

# The Loudon Ledger

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Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year



## Community Gathers to Shine a Light on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

By Kristen Byron, Lee Laughlin and Trisha Laughlin

On Friday November 17th, over 100 people from our community gathered to mourn those we've lost to suicide and learn how we can better support each other and prevent future tragedies. This event was planned in less than 9 days and its success is a testament to the power of our community.

The event opened with Carrie James, Alec White's step-mother speaking from the heart about Alec's struggles and the aftermath of living without him. Ann Duckless, Community Educator & Prevention Specialist for the New Hampshire Chapter of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, shared information on mental health awareness and suicide prevention. We also welcomed Aiden and Jacob, two teens from Belmont High School who completed NAMI's Connect Training. The boys shared more about the program, what they learned and why it was important to them.

The intent of the event was not to lecture, but to talk and to listen. It was the participation of attendees, sharing memories, and stories and learning how they can better support one another that was what made the event a success. Attendees were encouraged to write a message of hope on a strip of paper that was stapled in a loop to create a Chain of Hope that will be displayed at Merrimack Valley High School.

The goal for the night was to begin the healing process. We wanted to come together to end the stigma against mental illness and take some steps to prevent future suicides. We are under no delusion that we could fix the whole problem in one night, but it was a great start.

Each and every one of us can do something! So, here are our challenges for you:

- To those struggling. You are not alone. You matter. Help is available, you just need to ask.
- To those who want to help, educate yourself, maybe plan an event. Volunteer with the suicide hotline, Teens can follow the lead of the guests from Belmont.



- To those who want to support. Start small, be kind, smile at people, forgive small hurts, stop communicating through emoji's!! Make new connections and again, simply BE KIND!

So tonight, we wanted people to walk away with a new sense of purpose and role in our community. To know that YOU ARE NOT ALONE and YOU MATTER and to always make sure that others know and feel the same. If we reached even one person, we reached our goal.

This event would not have been possible without the amazing efforts of our Loudon Community.

Alec's family — Tina White, Jeff White, Joli White, Carrie James, and, Kris Tripp for their encouragement and support

Ann Duckless of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) NH

Jennifer Schirmer, NH Department of Health & Human Services

Karen Larchartie for organizing the mental health professionals

Samantha and John Rose for connecting with the pastoral community

Emily Doody and Trisha Laughlin, our fearless High School and CRTC Liaisons

Rebecca and Bill Stuart for organizing the sound system.

The organizing committee: Karen Bast, Emily Doody, Ellie Doody, Kristen Byron, Sandi Foster, Lee Laughlin, Trisha Laughlin, Justin Perron, Natasha

Perron, Samantha Rose, and Kris Tripp, Jeff White.

Special thanks to:

The Loudon Mamas Facebook Group, we are quite the force!

The Town of Loudon

Loudon Police and Janice Morin

Loudon Fire Department and

Lance Houle, our Road Agent

And to all who have donated items, food and their time! ■

## NAMI New Hampshire Expresses Condolences, Shares Resources with Loudon Community

NAMI New Hampshire expresses our condolences around the tragic death of Alec White, and the impact of this loss on his family, friends and the community. At this time, we encourage sharing of the following information and resources, and remind community members — adults and youth — to practice self-care. Look out for others, and seek help as needed.

NAMI — cont. on 4

## Mission Statement...

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

## Town of Loudon Office Hours

### Selectmen’s Office

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 1 • 798-4541 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
*Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.*

Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Steven R. Ives, Chairman (*term expires 2017*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)

Robert N. Fiske (*term expires 2019*) [selectmanfiske@comcast.net](mailto:selectmanfiske@comcast.net)

Jeffrey Miller (*term expires 2020*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)

### Town Clerk

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 2 • 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 4 • 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.*

*at the Town Offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday*

*of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.*

Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

### Tax Collector

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 3 • 798-4543 • [taxcollector@loudonnh.org](mailto:taxcollector@loudonnh.org)

Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Police Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 6 • 798-5521 (Admin only) •

24-hour Dispatch: 228-1631

Mon.–Thur.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Building/Code Enforcement

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.

[codeoffice@loudonfire.com](mailto:codeoffice@loudonfire.com) • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

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55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 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. Per-*

*mits 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-0170 • [roadagent@loudonnh.org](mailto:roadagent@loudonnh.org)

#### WINTER HOURS HAVE BEGUN

Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-4568 • [roadagent@loudonnh.org](mailto:roadagent@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: Tuesday–Thursday by appointment only. Office hours and donations

accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Closed Fridays. For more

information or to see if you qualify for services, call Sue at 724-9731 or email

[info@loudonfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@loudonfoodpantry.org)

### Loudon Representatives

#### REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan. (603) 622-2204. [www.maggiehassan.com](http://www.maggiehassan.com)

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. [Shaheen.senate.gov](http://Shaheen.senate.gov)

U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter. (603) 251-9653. [info@shea-porter.com](mailto:info@shea-porter.com)

U.S. Rep. Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. [Kuster.house.gov](http://Kuster.house.gov)

#### REPRESENTATIVE STATE SENATE (DISTRICT 17)

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

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

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

State Rep. Michael Moffett. (603)491-0553. [Michael.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Michael.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us)

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

State Rep. Howard Pearl. (603)231-1482. [hpearlpsf@aol.com](mailto:hpearlpsf@aol.com)

## Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](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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**September 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 8/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/21

**October 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 9/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/18

**November 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 10/20 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/23

**December 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 11/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/20

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

### Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Pat Testerman, Associate Pastor  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
Office Hours: Tues. 9–5, Wed. 9–5, Thurs. 11–5

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. • Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.  
(Nursery provided for all.)  
Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (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

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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 Marcroft, Interim Minister  
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307  
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)  
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
For more information, please contact Pastor Shirley Marcroft (603) 968-7251  
or Cindy Merrill, Deacon, at (603) 848-8690.



### Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier  
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478  
pastor.moe@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.  
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the  
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Joshua T. Johnson, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Dallas Tharp, Intergenerational Discipleship Pastor  
Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor  
33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.  
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org  
Sundays:  
Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–2-year-olds.)  
Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.) Children’s Church (Grades 1–5)  
Discipleship Hour: 11:00 a.m. for all ages.  
Second Tuesdays: OASIS Potluck Luncheon (for folks 50+): 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Wednesdays: Games, Food & Fellowship for Everyone: 6:30–7:00 p.m.  
Youth Groups (Grades 6–12): 7–8 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study and Kids Time (PreK–Grade 5): 7–8 p.m.



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

# CHURCH NEWS

### Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Please join us for a Handbell Choir Concert on Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m.  
The Church is located at 433 Clough Hill Road. The concert features the Bell Choir from the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield. A love offering will be taken. Desserts and coffee reception following the concert.  
For further information: please call Pastor Shirley Marcroft at 603-968-7251 or Cindy Merrill at 603-848-8690; or e-mail LoudonCenterChurch@gmail.com. ■

### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

The New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene will hold a one-hour family oriented Christmas Eve Service starting at 6:30 p.m. The service will include scripture readings to tell the original Christmas story, songs sung to live music, a short Homily given by Lead Pastor Joshua Johnson, and ending with traditional candlelighting.  
New Beginnings is located at 33 Staniels Road and is accesible for wheelchair users. If you have any questions, please call the office at 603-224-1311 or visit our website: LNBnazarene.org. ■



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Loudon, NH 03307

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### NAMI — cont. from 1

Pay attention to warning signs that are of concern, especially if someone is:

- Talking about or threatening to hurt or kill oneself.
- Seeking firearms, drugs, or other lethal means for killing oneself.
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide.
- Making direct statements or less direct statements of suicidal intent: (Ex. "I'm just going to end it all." or "Everything would be easier if I wasn't around.").
- Feeling hopeless.
- Feeling rage or uncontrollable anger, or seeking revenge.
- Feeling trapped — like there's no way out.
- Experiencing dramatic mood changes.
- Seeing no reason for living, or having no sense of purpose in life.
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities.
- Increasing alcohol or drug use.
- Withdrawing from friends, family, and society.
- Feeling anxious or agitated.
- Unable to sleep, or sleeping all the time.

If you notice any of these behaviors, or have other concerns, the recommended actions are:

- Ask directly about suicidal feelings. Talking about suicide is the first step to preventing suicide!
- Let them know you care.
- Keep them away from anything that may cause harm such as guns, pills, ropes, knives, vehicles.
- Stay with them and get a professional involved.

- Offer a message of hope — let them know you will assist with getting help.
- Connect them with help by reaching out:

National Suicide Prevention Life-line (24/7): **1-800-273-TALK (8255)** (press "1" for veterans)  
Crisis Text Line: **741741**

Headrest (24/7): **1-800-639-6095** for teens and adults

Local Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) — Loudon's local CMHC is Riverbend Community Mental Health: **1-844-7-Help4U (1-844-743-5748)**.

For an emergency, dial 911

An excellent video for parents about teen suicide prevention is available at <http://tinyurl.com/TeenSuicidePrevMayoClinic>.

The Dougy Center ([www.Dougy.org](http://www.Dougy.org)) is a great resource for helping children who are grieving a loss. Information about talking with youth who have lost someone to suicide can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ChildrenTeensSuicideLoss>.

The upcoming holidays can be a particularly difficult time for those who are grieving. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/GriefDuringHolidays> for information that may be helpful for those coping with grief during the holidays.

The community of Loudon has come together in many ways since this tragedy, and that unity will serve as one of the greatest strengths on your healing journey. Please know that you are not alone, and NAMI NH is here to help. More information and resources can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ConnectPgmSupportResources>. ■



## Many Thanks!

THANK YOU, GRAMPA'S FARM for donating a Christmas tree to the Loudon Historical Society for their annual Christmas tree lighting celebration. Grampa's Farm is located at 143 Clough Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03307. Shown above is Rodney Phillips of Grampa's Farm standing next to a tree that will soon grow much taller.

This year's Open House and Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Sunday, December 3 at 3:30 p.m. Hot chocolate, cookies, and carolling were enjoyed by all. ■



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## News From American Legion Post 88



By Junior Vice-Commander Michael Hartt

To our Legion Family,

At our October meeting held at Post #88, we had 5 officers present and 7 members.

Our meeting opened with a salute to the American Flag, followed by a prayer by the chaplain. The POW/MIA flag was then placed on an empty chair to call attention to Americans still unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and other conflicts, and our desire to see their remains returned home. We then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and the preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion.

Brady Leonard of Boy Scout Troop #247 completed his Eagle Scout Project for our post. The connex behind the post has been painted and fixed up. A story with pictures on the project will be in the next Loudon Ledger.

The new Ruger Model 556 Rifle raffle was held November 11 for District 5. The winner was a Legion member from Post #28.

Shawn Jones presented a draft of the rental agreement for the post that he had been working on. A vote was taken and the draft was approved. Anyone who would like to rent out the post for an event can contact Shawn at 496-0204

A report was given on the post's participation on events at the Dog Track this year. It is a yearly fundraiser for the post

and helps us to pay for post activities, and community events we participate in.

A motion was made to donate \$250 to the Loudon Food Pantry this year. It was voted upon and passed. The check will be presented this week to the Food Pantry.

The post received two laudatory letters from the new American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan. She expressed her appreciation for the welcome she received from our post and the gifts she received. She urges us to foster "Family First" activities and events within our post during the upcoming year.

There was a motion made and passed to pay our prior chaplain Larry Hemphill's dues due to the passing of his wife and his years of service with the post.

I gave a report on the upcoming District 5 American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program Competition. Current District 5 has 3 firm high school competitors and three Junior/Middle school competitors. There is the potential for two more high school level competitors who have yet to confirm their desire to compete. The District High School competition will be February 3, 2018 at Faith Community Bible Church. The Junior/Middle School competition will be March 10, 2018 at the same location. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the competition dates.

I also gave a report on the our First Annual Yard Sale held in October. We had several folks set up tables and a profit

was made on the yard sale. The monies were given our to the post treasurer to put in the post's general fund to be used in support of post activities and programs. The yard sale was held in concert with the Loudon Lion's Club Breakfast fundraiser. We plan on holding another yard sale next year.

Several of the members of our post attended the Loudon Elementary School's Veteran's Day program. The school and the kids did a wonderful job as they honored America's veterans.

The Commander's Fund raffle winners were: Bradford Marshall \$50; Carol Cummings \$25; James Miller \$10; Sharon Elliott \$10; and Carl Dumont \$5.

The yearly post membership renewal drive is nearly complete. We are close to 100% member renewals for the year! I hope to be able to report 100% member renewals in the next Loudon Ledger.

The post gets a limited number of Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps Times newspapers each month.

These are available at no charge to area veterans who would like to stop by the post during our regularly scheduled post meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The newspapers are on a first come, first served basis.

Winter is just around the corner and the holiday season is nearly upon us! Post #88 wants to wish everyone in Loudon a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season! We invite any veteran who wants to see what we are all about to drop by our regularly scheduled meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. We'll be happy to talk to you. You can also contact me at 496-2178.

There being no further business to bring forward to the assembled members the meeting was adjourned. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on October 18 at 7 p.m.

In Comradeship,  
Michael Hartt

### American Legion Post #88 Biographies Chaplain Alfred Page

American Legion Post #88 Chaplain Alfred Page is a resident of Loudon, New Hampshire and has been in the American Legion for one year. He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and raised in Greenland. He graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1952 and entered the U.S. Navy in 1952. He served in the Submarine Service while in the Navy and retired in 1977 with the rank of Lieutenant. He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Kentucky, and pastored churches in Kentucky, New Hampshire, and Maine. He retired from the Hillside Baptist Church in Pembroke in 2005. He has served in Disaster Relief Flood Recovery efforts, and is a valued member of our post. His



hobbies are gardening, fishing, and volunteer work. He is married to his lovely wife Rachel, and has three children: Eric, Glen, and Alaura. ■

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# Loudon Scouting News

The Pack participated in Scouting for Food, which is an annual program where the scouts distribute door hangers on one weekend and then pick up food on another weekend. They were able to collect 1200 items for the Loudon Food Pantry (serving residents of Belmont, Canterbury, and Loudon). Way to go scouts, thank you for helping your hungry neighbors.

The Lion Den is currently working on our "I'll do it myself" sticker! The Lions made bags to carry their books to and from meetings and talked about the importance of hanging their shirts for a clean appearance! They also brought in food to be donated to the Loudon Food pantry this week! The Lions had a lot of fun!

The Wolf Pack continued to work on their Paws on the Path badge. The pack learned about the 6 Cub Scout essentials of hiking, how to use them, and the buddy system. The pack drew a map of Loudon to learn more about their surroundings. The culmination of the adventure was a family hike up Mt. Major on 11/11/17. Each of the scouts had to bring their own backpack with the 6 essentials. They had lunch at the top! It was cold day, but each of the boys made it to the top and did well!

The Webelos Den has been very busy! They hiked Oak Hill Fire Tower in Loudon in November. The Webelos have worked hard learning the outdoor code and no trace left behind. They have earned several required pins towards Webelos rank. Two Webelos earned their Cast Iron Chef Badge for planning, shopping, and cooking a meal for their families. All 3 Webelos earned their faster, stronger, higher badge as well.

The pack meeting was held on November 15, 2017. The Scouts were the Knights of Scouting and the moms had to arrange the boys in order of the Scout Laws. GOOD WORK MOMS!

Three of the Wolverers earned recruiter badges for bringing new members into the pack. The Wolves all earned their Paws on the Path belt loop. Two Wolves earned their Bobcat badge, which is the first badge a boy earns as a Scout, which teaches them the scouting basics. Way to go boys!!!!

Pack 247 welcomes members all year long. If you'd like to join this fun group, please contact Dennis Jakubowski at pack247cubmaster@gmail.com! ■



Top:  
Knights of Cub Scouts.

Middle:  
Scouting for Food.

Bottom:  
Mapping Loudon.

Below, left: Mt. Major hike. Right: Earning a Bob Scout Badge.



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# Who Decides What Goes Into the Ledger?

If you've ever wondered who decides what articles will appear in the *Ledger*, the answer is simple: those decisions are made by the Communications Council itself. The members of the Council include Katie Ambrose, Letty Barton, Paul Branscombe, Nancy Kraus, Jill Lesmerises, Amanda Masse, Janice Morin, Cammy Nolin, Kathy Pitman, Peter Pitman, and Mary Ann Steele.

The Council begins the decision-making process by reviewing articles for content and compliance with the Council's mission statement and submission policy. Council members also must consider a number of factors including available space, production deadlines, and costs associated with publication and distribution.

1. Publishing meeting minutes for each of the Town's elected and appointed boards and commissions remains the Council's first priority. In large part, the *Ledger* exists to ensure that every resident has access to minutes from every meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Library Trustees. The minutes received from those boards are published exactly as presented, unedited, regardless of their length or content. The amount of space needed to publish those minutes varies from month to month and affects how much remaining space is available for additional content.
2. Regular features include minutes and reports from non-governmental bodies and organizations that provide critical services to the community. Those include, but are not limited to, the Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission, Historical Society, Recreation Committee, Library, John O. Cate Van, Richard Brown House, American Legion, Loudon Elementary School, Scouting programs, Food Pantry, Lion's Club, and Young At Heart. Information from the middle school and high school and links to minutes and reports from the Merri-mack Valley School Board are published as well.
3. The *Ledger's* production costs, anticipated revenues, and printing options determine how many pages are available in each issue of the *Ledger*. Our printer requires print runs to be scheduled in 8-page increments. This year, the Council budgeted for six 24-page issues and six 32-page issues. In some cases, there simply is not enough space to print everything received and content must be prioritized based on relevance and significance to the community as a whole.
4. The *Ledger* relies on advertising revenues, and must provide space for the paid advertisements that help defray the costs of publication. The Council also works to balance the amount of space dedicated to advertising with that which is reserved for critical content and articles of interest to the community. The Council reserves the right to reject ads that the Council considers offensive, abusive,

or discriminatory. It does not accept or publish ads for any political candidates or partisan causes, and does not offer free advertising space for private, not-for-profit organizations.

5. The Council publishes notices for local events such as blood drives, fund raisers like the Fire Department's Annual Harvest Dinner, and items deemed to be public service announcements.
6. In recent years, the *Ledger* has included obituaries for Loudon residents, as the cost of publication elsewhere has, in some cases, become cost prohibitive.
7. Additional items are evaluated in terms of their value to the community at large, and whether they advance and support the Council's mission, *"To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation."* In the past several months, those items have included profiles of local businesses that have consistently supported the community.
8. If an article does not serve to inform or educate, it will not be printed. "Human interest" pieces generally will be rejected if they are not applicable, and of interest, to the community as a whole. The Council also evaluates the tone of articles submitted for consideration, and will not publish complaints, letters to the editor, op-ed pieces, or items that target, criticize, belittle or insult any person, group or practice.
9. The Council will edit or reject articles or press releases that are offered as information, but that actually advertise or promote a particular business, organization or related events. Individuals who wish to promote their businesses or organizations through the *Ledger* are encouraged to contact our ad sales team and place an ad.
10. The Council reserves the right to edit any items submitted for consideration and to reject those that do not conform to the Council's submission policies and procedures.

Finally, to clarify the role of Debbie K Graphics in the publication process, Ms. Kardaseski is not a member of the Council and does not control the *Ledger's* content. Those decisions rest with the Council members alone. As a paid consultant, Ms. Kardaseski accepts submissions on the Council's behalf, forwards articles for the Council members' consideration, lays out the paper, and provides a proof of each issue for the Council to review and approve prior to publication. Once approved, Ms. Kardaseski transmits the approved copy to the printer. ■

## Loudon Fire Department News

By Chief Rick Wright

Keep you and your family safe from a winter fire. Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater. Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters. Never use your oven to heat your home. Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance from your home. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen are unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen if you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short time, turn off the stove. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from the stovetop.

Protect yourself and your family before, during, and after a winter storm. Prepare now in case a winter storm hits and you are home for several days without power and heat. Gather emergency supplies. Install battery powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors. If you have access to a generator, run it outdoors only. Keep the generator at least twenty feet from any door, window or vent to your residence. If trees and power lines are down, dial 911, contact your power company, and stay away from downed lines. Stay indoors and avoid driving as much as possible. Wear layered clothing and use blankets to stay warm. Bring pets inside. Never use a gas grill, camp stove or propane heater indoors. If the power is out for an extended time, and you do not have adequate food supplies or are unable stay warm at your residence, you may want to stay with family, friends or at an emergency shelter. If you can't get out due to trees or wires down, need help or just have a question, call Loudon Fire at 798-5612 or Loudon Police at 798-5521. If you have an emergency always call 911. Happy Holidays and be safe! ■



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>: 10AM - 3PM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>: 10AM - 6PM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>: 9AM - 2PM

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## Richard Brown House News

October had begun with such warm sunshine and fun events that the stormy winds and rain on Sunday, October 29 were a real shock and presented some dramatic challenges! Fortunately for the seniors living here, the generator provided emergency power in the Community Room so that one fridge/freezer was kept cold and the two stoves were powered. This allowed communal food to be prepared from foods that would otherwise have spoiled. Lucie Bilodeau, manager, and Rick Kelley, maintenance, kept residents serviced with everything from warm lunches to flashlights. With additional food donated from the Salvation Army in Concord and burgers left from the Young At Heart BBQ, Lucie was able to grill and cook a magnificent spread one day and then make corn chowder the next. Halloween occurred in the middle of the power outage and incredibly, over 90 children with families came to visit and collect a candy bag. Everyone applauded next day when the power returned and then the cleanup of fridges and freezers began in earnest, as for many Granite Staters. Some of the other Volunteers of America senior housing projects in Maine opened their doors to isolated or vulnerable seniors in their communities. Staff here in Loudon are considering how to make some help available in future winter outages.

November has already started with activities and blessings from others in the community. On November 2, members of the Faith Community Bible Church led by Rebekah Allen and Monika Davis, came with a wonderful Mac 'n Cheese and Chili meal that was much relished by residents. Following the meal, Krysztian Davis and a friend played a selection of music to round off the event. A few days later, Jennifer Pickard from Pittsfield held a cardmaking workshop where residents were able to make exquisite holiday cards. Mid-month has included a very informative presentation about transport issues given by Larissa Djuvelek-Ruggiero of the Mid State Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation. This discussion raised questions about trying to diversify transport options in Loudon especially for seniors. Some residents attended a health insurance clinic offered by Misti Dale of Anthem Blue Cross, enjoying pastries and coffee and sharing information.

There will have been two Thanksgiving dinners for residents by the time this Ledger is in print. One will be coordinated by the granddaughter of resident Ginny Merrill. The other, on Thanksgiving Day itself, will be provided by the Salvation Army of Concord, led by Nikki Holtgrave. And looking ahead, MJ and Kevin will return for crafting, there will be music in December from members of the Faith Community Bible Church, and then just before Christmas, back by popular demand, the Home Depot Band, The Solutions, will play on December 18. So as the winter solstice approaches, and the days are cold and dark, there are some moments of fun and light to look forward to. As the year ends, staff and residents of Richard Brown House appreciate the many gifts given by folks in the local community. The events and activities here are open to other seniors too, so please feel free to call Lucie on 798 3190 or email lois.scribner@voanne.org if anyone is interested in attending or volunteering. ■

*Residents enjoy the Thanksgiving Meal served by Ginny Merrill's granddaughter, Hannah, with help from other family members and friends.*



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## Recycling: The Final Straw

*By the Loudon Recycling Committee*

Some members of the Loudon Recycling Committee met with the Loudon Elementary school's Environmental Kids Club to discuss Straw Pollution. We saw a brief video and talked with the students and their teacher, Mr. Raymond about the huge impact straws are having on our environment.

The students were made aware of the following facts:

- Over 500 million plastic straws are used every day — this does not include the little straws that come attached to juice boxes or stirring straws used for coffee, etc. — that amount of straws can wrap around the earth 2½ times
- The average amount of time a straw is used before being discarded is 20 minutes.
- Straws are not biodegradable — and because straws are not biodegradable, essentially every piece of plastic ever made is still in our environment.
- Straws are in the top ten items collected during beach clean ups.
- Straws are eaten by marine life — studies estimate 1 million sea birds, 100,000 mammals, and countless fish are killed every year from plastic.

To help spread the message to stop using straws, the students created some posters to display in the school.

It is our hope that everyone will help reduce the amount of plastic straws in their lives. For more information go to:

<http://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/no-straw-please/>

<https://thelastplasticstraw.org/about-us/>

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/04/plastic-straws-ocean-trash-environment/>

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*LES Environmental Kids' Club learned about straw pollution.*



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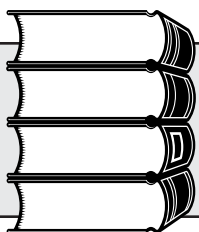
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## Maxfield Public Library News

### Meditation

Join Fran, December 6 at 6 p.m., for her meditation class. Please bring a mat or towel and a blanket with you. Enjoy an hour of relaxation and inner peace. The cost per class is \$5.00.

### Yoga

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

### Spiritual Discussion Group

The Spiritual Discussion Group will not meet in December.

Starting in January, the group will begin monthly discussions from the book, *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin. Stop by the library for a copy of the book if you wish to participate in the "Happiness Project." The first meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 at 6 p.m., when we discuss the first chapter — January: Boost Energy Vitality.

### Polar Express Night

Join us Friday, December 8 at 6 p.m. for our annual showing of the *Polar Express*! Please come in your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow to enjoy Van Allsburg's timeless tale of a boy's trip to the North Pole.

We will have a hot chocolate bar set up for the event.

Please sign up in the Children's Room where you will receive your ticket to board the train.

### Children's Activities

#### Music and Movement

This month the music and movement class will be getting into the holiday spirit! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for songs, rhymes, yoga, drumming, and more!

#### Story Time

On December 7, story time will take a trip to the Antarctic to see penguins. Join us as we read *Flight School* by Lita Judge and *Penguin & Pinecone* by Salina Yoon. Each child will create their own penguin to march around the library.

On December 14, the children will listen to stories about snow. After hearing Lester Laminack's *Snow Day!* and *A Song for Snow* by Lita Judge, the children will make a snow globe to show how softly the snow falls.

On December 21, story timers will hear *The Christmas Boot* by Lisa Wheeler and *Maple & Willow's Christmas Tree* by Lori Nichols. Story timers will create an ornament for their Christmas tree at home. Please stay after for a holiday party.

On December 26, there will be no Music and Movement class.

On December 28, there will be a parent-led, open craft time from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Children's Room.

### Summer Reading Program News

This past summer, the children involved in the library's summer reading program were able to enter their names in a raffle with prizes from the Boston Bruins. We had two winners — Rohan Chevalier and Cole Sheppard! Rohan won an autographed puck and Cole won an autographed jersey, which they received last month — Congratulations!

### Snow Policy for Children's Programs

Story time and Music and Movement Class will follow the Merrimack Valley School District with closings and delays. If school is cancelled for the day, there will be NO story time or music class that day. If school has a delayed opening on Tuesday or Thursday, the program will start at 11:00 a.m.

You can check for delays or cancellations on Channel 9, the WMUR website, or you can call the library at 798-5153.

### Book Group

The book group will not be meeting in December. Please call for more information.

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Saturday, December 23 and Monday, December 25 in celebration of Christmas.

The library will be closed Saturday, December 30 and Monday, January 1 in celebration of New Year's.

### 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. ■

WMUR Meteorologist Josh Judge reads to the Story Time youngsters from his book: *Be Nice Nice to The Weather Guy: A New England Christmas Story*.



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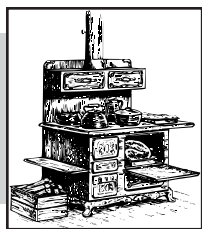
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## What's Cookin'? Home Made Christmas Gifts

By Deb Foss

This month we feature delicious holiday snacks and sweets that not only make excellent munchies at gatherings, they also can be given as tasty gifts. Bake them up and package them in something fun, like a decorative tin or a pretty platter, include a copy of the recipe, and you have an instant gift.

### SWEET SPICED NUTS

- 1 large egg white
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 3 cups assorted nuts
- 2 dashes Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

Whisk the egg white with 1 tsp. water in a large bowl until frothy. In small bowl combine sugar, 1 tsp. salt and spices. Toss the nuts in egg white mixture. Then stir in the sugar-spice mixture and Worcestershire sauce. Spoon the nuts onto the prepared baking sheet in small clusters and bake until golden, 30–35 minutes. Cool and break into pieces.

### POPCORN BALLS

- 2/3 cup molasses
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 tbs. Butter
- 2-2 1/2 quarts popcorn

Combine molasses, sugar, water, vinegar, and salt in a heavy saucepan. Place over low heat, stirring until mixture begins to boil. Cook without stirring to 270 degrees (Hard ball stage). Remove from heat add butter, stirring only enough to combine with the other ingredients. Pour over popcorn in a large bowl using a wooden spoon to mix well until every kernel is coated. With lightly greased hands, form popcorn mixture into balls using light pressure. Wrap in wax paper.

### PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE SAUCE

- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

In a 2-quart bowl (microwaveable) combine corn syrup, peanut butter, and cream. Microwave on high for 1 1/2 minutes until boiling. Add chocolate chips and stir until melted. Store in refrigerator in 1 cup jars. Warm up to serve over ice cream.

### PEANUT BUTTER CANDY

- 2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 cup marshmallow fluff
- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Cook sugar and milk to softball stage. After cooking add marshmallow fluff, peanut butter, and vanilla. Mix well and pour quickly into greased foil lined pan.

### KEY LIME FUDGE

- 3 cups white baking pieces
- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tsp. finely shredded lime peel
- 2 tbs. Key lime juice
- 1 cup chopped toasted macadamia nuts, if desired.

Line 8" square pan with foil, extending over edges of the pan. Butter foil, set pan aside.

In large heavy saucepan cook and stir baking pieces and sweetened condensed milk over low heat until pieces are melted and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat, stir in lime peel and limejuice and nuts if used.

Spread mixture evenly in prepared pan. Cover and chill about 2 hours or until set.

Lift fudge from pan using edges of foil. Peel off foil and cut into pieces. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week or in freezer for 2 1/2 months. Makes 2 1/2 pounds.

### HOLIDAY SUGAR COOKIES

- 4 cups sifted flour
- 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup corn oil

- 2 eggs and milk to make 2/3 cup
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. almond extract or vanilla if you prefer.

Sift flour together with baking powder and salt. Add corn oil and work with fork or pastry blender until mixture is well blended. Mixture will appear dry. Add sugar and flavoring to egg and milk beat until very light and fluffy. Stir into corn oil mixture. Chill dough about 1 hour. Roll out dough 1/4" thick on floured board, cut out with floured cutters. Bake on ungreased sheet in 400-degree oven 9 minutes or until light brown. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

### GINGERBREAD SPONGE CANDY

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup dark Karo syrup
- 4 tsp. baking soda

Combine sugar and Karo in saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Continue cooking without stirring to hard crack stage or until mixture separates into hard and brittle threads when tested in cold water.

Remove from heat and quickly stir in soda, mix well. Pour into a lightly buttered shallow 9 x 13 pan. Cool. Break into pieces. Makes 1 pound. ■

### REMEMBER WHEN:

## Stories of Yesteryears

By Letty Barton

With Christmas quickly approaching, many children's thoughts turn to the toys they hope to receive as gifts. Do you remember your favorite toy as a child?

Toys today are much different than they were fifty or sixty years ago. Who would have thought we would become such an electronic society?

This month, we decided to ask some oldtimers what their favorite toy was when they were growing up.

It was no surprise that many of the women we talked with indicated dolls or related items were what they cherished most. Donneta and Pat spoke fondly of their early dolls. Pat's dolls were a gift from her Grandmother Russel every Christmas. Donneta loved her Barbie. She played with it with her girlfriend on her cousin's porch.

Charlene was very proud of her doll carriage that was gray with a black hood. She pushed her blonde-haired doll, Nannette, around in it. Charlene would allow her cousin to push the doll carriage ONLY if she put out her two little fingers — tea-party style — when she grasped the handle.

Marilyn enjoyed a dollhouse kept in a glass cabinet and played with only under her mother's strict supervision (and only 15–20 times, in Marilyn's memory). The dollhouse had gorgeous handmade furniture with dolls made to fit the furniture. It also featured tiny hand-braided rugs on the floors.



This writer enjoyed a wooden doll cradle with her two younger sisters that quite likely was made by our carpenter Grandfather. It rocked all kinds of teddy bears and dolls. At Christmas time, the cradle was used as a manger for a doll-like baby Jesus. It was part of a family pageant done when grandparents came to visit for the holidays.

Speaking of bears, a black and white teddy bear was Al's favorite childhood toy. He played with it until the stuffing came out of the legs.

Bob wore out his BB gun in target practice. The gun was a gift from his Dad on Bob's 12th birthday.

Dottie was very fond of her red second-hand bicycle with thin tires that her Grandmother bought her. Just finding a bike in the war era was a feat in itself, when metal was being collected and melted down for the war effort. Dottie rode her treasured red bike all over town until she began to drive.

A hand-painted maroon bike with yellow trim was Judy's favorite toy. She received it when she was seven but only after she learned to spell "bicycle." Judy had wanted the bike so badly she didn't care that it was second-hand and rode the bike everywhere on the sidewalks — even to the next door neighbors.

Norman pulled around a little Morgan horse on wheels. It stood 10 inches high and was about a foot long. Norman also received Babe, a brown horse with a black mane and tail, as a Christmas gift. It was the same color as real horse a neighbor had.

As you watch your grandchildren and great grandchildren open and squeal over their toys this holiday, take a minute to share with them what your favorite toy was when you were growing up.

Many thanks to those who have shared their stories this month. I'd love to hear yours about past times in Loudon. Contact Letty at lbarton@myfairpoint.net or 783-4341. ■





## Good News From Loudon Elementary School



### Upcoming Events:

Dec. 2	PTA Santa's Breakfast
Dec. 4-8	Hour of Code Week
Dec. 8	Trimester 1 Report Cards Issues
Dec. 11	MVSD School Board @ MVHS, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	Fifth Grade Field Trip to CCA
Dec. 19	Sing Along
Dec. 25-Jan. 1	Holiday Recess

### LES Is On The Map!

Visit the website Monarch Joint Venture to check out their map of habitat success stories. The LES Pollinator Garden is highlighted there! Check us out at <https://monarchjointventure.org/>

### Report Cards

First trimester report cards will be coming home on December 8. For many parents, these report cards look very different than those of their youth.

The purpose of this design is to communicate to parents their student's understanding of the knowledge and skills that have been the focus of instruction throughout the trimester. The benefits of this grading approach include:

- A student's cumulative body of work is considered.
- Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge without the penalty of a negative grade for missteps that occur early in the learning process.
- There is no discretionary weighting system.
- Value is placed on learning a skill rather than simply completing a piece of work.

The goal of a report card is to effectively communicate student progress to families. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's classroom teacher with any questions you may have about the report card.

### LES Happenings

November has been a busy month, packed full of learning, fun, and community involvement.

Due to several unanticipated days off, the annual LES Halloweed Parade was held on November 1. The Loudon community turned out in high numbers for our parade. It was a welcome distraction from storm damage clean-up.

On November 9, LES hosted a Veteran's Day Assembly. Several local veterans joined us, and the *National Anthem* as well as *America, The Beautiful* were performed by students. Student council members presented the book *America's White Table*. Later on that same day, children participated in the Turkey Trot, our annual celebration of giving to the Loudon Food Pantry. Thank you to Ms. Staples for coordinating this special event and to the PTA for their support. ■



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## OBITUARIES

### MICHAEL L. MOSER

Michael L. Moser, 73, died October 30, 2017 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH.

He was born February 19, 1944 in Syracuse, KS, son of the late Lowell Albert Moser and Mary Elmina (Cone) Moser.

Michael grew up in Oakley, KS and was a graduate of Oakley Cons. High School, Class of 1962. He attended Kansas State University from 1963–1967 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Michael served in the United States Air Force in 1967 and was honorably discharged from reserve duty in 1975. He participated and excelled in wrestling in both high school and in the military. While living in Loudon, NH, Michael owned and operated the Windhill Dairy Farm. He was employed for over 30 years and retired from Raytheon in Burlington, MA as a test engineer. Michael lived in Woburn, MA for 15 years and later moved to Raymond, NH to live with his daughter. Michael's hobbies included traveling, which he also did a lot in life for his work schedule, sailing, and flying airplanes.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Link and Elizabeth Moser; son and daughter-in-law, Byron and Cynthia Moser; daughter and son-in-law, Merrill and Steven Koontz; son, Newell Moser; several grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law,

Ron and Kay Moser; brother and sister-in-law, Jon and Phyllis Moser; brother and sister-in-law, Mont and Beth Moser; and several nieces and nephews. ■

### ALEC JOSEPH WHITE

Alec Joseph White, 16, passed away Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 in Loudon. He was born in El Paso, TX, the son of Jeffrey and Tina White. Alec attended Merrimack Valley High School and worked for The Smoke Shack for several years.

He enjoyed skate boarding, downhill skiing, nature, and any situation where he could do flips in the air or walk a slack line. Alec would never pass up a chance to show off his acrobatic skills and awe his audience. Alec fought an internal battle against his demons and lost to depression.

Alec is survived by his parents, his sister, Joli White who was also his best friend, his grandparents, Linda and John Bagen, Barbara White and Paul Cobb. His great-grandparents, Phyllis and Norman "John" Bagen. He is loved by a large extended family including many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and pets.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Alec's memory to NH NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). [naminh.org](http://naminh.org). ■

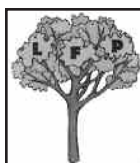
### ROBERT W. EMERSON

Robert W. Emerson, 78, of Loudon, passed peacefully while surrounded by family Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. Bob was born in Rochester on Nov. 20, 1938, and was raised in Derry by his parents, Alfred and Mildred (Fossett) Emerson. Bob recently became a resident of Loudon after living in Pembroke for 28 years.

Bob was a government contract negotiator for many years and worked for Sanders Associates, Digital/Hewlett-Packard, and Enterasys. He enjoyed outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and camping with his family. He was a true New England man who loved the mountains and the ocean. Robert also enjoyed various other activities such as bowling and tennis.

Bob is survived by his wife, Beverly (Hanson) Emerson; his brother, Alfred Emerson; his three daughters, Dee Ferdinand, Dawn Emerson and Kristen Brooks; his stepchildren, Jeff Cathcart and Julie Geary; 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his very dear friends, Nita and Don Gilman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Live and Let Live Farm of Chichester, at [liveandletlivefarm.org](http://liveandletlivefarm.org). ■



## Loudon Food Pantry News

### Holiday Boxes

We are currently signing up qualifying people for Holiday Boxes. If you qualify for the Loudon Food Pantry you will also qualify for a Holiday Box. Please call Sue at 724-9731 if you're unsure if you qualify or to sign up.

### Thanksgiving Boxes

This year we handed out 70 Thanksgiving Boxes. Maple Ledge Farm contributed all the apples we used in our boxes and many donations came in that helped the complete the boxes as well.

A large thanks goes to all the volunteers that helped make this happen smoothly!

### LES Halloween Party

We had 171 kids attend the LES Halloween Party this year! Everyone was having fun: Kids and parents alike! Thank you goes to the 40 volunteers who helped make this party a success! Loudon Food Pantry received \$424.75 in funds and 804 food items as well. Thank you everyone!

### October Meal Numbers

In October, we gave out enough food to create 4,829 meals. Our numbers were lower because our stock was low which means we had less food to give out to people in need.

### Food Donations Received

In November we received some large donations that allowed us to restock our shelves. Thanks goes to Loudon Elementary School and their students for the Turkey Trot, the Boy Scouts for Scouting for Food, Villages of Loudon, Loudon Young at Heart, and many more.

Donations, food or funds, in any size help us to feed those in need! We will always be grateful for your help!

### 50-50 Holiday Fundraiser Raffle Ends December 15th

As of 11/18/17 we have sold a total of \$38 in tickets. The more tickets we sell we more the winner gets!

Ticket Prices: 1 Ticket for \$1; 3 Tickets for \$2; 7 Tickets for \$5

Tickets can be purchased using our online order form at [LoudonFoodPantry.org](http://LoudonFoodPantry.org) or at Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307.

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2. Leave some elbow room in your budget. Renovating a historic home is full of unexpected costs, so be sure your budget is ready for them.
3. You could run into some red tape. Homes that are part of a historic registry or have landmark status also come with a lot of regulation in regard to what you can and cannot do when renovating them. Keep in mind, you won't have complete artistic freedom.
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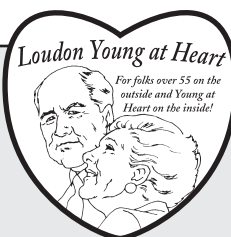
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Maxfield Public Library: **www.maxfieldlibrary.com**

Loudon Food Pantry: **www.loudonfoodpantry.org**



## Loudon Young at Heart

By Maureen Prescott

On Tuesday, November 14th, members of the Loudon Young at Heart met at Charlie's Barn for their monthly meeting. Fifty six members came to hear Jennifer Brecktell from the New Hampshire VNA give a presentation on "Forgetfulness." This talk was to explore forgetfulness as we age and know the difference between typical age-related forgetfulness and true dementia.

### Typical Age Related Changes:

- Making a bad decision once in a while
- Missing a monthly payment
- Forgetting which day it is, but remembering later
- Sometimes forgetting which word to use
- Losing things from time to time

### Signs of Dementia:

- Poor judgment and decision making
- Inability to maintain a budget
- Losing track of the date or season
- Difficulty having a conversation
- Misplacing things and being unable to retrace the steps to find it.

### Other Reasons for Memory Impairment

- Medications
- Minor head trauma or injury
- Stress, anxiety or depression
- Alcohol
- Vitamin B-12 deficiency
- Hypothyroidism
- Tumors

At the completion of this program the floor was opened to a Q & A period. This presentation was thoroughly informative and very interesting to all who attended.

In closing the members enjoyed a CAP lunch and visited with one another.

## Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes — October 5, 2017

### Members:

Doug Towle: *President*  
Chris Koufos: *Vice-President*  
Bruce Dawson: *Secretary*  
Cindy Shea: *Treasurer*

### Attendees:

Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Carole Soule  
Called to order at 6:59 p.m.

### Old Business

The minutes from the September 7, 2017 meeting were approved without amendments.

### Treasurer's report:

No changes.

### Workshops for 2017

- The rabbit-raising workshop was canceled — only one person signed up and when called, indicated they really didn't want to come that night.

### Grants and Fund Raising

- We can get up to \$700 in matching funds from the NH Department of Agriculture.
- Kay will do the rabbit presentation, Cindy another soap demonstration, and Carole can probably do something with pigs at the Miles Smith Farm "farm day"

event. Carole will send out an email/newsletter about the presentations.

### Websites and Social Media

- No significant activities. We will have to update the workshops with the new times and venues.

### Newsletter

- Carole will send one out for proofing tonight and hopefully have it ready for publication by tomorrow.

### The Master Plan/Planning Board

No report.

### The Loudon Ledger/Farm Map

- We will be extracting extra verbiage to make room for Lef Farm's placement. Cindy will have the map updated.

### Filing

- No progress on getting a filing cabinet for the new Town Hall.

### Other Old Business

- None

### New Business

- We will need surveys for the workshops. Carole will come up with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**Note:** Our next meeting is our Christmas Pot Luck and sing along with Bill Parker.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13th at Charlie's Barn, 10:00 a.m.

Callers have your numbers to Dottie by December 6th

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## Historical Society Meeting Minutes — October 5, 2017

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held October 04, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees: Michele York, Stan Prescott, Roger Maxfield and Lucy Gordon

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

Due to unforeseen circumstance no one in the H.S. was available to attend the New England Archivists meeting in Cambridge, MA. There is a meeting of the Association of Historical Societies in Concord, NH on November 4, 2017. Members of the H.S. are planning on attending.

No bids were received from the RFP (request for price) for repairs and painting of Charlie's barn. The new plan is to have a member of the fire department do the repair work to the barn. The town will have inmates from the New Hampshire State prison come to do the painting. Hopefully this will happen before inclement weather happens.

Michele received paperwork from the town to turn in our budget request for the 2018–2019 year. We will stay at the same budget amount as last year.

The One-Room School House presentation by Roger Maxfield was a smashing success!!!! It was well attended and enjoyed by all that came to listen. The Historical Society will be selling DVDs of the presentation for \$15.00 each. The DVDs will be available for purchase at the tree lighting ceremony on December 3rd. They will also be available by stopping by the museum when it is open on the second Sunday of the month. All proceeds will go to writing Loudon's Town history.

On November 1 Steve Taylor will be at the community room to give a presentation. Mr. Taylor will be speaking on "New Hampshire Roads Taken or Not."

The H.S. has received some very generous donations. Jan Bernard has donated many wonderful objects. Too many items to mention!!! George Leduc donated some old record albums. Roger Maxfield donated an old foot warmer. Please stop by the museum to look at all the fabulous items.

Our next meeting will be November 8, 2017 at 7:00.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Gordon*

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deadline  
for the  
January  
2018  
Loudon  
Ledger  
is Friday,  
Dec. 15**

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 17, 2017

*Present:* Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 10, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that he sand/sealed Lower Ridge Road. He said he received quite a few complaints about tar on vehicles. Mr. Houle said he did a section of road in another part of town and didn't receive any complaints. He said he looked at some of the vehicles and they do have tar on them. Mr. Houle

said he spoke to All State, they brought him over some cleaner. He explained that he tried it on one vehicle and the tar came right off. Selectman Fiske discussed the liability of using the cleaner on vehicles. He also asked if Mr. Houle has a contract with All State and if so why isn't the responsibility on them. Mr. Houle said he feels like there is a problem and if he needs to help out by washing a few vehicles he'd do that. All State told him they would send over a couple of people to help. Chairman Ives asked if the road is stabilized now. Mr. Houle said they swept it yesterday so it is stabilized. Mr. Houle said he has a list of the people that called he can call them back about cleaning their vehicle. Selectman Fiske asked what he intends to do about the people that won't allow them to clean their vehicle. Chairman Ives said all they can do is offer to

clean them and if they don't want it done it's up to them. Selectman Fiske asked what will happen if the simonize (clear coat) is removed when they clean it. Mr. Houle said he used it on a truck that had been simonized and it didn't seem to remove it. Mr. Houle explained that they did the same thing on Loudon Ridge Road last year and again this year and he didn't receive any complaints. Chairman Ives suggested that they offer to clean the cars. Scott Hagerty asked if that would void the warranty. Chairman Ives said he doesn't think it would since they are just washing the vehicles. Mr. Hagerty said he has a brand-new lease so he is taking his vehicles to the dealer to see what they want him to do. Mr. Hagerty said he would like to know what they put on the road so he can take that information to the

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**NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver Kaz Grala of Boston, Mass., recently stopped by Loudon Elementary School to kick off the Speeding to Read Program.**

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dealer. Chairman Ives asked Mr. Houle to get the MSDS to the office and to coordinate with the guys from All State and the people that need to be cleaned. Dawn Pulica said her 2014 is really bad; she is really concerned about the type of cleaning product they will be using. Mr. Houle said it is a citrus based cleaner that All State uses on their vehicles.

Selectman Fiske asked how Lenny is doing with the screening. Mr. Houle said good; they'll keep the screener a few more days.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request from the Tax Collector for abatement of interest due to the sale of property and the new owner not receiving the tax bill. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to abate \$48.95 in interest for property located at 7010 Pleasant Street Ext. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the Eversource appeal.

The NH Associations of Assessing Officials ballot.

The Board received two complaints regarding the NHMS concert.

The Board received a thank you letter from the Community Action Program for the 3rd quarter installment.

The Board received a contact update from the NH Forest Protection Bureau.

The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding a Christmas tree and the Economic Development Committee. Chairman Ives said he respectfully declines the offer of a 25–30 foot Christmas tree for the new town office but there not enough manpower to cut and transport the tree, it's a large tree that would be difficult to stand and we don't have the lights for it at this time. Chairman Ives said the initial meeting for the Economic Development Committee will be Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m.

The Board received the Agriculture Commission meeting minutes for August 3, 2017 and September 7, 2017.

The Board received a scholarship recipient thank you card.

Chairman Ives recognized Stan Prescott from the audience.

Mr. Prescott said the Historical Society received an email from Matthew Cate from Rhode Island asking about the Cate Cemetery on Storrs Drive. He said the cemetery is in disrepair and stones are broken. Mr. Prescott asked how he should respond to Mr. Cate. Chairman Ives said he can tell Mr. Cate that the cemeteries have fallen by the wayside but as they have been discussing recently they are making efforts to correct that.

Mr. Prescott said Mr. Fortier responded to the request for an as-built plan for Fieldview Drive by saying that the road was built according to the construction plans submitted to the Planning Board. Mr. Prescott said the Planning Board requirements say he has to do an as-built. He asked how the Board would like to handle it. Selectman Fiske asked about the significance of the as-built. Mr. Prescott explained that the plan shows the elevations, catch basins, drainage, profile etc. He explained if there is ever a law suit it would

*Present:* Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 17, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said the Loudon Community Emergency Management Plan is complete. He submitted a copy of the plan for the Selectmen's Office. Chief Wright thanked everyone that helped him update the plan; Brenda Pearl, Bill Lake, Lance Houle, Chief Burgess, Stan Prescott, Deborah Gadwah-Lambert, and Mary Reed and Stacey Elliott from Capital Area Public Health.

Chief Wright said he received an abatement for a hardship case on an ambulance balance. The Board reviewed the request and approved the abatement request.

Chief Wright said the state crew has completed a lot of the scraping and painting of the community building. He explained that Matt Moulton from the Fire Department is replacing rotten wood ahead of the paint crew. Chief Wright said he had the crew rake up some leaves and do some sweeping. He said everyone is doing a good job. Chief Wright said the crew supervisor asked if they can paint the inside of the building. He explained that the building could use a coat of paint and they can start tomorrow because of the rain. Chairman Ives said his only concern is people using the building. Chief Wright checked with the office for the meeting room schedule and there are two Tuesdays that it will be used and if those days are good they will work outside. The Board agreed that they've been doing a good job and can do the inside. Stan Prescott mentioned that the historical society will be using the building next Wednesday evening. Chief

show what was built. Mr. Prescott said there is an initial plan that says how it should be built and the as-built would say it conforms. Chairman Ives said he assumed that since they had been asked to accept the road in the past that the plan had been done. Selectman Fiske asked if it's as simple as having the engineer look at it. Mr. Prescott said no; the surveyor should come back and take grades, to show how it was built, and to show things like catch basins. Selectman Miller said there are Planning Board rules stating it should be done. The Town Attorney will be contacted.

Mr. Prescott said the Historical Society planted a 5' tree by the end of the barn for their tree lighting event.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

## LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 24, 2017

Wright said that since the building is being use during the day on Tuesday he will just keep them out of it both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chief Wright said he has taken the tanker truck out of service due to safety concerns because of several cracks that have developed in the body of the truck. He is waiting to hear if it will be covered by the warranty, it could be out for 2–3 months. Chief Wright said the mutual aid tanker is available should it be needed. Chairman Ives asked where that tanker would come from. Chief Wright explained that it depends on where in town the fire is located.

Chairman Ives gave kudos to Matt Moulton for being up on the ladder and Tommy Blanchette for running it to do the work at the community building.

Chairman Ives recognized Larisa Djuvelek-Ruggiero from the audience. Ms. Djuvelek-Ruggiero explained that she is the regional mobility manager for the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council and is here to talk about community transportation. She explained that she is employed by the Community Action Program. Ms. Djuvelek-Rug-

giero said that Central NH Regional Planning Commission is also a lead agency for this program. She explained that the goal of the Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) is to improve mobility and access for all by coordinating regional transportation services and information. Ms. Djuvelek-Ruggiero explained that even though the goal is to improve transportation for everyone, right now they only have funds to improve transportation for older adults (60 years and older), and people with disabilities of any age. Ms. Djuvelek-Ruggiero said that the RCC includes Merrimack and Belknap Counties. She said right now they have thirty-two members of the RCC. She said there is no cost to be a member but a Memorandum of Understanding has to be signed and one or two people need to be assigned to be representatives to the RCC they would be required to participate and attend meetings, they have about six meetings per year. Ms. Djuvelek-Ruggiero explained that she is going to towns and cities doing this presentation and looking for members. Ms. Dju-

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velek-Ruggiero asked about the John O. Cate Memorial Van, she'd like to get in touch with them. Contact information will be forwarded to her. Ms. Djuvelek-Ruggiero asked that the Board consider joining the RCC. She also asked if the RCC could be linked to the town website so people can get their information. Chairman Ives said they will take this under advisement, review the material and consider membership. Stan Prescott said that as a Planning Board member and representative to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission

he is familiar with this and said they are doing a great job with it. Mr. Prescott said it might be good for the town to join and possibly get someone from the John O. Cate Van to attend the meetings.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a check in the amount of \$760.00 from James R. St. Jean for the sale of a cruiser at auction.

The Board received a copy of check received from NHMS for Police and Fire Detail for the September race in the amount of \$113,129.75

The Board received a Nobis Engineer invoice regarding Creekwater Lane. The invoice will be paid; the office will continue to try and get in touch with the developer for reimbursement.

The Board received an email from B. Gordon regarding Berry Road.

The Board received a letter from T. Meeh regarding concerns with bringing the emerald ash bore in on firewood to NHMS. Selectman Miller said at the Planning Board meeting they were told that the track hasn't allowed firewood to be brought in for years.

The Board received two letters from M. Harris as well as a request for a meeting.

The Board received a notice regarding the Economic Development Committee informational meeting to be held Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30.

The Board received a Certificate of Education; Lindsay Goley the office assistant took an HR course at Primex.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman*

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 31, 2017**

*Present:* Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 24, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Mary Ann Steele, Chairperson, Kathy Pitman, Webmaster, and Paul Branscombe of the Communication Council.

Mary Ann Steele explained that there is an annual \$1,500 fee for the new website. She said they need to know if that will be included in the regular data processing line or in their

budget. She said that since all the departments use the website it would make sense to include it in the regular line rather than the communications councils. Chairman Ives agreed with Ms. Steele that they will take care of the \$1,500.

Ms. Steele said there was a DOT meeting at the barn on October 23th, she said they never received any information about that meeting to put on the website. Ms. Steele said that if that kind of information is forwarded to them they can put it on the website. Chairman Ives explained that it was a DOT meeting, not their meeting. He said they only asked to use the barn.

Ms. Steele said they had a visitor at their last meeting that complained about his use of the website. She said they took care of that issue but he also complained about the fact they he never knows where they are meeting. Ms. Steele said that is a problem; they can't use the barn because the 4H uses it, Chief Wright has been awesome about letting them meet at the station unless they have training but they need a permanent place. Ms. Steele said they've asked about meeting in this building but were told no, but they ask the Selectmen to reconsider that. Chairman Ives said they can use it any Tuesday or the 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month when the building is open. Ms. Steele said unfortunately their meeting day is based on the production schedule and when volunteers are available. Chairman Ives said they will take this under advisement. Chairman Ives asked if they have polled members to see if they can meet on another day. Ms. Pitman explained that the production schedule determines when they can meet. Ms. Steele said the deadline is Fridays, things straggle in over the weekend, they meet on Monday to edit, go over articles, etc. and then it goes to Deb for her to put it together and get it to the printer. Ms. Pitman said they need a permanent meeting place. Ms. Steele said when this building was built she expected it would provide additional meeting places. She said she understands the security and maintenance issues. Ms. Pitman said that in the past twenty-eight days the website has been accessed by about 1,600 people.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding the Fairpoint litigation.

The Board received a memo from the Town Clerk regarding a request for reimbursement of motor vehicle registrations. Chairman Ives recognized Mr. Sefton from the audience. Chairman Ives explained that in the past if someone moves out of town they do not refund their motor vehicle registrations and he is not in favor of setting a precedent. Selectman Fiske said if a precedent is set there will be a lot of people asking for this sort of thing. Selectman Miller agreed saying that if they do it for one they would have to do it for all. The board agreed that they could not refund the registration.

The Board received the HealthTrust guaranteed maximum rates for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for medical and dental insurance. Chairman Ives read that the increase is 0.6%.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for August and September 2017.

The Board received information from CNRPC regarding the Comprehensive Economic Development (CEDS) Update Project Solicitation.


Chairman Ives thanked the Fire Department, Highway Department and Police Department for all their work during this storm; opening up the roads, assessing damage, mitigating electric lines, and road hazards. He especially thanks the volunteers of the fire department that manned chainsaws alongside the highway department. Selectman Fiske said it was a job well done. Selectman Miller said they worked together to get roads open where they could as soon as they could for emergencies.

Chairman Ives said Lance has taken care of all the vehicles that had tar on them except for one vehicle from Grafton. He told them the next time they are down here to contact him and he will take care of it.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 7, 2017

*Present:* Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

*Also, Present:* Fire Chief Rick Wright, Police Chief Kris Burgess and Road Agent Lance Houle.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 31, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted an ambulance bill report for the Boards review.

Chief Wright said he received notification from the Division of Forest and Lands that the grant he applied for in the amount of \$1,925 is approved. He explained that this is a 50/50 grant; he has money in his budget for the match. Chief Wright said they will use the money for Wildland Firefighter Pants. He explained that currently they have shirts but none of the pants. Chief Wright said this grant will allow them to get pants for all firefighters that are forestry certified.

Chief Wright said he received two quotes to paint the suburban red. He said J&D quoted \$3,500 and Lanes Automotive quoted \$3,000. He said Ron Lane told him they could start on it next week. Chief Wright said he has money in the budget for this. Chairman Ives said Ron did the work on the old cruiser and it came out good.

Chief Wright said he had a meeting with Lakes Region Fire Apparatus; the company they bought the tanker from ten years ago and United Plastic Fabricating; the company that supplied the plastic for the tank and body to discuss the cracks.

Chief Wright said the storm that came through amounted to 77 calls for the fire department. He said the Loudon Police, Fire and Highway Departments worked together to handle all the calls.

Chief Wright said the domestic water system at the safety building stopped working last Thursday; it could be associated with the storm. He explained that the well company replaced the control panel on Friday. Chief Wright said it might be an insurance claim due to the power surges.

Chief Wright said also possibly associated with the storm is the main compressor at Station 1. It stopped working and that might also have something to do with the power surges.

Chief Wright said the furnace at Station 2 was repaired. He explained that the expansion tank failed and caused water to flow from the mezzanine to the first floor. Chief Wright said it flooded out part of one of the rooms and wrecked some ceiling tiles. He does not believe this was storm related.

Chief Wright said the Loudon Fire and Police Departments spent the weekend involved in a search and rescue operation along with NH Fish and Game, New England Canine Rescue, NH National Guard Helicopter, and many volunteers. Chief Wright thanks all the people that brought food and drink for the volunteers.

Chief Wright submitted pictures he took of the maintenance shed at the skate park. He said he asked the supervisor of the prison crew if they could paint the shed. Chief Wright said they are willing to do that if the weather holds up. Chief Wright said out of respect it should be left for a few days. The Board agreed waiting is the right thing to do.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said they have been chipping brush and cleaning up. He said they are about ¾ done, his guys have been working hard.

Mr. Houle said they have been working on the plow trucks; getting tires changed, etc. he said they have the sanders ready and oiled up.

Mr. Houle said he called Breanne Mullen two weeks ago and asked when they would be done with the field. She told him they had one more soccer game. Mr. Houle said he asked her if she would move the goals from the field to the backside of the field when they were done; he said they were not moved. Mr. Houle said he wanted to mow one more time before winter. Chairman Ives said when he went by the other day the goals were on the edge of the field. Mr. Houle said he moved them. He said this is an ongoing problem.

Mr. Houle said he has furniture in the shed at the field from the move into this building; he needs it out so he can put away his equipment for the winter. Selectman Fiske suggested it be stored in the old town office. The Board agreed.

Mr. Houle said there was an oak tree on Piper Hill Road that split in half. He said Ever-source had a few branches cut off. Mr. Houle said he caught up with a guy from Asplundh yesterday, he looked at it and Mr. Houle believes they took the top of the tree off today.

Selectman Miller thanked the Highway Department for their hard work during the storm.

Chairman Ives received a letter from a resident of Berry road. Mr. Houle said he checked the road out yesterday and there was one spot with three potholes. He went right back up and filled the holes. Mr. Houle said there isn't much they can do about the road. He said he fixed an area for one person and then the neighbor complained. Mr. Houle said they want the road widened but they would have to give up land. He said he is open to suggestions. Chairman Ives said there is more traffic because the camps are becoming year-round houses.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said other than the storm and the search things have been relatively quiet at the department.

Chief Burgess said they competed fire arms training and taser recertification. He said the fire department gave them CPR and AED training; he thanked Chief Wright.

Chief Burgess said Corporal Nye just completed FTO school. He explained that Sergeant Akersstrom will be attending supervisor school next week and Corporal Nye will be attending in December. Chief Burgess explained that they have been called out multiple times and have had a hard time communicating with

hearing impaired people so they are setting up a training for that and will be offering it to outside agencies. Chief Burgess said Officer Beck will be attending flagging school in December.

Chairman Ives recognized James Killian from the audience.

Mr. Killian explained that Comcast is not interested in expanding cable/internet on Currier Road near his house. He said he received an estimate from Comcast for expanding it from the end of Currier Road to the previous connection; he said that would be about 15 people, the distance would be about 1.3 miles and the cost would be \$5,000. Mr. Killian said he was told that the contract Comcast has with the town is for 20 houses per aerial mile. Mr. Killian asked what could be done, if the town can renegotiate the contract. Chairman Ives explained that they have been through this before with Greenview Drive he believes Greenview Drive has one less house than the contract requires. He explained that they fought with Comcast for two years. Chairman Ives explained that they had an attorney that recommended the contract be signed. Selectman Fiske asked if Mr. Killian has spoken to his neighbors about pitching in to pay for it. Mr. Killian said he has spoken to his immediate neighbors and they are interested. Chairman Ives said there really isn't anything they can do about it; Comcast has a lot of power. Mr. Killian asked if Comcast was the only option. Chairman Ives said Metrocast was contacted but they had no interest in coming in to Loudon. Chairman Ives said there is a woman on Greenview Drive that worked with Comcast trying to get it; she will be asked to contact Mr. Killian.

Chairman Ives asked if there is anything else to come before the Board; they are going into a nonpublic session. There was nothing.

*Selectman Fiske moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:35 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to come out of non-public session at 7:07 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Ives said the meeting was to discuss a personnel policy and issues with the Police Chief.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Tax Warrant & Oath. Chairman Ives read the following into the record: *We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So, help us God.* Chairman Ives said they will be collecting Six Million Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$6,353,624.95).

The Board received a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the ABJEH & New England Flower Farms tax appeal.

The Board received a Notice of Public Hearing regarding an Eco-Site & T-Mobile tower in Rochester.

The Board received a memo from the office manager regarding the disposition of records. The Board agreed that the old paperwork can be disposed of per the RSA. The Board will have her check into a company to come in and shred the paperwork.

*Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — October 19, 2017

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

### Attendance:

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

Chairman Dow appointed Alice Tuson a voting member in the absence of Henry Huntington and Dustin Bowles a voting member in absence of Bob Cole.

Pauline Touzine from Conservation was in attendance.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting** — Mr. Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; all were in favor; approved.

**September 21, 2017 CNHRPC Meeting** — Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; all were in favor; approved.

### Discussion:

**Michael Harris** — Mr. Harris said he has concern about the concert and any events held at NHMS. Mr. Harris said the recent Punkin Chunkin caused damage on his property and his road, it caused trees and power lines to fall. Mr. Harris said there was no significant wind that day.

Mr. McGrath said there was wind that day of the Punkin Chunkin and he has held this event several times and not had any issues.

### Old Business:

Jeff Miller recused himself.

**Application #17-6 — NHMS Site Plan, 1122 Route 106 North, Map 51 Lot 18, C/R District & Application #17-6 — NHMS Change Of Use, 1122 Route 106 North, Map 51 Lot 18, C/R District.** Chairman Dow recognized Debbie & Greg Stevenson, Linda Trefethen and Joe Brown as abutters in the audience. Surveyor Mark Sargent from Bartlett and Associates opened up the presentation and explained the lots being used were purchased after the 1989 agreement, Tax map 51 Lot 18 was purchased in September of 1995 and Map 52 Lot 15, Map 61 Lot 6 and Map 61 Lot 9 were purchased in July 1997. Mr. Sargent went over camping spaces and said in total there will be 3,301 camping spaces with 500 being held on parking lot S4, 854 on parking lot S6, 108 on parking lot S8, 919 on parking lot S9, 602 on parking lot N1, 118 on parking lot N7. Mr. Sargent also

explained that none of this will be seen from Route 106. Mr. Sargent also said the only entrance and exit will be the South Gate. Gail Rogers went over the traffic plan that will be similar to a race weekend and they will work with the Traffic Control Committee which includes Loudon's Fire Chief, Police Chief and Selectmen. Mr. Saunderson asked if there was a date for this concert. David McGrath said they have not set a date for this event and are currently working on it but it will be late July early August. Attorney Bill Glahn spoke on the issue of sound and went over the sound study done by Syntec. Mr. Glahn went over the results of the sound study and said there will always be factors such as foliage, wind, atmosphere conditions. Mr. Glahn said in most of the areas tested the sound was on average the same as on a race weekend and on average to 50-60 decibels. Mr. Saunderson questioned it being the same because races don't end at 10:30pm. Mr. Glahn said races are not held at 10:30pm. Mr. Glahn said this study shows the sound over the weekend of a race weekend and the comparison of a concert is very similar. Mr. Saunderson asked if we should expect the sound decibels to be 50-60. Mr. Glahn said in some areas it is higher and some lower. Mr. Saunderson said there is a sound spike at the Greenhouse at Clough Hill. Mr. Glahn said the sound spike was at 7:00am and there was no racing occurring during that time so this could have been something going on at the location such as mowing a lawn. Vice Chairman Prescott spoke of another spike on the sound graph and questioned if there was a concert going on during that time. Mr. McGrath said there was not a concert at that time. Mr. Moore asked if Live Nation will provide the sound equipment or will the bands provide their own sound equipment. Mr. Glahn said Live Nation provides all the sound equipment. Mr. Moore said then you have some control over volume and a person to go to for sound related issues. Vice Chairman Prescott questioned why the settlement agreement is not applicable in this application. Mr. Glahn said this agreement defines the premises that are subject to the 1989 settlement agreement. It does not use that definition of the premises to define which entity is subject to the agreement. Mr. Glahn said the language in this agreement says it will not permit any musical concerts to be held on the premises currently known as NHMS except in conjunction with a race. Mr. Glahn said this defines what the premises are that are

subject to the agreement. Mr. Glahn said that in 1989 the premises known as NHMS did not include these lots. Mr. Glahn said all of the opponents to this concert have left out the word currently when writing to NHMS or the Loudon Planning Board. Mr. Glahn said any successor of NHMS is subject to this agreement according to its terms. Mr. Saunderson asked if the applicant thought this concert violates the spirit of the covenant. Mr. Saunderson also questioned drag racing being held on these properties as that is part of the agreement. Mr. Glahn said this agreement wouldn't restrict NHMS from holding drag racing. Mr. Glahn said he believes the original intent of this agreement was to restrict concerts being held in the stadium. Mr. Saunderson said he spoke to two of the Selectmen that have signatures on this agreement and the intent of the agreement was not to only restrict concerts in the stadium but restrict them on the property. Mr. Saunderson questioned if they planned on drag racing. Mr. McGrath said they are not planning on holding drag racing on the NHMS property. Jim Snyder questioned if the land that was owned at the time of the settlement agreement will be used at all for this concert. Mr. Glahn said it depends if your position is power coming from power lines or ticket sales being sold from the main office than that is irrelevant. Mr. Glahn said if your position is, is the concert itself being held on the property from the 1989 agreement, the answer is no. Mr. Glahn spoke about the bathrooms that are located on the property from the 1989 settlement stating that these bathrooms if needed will be locked but from a sanitation point of view it would be wise to use them. Vice Chairman read minutes from the Planning Board meeting of March 2017 and Mr. McGrath was quoted they would bring phone, electricity and whatever they may need from the property from the 1989 agreement. Mr. McGrath said there are LED lights that are powered by the property and Live Nation will be bringing in generators and everything for this concert and there is no electricity on these lots that will be used. Mr. Moore asked what hours the lights on the property will be kept on during the concert. Mr. McGrath said during large events such as Nascar these lights are kept on all night and the same protocol will be kept for the concert. Mr. McGrath said this is a safety measure that NHMS takes.

Several members of the audience spoke.

Hillary Nelson spoke about the noise that the track causes and says that there are studies that prove nighttime noise has negative health effects on people. Mrs. Nelson said this sound study was done in the winter and isn't accurate.

Joshua Gordon said he believes that proper notice was not given to abutters. Mr. Gordon said the issue of people bringing in firewood is a concern and originated from the speedway. Mr. Gordon spoke of the 1989 agreement and believes that this agreement does run with all land owned by NHMS and that people bought homes in Loudon knowing that this agreement would prevent concerts.

Linda Cote questioned how the police will keep her safe during these large events due to

the fact that every vehicle is not checked. Mrs. Cote believes that NHMS should have asked for a Variance for camping in the RR District as well. Mrs. Cote also would like another sound study done. Mrs. Cote said businesses are not thriving during large events at the track, they are not able to keep up with the amount of people and have had to shut down.

Judy Elliot said as a signatory to the 1989 agreement the intent of the agreement was to not have concerts on any NHMS property. Mrs. Elliot also spoke about sound and traffic issues.

Greg Meeh spoke of sound issues at NHMS and asked the board to restrict this concert to one time then have NHMS re-apply.

Tim Meeh said the board should look at the lighting to make sure it is dark sky compliant and there needs to be a written plan for insect control.

Libby Stevenson spoke of sound issues at NHMS. Mrs. Stevenson said there is a brook that runs on her property and for a week after a Nascar event the brook turns foamy and brown due to whatever may be happening at the track. Mrs. Stevenson also said that DUI checkpoints should be set up for people leaving the track. Mr. Stevenson said the sound study itself states there are many variables in this study.

Tyson Miller said he would like to see metal detectors like Meadowbrook has.

Jim Snyder spoke of sound issues at NHMS and thanked the Planning Board for addressing the settlement agreement. Mr. Miller said that requiring NHMS to pay for an independent and testing out a real concert should be done and set limits to the sound if it is approved. Mr. Miller also asked if the agreement has deed restrictions.

Vice Chairman Prescott asked for a copy of the deed if one does exist.

Mr. Snyder said the agreement states that it should be part of the deed but can't verify if it has been recorded.

Karen Forbes said the agreement is recorded at the registry of deeds. Mrs. Forbes said that NHMS should have to hire someone to do another sound study.

Joe Brown said this concert will change the character of the town and property values. Mr. Brown said if this is allowed, where will it end?

Dennis Jakubowski — Mr. Jakubowski said Mr. McGrath stated it's his job to bring in more revenue and business to NHMS and that Mr. McGrath also states he is not bringing in new business to the area.

Gaye Holt said she doesn't believe the Loudon Zoning Board should have passed the applications last month due to the agreement. Mrs. Holt said when she moved to Loudon originally there was only one race but has now grown and is a nuisance. Mrs. Holt also spoke about road closures and sound issues.

Dave Ladd said from his property he can hear everything from the track and would prefer to hear music over racing cars.

Bill Glahn spoke of the firewood concern and stated firewood is not allowed on the

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property. Mr. Glahn said the Loudon Zoning Board has limited this concert to once per year. Mr. Glahn said Asyntech is an independent company and NHMS did not tell them how to perform this study. Mr. Glahn said that the Planning Board could hire another company to perform a sound study and both companies perform the sound study during the actual concert to cross check each other. Mr. Glahn said in regards to the health risks that were brought up due to sound; the study conducted was about people that lived near airports and major highways which is not the same as a 7 hour concert for one weekend. Mr. Glahn said the agreement clearly does not state that it should apply to any lots that are purchased after. Mr. Glahn said it is highly unlikely that anyone that purchased a home in Loudon or Canterbury went to the registry to find this agreement then purchased their home dependant on this agreement. Mr. Glahn spoke about lighting concerns and said the concert will only be held during night time 1½–2½ hours per night due to the concert ending at 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Parent added that Loudon and Canterbury homes are selling near assessment value so this is not affecting sales. Mrs. Parent said in regards to the variance and special exception not including the RR district, it in fact does cover this. Doug Clasby spoke from the audience saying he understands there is a lot of pressure regarding these applications but wants NHMS to search deep down and make sure they are doing right by the residents. Mr. Moore asked for clarification on the name of NHMS as on some places it is labeled on the application NHMS and others NH Speedway Inc. Mrs. Parent said that the property is owned by NH Speedway Inc. and the company is NHMS. Chairman Dow said on the change of use application 17-7 it is changing the use to overnight camping. Chairman Dow said a Change of Use application means they are doing something completely different so if they change it to camping then it will not be used for parking for races. Mrs. Parent said they were instructed to file for a Change of Use application so this is the route they took. Mrs. Parent said they do intend on parking cars on these lots for the July race. Mrs. Parent said if they are not required to file this application then please direct them on what they would like to have or not have them do. Chairman Dow said the next step is for the Planning Board to talk with the Selectmen about the agreement before proceeding any further. Vice Chairman Prescott said he would like clarifi-

cation on if NHMS is using the property from the 1989 agreement as an accessory use. Mr. Glahn said there are some instances like electricity coming into the property and that is like saying the NH Public Service Company is holding the concert because they are providing the power. Mr. Glahn said if the Planning Board passes these applications it will go to Superior Court and they will decide. Mr. Glahn said this agreement deals with where the concert is to be held not the electricity or where tickets are sold.

Chairman Dow took a recess for legal consultation.

Chairman Dow said he was looking for a motion to continue the applications until the November 16th meeting that will be held at the Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria. *Mr. Saunderson made a motion to continue the application until next month; seconded by Mr. Moore; all were in favor; continued.*

Jeff Miller returned to the Board.

**Application #17-14 — Dollar General, Subdivision, Route 106, Map 21 Lot 16-1, C/I District & Application #17-15 — Dollar General, Site Plan, Route 106, Map 21 Lot 16-1, C/I district** — Austin Turner from Bohler Engineering and Patrick Natreba from Liscotti Development presented the applications again this month. Mr. Turner said they now have the driveway permit from DOT. Mr. Saunderson asked if they would be able to stake out the exact location of the driveway. Mr. Turner said as part of the Site Walk months ago they did stake out the driveway and show Board members. Chairman Dow said the Board has not yet accepted the application as complete because they did not have everything that was needed at the time. *Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the Site Plan application as complete and move to the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; all in favor; accepted. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the Subdivision application as complete and move to the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all in favor; accepted.* Chairman Dow said there will be an empty lot in between the lot where the Dollar General will be built and the TD Bank and would like an agreement that the empty lot have a driveway with access to the Bank. The owners of the property were recognized as TMCW LLC. Mr. Turner said they would agree to make a note on the plan, any future development on the empty parcel will be required to build the access to connecting both lots to TD Bank. Mr. Moore asked the other Board members if there was anything they could do to not allow direct access to 106. Vice Chairman Prescott said 106 is a state owned road and the Town has no jurisdiction.

Mr. Turner showed an updated Site Plan. Mr. Jakubowski spoke up from the public to show pictures from a Lee, NH Dollar General that had no landscaping and he doesn't want to see that here in Loudon. Mr. Natreba said they don't own the Lee, NH Dollar General. Mr. Jakubowski pointed out tall grass at the Belmont location. Mr. Natreba said he is not able to look at every Dollar General daily but will address this as all locations should be kept nice. Vice Chairman Prescott said the Dollar General in Gilford looks very nice and they should take a look at how that was designed. Mr. Turner said he is not familiar with that store but they can look into it. Mr. Turner said he can look at different coloring like grey. Vice Chairman said it is a very large door. Mr. Turner said this is a building code issue. Mr. Turner said he is happy to make changes and come back next month. *Vice Chairman Prescott made a motion to continue the Site Plan application until the November 16th meeting; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; all were in favor; continued.* Chairman Dow said the November 16th meeting will be held at the Loudon Elementary School. Mr. Saunderson said the note about the driveway access will need to be added. Vice Chairman Prescott said the map needs to have a Wetlands Scientist stamp, Surveyor stamp as well as Loudon DG, LLC added as the owner. *Vice Chairman Prescott made a motion to accept the Subdivision application with the condition a note be added about the driveway access be built from boundary to boundary if the lot is developed, a*

*Wetlands Scientist stamp, Surveyor stamp, boundary markers added and Loudon DG, LLC be added as the owner; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all were in favor; approved.*

**New Business:**

**Application #17-18 — Warren, Lot line adjustment, 70 Riverview Lane, Map 19 Lot 15, Map 11 Lot 76, R/R district** — Surveyor Jeff Green asked for a continuance due to a land dispute. *Mr. Saunderson made a motion to continue the application to the November 16th meeting; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all were in favor; continued.*

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

None

**Report of ZBA:**

**Z17-19 William Cosswell & Lisa Swanson — Special Exception — Reduced front setback, Map 16 Lot 10, R/R District.**

**Z17-20 Michael & Katie Sellingham — Special Exception — Accessory Dwelling Unit, Map 41 Lot 12, R/R District.**

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Saunderson. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco  
Administrative Assistant*

## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — October 26, 2017

**Present:**

Chairman Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Charlie Aznive, Earl Tuson, alternates George Saunderson, Peter Pitman and Dennis Jakubowski.

**Minutes:**

Regular Hearing September 28, 2017- Mr. Pearl corrected the voting on the Site Walk minutes as he abstained not recused himself also Mr. Saunderson made the motion to adjourn. *Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Mr. Tuson seconded the motion; All in favor. APPROVED*

**Discussions:**

**Frank Merrill** — Mr. Merrill and Surveyor Tim Bernier presented preliminary plans to the board to question if this would fit into the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Merrill said this business is for selling pipes. Mr. Merrill explained this operation to be built will be on Veterans Drive. Mr. Bernier said this business will be sales to mainly contractors but the public is able to come in and make purchases. Mr. Bernier questioned if this is a permitted use of

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retail sales or special exception of wholesale distribution. Mr. Merrill said this will have outside and inside storage. Mr. Tuson said he believes this is a permitted use of retail sales similar to an auto parts store that sells to mechanics or the public. Mr. Pearl said he also feels this falls under retail sales. Mr. Pearl said wholesale distribution is more selling products to other stores to sell. All Board members agreed that from what they are being told about this business it does fall under retail sales which is a permitted use and doesn't require a Special Exception. Mr. Bernier also questioned the 50% lot coverage of impervious surface and if the Board has ever granted relief to this. The Board members couldn't remember an exact application that was granted more impervious surface use. Mr. Bernier said final plans are not yet done and if it comes to that they will apply for a Variance.

**Bill Palmer** — Bill Palmer of 445 Bee Hole Road presented preliminary plans for an Accessory Dwelling Unit. Mr. Palmer explained that this attached garage will be built and the Accessory Dwelling Unit will be on half of the bottom floor and will include a bonus room upstairs to meet the square footage. Mr. Palmer said he will have to increase his septic system. Mr. Palmer said there isn't direct access to the bonus room from the Accessory Dwelling Unit, you would have to go outside or access it from the main Dwelling. Chairman Lizotte questioned if this would require a Site Walk. Mr. Tuson said this wouldn't require a Site Walk, it fits in the setback, pictures are being shown and there is nothing unusual about the property. Mr. Tuson said he thinks there is an issue with using an area that is not attached to the Accessory Dwelling Unit to reach the 750 square footage. Mr. Tuson said this opens up the possibility for someone to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit and designate some other part of the home as the unit to make up the square footage. Mr. Merrill said a door can be added to include the rest of the garage part of the Unit. Mr. Palmer will make some adjustments to the plans and submit the application.

Vice Chairman Pearl recused himself. Chairman Lizotte appointed Peter Pitman a voting member.

**Loudon Ridge Properties Appeal** — Board members read a letter from the Town Attorney regarding the appeal. Mr. Tuson said

that Jeff Green should be given a chance to demonstrate that he is directly affected. Mr. Saunderson asked Mr. Green how far from the property does he live. Mr. Green said he lives 2 miles away. *Mr. Pitman made a motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Tuson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive—no, Ned Lizotte—yes, Roy Merrill—yes, Peter Pitman—yes, Earl Tuson—yes. Majority—Denied.*

**Public Hearings:**

**Application #Z17-19, William Cogswell and Lisa Swanson, Special Exception for Reduced Front Setback, Map 16 Lot 10, R/R District** — Due to a notice error Mr. Tuson said we should re-notify abutters. *Mr. Pearl made a motion to re-notify abutters and hear the application at the next meeting. Mr. Tuson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive—yes, Ned Lizotte—yes, Roy Merrill—yes, Howard Pearl—yes, Earl Tuson—yes. Unanimous—Continued.*

**Application #Z17-20, Michael & Katie Sellingham, Special Exception for Accessory Dwelling Unit, Map 41 Lot 12, R/R District** — Mr. Sellingham explained they are taking their current three bedroom home and turning it into a two bedroom home by creating a laundry room. Mr. Sellingham said they will be adding an attached garage with a one bedroom attached ADU to the current home. Mr. Sellingham said this will keep the home a three bedroom and he will not have to update the septic. Mr. Sellingham went over his application with Chairman Lizotte. *Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Aznive seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive—yes, Ned Lizotte—yes, Roy Merrill—yes, Howard Pearl—yes, Earl Tuson—yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

**Board Discussion:**

**Zoning Amendments** — Zoning amendments and workshops are coming up. Mr. Merrill said the Board had talked about allowing 2 signs on commercial property and said the Board should talk about allowing more than 50% lot coverage on a commercial property. The Board will work on any recommendations to present.

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Pearl moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Merrill. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco, Administrative Assistant*

# December in Loudon

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**1st Monday of the month**

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

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

**1st Wednesday of the month**

7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

**1st Thursday of the month**

6:30•PTA @ LES  
7pm•Agriculture Commission @ Com.  
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**2nd Monday of the month**

7:15pm•MVSD School Board

**2nd Wednesday of the month**

6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library

**2nd Saturday of the month**

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

**3rd Monday of the month**

6pm•Yoga @ Library

**3rd Tuesday of the month**

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

**3rd Wednesday of the month**

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

**3rd Thursday of the month**

7pm•Planning Board @ CB

**3rd Sunday of the month**

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church  
Healing Prayer Time

**4th Tuesday of the month**

7pm•LYAA @ Library

**4th Wednesday of the month**

6:30pm•Recreation Committee @  
Library

**4th Thursday of the month**

7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

**Every Monday**

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

**Every Tuesday**

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library  
10:30am•Music & Movement @ Library  
1pm•Yoga @ Library

6pm•Selectmen @ CB

6:30pm•Prayer Mtg. @ Congregational  
Church

**Every Wednesday**

6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library  
6:30pm•Wolf Pack @ LES  
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**Every Thursday**

10:30am•Story Time @ Library  
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library  
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**Dec. 7•PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Dec. 8•6pm•Polar Express Night @ Library**

**Dec. 13•HANUKKAH**

**Dec. 15•LEDGER DEADLINE**

**Dec. 16•4pm•Handbell Choir Concert @  
Loudon Center Freewill Baptist  
Church**

**Dec. 18•6pm•Communications Council  
Mtg. @ Com. Bldg.**

**Dec. 21•FIRST DAY OF WINTER**

**Dec. 23•Library Closed**

**Dec. 24•9:30am•Christmas Service @ Faith  
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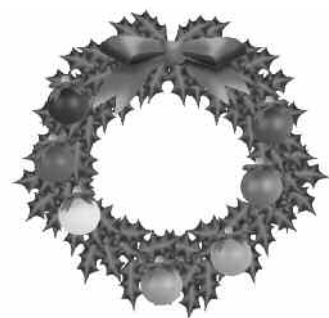
**Dec. 25•CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Dec. 26•No Music & Movement Class @  
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**Dec. 28•11–3•Parent-led Craft Time @  
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