peers from the other states.

We voted to make a \$100.00 donation to the Global War on Terrorism Memorial that will be erected at the NH Veterans' Cemetery in Boscawen. We also voted to spend money to buy a new parade flag pole and three handmade bags to cover and protect our flags when not in use. We also voted to purchase two gross (total of 288) grave marker flags, holders and stationery for our Chaplain's use.

Larry Hemphill and I are the delegates who will be attending the May Convention in Littleton. We took nominations for post officers for the 2016-2017 year. All positions were unchallenged so there will be no new names being sworn in. I did nominate a few individuals to serve as committee chairpersons for Boy Scouts, Americanism, Children and Youth and Community Service Officer.

Swearing in for all officers will be at the April 20th meeting. We welcome family members, as well as post members to come out and support those who have once again volunteered to serve your post. We will be having a light dinner buffet following the installation. We'd love to see some support from our membership.

We received a Thank You letter from the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program for our \$150.00 donation this past December. We tabled for further discussion the possibility of making a donation to Bishop Brady High School for their permanent memorial honoring their veteran alumni. I've been in contact with the school's director of fundraising who will be sending us a packet of information.

Our Commanders Fund Raffle winners in March were: \$50/S. Elliott, \$25/G. Timmins, \$10/B. Boardman, \$10/J. Sweeney and \$5/L. DiCecca. April drawing winners were: \$50/D. Chamberlain, \$25/H. Elliott, \$10/H. Stevens, \$10/S. Dymont and \$5/C. Ives. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Our next meeting/installation is scheduled for April 20th at 1900, at Charlie's Barn. ■



Left to right: Department Commander John Graham, Annora Brown, winner of the Jr. Oratorical contest, D5 Commander Richard Dube and D5 Adjutant Gerard LeDuc.

Below: District 5 Adjutant Gerard LeDuc, Michael Hartt, Hanna Testerman, Senior Vice Commander Shawn Jones, Garrick Locke, and Tony Rabbia, Hanna Testerman of Chichester, a student of Lighthouse Home School Association, competed in the American Legion high school State Oratorical Contest. The contest was held on February 27, 2016. The contest was held at Saint Anselm College, in the New Hampshire Institute of Politics building. She is this year's state champion. She will be representing the Legionnaires of the State of New Hampshire at the National Oratorical Contest.



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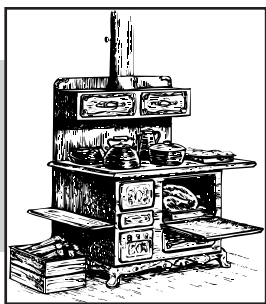
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## What's Cookin'! April Is National Garlic Month!

By Jenn Pfeifer

April is National Garlic Month, but in the Pfeifer house we eat garlic almost every day. Garlic is considered a superfood that is loaded with antioxidants that fight cancer-causing free radicals. It is also rich in vitamins C, B6 and manganese that keep our bodies functioning at their very best.

For those of you who are worried about garlic breath, you can try chewing on parsley, cardamom, mint, fennel, cloves or anise seeds. Lemon is also very effective in neutralizing the garlic smell and it also has anti-bacterial properties. Try sucking on a lemon wedge or drinking a cup of tea after eating garlic. Washing your hands with lemon juice or rubbing your hands on stainless steel helps to remove the odor on skin.

I love to roast garlic! I buy 3-pound bags at Sam's Club, toss them in a little bit of olive oil, cover and roast them at 300 degrees for about 45 minutes or until soft and starting to caramelize. This can also be done by cutting a whole head of garlic in half, drizzle a little olive over it and wrap loosely in foil. It can then be stored in an airtight canning jar and refrigerated or frozen until you are ready to add it to your favorite recipes.

### Garlic, rosemary and chili almonds — By <http://thepassionatcook.com>

- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Cup of almonds
- 2 Big cloves of garlic (crushed)
- 1 Handful of rosemary leaves
- 1 Tsp. coarse sea salt
- Chili to taste

Melt the butter in a cast-iron or stainless steel skillet, add the almonds and stir until they're heated through and starting to brown. Take off the heat and add the condiments, stirring through. The residual heat of the pan should cook the garlic just enough to take off the edge without burning it (which results in a bitter taste). I like to serve this warm straight out of the pan, but they do keep well in cookie tin.

### LEMON-GARLIC MARINATED SHRIMP — By [tasteofhome.com](http://tasteofhome.com)

- 3 Tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 Tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 Cup lemon juice
- 1/4 Cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 Teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/4 Pounds cooked shrimp

Place garlic and oil in a small skillet and cook over medium heat until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper. Toss with shrimp in a large bowl. Chill until ready to serve.

### ROASTED GARLIC AND BACON GUACAMOLE — By [thebellevieblog.com](http://thebellevieblog.com)

- 1 Head of garlic
- Olive Oil
- 3 Strips bacon
- 2 Tablespoons minced red onion
- 3 Avocados, seeded
- 1/4 Teaspoon cayenne
- Juice of 1 Lime
- 1 Roasted red pepper, chopped
- 1/2 Cup cilantro, roughly chopped
- Salt to taste

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Slice off the top of the garlic head, place it in the center of a piece of tinfoil, drizzle with olive oil, wrap and place in the oven for 45–50 minutes. When done, remove from the oven and unwrap to cool. While the garlic is roasting, roughly chop your bacon and cook in a skillet until crisp. When the bacon is almost done, add in the minced red onion and cook for 2–3 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. In a medium-sized bowl, toss in the avocados and squeeze in all of the roasted garlic. (Should be a soft consistency.) Add the lime

juice and cayenne. Mash together roughly. Stir in the bacon and onion mixture, as well as the chopped roasted red pepper and cilantro. Add salt to taste. (It doesn't need much at all!)

### GARLIC PARMESAN EDAMAME — By [28cooks.blogspot.com](http://28cooks.blogspot.com)

- 1 16 oz. pkg frozen edamame in shell
- 1/2 Cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 Cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 Cup Italian-seasoned bread crumbs
- 1/2 Cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt to taste

Steam edamame in microwave until slightly warm and not frozen. (You can do this one of 2 ways — I have a microwave steamer that I use or, even easier is throwing the edamame in a ziploc bag with about a Tbsp. of water, sealing it, leaving a small opening for steam, and heating it on high for 2 minutes.) Drain and set aside.

In a small food processor, combine olive oil and garlic. Process until well-combined. Heat a wok over medium high heat. Add edamame and toss for a few seconds. Add garlic oil and saute for a minute or two, stirring constantly. Add breadcrumbs, Parmesan, and salt and toss until well coated. Serve immediately.



**This recipe does NOT include garlic but after receiving these as a treat at work made by Elizabeth Thomas, I just couldn't wait to until next month to share it with all of you!**

### HOMEMADE OREOS — By Paula Deen

- 2 Boxes Devil's food cake mix
- 4 Eggs
- 2/3 Cup vegetable oil
- 1 8 oz. package of cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 Cup ( 1 stick ) butter, at room temperature
- 3 Cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a large bowl combine the cake mix, eggs, and oil with a mixer. The batter will be very stiff. Pinch of pieces of batter and roll into 1 inch balls. Place 1 inch apart on prepared cookie sheets and flatten slightly with fingertips. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until a slight indentation remains when lightly touched. Remove immediately from the cookie sheets with a spatula and cool on a wire rack. In a small glass bowl, combine the cream cheese and butter until completely blended. Gradually add in the sugar and vanilla and mix until the icing is smooth. Spread half of the cookies with icing and top with remaining cookies. Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container or re-sealable plastic bags. Makes 2 dozen.

*If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net). ■*



# Raising Chickens for Free Eggs

By Cindy Shea – Loudon Agriculture Commission

If we raise them, I can sell them...that's the message I gave to Dennis when he hesitated about getting layer hens. He worried that if I bought too many chicks we'd have an abundance of eggs with no way to get rid of them. Silly man.

Truth is people LOVE fresh eggs and with the bird flu going around out west, the cost of store bought eggs continues to rise. Since it takes on average 148 days for eggs to get to your local store shelves, local eggs are just fresher. You can see and taste the difference. Free-range chicken eggs, like ours, are healthier for you, too.

We started off with eight chicks we ordered with a friend. Chicks can cost about three to five dollars each when you order them either online or at your local feed store. You can also find pullets, older chicks that are a few weeks to a few months old but are not laying yet, for between ten and fifteen dollars. Chickens usually start laying around five months of age, so you will have to feed them for that long before you start getting eggs.

Start up costs can be steep if you do not already have some type of chicken coop. Shy away from pre-made structures. If you are handy with a hammer you can easily build your own coop for half the price. There are plenty of free plans online. Estimate roughly three square feet of coop space per bird. They will need nest boxes and roosts and you will probably want some type of fenced in area to keep predators at bay.

The average going rate for local eggs is between three and four dollars per dozen. With eight chickens we get on average six eggs per day. That's about three and a half dozen eggs per week. Since it is just the two of us, we keep the half dozen

and sell the other three to friends and family. We charge three dollars. That is nine dollars a week or thirty-six dollars per month.

A bag of chicken food ranges between ten and fifteen dollars per bag and lasts us about a month. We look for sales and call around to try and find the best deals and we will buy multiple bags when it is on sale. We go through about one bag of pine shavings for bedding the floor of the coop per month at \$5.50 per bag and we buy mulch hay for their nest boxes at a local farm for \$4.00 a bale, which lasts us a long time.

Relatively speaking, chickens are easy to keep. Their coop should be cleaned regularly and have good ventilation. They should have access to clean water and food at all times. Chickens love kitchen scraps and if you let them free-range around your farm, they will gladly eat ticks, flies, grubs and other insects.

You will want to think about replenishing your stock each year as egg production will diminish as your hens age. If you are up for it, older hens can be used for making stew and broth.

Okay, so not a "get-rich-quick-scheme," but for eight chickens we get our own fresh eggs every week for free. We then make enough money from selling our extra eggs to pay for the food and shavings and still have a few bucks left over at the end of the month. After a few years, we should earn enough to pay back the initial start

up costs.

There you have it. If you've ever thought about raising a few chickens, now's the time to get started. There are several different breeds of chickens to choose from all coming with their own colors and designs making them not only economical but attractive additions to your farm. ■



## Outdoor Living Trends

(NAPS) — You can still have a hot time in your own backyard, even when the weather cools, if you follow these trends and enhance the natural beauty of your patio, poolscape, walkway or driveway.

### Top Trends

Here's a look at five delightful ways people make the most of their outdoor space these days, according to the experts at Belgard, the go-to place for paving stones, fire features, brick ovens and other outdoor living elements.

- **Get cozy:** For enjoyment all year round, install a fireplace or firepit as a part of a backyard space to serve as a much-loved gathering spot and a complementary, permanent part of an overall outdoor living design.
- **Bigger is better:** Depart from the traditional small cobble and brick pavers and explore large-format pavers for natural stone looks that mimic the appearance and texture of slate, flagstone or hand-chiseled rock.
- **Creative cohesion:** Take advantage of modular units such as grill islands, brick ovens, wood boxes, fireplaces and more to create a customized outdoor space that works with a patio's existing pavers to create a harmonious, cohesive look.

- **Spruce it up:** If a deck's surrounding landscaping thins when the weather cools, consider planting fall perennials that bloom and thrive during those months including certain varieties of hydrangeas, mums and tall grasses.
- **Pull up comfort:** Define a space and create extra seating with built-in seat walls and add ottomans, throw pillows and stools to create an even more inviting outdoor setting.

Homeowners can find further inspiration on ways to bring backyard dreams to life using the Belgard Idea Book or even uploading a photo of their own outdoor spaces to the Project Visualizer.

### Paving The Way For Veterans

In addition to creating beautiful hardscapes installations, the company is dedicated to giving back through Welcome Home, an initiative aimed at supporting members of the military and their families. Until Veterans Day, Belgard will donate \$100 for every paver project installed to the USO, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting, connecting and comforting American troops and their families throughout every step of their military journey. For more information about how you can contribute, please visit [www.belgard.com/home](http://www.belgard.com/home). ■



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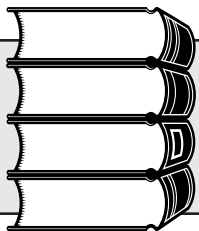


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## Maxfield Public Library News

### Health And Literacy Fair

Less than three months to go before the first Loudon Health & Literacy Fair being held at the Maxfield Public Library on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages will want to attend and sign up for our great summer reading program with some exciting prizes to be won. Join our new Family Nature Club and sign up for Fall Early Literacy workshops.

We have several local farms already signed up to be here and some fun booths planned, such as one on reducing stress with a DIY stress ball craft planned. Help us increase awareness of local health and wellness services and resources; set up at the library to publicize your products or services and/or supply printed materials to be displayed.

We are also accepting donations to be given as raffles or summer reading prizes. All participating and donating organizations and businesses will be acknowledged in our summer advertising. If you are interested in participating or donating to this “sure to be” exciting event for Loudon, please contact the library’s Director Deborah Gadwah-Lambert at 603-798-5153 or [maxlib@comcast.net](mailto:maxlib@comcast.net).

### Adult Craft Club — Make It At The Maxfield!

Join us Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. for a Mason Jar Craft. Sign up is required. Cost is \$5 per person.

### Facial Party

Join us Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. for an hour of pampering. Christine McKenna is hosting an herbal facial party at the library. This is a FREE event. Please sign up at the main circulation desk and be sure to pick up a “things to bring” flyer.

### Chakra Balancing And Meditation Workshop

Have you ever wondered what your chakras are and how to keep them in balance? Join Fran, Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m., to learn how to keep the seven main chakras aligned through meditation and practice. The cost for this workshop is \$5. Please sign up at the main circulation desk.

### Chickens 101

Join us Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. to learn about chickens “from chick to coop.” The speaker for this FREE event is Wendy Thomas, NH journalist, writer and backyard chicken enthusiast. Please sign up for this event at the main circulation desk.

*Library — cont. on 9*



*Above: A Loudon teen creates an Artbot at a new program at the Library.  
Below: Mom looks on while her son solves a puzzle.*







*Library — cont. from 8*

### **New!! Come Check Out The Graphic Novels In The Refurnished Teen Area!**

Teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory meetings held on the second Monday of each month. We hope to see you April 11 at 4:30 p.m.!

### **Yoga**

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

### **Meditation**

Come join us the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. for a relaxing time out. This is a time for you to unwind and rejuvenate. All you need to do is join Fran and she will do all the work! You will be guided on a different journey every month. The cost per class is \$5.00.

### **Story Time**

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. for songs, stories and crafts.

On April 5, 6, and 7 story time will take a look at spring while reading *Skunk's Spring Surprise* by a Leslea Newman and David Martin's *Shh! Bears Sleeping*. No one will be able to avoid the skunk in the flower garden on the way out!

On April 12, 13, and 14 the children will make 3D rainbows during craft time after hearing *Colorful Days* and *Maisy's Rainbow Dream* by Lucy Cousins.

On April 19, 20 and 21 we will investigate the moon in anticipation of the coming full moon. Stories for the week will be Divya Srinivasan's *Little Owl's Night* and Kevin Henkes' *Kitten's First Full Moon*. Each child will end the hour painting the moon.

### **Vacation Week**

Looking for something to do over school vacation? Check out what's happening at the library!

#### **• TUESDAY — MOVIES**

Join us in the meeting room at 10:30 a.m. on April 26, for free juice and popcorn to watch one of our "just released" movies. Call the library to see what's showing.

#### **• THURSDAY — DROP IN CRAFT**

Stop in any time between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on April 28, to make your own chia pet inspired character. This is a parent led craft time.

#### **THURSDAY is also LEGO CLUB day!**

LEGO club is offered every Thursday from 3:30 p.m to 5 p.m. Come in to test your construction skills.

### **Book Group**

Book group will meet Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Please call the library for more information.

### **Library Hours**

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

*Above: People enjoyed an excellent program on Black Bears at the Library recently.*

*Right: The Library is an excellent place to learn how to relax using yoga.*



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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.

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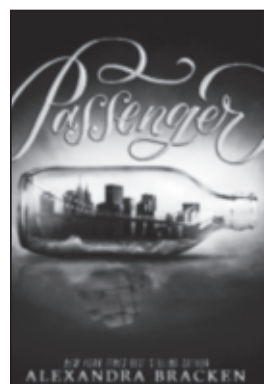




## Between the Covers: Young Adult Fiction...Not Read Just By Young Adults!

By Kate Dockham

Young adult fiction. Secretly read by adults. Don't worry, it is all okay. Beginning with the publication of Stephanie Meyers' *Twilight*, the fascination with the genre of Young Adult literature became a phenomenon. Then, among others, came the prolific writer John Greene who touched many of us with novels like *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Saving Alaska*. Adults over 25 found themselves secretly reading from their teenagers' bookshelves. Well, there is no need to hide. Whether 16 or 96 — or somewhere in between — YA literature is good. Containing all the angst and turmoil of the young adult, with topics and themes relevant and all-consuming, this genre is sure to please many. Presented here are some of the most anticipated YA novels of 2016.



Alexandra Bracken's *Passenger* debuted as a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. The first book in a series, it follows Etta, a young violin prodigy who accidentally discovers she can travel through time. After she finds herself on a ship in 1776, she and a mysterious privateer named Nicholas embark on a quest to find a coveted object before the Ironwood family does. Yet the only way Nicholas can keep Etta safe is to find and give the object to the Ironwoods. Embarking on a perilous journey across continents and centuries, dangerous forces threaten to separate the two and block Etta's path home. Most compelling, and good for our young people to see, about this book is that it features an interracial relationship as its main romance, showing how prejudices evolve through-

out multiple time-periods.

In her first entry of the planned series *Lady Helen*, bestselling author Alison Goodman takes us to London in the year 1812. Eighteen-year-old Lady Helen Wrexhall is preparing for her presentation to the queen. Her life should revolve around gowns, dancing and securing a suitable marriage. Instead, one of her family's housemaids disappears. The tragedy draws Helen into the shadows of Regency London. There, she meets Lord Carlston, one of the few who can stop the abductors: a cabal of demons infiltrating every level of society. Helen is torn between protecting her own reputation and trusting Carlston, a man with the taint of scandal surrounding him. Soon the two of them are investigating a terrifying conspiracy that threatens to plunge the newly Enlightened world back into darkness.

Last year, Victoria Aveyard brought us *Red Queen*, the first in a series about a world separated by blood; the common Red Blood and those they serve, the Silver-blooded elite. In *Red Queen* we met Mare Barrows, a Red who is gifted with the superhuman abilities of the Silver. In *Glass Sword* Mare discovers she is not the only one of her kind. Pursued by Maven, a vindictive king she once thought was her friend, Mare sets out to find and recruit other Red-and-Silver fighters to join in the struggle against her oppressors. But Mare finds herself on a deadly path, at risk of becoming exactly the kind of monster she is trying to defeat.

Another second entry in a series is Maggie Hall's *Map of Fates*, follow up to last year's *Conspiracy of Us*.

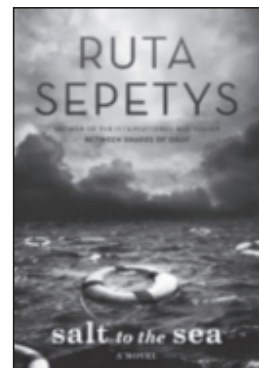


Avery West's ordinary

life changed forever in the first volume. She discovered she was heiress to a powerful secret society known as the Circle, learned her mother was taken hostage by the Circle's enemies, and she fell for a boy she's not allowed to love, just as she found out another was her unwelcome destiny. In this newest entry, Avery travels to Europe to find the truth about the circle and free her mother. She is accompanied by Jack, her steady and loyal boyfriend, and Stellan, her inappropriate crush. After traipsing from Greece to Cannes, Avery discovers a truth that could bring the world to its knees and the knowledge that within the Circle, no one is what they seem.

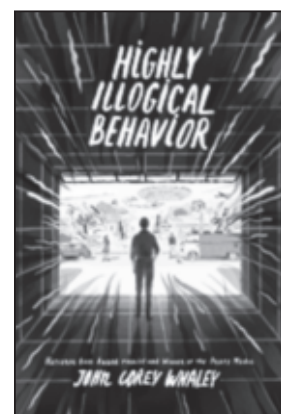
In what is being called a masterful piece of historical fiction, Ruta Sepetys' *Salt of the Sea* brings to life the world's most devastating, and little known, maritime tragedy. The sinking of the *MV Wilhelm Gustloff* was

more devastating than the Titanic and the Lusitania combined. As World War II is coming to a close in East Prussia, thousands of refugees are desperate to find freedom. Joana, Emilia and Florian meet on the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, a ship filled with promises of salvation. These three strangers must unite to find strength when tragedy strikes and fight along with 10,000 other refugees for survival. *Sepetys* tells the tale from different points of view and leaves us with a story that proves humanity and love can prevail, even in our darkest hours.



*Wink Poppy Midnight* is a young adult mystery where nothing is quite as it seems, no one is quite who you think and everything can change on a dime. Compared to last year's *When We Were Liars*, a book I loved, this one is a page turner. Wink is the odd, mysterious neighbor girl, wild red hair and freckles. Poppy is the blond bully and the beautiful, manipulative high school queen bee. Midnight is the sweet, uncertain boy caught between them. Wink. Poppy. Midnight. Two girls. One boy. Three voices that burst onto the page in short, sharp, bewitching chapters, and spiral swiftly and inexorably toward something terrible or tricky or tremendous.

The title and cover of *The Square Root of Summer* told me I was in for a potentially good yet realistic story. I was in for a surprise. With time travel, quantum physics and sweeping romance, *The Square Root of Summer* is an exponentially enthralling story about love, loss, and trying to figure it all out, from stunning debut YA voice, Harriet Reuter Hapgood. Gottie H. Oppenheimer, physics prodigy, is losing time. Literally. When the fabric of the universe around her seaside town begins to fray, she's hurtled through wormholes to her past. To last summer, when her grandfather Grey died. To the afternoon she fell in love with Jason, who wouldn't even hold her hand at the funeral. To the day her best friend Thomas moved away and left her behind with a scar on her hand and a black hole in her memory. Although Grey is still gone, Jason and Thomas are back, and Gottie's past, present, and future are about to collide — and someone's heart is about to be broken. This simple story with the rollercoaster ride of time travel is sure to please.



Another book whose title and cover intrigued me is *Highly Illogical Behavior* by John Corey Whaley. Due out on May 10, this highly-anticipated follow up to *Noggin*, the story of a teenager whose cryogenically preserved head is placed on another person's body five years after his death, is a quirky coming of age story. Sixteen-year-old Solomon is agoraphobic. He hasn't left the house in three years, which is fine by him. His former classmate, Lisa, desperately, yet realistically, wants to get into the second-best psychology program for college. Lisa feels Solomon is the answer to her acceptance. Determined to "fix" Sol, Lisa thrusts herself into his life, introducing him to her charming boyfriend Clark and confiding her fears in him. Soon, all three teens are far closer than they thought they'd be, and when their facades fall down, their friendships threaten to collapse, as well. A hilarious and heartwarming coming-of-age *Highly Illogical Behavior* showcases the different ways in which we hide ourselves from the world—and the ways in which love, tragedy, and the need for connection may be the only things to bring us back into the light.

As the demand for Young Adult fiction has grown, the market has opened up with many wonderful titles, including the ones above. If your young adult, or maybe even you, are looking for something to pass some time, check out the American Library Association List, 2016 Best Fiction for Young Adults. And until next time...keep turning those pages. ■





### Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold a Senior Health Clinics on April 26 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

### Walk-In Immunization Clinic

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

### Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, April 1 from 9:30–11 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 physi-

cian. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

### VNA Offers Aging Well Presentation in Loudon

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a free presentation "Aging Well" on Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. at Richard Brown House, 142 South Village Road in Loudon. Successful aging refers to physical, mental, and social well-being in older age and is largely determined by the choices we make. Choosing a healthy lifestyle leaves us fit, energetic, and at reduced risk for disease. In this workshop, we will discuss simple strategies to maximize our health as we age. To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

### VNA Offers "A Matter of Balance" in Loudon

Concord Regional VNA is offering an eight-week falls prevention program "A Matter of Balance" that helps adults view falls and the fear of falling as controllable, change the environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance. The program takes place on Tuesdays beginning May 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Richard Brown House, 142 South Village Road in Loudon.

There is no fee to attend this program and space is limited. To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 or visit [www.crvna.org](http://www.crvna.org).

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## Alec Bastian Named to President's List at Plymouth State University



Alec Bastian of Loudon has been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2015 Semester. Alec achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and is a Senior at the University majoring in Mathematics Education with a goal to become a high school mathematics teacher with a particular interest in advanced mathematics. He is a past recipient of a scholarship from Town of Loudon's Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund. ■

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through its past.

**When:** Wednesday, April 6th  
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## Hiking Season Is Here! Buy Your Hike Safe Card

As you make plans to get outside to hike, bike, kayak or climb, be sure you have your 2016 Hike Safe card. Purchase the card online at [www.nhfishandgame.com/HikeSafe.aspx](http://www.nhfishandgame.com/HikeSafe.aspx) to support Fish and Game search and rescue efforts and be exempt from liability for repaying search and rescue costs in New Hampshire (unless caused by reckless or intentional behavior).

Voluntary Hike Safe Cards are \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a family (parents and minor children), and are good through the end of the calendar year.

"Whatever outdoor activity you enjoy — hiking, biking, paddling, cross country skiing, or walking the nature trails in your town, the Hike Safe Card is your back-up plan for the great outdoors," said Fish and Game Law Enforcement Chief Kevin Jordan. "Buying a card is a great way to help support Fish and Game's search and rescue activities."

Funds raised through sale of the hike safe cards go to Fish and Game's Search and Rescue Fund. To date, the Department has sold 3,698 cards, bringing in nearly \$100,000 during 2015–2016. In 2015, Fish and Game conducted 207 search and rescue missions, up 40 missions from 2014. Under state law, the Fish and Game Depart-

ment can pursue reimbursement for rescue costs if the person rescued is deemed to have acted negligently.

Individuals who possess a valid New Hampshire hunting or fishing license, or a current registration for an off-highway recreational vehicle, snowmobile or boat, are already exempt from repaying rescue costs.

Learn more about New Hampshire's voluntary Hike Safe Card and see Frequently Asked Questions about the card at [www.wildnh.com/safe](http://www.wildnh.com/safe). ■



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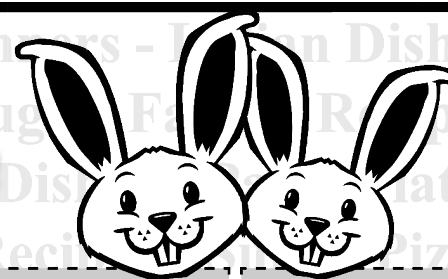
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# Merrimack Valley School District

## Kindergarten

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If you have a child 5 years of age by September 30, 2016, it is time to register them for Kindergarten.

### Loudon Elementary School

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Call 783-4400 to schedule an appointment.

Kindergarten Parent Information Night – Thursday  
March 31st at 6:00 p.m.

#### Required Registration Information

Birth certificate, immunization records, your child's most recent physician's exam and two (2) proofs of residency (a lease agreement/mortgage statement or tax bill and a major utility bill).







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Advance tickets are available at the fire station  
There will also be a silent auction & 50/50 raffle



# Loudon's Cub Scout Pack 247 Has Been Very Busy L

## Recycling Committee Talks About Recycling With Cub Scouts

Den leaders Tom and Carol Ann Stevens invited the Loudon Recycling Committee, Barbara Parent, Barbara Burr and LeeAnn Childress to meet with their scouts from Cub Scout Pack 247 to talk about recycling. The boys are currently working toward their Wolf badges and learning about the importance of recycling helps fulfill some of the requirements for that badge.

After a discussion and a demonstration of various recycling materials, the boys engaged in a high energy race in which they had to accurately sort a variety of recycling materials. It was agreed that they all had a fun time and actually learned a few things. A couple of the items they didn't realize could be recycled were toilet paper rolls and non-Styrofoam egg cartons!

For more information about recycling continue to follow the Recycling Committee on Facebook. ■





# Learning New Things — And Looking For Volunteers

## Cub Scout Pack 247 Needs Volunteers



Cub Scouts from Pack 247 recently completed a community project as part of their requirement for Earning their Wolf badges. They chose to rake and clean up the area around the Memorial To Veterans Of All Wars at the Maxfield Public Library. This served a twofold purpose since it also gave them the opportunity to show reverence to the people who have served their country to preserve the freedoms that we all have. Pack 247 is in desperate need of people who are willing to serve as den leaders as well as committee members. If you enjoy working with children and want to get involved with them in Loudon, this is a great opportunity for you to do so. Even if your kids are grown the Pack would love to have your help. The Cub Scouts offer many training opportunities and have multiple resources available for volunteers with no experience or much experience. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Carol Ann Stevens at 303-1872 or email at [stevens.believer@gmail.com](mailto:stevens.believer@gmail.com) and she will be happy to provide you with information and get you going in the right direction. ■





# Loudon Elementary School News

## February Happenings

The LES Student Council organized the annual Lip Sync in February. Student talent was on display during this fun and entertaining evening. Admission donations were collected for the Loudon Food Pantry. Not only was the group able to make a significant community contribution but a great time was had by all!

The LES Band performed on the evening of February 17th. Students performed a variety of music. Each instrument was featured throughout the performance allowing all musicians to enjoy the “spotlight!” This talented group was conducted by Mrs. Keaton.

The LES Ski and Snowboard Club brought a successful season to a close with a pizza party at Gunstock. In spite of mother nature this group enjoyed some great conditions this season.



*The LES Ski and Snowboard Club finished the season with a pizza party at Gunstock.*



*Donations collected at the February Lip Sync event went to the Loudon Food Pantry.*

were reading for an entire school day. A school-wide assembly for the entire student body was held in order for everyone to read together. The week culminated with a visit from a special guest reader, Mr. Mark Maclean, who shared one of his favorite stories, *The Curse of the Bambino*, with us!

### PTA Luau

Many thanks to the PTA for hosting their annual Luau event in February! A great time was had by all of the students, parents and staff who were in attendance!

Years Program. It is a collaborative, in-depth, student-led inquiry project that results in students taking action on a topic about which they are passionate.

Throughout the exhibition process, 5th grade students demonstrate how they can apply the attributes of the Learner Profile, the attitudes, and how they can research, collaborate, communicate and reflect through the use of the transdisciplinary skills. They demonstrate their growing understanding of the eight key concepts they have been working with throughout their time in elementary school. In short, exhibition allows students to show how they learn.

At Loudon Elementary School, the 5th grade students will be working in groups to research topics they feel are relevant and significant to their community. Their classroom teachers and exhibition mentors will guide them through this process. However, the students lead the research, action and reflection that result in the sharing of their work on Exhibition Evening. This year's Exhibition Evening is tentatively scheduled for May 12th. Last year the students looked at such diverse topics as poaching, foster care, bullying, recycling and the environment. We are eager to learn what this year's 5th graders will tackle!

## March Happenings

### Third Grade Students Presented With Dictionaries

Chichester Grange members visited LES in February and presented each third grade student with a dictionary. This generous gift was made possible by donations from the Loudon Lions Club and the American Legion Post #88. The Grange strives to do this annually in support of *The Dictionary Project* through its *Word for Thirds* program. Through the national efforts of more than 200,000 volunteers, the Grange has presented third grade students across the nation with more than 500,000 dictionaries.

LES third grade students would like to not only thank our local chapter of the Grange, but also the local community groups whose funding made this gift possible!

### February was Love of Reading Month

During the week of February 15th, students celebrated their love of reading. Each day had a theme in which students were encouraged to dress the part! Classes participated in a school-wide effort, sponsored by the Media Center, to ensure LES students

## April Happenings

### 5th Grade Exhibition Preparations Are Underway

Exhibition is commonly referred to as the culminating event of a student's experience in the Primary

### Music In Our School's Month

March was Music in Our Schools month and Loudon Elementary School has been celebrating! On Friday, March 4th, the chorus attended the Manchester Monarchs game and sang the National Anthem. They

did a wonderful job and enjoyed performing in such a large venue.

On Tuesday, March 8th the 39th Army Band came to LES for the day to share their passion for music. During their visit, the Army Band musicians joined the fifth grade band for a rehearsal. It was a great opportunity for the fifth graders to hear a professional musician playing the same instrument as them! The Army Band gave the fifth grade



*Third graders receive their own dictionaries.*





*Above: The 39th Army Band visited the Elementary School on March 8. Below: Army Band members joined the LES band members!*

musicians practice techniques, reviewed concepts, and demonstrated ensemble skills for them.

The day culminated with a school-wide assembly in which the Army Band performed a variety of music and took questions from the student body. The fifth grade band and the 39th Army Band performed several selections together.

Thank you to Mrs. Keaton for making these opportunities possible for our students!

### Upcoming Events

- 4/1 PTA Snack Cart
- 4/4-4/8 Book Fair
- 4/5 Book Fair Family Buy Night
- 4/7 Spring Picture Day, PTA Meeting
- 4/11 MVSD School Board Meeting
- 4/12 Art's Night
- 4/13 Art's Night Snow Date
- 4/13 Career Day
- 4/20 Choral Concert
- 4/25-4/29 Spring Vacation



*Right: Enjoying a Luau in February!*

*Below: Mr. MacLean reads his favorite story to the school.*



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## Bank of New Hampshire Hosts Free Shredding Days

Bank of New Hampshire is hosting free paper shredding days on Saturday, April 16th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at their Gilford Operations Center, on **Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at their Concord Heights** and Littleton offices and on April 30th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at their Dover and Manchester 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, EVP – 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.”

All papers will be shredded on location in the mobile truck. Documents should be free of large binder clips however staples and paper clips may be left on documents. A limit of three boxes per person is allowed.

For more information, please contact Bank of New Hampshire at 1-800-832-0912. ■







## Loudon Food Pantry News

### The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Update

We started this challenge on February 1st and as of March 18th we have collected \$1,104.62 in food and \$3,795.56 in funds. That's a total of \$4,900.18 toward our goal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this challenge thus far.

The challenge ends April 30th and we need \$4,099.83 to make our goal of \$9,000.

The proceeds from this challenge help Loudon Food Pantry continue feeding households in need throughout the spring and summer months when donations are at their lowest.

To be part of this effort...

- Donate In-date Food (It will be counted as \$1.00 per item.)
- Donate In-date Meat or Produce (It will be counted as \$1.00 per pound.)
- Donate funds (It will be counted dollar for dollar.)

Household items, personal care items and pet food are not counted towards this challenge.

We have received some donations via PayPal. If you wish for your donation to be included in our challenge, put that in the note section. Your donations must be noted "LFP Challenge" if you want it included or verbally let us know. Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry!

You can mail or drop off donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307-0734. We have drop off locations at the following:

<b>Canterbury</b>	Elkins Library — <i>Food</i>
<b>Chichester</b>	Camping World — <i>Food</i>
<b>Epsom</b>	Care Pharmacy — <i>Cash Bin</i>
<b>Loudon</b>	106 Bean Stalk — <i>Cash Bin</i>
	Egg Shell Restaurant — <i>Cash Bin</i>
	Loudon Station — <i>Food and Cash Bin</i>
	Loudon Village Country Store — <i>Cash Bin</i>
	Red Roof Inn — <i>Cash Bin</i>
	TD Bank — <i>Food and Funds</i> (They will deposit directly into our account; speak with any teller.)

Please spread the word! Our challenge thermometer is posted on LoudonFood-Pantry.org. With your help, we can feed those in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions call 724-9731 and ask for Sue. ■

## Rise Again Outreach Holds 8th Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser

Rise Again Outreach, a local non-profit, faith-based charitable organization serving Central New Hampshire, will hold its **8th Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene on 33 Staniels Road in Loudon.** More than 100 items donated from businesses all over New Hampshire and beyond will be up for auction.

Some of the great items include Disney World tickets, theater shows, date nights and getaways, golf outings, family camping, automotive care packages, autographed sports memorabilia, sports venues, museums, family entertainment, fine dining and so much more! You won't want to miss out on some great deals while supporting a very worthwhile local charity.

Rise Again Outreach, with its mobile clothing pantries and many other programs, helps meet the needs of low-income families, homeless, refugees and others in crisis situations throughout central New Hampshire. With its many volunteers, the organization has assisted thousands of New Hampshire families and individuals who need a helping hand in today's tough economic climate.

We need your help to continue this vital outreach. Contact Bob Pease via email at bob@riseagainoutreach.org for information about donating auction items. More importantly, support Rise Again Outreach by coming to the event and placing your bid on some great items. There are always some great deals and it's all for a great cause — supporting our neighbors in the community and helping to make New Hampshire a better place for everyone!

There is no cost for attending the auction. Only cash and personal checks can be accepted for auction items. Come join us for a great time for an even greater cause! ■

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**COMPOSTING SEMINAR**  
**MAY 12, 2016**  
**7PM - 8PM**  
**LOUDON COMMUNITY CENTER**



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**WHEN: MAY 1, 2016**

**TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM**

**WHERE: CHARLIE'S BARN**

**29 S. VILLAGE RD.**

Snacks and beverages will be provided by the Historical Society

These interactions will be videotaped.

Contact: Michele York 396-2362  
 Or Cynthia Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com



## OBITUARIES

### HARRIET D. McLAREN

Harriet D. McLaren, 91, lifelong resident of Loudon, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Hospice House in Concord.

Harriet was born on Oct. 26, 1924, in Hanover, the daughter of Fred and Catherine (Dodge) Dirth.

She grew up in Loudon where she attended the local grammar school, and graduated from Concord High School.

In addition to being a homemaker and caring for her family, Harriet worked for 36 years as an Auditor for the NH State Treasury.

She was a longtime member of the Loudon Congregational Church. She was also a member of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary of Loudon and of the Young at Heart group of Loudon.

Harriet always enjoyed hosting all her family's events and holidays especially the Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue and an Old Home Day lobster bake. She loved cooking, spending time with family and seeing them gather at her swimming pool.

She always exemplified a loving and compassionate heart especially the way she took care of her mother for seven years.

Her family members include a son, Kenneth McLaren and his wife, Linda of Concord; a daughter, Linda Paddock and her husband, Mark of Franklin; a sister, Catherine "Lucille" Colby and her husband, Arthur of Loudon; six grandchildren, Keith McLaren and his wife, Sandy; Ryan McLaren, LTC (Retired); Nathan Paddock and his wife, Jennifer; Aaron Paddock and his wife, Lori; Catherine Rainville and husband Craig; and Lucas Paddock; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Claude and Kenneth Dirth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Harriet's memory to the CRVNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

### LESTER W. GOULD

Lester W. Gould, 85, of Loudon, NH passed away Saturday, March 19, 2016 following a period of declining health.

Lester was born in Hillsboro, NH on September 19, 1930 to Judson and Gladys (Colburn) Gould. He worked as a machine operator with Pitco Frialator until he retired after 25 years of service.

Lester loved the outdoors, whether he was fishing or hunting or doing any number of other things, he was always just happy to be outside. He also enjoyed candlepin bowling and was a league member at Boutwell's Bowling Center in Concord, NH. He was a laid back, easygoing man who adored his family and was kind to everyone he met.

Lester is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret (Applegate) Gould; his sons, Robert Gould and wife, Cindy of Suncook, NH; Keith Gould of Pembroke, NH; his daughters, Joellyn (Gould) Pelletier and husband, Rosaire of Suncook, NH; Penny (Gould) Drew and husband, Brian of Concord, NH; and Hazel Gould and her fiancé Jim Young of Sparta TN; brothers, Dwight Gould of Hillsboro, NH; Joseph Gould, of Hillsboro, NH; Pat Gould and his partner Mary Katz of Hillsboro, NH; Ernest Gould of Hillsboro, NH; and Richard Gould and wife Dolores of Mitchell, SD; sisters, Beatrice Nyberg and husband, Bill of Franklin, NH; Edith Austin and husband, Carl Loudon, NH and Grace Hackett of Winthrop, ME; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Lester was predeceased in April 2015 by his son, Michael Gould. Michael was survived by his partner, Maria Gould. Lester was also predeceased by 2 brothers Clifton Hackett of Norwalk, CT and Everett Hackett of Bristol, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lester's memory may be made to CRVNA Hospice House, The Slusser Center, Development Office, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301 or online at [www.crvna.org](http://www.crvna.org). Donations may also be made to Meal On Wheels online at [www.mealsonwheelsnh.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsnh.org). ■

### STEVEN KEITH ESONIS

Steve Esonis passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2016, following complications from a motor vehicle accident.

He is predeceased by his parents, George and Connie Esonis. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Meredith Esonis; daughter, Anya Reed and her husband, Eddie; son, Alek Esonis and his wife, Amy; and daughter, Bryn Esonis; grandchildren, Connor, Skyla, Boden, Rowan, Sam and Colton; sister, Lynne Swalec and her husband, Jim; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Steve grew up in West Boylston, Mass. and has lived in Loudon since 1985. He is a graduate of Springfield College and worked at Hewlett-Packard as an engineer for more than 30 years. Steve was also an avid sports fan and for 25 years fulfilled his passion by officiating high school football games for the NHFOA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Loudon Youth Athletic Association, PO Box #7816, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

**Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: April 15, 2016**  
**For the May 2016 Issue**

### Include Your Family Tree In The Loudon Town History!

The Loudon Historical Society is looking to have a Loudon Town History written. We will be asking for help in different areas and one of those areas will be a genealogy of each family in town and sending us your family tree. Write your genealogy in Word using Times New Roman 12 point font and send it to The Loudon Historical Society's



e-mail address:  
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Be on the lookout for more information and other ways to help.



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# Discover WILD New Hampshire Day Set for April 16



*Toast a marshmallow with NH Forests and Lands.*

Bring the family to Discover WILD New Hampshire Day, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's biggest community event of the year! The event is set for Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, N.H. Admission is free.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and legacy of outdoor traditions. Browse exhibits presented by more than 60 outdoor and conservation organizations from throughout the state. See live animals, big fish and trained falcons. Try your hand at archery, casting, fly-tying and air rifle. Watch retriever dogs in action. Get creative with hands-on craft activities for the kids. Plus, check out the latest hunting and fishing gear and gadgets.

This event is your chance to explore new ways to get outdoors and be active. Tie a fly with members of Trout Unlimited. Learn to call turkeys with the N.H. Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation. Explore new trends in recycling and environmental protection with N.H. Department of Environmental Services staff. Live animal presentations take place throughout the day. Bass Pro Shops will have their big casting boat on site. And everyone enjoys a peek at the big trout and salmon in the Fish and Game hatchery truck.

Be sure to stop by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire tent, where Fish and Game's nonprofit partner will hold a raffle of outdoor gear and other great prizes, plus a sale of used hunting and fishing gear.

"The people of New Hampshire care deeply about our wildlife and conserving their environment," said Fish and Game Director Glenn Normandeau. "This event is a fun way to explore the many ways you and your family can get connected to the great outdoors."

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is held rain or shine. The Fish and Game License Office will be open during the event, so stop in and purchase your fishing or hunting license. Food concession will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day began in New Hampshire in 1989 as an observance of Earth Day and a celebration of the state's wealth of natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities. The event is hosted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department ([www.wildnh.com](http://www.wildnh.com)) and sponsored by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire ([nhwildlifeheritage.org](http://nhwildlifeheritage.org)), the agency's nonprofit partner. ■



Come out for a night of fun! The Executive Chefs from the Birches, the Common Man and Havenwood Heritage Heights will showcase their fabulous talent by making exciting and delicious creations all prepared with local honey, fresh produce and venison and each dish will be paired with the Chef's choice of white wine.

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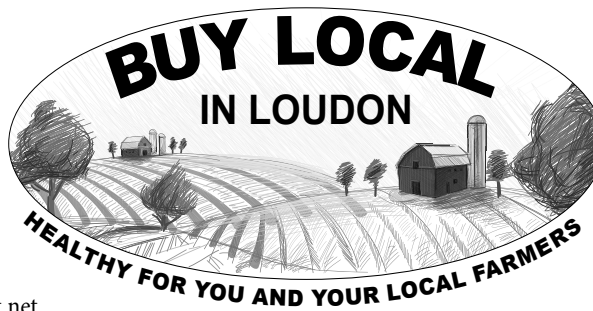
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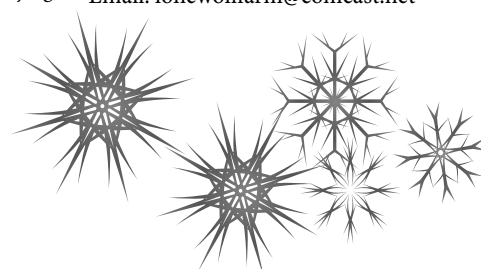
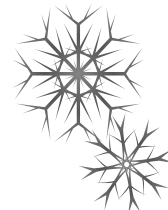
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## Should You Get An Inspection Before Selling Your Home?

Jack Prendiville  
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Home inspections can make or break a sale for prospective buyers. Your house could be someone's dream home, but then the inspection reveals pricey repairs. Instead of waiting for buyer's inspection, consider getting a home inspection before selling. A pre-inspection helps to eliminate surprises and better prepares you for the selling process to come. Here are a few reasons to perform an inspection before listing your home.

**Plan ahead for repairs:** When home inspections reveal red flags, you need to decide between fixing the problem and leaving it for the future owners to handle. If you wait for the buyer's inspection to discover the issue, you may be left with little time to plan your next move. Performing a home inspection before selling can give you ample time to explore your options. If you decide to fix defects based on the home inspection report, you can take your time and ensure the repairs are done correctly.

**Save time and money during the selling process:** In addition to giving you more time to fix issues, a pre-inspection could lead to a shortened selling process. Since houses with fewer problems tend to sell faster, fixing the problems revealed in the pre-inspection before you list could make your house more desirable on the market. With the issues already taken care of, there may be less of a reason for buyers to negotiate a drastically lower price.

**Build trust with prospective buyers:** A pre-inspection allows you to assure buyers that the listing price for the house consider its current condition. If issues are found during the pre-inspection, you'll be able to tell buyers ahead of time so they won't be surprised during their own inspection. This can garner trust between you and the potential buyers, giving you a leg up on the competition. Although pre-inspections are an additional cost, they're beneficial for home sellers. To better prepare yourself for the selling process ahead consider performing an inspection before listing your home. ■

## Loudon Recreation Committee News

"Like" us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page. Check it out for details on upcoming events; also check the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) for updated event information.

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 from town at the recreation fields for a concert or other performance. Stay tuned for more details!

We have had some great ideas from new faces in the group and are working on the following: security cameras for the gazebo and court areas; cleaning up the horseshoe pits; clean up and updating work in the playground area at the recreation field; stand up paddleboard lessons/rental time; ultimate Frisbee group; and exercise stations along walking paths at the recreation field area. If any of these things sound good to you and you are interested in helping them become a reality, come to the next meeting and let us know!

The Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We are always looking for other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. The Recreation Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30 at the Maxfield Public Library. Ideas can also be shared through email. Send your ideas and comments to Laurie Jaquith at [cljaquith@comcast.net](mailto:cljaquith@comcast.net) or Alicia Grimaldi at [aliciagrimaldi7001@gmail.com](mailto:aliciagrimaldi7001@gmail.com). ■

**Next Recreation Committee Meeting:**  
**April 27 at 6 p.m.**  
**at the Library. Join Us!!!**

## Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — February 1, 2016

Ken Krzewick called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**In attendance:** Trustees Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Alice Tuson; Alternate Herb Huckins; Library Director Deborah Gadwah-Lambert

**Acceptance of minutes:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting. Molly moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.

The Trustees reviewed the Director's Report, which consisted of the following:

The additional yoga session and meditation class have been well-received. As a result, the yoga income has doubled for the month.

The Altered Books Program has been rescheduled for March 8.

Upcoming programs for February include Vision Board Party and weekly Beginner Crochet Class. Additional programs have been scheduled for the February School Vacation Week.

Several local agencies and businesses have expressed interest in participating in the Health and Literacy Fair on June 18. This fair complements the 2016 summer reading theme "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read."

Improvements in the Young Adult section are progressing. It very difficult to place an online order these days without a credit card. A Library credit card will be issued. The Trustees felt that a credit versus a debit card would be safer in the event that a debit card gets lost. The new Director has been very conscientious about having the Trustees authorize purchases and is very organized with documentation of expenditures and receipts.

Employee self-evaluations are being turned in and discussions are in progress.

Alice will contact Scott Carbonneau about the repairs to the Children's Room door to see if he would be interested. The Library has only received one quote so far.

The Trustees reviewed the Director's income and expenses report.

The next Trustees' meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Molly Ashland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.m.; seconded by Alice Tuson. All were in favor.

Submitted by:  
Ken Krzewick  
Molly Ashland  
Alice Tuson

## Loudon Conservation Commission Minutes — March 7, 2016

**Members in attendance:** Julie Robinson, Rob Buzzell and Sandy Blanchard

**Alternates in attendance:** Pauline Touzin

**Others in attendance:** Sally Cole, Suzanne Rude, Shawn Jones

The Loudon Conservation Commission met on March 7, 2016 at 6 p.m. in Charlie's Barn.

Julie opened the meeting with mentioning a monitoring workshop in Canterbury for those who are interested. UNH Extension is providing training to volunteers on monitoring lands for Conservation Commission and suggested if the current monitors could attend to do so.

Residents of Loudon, Robert and Carol Pike generously donated \$500 towards the purchase of our new computer. Julie has sent a note of thanks to the Pike's for their donation.

Purchases were made out of this year's budget. The purchases include a computer, printer, 2 GPS units, external hard drive and backpack. This will really help the Conservation Commission to protect their data for monitoring of easements by having everything on one machine. Also the

new GPS units will allow monitors to complete monitoring each year with greater ease.

Having the minutes published in the *Loudon Ledger* has really been helpful and allows the residence of Loudon to hear what the Conservation Commission is doing. Julie will continue to get the minutes in to the *Loudon Ledger* on a timely basis.

Shawn Jones contacted the Commission and is interested in becoming a member. He asked what we our role in the town is. Julie explained our role in the town (planning board, wildlife, easements, etc.) He expressed interest in becoming a member. Julie suggested he attend a few meetings and see if the commitment is going to work for his schedule. Shawn works with the Scouts in town and suggested that we think of some tasks that need to be done that the boys could do to earn their merit badges. Some of the suggestions were trash pick up along the roads, signage placement of easement properties that still need it and a larger project for an Eagle Scout candidate. Shawn

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## MVSD Annual Meeting Minutes — March 3, 2016

The polls held in the Merrimack Valley High School Auditorium for Articles I and II were opened by Moderator Charles Niebling at 11:00 a.m. The following ballot clerks and checklist supervisors were duly sworn in by the Moderator:

Marie Griffith	Francine Clave
Mary Perry	Irene Ortega
Pamela Malcolm	Beth-Holly LaDuke
Tracy Huckins	James Minard
Agnes Colby	Sherlene Fisher
Marjorie	Sarah Chalsma
Schoonmaker	Linda Boucher
Henry Bergeron	Melvin Bowne

Martha Vendt, School District Clerk and Assistant Moderator, and John Herbert, Assistant Moderator, were also sworn in by the Moderator.

At 11:00 a.m., Moderator Niebling announced that the ballot boxes have been inspected and showed that they were empty and are ready for use. Moderator Niebling then declared the polls open for Articles I and II, and stated that all other articles would acted upon at 7:00 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m. Moderator Niebling read the names and towns of each absentee bal-

lot. After confirmation by the ballot clerks that they were registered voters, the Moderator handed each ballot to Assistant Moderator John Herbert, who put the ballots in the ballot box. There were 10 absentee ballots.

At 6:50 and 6:55 p.m. Moderator Niebling reminded voters that the polls for Articles I and II would be closing promptly at 7:00, however those still in line on stage may continue to check in and vote. If not on stage at 7:00, voters would not be allowed to vote.

School Board Members present were Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Will Renaud, and Laura Vincent. Also present were Superintendent Mark MacLean, Assistant Superintendent Christine Barry, Business Administrator Robin Heins, Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher, Facilities Director Fred Reagan, Technology Director Lee Despres, Legal Counsel Matthew Upton, and other District Administrators.

At 7:00 p.m. Moderator Niebling declared the Annual Meeting open and the polls closed for action on Articles I and II. Moderator Niebling asked the ballot clerks

and checklist supervisors to count the votes for Articles I and II after all voters on stage completed submitting their ballots. Moderator Niebling began by reviewing the location of the emergency exits and announcing that the meeting is being recorded for the record.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, Moderator Niebling asked all veterans to stand to be recognized and he thanked them for their service.

Moderator Niebling recognized John Herbert, Salisbury resident, who has agreed to serve as Assistant Moderator.

Moderator Niebling reviewed the rules of procedure for tonight's meeting including methods of voting such as card vote, card count, and secret ballot, stating that there would be no voice vote. Moderator Niebling asked voters who wished to speak during the meeting to go to the microphones and when recognized state their name and town of residence clearly for the record. Moderator Niebling explained that any decision of the moderator could be overruled by a majority vote. Moderator Niebling also advised that any action could be reconsidered later in the meeting prior to adjournment unless, before moving on to another article, a motion is made to apply the provisions of RSA 40:10. There were no questions from the public regarding the rules of procedure.

Moderator Niebling introduced MVSD Board Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Chairman Hutchins began by welcoming everyone to tonight's Annual Meeting. Chairman Hutchins introduced the School District Clerk, School Board Members, acknowledging Will Renaud's last meeting as Board member representing Penacook, Legal Counsel Matthew Upton, Superintendent Mark MacLean, Assistant Superintendent Christine Barry, Business Administrator Robin Heins, Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher, Facilities Director Fred Reagan, and Technology Director Lee Despres.

Chairman Hutchins recognized MVHS student achievements. Moderator Niebling read Article I as follows:

**Article I.** To choose a moderator, by ballot for the ensuing year.

**Results of Article I:** At 8:28 p.m. Moderator announced the results as follows:

For moderator, 322 votes were cast. Charles Niebling was elected as Moderator for the ensuing year. Charles Niebling was elected by ballot to serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

Moderator Niebling read Article II as follows:

**Article II.** To choose, by ballot, five school board members, one from the pre-existing District of Loudon to serve for a term of one year; one from the pre-existing District of Webster to serve for a term of three years; one from the pre-existing District of Boscaawen to serve for a term of

three years; one from the pre-existing District of Penacook to serve for a term of three years; and one from the District of Salisbury to serve for a term of three years. One elected candidate must be a resident of Loudon, one elected candidate must be a resident of Webster, one elected candidate must be a resident of Boscaawen, one elected candidate must be a resident of Penacook and one elected candidate must be a resident of Salisbury. All candidates will be elected at large.

Moderator Niebling stated that 10 absentee ballots were submitted at 5:00 p.m. and read the names and towns of the 10 absentee ballots.

**Results of Article II:** At 8:28 p.m. Moderator Niebling announced the results as follows:

<b>Loudon</b>	1 year
Bobbi-Jo Michael	.....282
<b>Webster</b>	3 years
Andrew Chalsma	.....259
<b>Boscaawen</b>	3 years
Caroletta Alicea	.....264
<b>Penacook</b>	3 years
Christina Broyer	.....31
<b>Salisbury</b>	3 years
Mark Hutchins	.....260
Louise Andrus	.....96

Moderator Niebling announced that Bobbi-Jo Michael, Andrew Chalsma, Caroletta Alicea, Christina Broyer, and Mark Hutchins were elected.

Moderator Niebling asked if there would be a motion to proceed and pass over Articles I and II until the ballots were counted. *There was a motion and second from the floor and the motion passed on a voice vote.*

Moderator Niebling read Article III as follows:

**Article III.** To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for, to accept and expend on behalf of the District any and all advances, grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereinafter be forthcoming from the United States of America and its agencies or from the State of New Hampshire and its agencies.

*Motion from the floor, second from the floor to adopt Article III as printed on the warrant. There was no discussion. The motion to adopt Article III as printed in the warrant was passed. Article III adopted as printed in the warrant.*

Moderator Niebling read Article IV as follows:

**Article IV.** To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to accept and expend on behalf of the District private gifts and contributions for educational purposes.

*Motion from the floor and second from the floor to adopt Article IV as printed in the*

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will talk to the scout leaders and get back to Julie on how to proceed.

Pauline Touzin informed the Commission that the monitoring has been completed for last year. Julie thanked her and the others involved for their hard work. The monitoring group will get working on the task of monitoring for this year sometime this summer. Rob will make sure to get all the paperwork sent in and placed in the files.

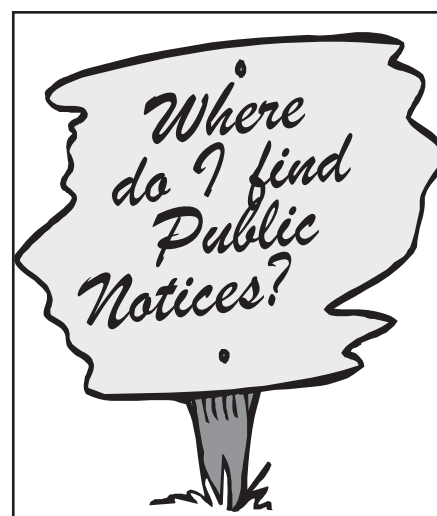
Requests for donations to help Rocky Pond mitigate their milfoil issues and for Clough Pond to pay for a lake host to hopefully keep the noxious weed out of Clough Pond were sent to the Commission. Julie

checked on the amounts for Clough Pond & Rocky Pond we gave \$1000 last year and the commission approved the same amount for this year.

A work session on April 23 at 9 a.m. will take place at Charlie's Barn for members and alternates to learn the new GPS units and get an overview on using the computer. If time allows, the files will be examined to see what can be purged.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Robinson, Chair*



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warrant. There was no discussion. The motion to adopt Article IV as printed in the warrant was passed on a card vote.

Moderator Niebling read Article V as follows:

**Article V.** Would you be in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA 32:14 through RSA 32:24 thereby adopting a Budget Committee pursuant to RSA 32:14 and in compliance with RSA 195-12a (Majority vote required). [By Petition]

Motion from the floor second from the floor to adopt Article V as printed in the warrant. Louise Andrus, petitioner, Salisbury resident, spoke to the Article regarding the need for a budget committee. Members of the public asked questions and expressed their comments and concerns regarding Article V. At 7:28 p.m., Moderator Niebling declared the polls open for 1 hour to vote on Article V. Moderator Niebling announced and showed that the ballot box was empty for this vote.

At 8:45 p.m., Moderator Niebling announced the results of Article V. There were 286 votes, 67 yes and 219 no. Article V was defeated.

There was a motion from the floor, second from the floor to pass over action pending votes. The motion is adopted on a card vote.

Moderator Niebling read Article VI as follows:

**Article VI.** To see if the School District would approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Valley School Board and the Merrimack Valley Support Staff Association, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

2016–2017	\$0.00
2017–2018	\$152,174.00
2018–2019	\$152,027.00

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the 2016–2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article.

There was a motion from the floor, second from the floor to adopt Article VI as printed in the warrant. Audrey Carter spoke to the Articles VI and VIII bringing pages 5 and 6 in the packet to the attention of the voters. Due to changes in health insurance, from an HMO to a High Deductible Consumer Driven Plan, costs were brought down considerably. She also explained percentage increases per year for Administration and Support Staff. Moderator Niebling reminded the voters that we were only discussing and voting on Article VI at this time. Louise Andrus asked questions about Health insurance. Kathleen Boucher answered her questions. Moderator Niebling called for action. The motion to adopt Article VI as printed in the warrant passed on a card vote. Article VI was adopted as printed in the warrant.

Moderator Niebling read Article VII as follows:

**Article VII.** Shall the School District, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI Cost items only? (Majority vote)

There was a motion from the floor, second from the floor to pass over the action on Article VII. The motion passed on a card vote.

Moderator Niebling read Article VIII as follows:

**Article VIII.** To see if the School District will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Valley School Board and the Merrimack Valley Administrators Association, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

2016–2017	\$0.00
2017–2018	\$9,097.00

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the 2016–2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article.

There was a motion by Lorrie Carey, Boscawen resident, second from the floor to adopt Article VIII as printed in the warrant. There was no discussion. The motion to adopt Article VIII as printed in the warrant passed on a card vote. Article VIII adopted as printed in the warrant.

There was a motion by Lisa Laughlin, Loudon resident, second by Bill Lambert, Boscawen resident, to restrict reconsideration of Articles VI and VIII according to the provisions of RSA 40:10. The motion passed on a card vote.

Moderator Niebling read Article IX as follows:

**Article IX.** Shall the School District, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? (Majority vote)

A motion was made by Lisa Laughlin, Loudon resident, second from the floor, to pass over the action on Article IX. The motion was passed on a card vote.

Moderator Niebling read Article X as follows:

**Article X.** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Million, Four Hundred Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$39,444,447) for the support of schools, the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State's adequate education grants together with other income. The School Board shall certify to the selectmen of each of the towns of Boscawen, Loudon, Salisbury and Webster and the City Council of Concord for Penacook the amount to be raised by taxation of said municipalities. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this article.

A motion was made by Bill Lambert, Boscawen resident, second from Lisa Laughlin, Loudon resident, to adopt Article X as printed in the warrant.

Bobbi-Jo Michael began by stating that instead of going over each line, she would discuss function and the changes within (pages 15–20 in the Annual Report). Bobbi-Jo explained areas of increase and decrease in the proposed budget and touched upon reasons underlying these changes. There was also conversation relative to a new line for security that was added to the budget.

Members of the public expressed their comments and concerns and asked questions regarding Article X.

A motion was made by Bobbi-Jo Michael, second from the floor to amend the Budget sum to read Thirty Nine Million Two Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$39,274,447). This amendment was based on the previous successful adoption of the proposed CBAs (Articles VI and VIII) and the fact that the District can save an estimated \$170,000 as a result of the move the Consumer Driven High Deductible Health Plans with the Support Staff and Administrators Unions.

The motion to amend the Budget sum was passed on a card vote.

Members of the public expressed their comments and concerns and asked questions concerning Article X. A question was raised about the possibility of an increase of legal fees due to a civil suit brought against the District by two Salisbury residents. Counsel responded that a motion to dismiss has been filed and that legal is very confident in this motion.

Moderator Niebling called Article X as amended to a vote. Article X as amended passed on a card vote. Article X was adopted as amended.

Moderator Niebling read Article XI as follows:

**Article XI.** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) for the replacement of the bleachers at the high school. The School Board recommends this article.

A motion was made from the floor, second from the floor to adopt Article XI as printed in the warrant. Mark Hutchins spoke to the article explaining that the bleachers are not compliant with the ADA.

He also stated that if this article and the next article concerning the floors were both approved tonight, there would be some cost savings realized by doing these projects at the same time.

There was a question concerning the legality of these two articles which was answered by Counsel.

The motion to adopt Article XI as printed in the warrant was passed by a card vote. Article XI was adopted as printed in the warrant.

Moderator Niebling read Article XII as follows:

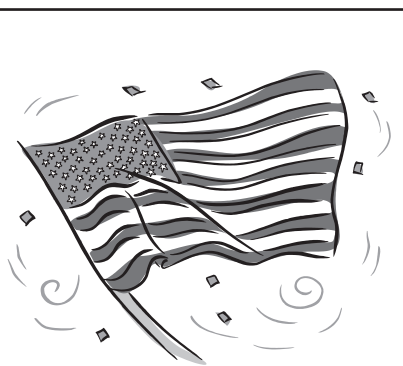
**Article XII.** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) for the replacement of the gym floor at the high school. The School Board Recommends this article.

A motion was made from the floor, second from the floor to adopt article XII as printed in the warrant. Members of the public expressed their comments and concerns and asked questions regarding Article XII.

The motion to adopt Article XII as printed in the warrant was passed on a card vote. Article XII was adopted as printed in the warrant.

A motion was made by Will Renauld, second from the floor to restrict reconsideration of Article X.

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**Post 88 has a new flag collection box outside of Charlie's Barn. It will be checked periodically and unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.**


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ations of Articles X, XI, and XII according to the provisions of RSA 40:10. The motion was adopted by a card vote.

Moderator Niebling read Article XIII as follows:

**Article XIII.** *Would you be in favor of holding our annual meeting on a Saturday instead of the current weekday evening?*

*[By Petition]*

A motion was made from the floor, second from the floor to adopt article XIII as printed in the warrant. Louise Andrus, Salisbury resident, spoke in favor Article XIII. After some discussion, the motion to adopt Article XIII as printed in the warrant was defeated on a card vote. Article XIII was defeated.

Moderator Niebling read Article XIV as follows:

**Article XIV.** *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.*

Lisa Laughlin, Loudon resident, made a request for the Board to continue expand their efforts to increase communication with constituents, possibly hiring a communications officer. School Board Chairman Mark Hutchins responded that the Board will discuss the possibilities of a communications subcommittee.

Dawn Platt, Salisbury resident asked why the polling hours were extended. Superintendent Mark MacLean responded to her question.

Andrea Morrill, Webster resident, asked about the current status of High School scheduling. Mark MacLean responded to her question.

Stephanie Alicea, Boscawen resident, expressed concern over the safety of the high school students with the location of the polls being held at the high school and the polling hours having been extended. Mark MacLean responded to her concern. Stephanie also thanked the School Board for all their hard work.

Jon Pearson, Webster resident, asked if there would be a liability for using the gym floor if we continue to use it and someone gets hurt? Counsel responded.

Louise Andrus asked if the length of time that the position for Moderator was posted was legal? Robin Heins and Counsel responded to her questions. Louise Andrus also asked if the Transportation Study would be brought to Public Hearing.

Mark MacLean responded to her question.

With no other business to transact, a motion was made from the floor, second from the floor, to adjourn. Motion passed on a card vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Vendt School District Clerk  
Approved: 3/14/2016

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 16, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake, Ned Lizotte, Zoning Board and Stan Prescott, Planning Board.

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

Chairman Krieger opened Board of Permit.

Deputy Lake submitted a copy of a Hawkers and Peddlers license for Speedway Children's Charities. He explained that the license was for fourteen events from May 2016 to December 2016. Selectman Ives asked if there are any new events this year. Deputy Lake said no; all pretty much the same. The Board reviewed the list of events and signed the license.

Deputy Lake said they are working on a building permit for a home on Fieldview Lane. He explained that a subdivision was approved in 2009, the name Fieldview Lane was put on the final plans, a road sign was put up by Mr. Fortier, Mr. Fortier petitioned the town to take the road; it was denied, the denial stood in court, the road sign disappeared after that and Mr. Fortier stated that he found it broke on the side of the road. Deputy Lake explained that he; Road Agent Houle and Donna White have all spoken to Mr. Fortier about the need for the sign for identification purposes in the event of an emergency. Deputy Lake said Mr. Fortier's daughter lives at 19 Fieldview Lane; still uses an Oak Hill Road address and refuses to acknowledge Fieldview Lane. Deputy Lake said Mr. Fortier recently sold a lot on the corner of Fieldview Lane and Oak Hill Road. It has been determined that this lot would be 15 Fieldview Lane. Deputy Lake said Mr. Fortier won't put a sign back up until the town accepts the road. There was discussion about how many lots there are, whether it is a driveway or a private road and the road name. Chairman Krieger suggested that Deputy Lake review the court paperwork with the Selectmen's office and review any paperwork regarding this road/subdivision with the Planning and Zoning Board office. Selectman Ives said if it is determined that the road name has been approved the road agent can take care of a road sign.

Deputy Lake said that back in November or December they received complaints from a neighbor of Ben Carter that there was an automotive repair business going on there. Deputy Lake said they looked at it and asked Mr. Carter and Mr. Rollins to talk to the Zoning Board about running a business out of there. It was determined that it wasn't a business because they were just doing work for friends and family and not charging. Deputy Lake said they have been asked again to look at it because of the number of

vehicles and people asking at the neighbor's house where this garage is. Deputy Lake asked how he should proceed with this if they are still saying they are not running a business. Mr. Lizotte explained that after the zoning meeting he spoke to people on the road that complained about it but nobody showed up at the zoning meeting. He said there was no application just a discussion. Selectman Ives asked if the meeting was noticed since it was only a discussion. Mr. Lizotte said he wasn't sure. Deputy Lake said it sounds like a lot more traffic than there would be if they were only working on friends cars. Selectman Ives said if more than one neighbor is complaining there is probably more to it. Deputy Lake said they need proof that there is payment being made and it is a business. Selectman Maxfield asked how many complaints have been made. Deputy Lake said 2-3 before the zoning meeting, since the meeting the zoning office has received complaints again that's why it's back before them. Chief Wright said they need to talk to a customer. Selectman Ives said even if he isn't charging it sounds like it's basically a business. He suggested that maybe there's enough information to issue a cease and desist, have them come in for a major home occupation where limits could be set. Mr. Lizotte said if he came in for a home occupation they could set hours of operation and number of cars. Chairman Krieger explained that as a governmental agency if they get license plate numbers for the vehicles that are going in there; they might be able to get owner information from motor vehicle and then ask those people if they are paying for work. Deputy Lake said they just would like to speak to people to get the full story about what is going on there. Chairman Krieger said it is going to take some investigative work for Code Enforcement, if they need help with paperwork they should ask town counsel.

Chairman Krieger closed Board of Permit.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 2, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Bill Lake.

Chief Wright explained that he has been trying to locate the agreement between Loudon and Chichester. He wasn't able to find the previous one so he wrote a new one. Chief Wright showed

the Board a copy of the new agreement. He said the Fire Chief and Deputy in Chichester didn't like it so they came up with their own simpler agreement. Chief Wright said he likes his agreement because it is more detailed and more specific. Selectman Ives said that the agreement that Chief Wright wrote is pretty basic and he wouldn't sign the one Chichester wrote but maybe some changes could be made to the wording. Chairman Krieger suggested that the Chichester Selectmen and Fire Chief be invited to sit down with Loudon's Selectmen and Fire Chief and hash it out. Chief Wright said he could modify some of the wording and see how that goes before asking for a meeting. Chairman Krieger said he can try but he'd like to sit down like neighbors and discuss it.

Chief Wright said he heard that candidate's night be crowded. He said if necessary it can be moved over to the fire station.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:45 PM.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 7:00 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield 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 Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries.

Chairman Krieger thanked Chief Wright and all his people for all their hard work for the election. Selectman Maxfield said it was well organized and coordinated. Selectman Ives said he'd especially like to thank Dave Steele He did a great job directing people and getting them into the right lines; without him there would have been a lot of chaos at the door.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Krieger signed three pistol permits.

The Board signed a letter to the NH Department of Transportation in response to their letter regarding the discontinuation of street lights.

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The Board received a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the New Hampshire Motor Speedway case being closed.

The Board received a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the Stokes property that was sold at tax auction.

The Board received the Central NH Regional Planning Commission Transportation Data Collection Program for 2016. The letter will be forwarded to the Road Agent and the Planning Board for comment.

The Board received the NH Department of Transportation Inspection report of Red List Bridges. The Town of Loudon does not have any bridges on the list.

The Board received confirmation of Chief Wright's appointment as Health Officer.

The Board received the NH Charitable Foundation Veteran's War Memorial Maintenance Fund report.

The Board received the ESMI 4th quarter 2015 Host Community Fee report and check in the amount of \$26,104.55

The Board received the January 2016 Property Transfers.

The Board received a thank you letter from the American Legion Loudon Post 88 and Commander Shawn Jones that read as follows: Dear Loudon Selectmen on behalf of American Legion Loudon Post 88 I would like to thank you for your support to our post and the local veterans who we serve. Without your continued support we

would not be able to help those that have served our country and state. Sincerely, Shawn Jones, Commander.

The Board received the Loudon Agriculture Commission Minutes for January 7, 2016.

The Board received a US Bankruptcy Court Notification.

The Board signed the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Selectman Ives said they were holding out on signing the agreement hoping that Greenview Drive residents could get it but that isn't going to happen so to protect the rest of the Town the agreement needs to be signed. Chairman Krieger agreed. All three Selectmen signed the agreement.

The Board received a notification waiver request. A property was sold in town but a

welfare lien in the amount of \$489.00 was not paid due to a notification error. After reviewing the information the Board elected to try and collect the \$489.00 before considering signing the waiver.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, February 17th 9-11am will be a Hazard Mitigation Meeting.

Thursday, February 18th at 7:15 pm there will be a Planning Board Meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 23, 2016**

*Present:* Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 16, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that they have been researching Fieldview Drive; nothing in the court paperwork is adverse to the name Fieldview Drive so weather permitting he'll ask the road agent to install a road sign.

Chief Wright said the Chichester Fire Chief is meeting with the Chichester Selectmen this evening about the agreement.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Krieger signed three pistol permits.

The Board received the impending Tax Deed notification from the Tax Collector.

The Board received a quote from Huckleberry Propane and Oil for repairs to the gas pipe that enters the town office building. The Board agreed that Huckleberry should do the work.

The Board received a Warrant Article petition that stated the following: *We, the undersigned residents of Loudon, NH put our name to this petition in favor of establishing a committee to study the opportunities and liabilities to the town of Loudon to withdrawal from the Merrimack Valley School District pursuant to RSA 195:25 Procedure to Withdrawal. This study committee shall submit a feasibility report of their findings to the NH Board of Education within 180 days.* Chairman Krieger explained that the petition was received

after the deadline; to late to be included on the warrant; it also only had 15 of the 25 signatures needed. Selectman Ives said they can form a committee it just won't be an official town committee; they don't need the selectmen's approval to form that committee. Chairman Krieger said the petitioners can talk to the moderator about speaking at town meeting.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for December 2015 and January 2016.

The Board received a letter and check from NH Charitable Foundation for the Veteran's War Memorial/Monument Maintenance Fund. The Check is for \$2,188.99

The Board received a letter and check from NH Charitable Foundation for the Francis E. Tewksbury Memorial Fund. The Check is for \$392.18.

The Board received the Town Hall rental expenses invoice for review.

The Board reviewed a waiver of notice request. Selectman Ives made a motion to authorize Chairman Krieger to sign the waiver of notification when the town receives a check for 50% of the welfare lien. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, February 24th 9 a.m. is a Joint Loss Management Committee Meeting.

Thursday, February 25th at 7 p.m. is a Zoning Board Meeting.

Tuesday, March 1st at 4 p.m. is a meeting at Loudon Elementary School to discuss setup for Town Meeting.

Wednesday, March 2nd at 4 p.m. is a Building Committee meeting.

Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. is Candidate's night.

Thursday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. is the Merrimack Valley School District Annual meeting.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:16 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:28 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives 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 Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 7:02 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries.

field — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 7:22 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield 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 Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 1, 2016**

*Present:* Chairman Krieger, and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 23, 2016 as written. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that truck 3 has a light that keeps coming on. He said they

took it to Liberty and put it on the computer it showed a couple of sensors that were out. They replaced the sensors; the truck wouldn't start at all. Liberty sent them a new sensor but there still isn't much power so they took it back to Liberty. Mr. Houle said as soon as he gets a cost on the repair he will let them know. Roy Perlmutter asked what year the truck is. Mr. Houle said it is a 2001.

Mr. Houle said he would like to post the roads next Monday, March 7th. He said it shouldn't be for long.

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Mr. Houle said they will be setting up booths on Monday for Tuesdays voting at town hall.

Mr. Houle said he ordered road signs for Fieldview Lane, Hardy Road and S. Village Road by 106.

Mr. Houle said he would like to purchase a backpack blower and a light chainsaw for spring cleanup. He said he went to North Country Tractor and got a price of \$611.10 for both. He went to Chainsaw Doctor and got a price of \$559.95 for both.

Mr. Houle said he would like to see the stop sign at the intersection of Clearview Drive and Piper Hill changed to a yield sign. He explained that there is only one house on Piper Hill at Clearview so a stop sign is not needed. He said he spoke to Sergeant Burgess who agreed with him. Roy Perlmutter said he lives on Clearview and agrees with Mr. Houle.

Mr. Houle said he had to replace a broken axel on truck number 9. Selectman Maxfield asked what year that truck is. Mr. Houle said it is a 2004 International.

Chairman Krieger said that the sign at Lower Ridge Road and Bumfagon Road has been missing for awhile and asked Mr. Houle to replace it.

Chairman Krieger said they met with the school this afternoon about town meeting. He explained that there is no school the Friday before so someone from the school will contact the selectmen's office and let them know what time the highway department can get in to set up for the meeting.

Selectman Maxfield said he noticed that the highway department has been filling potholes.

Mr. Houle said they received their new uniforms today.

Selectman Maxfield told Mr. Houle that he appreciates that big reflectors are being put up on the one-lane bridges.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request from Loudon Girl Scout Troop 12356 to sell cookies on Election Day and Town Meeting day. The Board agreed that it is okay.

The Board received a memo from Sergeant Kris Burgess regarding 9 pistol permits for review and signatures. He also forwarded 2 quotes for exterior lights at the police department. The pistol permits were signed and the quotes will be held until next week when Selectman Ives is present.

The Board received information from NHDES regarding the Sanborn Pond Grist Mill Dam.

The Board received a letter from Barbara Cameron regarding the J.O. Cate Van. Chairman Krieger said that the letter states that Ms. Cameron will be stepping down March 31st and is hoping that other volunteers will step up to help people that need the service. Selectman Maxfield stated that Ms. Cameron established the Cate Van service and he commends her for all her hard work

The Board received the J.O. Cate Scheduling Report for 1/29/16 through 2/25/16.

The Board received information from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Pittsfield Mill Dam Project.

Chairman Krieger read the following: Pursuant to RSA 231:191, please be advised that the 6-ton weight limit for roads within the Town of Loudon will be posted beginning Monday, March 7, 2016, until further notice per order of the Loudon Board of Selectmen. The following roads will be posted: Asby, Bear Hill, Beck, Bee Hole, Bumfagon, Clough Pond, Coaster, Currier, Gilmanton, Goshen, Hemlock Hill, Hollow Route, Josiah Bartlett, Kenny, Lesmerises, Lovejoy, McKenzie, Minery, Mudgett Hill, Oak Hill, Old Shaker, Page, Piper Hill, Pleasant St. Ext., Sanborn, School, Sheep Rock, Soucook Lane, Staniels, Wales Bridge, Youngs Hill. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to post the town roads (previously listed) on Monday, March 7, 2016 until further notice. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding scholarship applications. The

scholarship information will be held until next week when Selectman Ives is present.

Chairman Krieger recognized Shawn Jones from the Loudon Lions Club.

Mr. Jones explained that April 22nd is Earth day; he said in talking with the Lions Club he came up with the idea of placing a second trash can at the dam on Village Road. He explained that the town places one on the paved section by the dam and they would like to place one on the gravel on the other side of the road. Mr. Jones said he has picked up trash there numerous times. He said he pitched the idea to the Lions Club and they thought it was a good idea. The Lions Club would put "Compliments of the Loudon Lions Club" on the can and donate it. He said if it wouldn't be a burden to the highway department they could empty it when they empty the other one however if it is a burden he would empty it. Chairman Krieger said it is a great idea, Selectman Maxfield agreed.

Chairman Krieger asked if volunteers either from the American Legion or Lions Club would be interested in handling the remote microphone at town meeting. He explained that they need a responsible person to walk around with the microphone

handing it to people that want to talk. Chairman Krieger said they are also looking for someone to carry in the flags at town meeting. Mr. Jones said the boy scouts might be able to do that. Mr. Jones will contact the Boy Scouts, Lions Club and Legion to see if anyone is available.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. is Candidate's night.

Thursday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. is the Merrimack Valley School District Annual meeting.

Wednesday, March 9th at 4 p.m. is a Building Committee meeting.

Tuesday, March 8th is town Election, there is no Selectmen's Meeting and the Planning/Zoning Board and Selectmen's Office is closing at 4 p.m.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: April 15, 2016 For the May 2016 Issue****Planning Board Meeting Minutes — February 18, 2016**

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

**Attendance:**

George Saunderson, Tom Moore, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, and Alternates Alice Tuson & Dustin Bowles. Alice was appointed a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington and Dustin Bowles was appointed a voting member in absence of Bob Cole.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

*January 21, 2016 Meeting with CNHRPC and NH DOT — Stan Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.*

*January 21, 2016 Regular Meeting — Tom Moore made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunders. All were in favor.*

**Board Discussion:**

Matt Smith inquired how to go about establishing living quarters in his barn for staff that would work at his farm for part of the year while he is away. He said it would be much like what Miles Smith Farm does, someone lives on the farm for six months at a time. Dustin Bowles said he believes that falls under temporary workforce. The board discussed what it would fall under. Alice

Tuson asked what district Matt Smith lived in. Matt Smith stated he lived on Pleasant Street Ext. The board said this was R/R District. The board discussed this was addressed on page 12 of the zoning ordinance. Tom Dow said he could come into the office and get an application from Melissa. Tom Dow said it's allowed in the R/R district by special exception. Matt Smith said he also does meat cutting for family and friends so he would like to add that in with this as well. Mr. Smith stated he's not able to cut up the animal and give to family or friends; he has to give it to them whole. Tom Dow said this falls under home occupation. The board discussed minor and major home occupations. Alice Tuson said he could look to the zoning board for clarification on that was well. Tom Dow said it all ties in together and that the zoning board will give Matt Smith direction. George Saunderson said Matt Smith should try to come to the zoning board next week and be added as a discussion to start.

**Old Business:**

*Application #15-15, Colin Cabot — Lot Line Adjustment, Map 16, Lots 2 & 25, RR District.* Ross Evans of Holden Engineering represented the applicant.

Tom Dow read a letter from Holden engineering stating that Colin Cabot would

like to be present and is currently out of the country until the middle of April. It is requested that the public hearing be rescheduled for April 21, 2016.

*Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue the hearing at the April meeting on April 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.*

**New Business:**

*Application 16-1, Brandon Guilbault — Change of Use, Map 30, Lot 24, CI District*

Brandon Guilbault showed the board his map and discussed where the garage bay and office are located on the map. Stan Prescott asked if the bay was big enough for two cars. Brandon Guilbault said yes. Stan Prescott said Mr. Guilbault stated on his application there would be 1-2 cars at a time in the bay however during the discussion previously he had stated there may never be a vehicle there. Mike McDonald said the laws for bonded dealers have changed recently. Brandon stated there would be 1-2 cars there at a time. Tom Moore asked what has changed for Brandon, before he was working from Windham. Brandon Guilbault said they used to work from his home in Windham in an office in

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the basement this is no longer allowed. Tom Dow read notes from Mrs. Greenwood who called into the office with concerns. She doesn't want to see signs all over the lawn, lots of noise or contamination. Mike McDonald stated the only sign that will be there is one that says their business on it. Brandon Guilbault said he advertises everything online and does not work on his cars himself. Mike McDonald said the cars will not be on display for passersby. Tom Moore asked if they reviewed the regulations for signs. Mike McDonald said the only sign their will be is one stating the business name, and he will look into regulations and make sure they are followed. Stan Prescott said when someone comes to look at a vehicle it would be pulled out then to look at. Brandon Guilbault said yes. Tom Moore

asked how much business he plans on. Mr. Guilbault said 3 cars a month.

George Sauderson made a motion to accept the application specifically limited to two cars at any time. *Tom Moore seconded motion. Dustin Bowles asked if there would be any outside storage. Brandon Guilbault said no. All were in favor.*

**Application 16-2, Jim & Stacey McNeil and Debra Carbone — Lot Line Adjustment, Map 21 Lot 11 and Map 21 Lot 59, RR District.** Web Stout was present. Maps were distributed to the board. Web discussed the outline of the map. Web Stout stated he has requested one waiver, there are no new lots being made so he's asking to waive the topography maps.

*Tom Moore made a motion to move to a public hearing. George Sauderson seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

No abutters present. Tom Dow stated in the meeting minutes from the discussion in

January Mrs. Carbone said she wanted four acres and 400 feet of frontage. Web Stout stated her concern was that she may want to subdivide, but this was not going to be able to happen. Web Stout said there isn't much buildable land. George Sauderson asked if that was told to Mrs. Carbone and she clearly understood. Mr. Stout said Jim McNeil spoke with her. Tom Dow said that due to the fact that she wasn't present, if she could contact Melissa in the office to confirm she's aware. Tom Dow read the waiver to the board. *Tom Moore made a motion to accept. George Sauderson seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

*Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the application with the exception that there needs to be a phone call from Debra Carbone Trust. George Sauderson seconded the motion, and stated he'd like a note to be put in the file as well. All were in favor.*

**Board Discussion:****Report of the ZBA:**

Chris Devol — Variance. Terry Drive  
Jim Griffin — Reduced side setback.  
Bert Lane.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

Stan Prescott shared NHMS has 14 vendors. Also Fieldview lane sign is missing, so a new sign would be coming. Stan Prescott also said there was a discussion about Foster Road (Ben Carter's residence). Cars are being repaired for friends and relatives.

**Adjournment:**

*Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by George Sauderson. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Melissa Lucier  
Administrative Assistant*

## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — February 25, 2016

**Present:**

Earl Tuson, Ned Lizotte, Dave Powelson, Roy Merrill, and Alternates George Sauderson and Charlie Aznive.

**Minutes:**

*Earl Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2016 as presented; seconded by Charlie Aznive. All were in favor.*

**Discussions:**

**Matt Smith Map 24, Lot 13 R/R District.** — Matt Smith told the board he's trying to get a special exception for custom meat cutting at his residence. Matt Smith also said he's interested in temporary housing at his home as well, to help with the meat cutting. Dave Powelson said for home occupations he needs to figure out which category, minor or major, Matt Smith fits into. Matt Smith said he needs someone there for deliveries, which is where the temporary housing comes in. Dave Powelson said it doesn't look like a minor home occupation, Earl Tuson said he agreed it doesn't seem to fit under minor home occupation. Dave Powelson said they do allow dormitory housing for seasonal agricultural workers. The board suggested to Matt Smith that he become familiar with the guidelines and make his scenario fit. Dave Powelson asked how big this business would get. Matt Smith said that he only has about three months a year to cut meat, so it couldn't get that big. Dave Powelson said that if Matt Smith could wait until next year, changes could be made to the ordinance and there is a process that any series of citizens could petition and ask for a change in the ordinance to be voted on at town meeting. Matt Smith said he'd like to start with the temporary housing now and later on petition for the meat cutting.

**Public Hearings:**

**Application #Z-16-01, Chris & Stacey Devol — Special Variance for reduced road frontage, Map 40, Lot 24, R/R District.** Abutter Tim Jones and potential buyer Dave Cossette were present. Chris Devol began by telling the board about his piece of land he is now selling since 2008. Mr. Devol said a buyer is interested but extending the road the length of the lot would be costly. Mr. Devol said the only impact he sees would be to disturb the environment and the abutters. Dave Cossette (buyer) said that he doesn't see the necessity to kill all the vegetation and bringing the road to someone's back yard. Mr. Cossette showed the board a map showing them the lot and surrounding area. Chris Devol said there was suppose to be a road from North Village Road to Lesmerises Road. Chris Devol said he never got an abutters notice about the road not happening, and instead a house was put in sideways. Ned Lizotte said he had gone down and looked at this site a couple times this week. Dave Cossette said 20 foot turnaround was approved by the town, and right now he just wants to cut in a driveway to his lot. The board discussed the road and the lots. Dave Cossette said this is a hardship on Chris Devol. The board discussed Map 40, Lot 29 which is across from the lot of the applicant. It was agreed that the owners of Map 40, Lot 29 had a second lot and their driveway was on Lesmerises Road. Dave Cossette said all he wants to do is what the people beside them did in Lot 6. Dave Cossette said he's still going to have to fill the dip in which he doesn't mind doing but to go all the distance it's destroying a lot and changing privacy. Ned Lizotte asked how he would change that. Dave Cossette said he'd get a variance to bring the

road down 30 feet and then put the driveway in. Dave Cossette said the road is 46 feet wide. Roy Merrill said if you have 50 feet then you have a lot, it's preexisting. Chris Devol said he heard the board takes into consideration hardships, he said he lost his full time job back in May and is working part time so he needs the money. Mr. Devol said he's living with his brother. Dave Cossette said the road would be to nowhere. Chris Devol read through the application to the board. Dave Powelson stated the application is asking for a variance for a reduction in road frontage from 173.5 to 30-50'. George Sauderson said he would like a site walk. Dave Powelson agreed. Ned Lizotte said the topo map they were looking at made it hard to see the living space and the reality about what has to be done. Roy Merrill said it's his understanding they want 30'. Dave Cossette said he'd like to go 30' but would be willing to do 50' if that's what the board wanted. Dave Cossette said he won't be interested in the lot with a road to nowhere, he said it takes away his privacy. Dave Powelson asked if there were any abutters. Tim Jones said he's in favor of a shorter road for privacy. Tim Jones said he feels like the road would go right to their back porch. Chris Devol asked the board if there was any way they could meet with him before the next month, as he is trying to close by next Friday and if the site walk could be done as soon as possible too. Stacey Devol said she'd only recently seen the sketch and if there is no buffer of woods any time a vehicle drives down the road the lights will shine right into their home. Stacey Devol stated that if the variance isn't

granted they are stuck with an unbuildable lot that they will never be able to sell. Dave Cossette asked the board if they could meet within a few weeks. George Sauderson said there will be a site walk first and then the formal meeting will be on March 24th. The board discussed days and times for the site walk. They agreed on February 27th at 9 a.m. Dave Powelson said they will continue the meeting at the site walk.

*Earl Tuson made a motion to continue. All were in favor.*

**Application Z16-02, Jim Griffin — Reduced side setback, Map 2, Lot 23-9, R/R District.** Jim Griffin explained to the board he's looking to have his driveway in the 15' instead of the 30'. The board looked at the maps and discussed the application. Jim Griffin read the application to the board. George Sauderson said they have given setback relief for driveways around town. Jim Griffin said there are three houses on their road, and two empty lots.

*Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the application. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion.*

George Sauderson was appointed a voting member. *A roll call was taken: George Sauderson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Earl Tuson — yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

**Adjournment:**

*Earl Tuson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Melissa Lucier  
Administrative Assistant*

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