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Ladd Family Land Protected With A Conservation Easement

Lucille Ladd and members of her family worked with the Loudon Conservation Commission to protect two parcels of land with a conservation easement. The lands total approximately 65.6 acres and will be forever protected from development.

The Ladds, a family with a long lineage to Loudon, approached the Loudon Conservation Commission over two years ago looking for direction on how to enroll their property into a conservation easement project, a dream that Lucille has had for quite some time. The Ladds were willing to make this a donation to the town, paying for all the expenses associated with the necessary work to complete this project.

The Ladds desire was that the conservation easement be held by the Town of Loudon.

The Loudon Conservation Commission and the Ladds worked together to develop easement language that would mimic many other conservation easements in town. The two parcels abut other conservation lands, thus were a perfect fit to a project that took place over 30 years ago, the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP). At the time, the members of the Loudon Conservation Commission were able to protect nearly 2,000 acres of valuable agricultural, forest and wetlands through the LCIP project. In fact, the acreage protected in Loudon through LCIP was larger than any other project in the state through the program.

The Town of Loudon and the Loudon Conservation Commission would like to give their sincere thanks to Lucille and members of her family for their generous donation and insuring these parcels will remain as beautiful in the future as they are today. ■



The Ladd Family, represented by Lucille Ladd (right), recently signed an easement protecting land abutting other protected lands in Loudon. Also shown here is Selectman Roger Maxfield and Conservation Commission Chairperson Julie Robinson.

An Important Message From The Loudon Communication Council

To Loudon Residents:

Please help us find Loudon residents who would be willing to serve as members and directors of the Loudon Communication Council. Whether or not there will be a *Loudon Ledger*, a loudonnh.org website, or a Communications Council after July 1st depend on it.

Our approval as a non-profit requires us to have a minimum of 5 directors not related by blood or marriage. We need folks who are willing to serve as directors and function as secretary, treasurer, chair and vice-chair. Most importantly, we need new members who will understand, honor and uphold the Council's mission and by-laws to ensure that the *Ledger* continues to provide an unbiased source of information about our town.

Some of us have been with the Council for five or six years. Some of

us have been on board since 1998 and we're tired. We need help. If we can't find folks willing to step into those roles, we will have no choice but to begin a transition process and we may need to shut down altogether. It was extremely difficult to obtain IRS approval as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. If we should let that approval lapse, it's hard to imagine ever getting it back.

We continue to believe that the *Loudon Ledger* fills an important function for our community. For some of us, it's a nice way of staying caught up with what's going on in town. For others, it can be a lifeline, particularly for the elderly and the disabled. The *Ledger* is unique — there is not another publication like it anywhere in New Hampshire. If you agree and want to see the *Ledger* continue, please share this with your Loudon family and

friends, and let's find some volunteers. We need to hear back from you immediately. We will honor all of our commitments and contracts, particularly with the advertisers who have given such loyal support through the years. However, if we can't find new members by the end of February, we will start the slow but sad process of winding down operations as we get ready for Town Meeting in March. Contact any member of the Council: Mary Ann Steele, Amanda Masse, Cammy Nolin, Jenn Becker, Jenn Pfeifer, Peter Pitman or Kathy Pitman. You also can contact us by emailing Deb Kardaseski at debbie@debbiekgraphics.com, Samantha French at pixiepie05@comcast.net, or Kathy Pitman at Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net. Please give us a hand! We need your help now! ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

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

Town Clerk

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7032 (8 Cooper St., Fire Dept. side of Safety Complex) • 798-5584
Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Loudon Elementary School

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

Transfer Station

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

Highway Department

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

Maxfield Public Library

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

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

Loudon Representatives

REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

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

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

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Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
State Representative George L. Saunderson. (603)783-4750. George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

State Representative Jason R. Parent. (603)387-4626.
Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2016 Schedule

January 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/21

February 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/22 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

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Web Site and Article Submissions: Kathy Pitman — Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net

Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

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



Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”
Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

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



Landmark Baptist Church

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



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John M. Young, Pastor
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Proud member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.
For information on scheduled events, call Gayle Doyle at 435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For general church information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 608-5833 (days) or 435-6510 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

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



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

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



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

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

PRIMARY VOTING
TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 2016
8 A.M. UNTIL 7 P.M.
AT
THE ARTHUR COLBY
SAFETY COMPLEX /
FIRE STATION

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF LOUDON

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 11:00–11:30 a.m. at Charlie’s Barn directly next to the Loudon Town Offices (29 S. Village Rd.). This will be the last day to accept voter registration applications. NO ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS shall be made to the checklist after this session until Town Election Day (March 8), except as provided in RSA 659:12. RSA 654:8,II.

Marge Schoonmaker
Francine Clave
Tracy Huckins
Supervisors of the Checklist

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016
Serving Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Family Bible Church
676 Loudon Ridge Road
Loudon, NH 03307

Bring your friends. • Bring your family.
Bring your appetite

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU

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

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Loudon Food Pantry News

Extremely Thankful to Dave & Tracy Huckins

As many of you know, Huckleberry Heating Oil donates our unit to us. Earlier this week the owner, Dave Huckins, came to visit and saw how cramped we get during the busy season. As timing would have it, one of the other tenants in the building was leaving and he offered to donate that space to us year round as well!

Dave, besides the big hug I gave you, everyone at Loudon Food Pantry would like to thank you and Tracy for this wonderful gift! It's much needed and could not have come at a better time. Thank You!

Gift of Lights (NH Motor Speedway)

This year we received 10,599.65 pounds of food and \$514 from the Gift of Lights. This is 1,113.91 pounds of food and \$167 better than 2014. So, after doing a little math, this year Gift of Lights has donated enough food and funds for our households to create 10,889.04 meals. That's a lot of meals. Way to go NH Motor Speedway! Thank you so much!

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger

Starting Date: February 1, 2015 — Ending Date: April 30, 2015

The challenge is to make our goal of \$9,000 so that we can continue to fight hunger!

To be part of this effort...

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

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

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

Canterbury	Elkins Library	Food
Chichester	Camping World	Food
Epsom	Care Pharmacy	Cash Bin
Loudon	106 Bean Stalk	Cash Bin
Loudon	Egg Shell Restaurant	Cash Bin
Loudon	Loudon Station	Food & Cash Bin
Loudon	Loudon Village Country Store	Cash Bin
Loudon	Red Roof Inn	Cash Bin
Loudon	TD Bank	Food & Funds (they will deposit directly into our account — speak with any teller)

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



Loudon Police Department News

By Kristoffer R. Burgess, Sergeant

There are some new faces at Loudon Police Department. Please welcome our newest full time officer, Juan C. Posada. Officer Posada joined our department mid January. He previously worked for another local police department and is full time certified. We also welcome two new part-time officers, Officer Anthony Strout and Officer Chung Chiu. Both officers are currently attending the part time academy and expected to graduate May 6, 2016.

We have decided to take a break from the D.A.R.E. Program. This also includes the annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. This was not an easy decision. However, there were a few deciding factors which include our lack of manpower and we will leave the decision to the new Chief of how we will proceed with this program. Although we understand many will be disappointed with this decision, we appreciate your understanding while we go through this transition.

A reminder that Merrimack Valley School District's winter vacation is the week of February 22nd. Use extra caution on the roadways as children will be out and about!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. ■

Winnisquam FFA Members Go Camping!



Caroline Crouch and Kate Merrill get ready to launch themselves down the hill at the annual NH FFA Winter Leadership Camp in Alton.

Sixteen members of the Winnisquam FFA Chapter spent the weekend of January 15th at the annual New Hampshire FFA Winter Leadership Camp, where they improved their skills as young leaders, met other FFA members from around the state and participated in social activities. In all, students of agricultural education from nine NH schools attended the event, including Caroline Crouch and Kate Merrill of Loudon.

Campers participated in workshops on subjects such as identifying biases, overcoming fears and making rational and mature decisions. The seminar was led by Corey Flournoy, a former National FFA President and founding partner of Creative Outreach, a diversity and motivational consulting group. Assisting Flournoy were the seven NH FFA State Officers, teens from across the state elected to leadership positions by their peers.

NH FFA Leadership Camp has been held annually for 19 years, and remains one of the organization's most popular activities. It is funded in part by the NH FFA Foundation and the NH Department of Education, with participants paying only a portion of the cost to attend. The event is held at the Brookwoods Conference Center in Alton, on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. While at the event, the students meet and interact with other teens from some of New Hampshire's 13 agricultural education programs, staying in heated cabins and sharing meals, leadership workshops and recreational activities.

The FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) is a national organization of over 630,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,757 chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Visit www.nhffa.org for more information. ■

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

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



News From American Legion Post 88

By Commander Shawn Jones



To my Legion Family,

At our January meeting we had 13 members in attendance. Gary Tasker gave a report from the building committee. He and Stan Prescott have received two bids from local contractors. They are still going over the figures and will bring the proposed bids to the February meeting. We then may take up a vote to award one of the contractors the job of renovating the new post. Meanwhile Shane Labonte had contacted Home Depot and Lowes and presented his findings. He will continue to work on making out a grant application with the Home Depot Foundation.

Finance Officer Larry Elliot is also filling in for our Adjutant Joe Piroso while he recovers from a recent illness. We wish Joe a speedy recovery and hope to see him as soon as he's well enough to return. Thank you, Larry, for stepping up and serving in two positions while Joe is on the mend.

Larry processed three membership renewals at the January meeting and one new member application. We would like to welcome our newest member, Dale Williams. He currently serves full time with the NH Army National Guard and recently returned from being deployed. He and his new bride live in Loudon. We want to thank him for his service to our state and country. Thank you, Dale, for choosing Post 88 to join. We look forward to seeing him at future meetings. Chaplain Larry Hemphill volunteered to contact some of our members who have not renewed this year. Hopefully he will have better success in getting these members to remain Legionnaires. Our current membership is now up to 85.44%; we are ahead of the January renewal target of 80 percent. With Dale on board, we are well on our way to meeting Department Commander John Graham's goal for our post to bring in two new members for 2016. If you know of anyone interested in learning about the benefits joining, please have that person contact me for a membership brochure. As cus-



Chaplain Larry Hemphill and Fred Osgood present Margaret LaBrecque, Commandant of the NH Veteran's Home, with our donation check.

tomary, Post 88 will pay the new member's dues for the first year if they'd like.

Please start thinking about how you would like to serve your post as an officer for the upcoming year. If you would like to run for a position be sure to make your intentions known no later than the March meeting.

The dates for the Department Oratorical Contest for High School students is February 27th and for Junior students (middle school), March 19th, both at St. Anselm's College. It appears there will be no local or District contest as no students have expressed an interest in competing this year, despite the hard work Child & Youth Officer Mike Hartt has done to make students and parents aware. We will continue to promote this important program for next year. Mike was to attend an Oratorical Committee meeting on January 20th in my place.

These contests are open to all students from grades five through twelve, including home schooled students. If a parent(s) want to learn more about the American Legion Oratorical contest go to <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/about> or contact myself.

We received a nice thank you letter from the NHVH in Tilton thanking us for our generous donation of \$500.00. Also the Loudon Lions Club thanked Mike Moffett and myself for the donation of \$75.00 that will be used, along with a \$75.00 donation from the Lions, to buy dictionaries for Loudon Elementary students. Both groups worked in conjunction with the Chichester Grange to make this happen.

On February 7th at 1300 hours the Penacook Legion Post 31 will be hosting the following event: Four Chaplain Sunday Interfaith Memorial in recognition of their unselfish acts of heroism aboard the USAT Dorchester in 1943. Full dress recommended. Reception to follow. RSVP by January 24, 2016. Contact Information: Linda Brink 603-998-9839 or lindamweaver@gmail.com Our own post Chaplain will be participating in this memorial service.

There is a lot happening throughout the state at other Legion Posts. To find out more go to www.legionnh.org and check out the events calendar tab.

Our Commander's Fund Raffle winners for January were: \$50/G. Cole, \$25/B. Young, \$10/L. Damour, \$10/B. Quigley and \$5/S. Dymont. Congratulations to our winners.

Our next meeting will be on February 17th at 1900 hours at Charlie's Barn. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

By Michaela Warren

Happy New Year! It was a cold day Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Charlie's Barn when Loudon Young at Heart met, with 39 members present. Several of our members brought donations for the Loudon Food Pantry.

Our guest speaker was Gerry Lofaro who presented his graphics arts. His wife, Kathy, introduced him to us and the presentation was amazing! His family history of many years, slide show, and talent were enjoyed by all!

There were several door prizes that were won by Dottie Mulkhey, Roger Dow, Janet Graves, Judy Merrow, Ann Frans, Philip Mulkhey, Jan Rancroft, and Maureen Hudson. The Loudon Young at Heart will meet February 9, 2016 for Bingo and pizza. Remember our snow policy: no school = no meeting! Thanks to all who attended! See you all February 9, 2016. Stay warm and healthy! Maureen Prescott was on vacation, notes were taken by Michaela Warren. ■

Jonathan Dunbar Named To Dean's List


Jonathan Dunbar, son of Earl and Marcia-Anne, Loudon, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of the 2015-16 school year at Hope College in Holland, MI. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 3,407 men and women and is affiliated with the Reformed Church of America. ■

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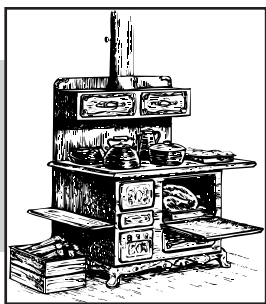
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What's Cookin'! Warm Drinks for Cold Days!

By Jenn Pfeifer

Here are some hot drinks for those cold days and nights for the kids and the adults.

S'MORES HOT CHOCOLATE — By minimalistbaker.com

- 2 Cups milk, any kind
- 1 Cup water (or use 3 c. milk)
- ¼ Cup cocoa powder
- 2 Tbsp. light chocolate syrup
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ¼ Tsp. non-bitter stevia (or add 1–2 Tbsp. more sugar to taste)
- Pinch salt
- Graham crackers, crushed (for lining rim)
- ½ Cup mini marshmallows

Preheat oven to low broil and move oven rack to the second from the top (high enough up to broil your marshmallows). Place baking sheet on rack. Heat milk and water in a saucepan over medium heat until warmed through — about 5 minutes. Be careful not to overheat or scald. Add cocoa powder, chocolate syrup, sugar, stevia and salt and whisk vigorously until thoroughly combined.

Meanwhile, take a few marshmallows and rub them around the top of your mugs so the graham crackers will stick. Then, dip mug in graham cracker crumbs until well lined. You could also add some graham cracker crumbs to the bottom of your mug for extra graham flavor. Pour in hot chocolate and top with ¼ cup marshmallows each. Carefully set mugs on the baking sheet in the oven and broil marshmallows until browned, watching carefully as to not let them burn. Carefully remove from the oven with a towel and serve with holders or a small towel to protect hand from heat (they should cool quickly for handling). Top with a drizzle of chocolate syrup and extra graham cracker crumbs for serving (optional).

HOMEMADE WHITE HOT CHOCOLATE — By gimmesomeoven

- 4 Cups of milk of your choice (or you can substitute heavy cream or half and half, or do a mixture)
- 1 Tsp. vanilla extract
- 8 Oz. white chocolate, chopped into small pieces (or white chocolate chips)
- Whipped cream or marshmallows for topping
- White chocolate liqueur (optional)

Stir together milk, vanilla and chopped white chocolate in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until the white hot chocolate comes to a simmer. (Do not let it come to a boil.) Remove from heat and serve immediately, topped with whipped cream or marshmallows if desired.

MALTED HOT COCOA WITH TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS — By realsimple.com

- 1 Serving hot cocoa mix (plus the ingredients called for in the package directions)
- 3 Large marshmallows
- 3 Tablespoons malted milk powder

Heat broiler of oven or toaster oven. Place the marshmallows on a foil-lined broiler-proof baking sheet and broil until just golden, about 30 seconds. Meanwhile, prepare the hot cocoa mix according to the package directions. Mix with the malted milk powder. Top with the toasted marshmallows.

SPICED VANILLA PEAR APPLE CIDER — By mybakingaddiction

- 2 Quarts fresh apple cider
- 2 Quarts pear juice (no sugar added). I found a 100% juice option in the organic section of the grocery store. I would not substitute pear nectar here...it will end up being too sweet.
- 2 Cinnamon sticks
- ¼ Tsp. nutmeg
- 1 Star anise
- 1 Vanilla bean pod
- Rum or Bourbon (optional)

Add juices and spices to a large soup pot or crockpot. Slice vanilla bean pod in half lengthwise and toss in pot. On low heat bring the cider up to a simmer, whisk-

ing often. The spices and vanilla will infuse into the cider. Simmer for 5–10 minutes. Ladle into a big mug and add a shot of rum or bourbon if you'd like.

3 INGREDIENT GINGER LATTE — By minimalistbaker.com

For the Ginger Syrup:

- 1½ Cups filtered water
- 1 Cup organic cane sugar (or sub granulated or raw)
- 1 Cup roughly chopped fresh ginger (~1 large knob)

For the Latte:

- 1½–2 Tbsp. ginger syrup
- 1¼ Cups unsweetened plain almond milk

Optional: ginger tea, ginger powder or cinnamon (or other spices) for topping

To make the ginger syrup, bring the water, sugar and ginger to a boil, and stir to dissolve sugar. Then reduce heat to a low simmer and continue cooking for 45 minutes. Strain through a fine mesh strainer into a bottle or jar for easy storage. To make the ginger latte, heat almond milk in a saucepan or in a mug in the microwave. Then add 1–2 Tbsp. ginger syrup. Taste and adjust sweetness as needed. For even more ginger flavor, first steep a ginger tea packet in your almond milk for 3–5 minutes before adding syrup. Sprinkle with a little ginger powder, cinnamon or any other preferred spices, and serve. Ginger syrup should keep in the fridge for up to a month. Use for lattes, as a ginger-infused sweetener in cocktails, or with tonic water to make “ginger soda.”

CAFÈ CARIBBEAN — By Colleen Graham

- 1 Ounce rum
- ½ Ounce amaretto
- Hot black coffee
- Whipped cream
- Shaved almonds for garnish

Pour the rum and amaretto into an Irish coffee glass. Fill with hot coffee. Top with whipped cream. Garnish with shaved almonds.

WARM HAZELNUT TODDY — By realsimple.com

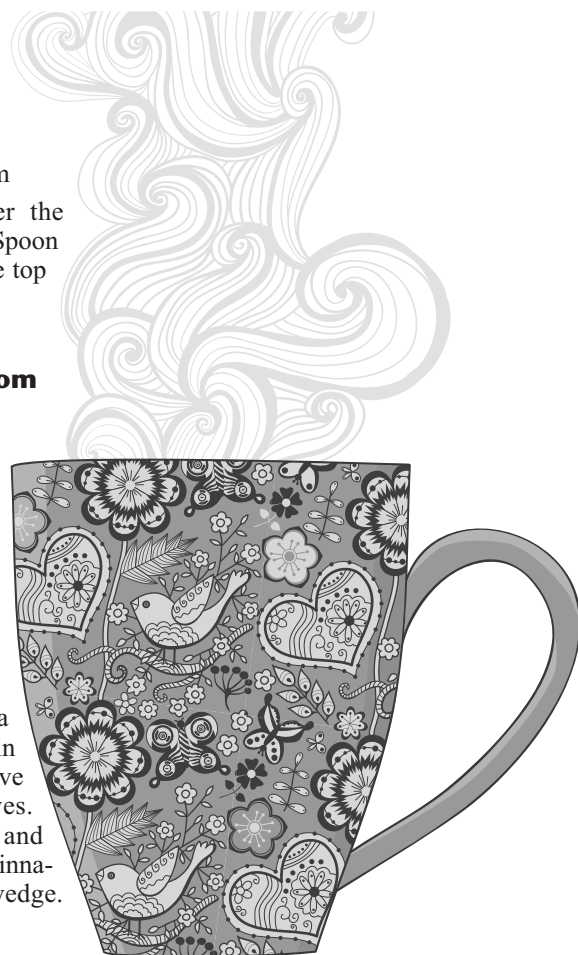
- 1½ Ounces Frangelico
- ½ Cup hot water
- 2 Tablespoons lightly whipped heavy cream

In a mug, stir together the Frangelico and hot water. Spoon the whipped cream over the top before serving.

SPICED WINE — By Mimi Sheraton (Random House, 1965).

- 1 (750-ml bottle) medium-bodied red wine, such as Zweigelt
- ½ Cup sugar
- 8 Whole cloves
- 4 Lemon wedges
- 4 4" sticks of cinnamon

Bring ingredients to a boil, stirring occasionally, in a 4-qt. saucepan and remove from heat. Discard cloves. Ladle wine into 4 glasses and garnish each with 1 of the cinnamon sticks and 1 lemon wedge. Serve hot. ■





Parent Advisory Committee Formed For MVSD

A Parent Advisory Committee has been formed for the MVSD Superintendent's Office. Part of the committee's goal is to develop materials for citizens to better explain the school budget process.

Appearing below is what has been developed to reach that goal.

It is the hope of the committee to distribute this information to every town in the district. As part of that distribution goal, the information is being included in this issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. The information appears here unedited.

MVSD MISSION STATEMENT

ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND VALUES NECESSARY TO PREPARE THEM FOR COLLEGE, CAREER, AND CITIZENSHIP

MVSD Budget Process

Each year the Merrimack Valley School District (MVSD) brings a budget to our communities and asks for your support in educating the children of our District and maintaining and/or upgrading our facilities and infrastructures. Constituent approval takes place at the annual meeting in March, but the process of creating a budget is a continuous effort throughout the year.

Budgeting is a collaborative and communicative process between the school administrators, staff, and the community. We are all committed to educating the next generation of leaders, business owners, post-secondary students, military personnel, caregivers, and visionaries in a way that is effective and economical.

Things to keep in mind when considering the budget:

- Our state has a unique funding mechanism in place where a certain percentage of property taxes are allocated to the local school system (approximately 60%–70% in the MVSD communities)
- Research attests to the fact that the most profound way to positively impact students is through the skills of the teachers in the classroom, the administrators, and support personnel that work with students on a daily basis
- The best investment we can make for our children is represented in the adults that we hire
- Our physical infrastructures are valued at approximately \$75 million dollars. Once you add in the contents of each building, this represents about a \$90 million dollar investment

This document was created to explain the MVSD budgeting process in an effort to facilitate collaboration and communication. It should not be considered a definitive guide. Please direct any questions you have about the budgeting process to Superintendent Mark MacLean – mmaclean@mvsdpride.org. Terms that are underlined may be unfamiliar to some people and are defined at the end of the document.

The Budget Timeline

Spring – After the voters have approved a budget (at Annual Meeting), the framework and planning for future budgeting is started. MVSD complies with *Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP)* as determined by the *Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB)*

- Current year spending is closely monitored
- Attempts to determine the unreserved fund balance (if any) begin
- Conversations are initiated with building administrators to begin to quantify needs for the school year almost 2-years out. Planning and purchasing for the upcoming school year becomes a priority. A focus on hiring personnel for the next school year impacts the budget expenditures and planning in a significant way (we always try to get the best person for the job at the best price!)

Summer – New Fiscal Year (closing the books)

- The District's Fiscal Year runs from July 1 – June 30
- As the fiscal year comes to a close the focus is on closing the books on one fiscal year and opening the books on another (thereby putting the new budget into action)
- Conversations continue with administrators regarding planning and implementation for the upcoming school year and forecasting for the year after that. Final personnel decisions are made (typically support staff hirings based on student need and transience)

Fall – Financially we begin each academic year focused on budget planning for the following year

- Conversations are continued with administration relative to students, personnel, and infrastructures
- Draft budgets are organized in preparation for Finance Committee Meetings
- The current year's budget and associated spending are closely monitored and continually analyzed

Winter – The full Board receives updates on the Finance Committee's work via reports at Board meetings and circulation of draft budgets throughout the year. After much review, planning and deliberation, the Finance Committee recommends a budget to the MVSD Board, (typically by the January Board Meeting). Once a recommendation has been acted on and adopted by the full Board, a draft budget is ready to be presented to the MVSD community for feedback at the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing – Every January interested voters of the MVSD are invited to provide testimony on the proposed budget for the following school year. This Public Hearing is designed for the Board to hear comments on the draft budget and warrant articles. These comments are listened to and have heavy impact on the final budget as well as planning for Annual Meeting. Between the Public Hearing and the Annual Meeting, the budget is revisited and potentially adjusted based on compiled input.

Annual Meeting – Each March, voters of the MVSD gather to hear information and vote on the proposed MVSD Operating Budget and other Articles on the Warrant. Other Articles might include:

- Collectively bargained agreements (between personnel groups and MVSD)
- Building projects, expenditures separate of the regular operating budget (a technology initiative for example), and operational considerations
- Petitioned warrant articles (brought forth through the efforts of various voters)

Budget planning for the next Public Hearing and Annual Meeting typically begins the next day! Initial planning takes place via conversation and reflection on the outcomes of the previous night's meeting.

Budget Expenses (from the 2015-2016 approved budget) – Please see Chart A on page 3

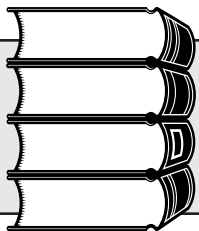
- Approximately **78.4%** of the budget is dedicated to **personnel** costs (associated salaries and benefits from all aspects of the system). A large portion of the budget is predetermined via these expenses

These other cost areas do not include personnel costs:

- **Buildings, Infrastructure, and Operations** accounts for about **5.6%** of the budget
- **Special Education and Related Student Services** accounts for **3.5%** of the budget
- **Transportation** (Regular, Special Education, and Athletics) represents approximately **3%** of the budget
- **Federal and Food Service** are about **3.9%** of the budget
- About **1.3%** of the budget is allocated to **instructional materials**, supplies, equipment, repairs, and furniture
- **Curriculum and Professional Development / Career and Technical Education (CTE)** each account for approximately **.5%** of the budget
- **MVSD's costs for the SAU Assessment** represents about **1.9%** of the budget
- **Technology and Athletics** each comprise **.6%** of the budget
- **Other** expenses (Legal, Board, Miscellaneous) are about **.2%** of the budget

Revenues, District Assessment, and Apportionments

- Revenues that the District receives are used to offset expenses. The following list represents revenues typically received:
 - ▲ *State Sources* – the major source is Per Pupil Adequacy
 - ▲ *Federal Sources* – Title Grants, Nutrition, and Medicaid Reimbursements
 - ▲ *Other sources* – for example Tuition Agreements
- The Total Budget minus anticipated revenues = the District Assessment
 - ▲ The District Assessment is apportioned out to the towns based on *Average Daily Membership (ADM)* and Equalized Valuation. About 60–70% of local property taxes are directed towards fulfilling this obligation. If a town's portion of the District Assessment is higher than the previous year, this means the Local School portion of a property owner's tax bill will increase



Maxfield Public Library News

Coming Soon!

The Maxfield Public Library would like to invite local agencies and businesses to participate in our first Health and Literacy Fair on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 2016 summer reading theme “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read,” lends itself to a variety of programs related to wellness, fitness, healthy lifestyles, self-improvement, learning, and exploration. We would like to increase awareness of local health and wellness services and resources. Set up at the library to publicize your products or services and/or supply printed materials to be displayed. All participating and donating organizations and businesses will be acknowledged in future advertising.

Sign-ups for the summer reading program will kick off at the fair. If you are interested in participating or donating to this “sure to be exciting” event for Loudon, please contact the library’s director, Deborah Gadwah-Lambert, at 603-798-5153 or maxlib@comcast.net.

Story Time

On February 2, 3, and 4, story time will look at James Mayhew’s *Who Wants a Dragon?* and *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight* by Penny Parker Klostermann. During Craft Time, the children will create their own dragon mask.

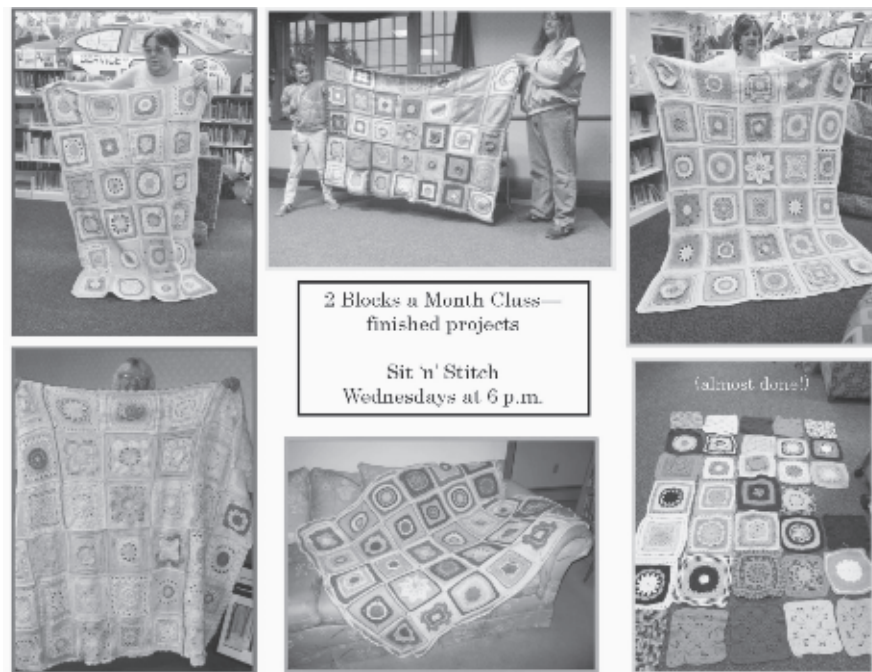
On February 9, 10, and 11, story time will celebrate Valentine’s Day by reading *Happy Valentine’s Day*, *Curious George* by H.A. Rey and *Secret Admirer* by Donna W. Guthrie. After making a valentine for someone special, the story timers are invited to stay for a Valentine’s Party. Please bring a treat to share, the library will provide juice.

On February 16, 17, and 18, the children will hear *Use Your Imagination (but be careful what you wish for)* by Nicola O’Byrne and *Cinderella’s Stepsister and the Big Bad Wolf* by Lorraine Carey. The craft for the week will depict a wolf howling at the moon in a tissue paper sky.

Vacation Week

Looking for something to do during school vacation?

Join us **Tuesday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. for a movie and popcorn.** Please call the library to find out what’s playing.



This is what the “2 Blocks a Month” class was up to! These are beautiful.

Join us **Thursday, February 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the drop in craft.**

Join us *every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for LEGO club.* This is a drop in event – no need to sign up!

Adult Craft Club — Make It At The Maxfield!

The adult craft club will be meeting **Saturday, February 13 at 9 a.m.** Call the library to see what we’ll be making.

You can never have too many LEGOs! Join the LEGO Club. It meets every Thursday afternoon from 3:30 until 5 p.m. here at the Library.



Vision Board Party

It's a new year! Join us on Saturday, February 20 at 9 a.m. to craft your individual vision board and let the *Law of Attraction* make those dream, wishes, and goals a reality. Sign up at the circulation desk for this free event and pick up a list of things you will want to think about and items you will want to gather before crafting this empowering tool for success.

Coloring for Adults

Join us every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for coloring and coffee, and de-stress from everyday pressures.

Sit 'n Stitch

Sit 'n' stitch meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Our latest project is a Chunky Crocheted Basket to hold your "in-process" projects. You are welcome to come in and try out this pattern or bring in your own project and join us for some lively conversation.

New!! Beginner's Crochet Class

If you would like to learn how to crochet, join our "**NEW**" crochet class starting February 10 at 6 p.m. This class will start you off with the very basics. You will need three colors of 4-ply yarn, and a size "H" crochet hook. Each week the class will be introduced to one or two new stitches to be used to crochet a square. The end product will be a beautiful "Sampler Afghan."

Yoga

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

Meditation

Looking to unwind in these hectic times? Join Fran Nash for an hour of gentle stretching and meditation, Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. The cost per session is \$5.00.

Book Group

Book group will meet Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Please call the library for more information.

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

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. ■



We like to start our readers young!

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Maxfield Public Library Passes!

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

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4.50. Children under age 1 free.

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Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

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Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

SEE SCIENCE CENTER

Free admission for a family.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

\$3 trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$10 each.

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

Free admission for a family.

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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



Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

FREE WORKSHOP

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is the most destructive non-native insect in North America. Over the past few years, it has been found infesting and killing ash trees in forests and landscapes throughout central and southern New Hampshire. Experiences in other states tell us we can't eradicate EAB from New Hampshire, but we can protect high-value trees and slow the spread of the ash mortality.

Come learn the facts and get your questions answered by UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialists, Tim Fleury, Natural Resources and Amy Papineau, Food & Agriculture.

Register on-line at: <http://bitly.com/EABUNH> or contact Mary West at 796-2151 or mary.west@unh.edu. Co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and the Boscawen Agricultural Commission.

LOCATION:

Boscawen Municipal Complex, 116 North Main Street, 4th floor, Boscawen (*handicapped accessible*)

DIRECTIONS:

From I-93: Take Exit 17 and bear right off the ramp. Follow Rte 4 to the traffic circle and take the second ramp in the circle to Harris Hill Road for 0.2 miles, turn left onto Jackson Street for 0.4 miles and arrive at the Boscawen Complex on the right. **From Rtes 3 and 4 southbound through Boscawen:** Turn right at the traffic light onto N. Main Street (Route 3 South). Shortly after Alan's Restaurant (on right), is the Boscawen Municipal Complex (on left). Turn left onto Jackson Street and left into the parking lot.

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Winter Children's Programs at Great Bay Discovery Center

The Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland, NH, is offering a variety of fun and educational programming for children this winter. Programs are available for pre-school age and home-schooled children, as well as February vacation programs for older children.

Once Upon a Winter Estuary — Programs for Ages 2–5

Once Upon a Winter Estuary programs are offered from 9:45-11:00 a.m. on select Thursdays in January, February and March. Come dressed ready for some winter wonderland fun outdoors! We'll start each program outside with activities, games and wintery walks. Following our outdoor exploration, we'll move inside to warm with up with a story, craft and hot cocoa! This series is ideal for youngsters ages 2–5; \$2 per child participant. Pre-registration is required. Please call (603) 778-0015 and ask for Jay or Beth or email Beth.Heckman@wildlife.nh.gov.

February 18, 2016 — Snow Party by Harriet Ziefert

Come dressed for snow and bring your sled! Join us as we have some winter fun making snowmen and sledding down our big hill! We'll warm up with a craft and cocoa.

March 3, 2016 — The Animals' Winter Sleep by Lynda Graham-Barber

Where do the animals sleep when it gets cold outside? Bring your favorite stuffed animal and blanket to snuggle while we learn about how some animals spend the winter.

March 17, 2016 — That's What Leprechauns Do by Eve Bunting

Come take a walk with us and see what kind of mischief the leprechauns made when they visited us here at the Discovery Center! We'll have a snack and make a rainbow to take home.

2016 Home School Winter Discovery Days

2016 Home School Winter Discovery Days include the following activities. For fees and a registration form, see www.wildnh.com/education/documents/greatbay-events.pdf

Friday, February 19, 2016 — *Sledding, Snowmen, Serious Snacks*

Friday, March 4, 2016 — *Winter Hibernation and Adaptation*

Bayventures 2016 — February Vacation Day Activities for Kids 6–11

To sign up for the following February vacation adventures for children age 6–11 at Great Bay Discovery Center, call (603) 778-0015 or email Beth.Heckman@wildlife.nh.gov.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 — Project Feederwatch

Do you like to birdwatch? Bird watching is a hobby that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. The Discovery Center has participated in Project Feederwatch for over 15 years and would like your help counting birds at our feeders. Join us for a day of bird identification, counting and tallying our feathered friends. Enjoy games and crafts too!

Thursday, February 25, 2016 — Outside with Owls

Did you know that many owls nest in the winter? Join us as we explore the woods around the Discovery Center for evidence of owls. We will play owl games and make owl crafts too!

Friday, February 26, 2016 — Trekking for Tracks

Join us as we look for animals and their "autographs" in different habitats around the Discovery Center...on snowshoes! Over the last couple of years we have identified fisher tracks in the woods and otter tracks on the salt marsh. Take part in winter activities and games and make a craft to take home.

The Great Bay Discovery Center is managed by the NH Fish and Game Department. Located just off Route 33 on at 89 Depot Road, Greenland, NH, the Center is the Education Headquarters for the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a state and federal partnership between Fish and Game and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. To learn more, visit www.greatbay.org.



MVSD Budget — cont. from 7

Useful Definitions

- **GAAP** – Generally Accepted Accounting Principals. A set of principles, standards, and procedures that entities use to compile their financial statements
- **GASB** – Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The source of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) used by State and Local governments in the United States
- **Unreserved Fund Balance** – responsible budgeting includes forecasting for maximum exposure in certain areas (health care, insurances, utilities, snow removal, open positions...) and hoping for the best! Money that is raised and appropriated, but not spent by the end of the fiscal year is called the Unreserved Fund Balance. This money is returned back to the tax payers
- **SAU Assessment** – SAU 46 includes both the Andover and Merrimack Valley School Districts. Costs associated with the SAU office and personnel are shared among the two school districts
- **Per Pupil Adequacy** – a per pupil revenue amount received from the State (as of January, 2016 that amount is approximately \$3,500 per student)
- **Average Daily Membership** – ADM – the number of attending students from each town
- **Equalized Valuation** – The equalized assessed valuation represents the equalized value of all "taxable" properties in a municipality

MVSD Annual Meeting

The Merrimack Valley School District's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, 2016 in the Auditorium at Merrimack Valley High School. The polls will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium at MVHS. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

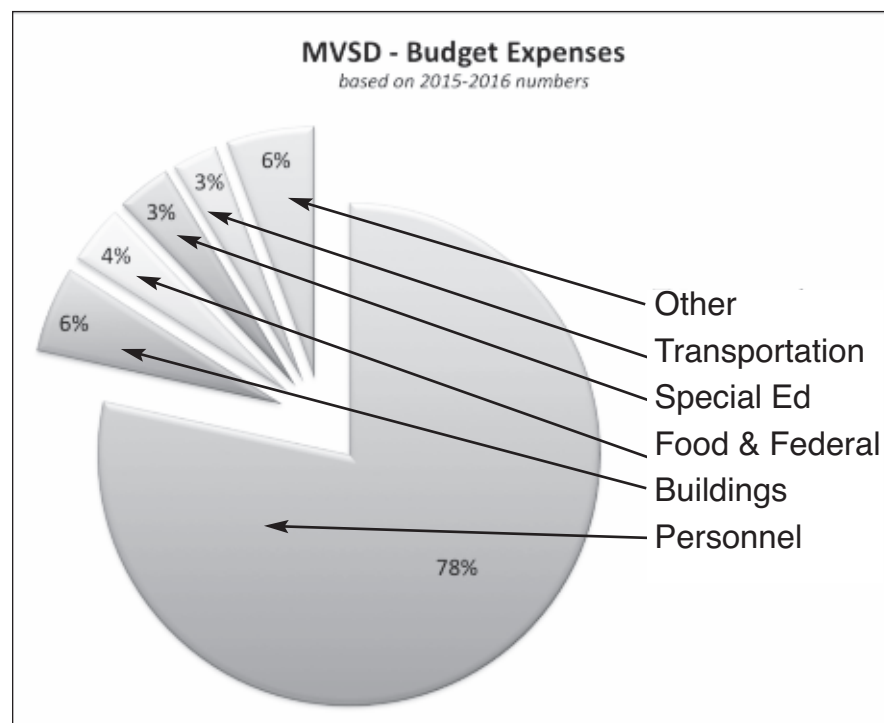



Chart A (above). This chart provides a visual representation of major budget areas from the 2015-2016 MVSD Budget.

Thank you for taking the time to look at this document. It is our hope that this provides beneficial information for you.

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The New Hampshire Humanities Council
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proud to present:

**Adair Mulligan, speaking on
“A Walk Back in Time: The
Secrets of Cellar Holes”**

Northern New England is full of reminders of past lives: stone walls, old foundations, and a century-old lilac struggling to survive as the forest reclaims a once-sunny dooryard. What forces shaped settlement, and later abandonment, of these places? Adair Mulligan explores the rich story to be discovered in what remains behind. See how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues in the landscape. Such a project can help landowners know what to do if they have archaeological sites on their land and help stimulate interest in a town's future through its past.

When: Wednesday, April 6th
Where: 29 S Village Road, Loudon
Charlie's Barn
Time: 7:00pm
Cost: Free
Contact: cbabonis@gmail.com or
Michele York 396-2362

Dear Taxpayers,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,
Loudon Board of Selectmen



**HAZARDOUS WASTE
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APRIL 23RD, 2016

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Not So COOL

By Carole Soule

We loved COOL and now COOL is no more. Following COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) regulations was easy for ours and other New Hampshire farms. All we had to do was say, “Yep we raised it or we know exactly who did. And, by the way, these critters were born in the USA.” That was easy.

COOL, which went into effect for meat in 2013, required that packaging include the country where animals were born, raised, and slaughtered. This was easy for farms that sell locally-raised meat but more difficult for the “big guys.” The big guys, who buy thousands of young cattle to raise in feed lots, struggled to keep records on where the livestock was born.

Then, in 2015, the COOL requirements for beef and pork were removed. COOL regulatory requirements are still in effect for chicken, lamb, goat, wild and farm-raised fish and shellfish, fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, peanuts, pecans, macadamia nuts, and ginseng — just not pork or beef.

After COOL was implemented, Canada and Mexico threatened retaliatory tariffs. Those threats and complaints from the big agriculture guys caused COOL to be repealed for beef and pork.

It’s too bad COOL is gone as I was proud to include “Product of the USA” on all of our invoices. Now that COOL is no more, it is even more important that consumers “Buy Local.” In the future, Australian grass-fed ground beef packaging will look similar to grass-fed ground beef from New Hampshire.

Know your farm and your farmer. Ask questions and buy local. It will make a difference. Even if they speak “Moo” and not English, let’s be proud of our USA born and raised cattle! ■



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Between the Covers: The Presidential Election: The History, The Process & The Leftovers!

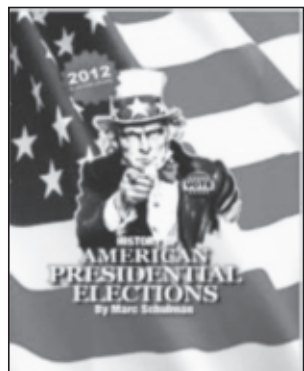
By Kate Dockham

For many months now the people of New Hampshire have been deluged with political commercials, phone calls and candidates. This will come to an end of sorts when the state holds the 2016 first in the nation primary on Tuesday, February 9. While I have long been a proponent of participation, after all the antics and rhetoric we have heard, this is certainly a year to make sure you get out and vote! This month I have a collection of books about the Presidential Election, not the candidates per se, but the history, the process and what has been left behind.

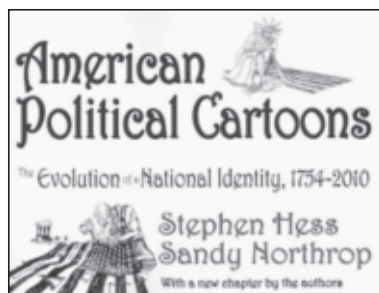


Anything for a Vote: Dirty Tricks, Cheap Shots, and October Surprises in U.S. Presidential Campaigns by Joseph Cummins sounds like it could have been written last week! Published in 2012, this is a historical view of presidential elections. Today we might express shock and disappointment when candidates resort to negative campaigning, but history reveals that smear campaigns are as American as apple pie. For example, in 1836 Congressman Davy Crockett accuses candidate Martin Van Buren of secretly wearing women's clothes. Abraham Lincoln was described as "nothing more than a well-meaning baboon" in 1864 by rival candidate George McClellan. And in 1960 Harry Truman told voters "if you vote for Richard Nixon, you ought to go to hell!" The book is organized by election.

At the beginning of each section are the two major candidates, the party they represented and a "Sleaze-O-Meter" scale of 1 to 10. The George W. Bush vs. Al Gore campaign scored an 8 out of 10. While easy to read, Cummins' fact checking has been called into question on a few items. But if you are looking for a fun 200 plus year history of name calling and bad behavior, this book is a great choice.



A History of American Presidential Elections: From George Washington to Barack Obama by Marc J. Schulman is a little more scholarly than Cummins' work. Updated to include the 2012 election, this book is a comprehensive reference on American elections from George Washington to Barack Obama. The book begins with some basics: how elections take place, the ins and outs of political conventions, how the Electoral College works, the importance of voter turnout and what affects it, and the importance of the ethnic vote. Then Schulman gives an overview of the issues and events of every election in US history. Included are charts with popular votes, electoral votes and states carried. The candidate and his vice presidential candidate are listed for each party and the winning candidate is pictured. A drier read than Cummins' book, Schulman does include political cartoons from many campaign cycles.

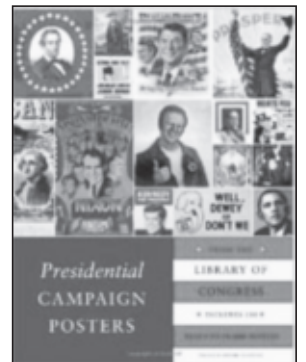


I'm going to plug political cartoons here, mostly because I think they can be amazing. Stephen Hess and Sandy Northrop give us a great collection of political cartoons in *American Political Cartoons: The Evolution of a National Identity, 1754-2010*. Benjamin Franklin's famous "Don't Tread on Me" illustration is considered to be the first American political cartoon in 1754. Ever since editorial cartoons have been a part of American journalism and politics. Hess and Northrop chronicle the nation's highs and lows in an

extensive collection of cartoons that span the entire history of American political cartooning. Most cartoonists pride themselves on attacking honestly, if ruthlessly. *American Political Cartoons* recounts many direct hits, recalling the discomfort of the cartoons' targets — and the delight of their readers. Hess and Northrop note that not all cartoonists are good intentioned. Many have perpetuated demeaning ethnic stereotypes, slandered honest politicians, and oversimplified complex issues. But, when done well with a skillful combination of pictures and words, cartoonists can galvanize public opinion for or against their subjects. In the process they have revealed truths about us and our democratic system that have been both embarrassing and glorifying.

While editorial cartoons show us the day-to-day of a campaign season, campaign slogans and swag often stick with us. *Presidential Campaign Posters: Two*

Hundred Years of Election Art published by The Library of Congress is a great book for any political enthusiast. The paperback book includes 100 ready-to-frame political campaign posters from the annals of American history! The candidates range from Andrew Jackson ("Defender of Beauty and Booty") and William Henry Harrison ("Have Some Hard Cider!") to Richard Nixon ("He's the One!"), Barack Obama ("Hope"), and many, many more. Showing the viewpoints of candidates and their rivals, the posters are complete with colorful historical commentary and additional artwork; best of all, they're bound with clean perforated edges so they can be removed, framed, and displayed.



Here in New Hampshire, we like our politics front and center. *Front Row Seat at the Circus: One Journalist's Journey through Two Presidential Elections* by Jim Heath takes us right into the center of campaign life. Heath, a two time Emmy award winner for his political reporting and recipient of the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Journalism, has been in and around the political circus most of his life. In *Front Row Seat at the Circus*, Heath combines his unique, lifelong love for presidential history to his hard hitting and often amusing critique of the news media and the candidates and campaigns he's covered. The book begins with the author's realization during an interview that he has been face-to-face with every single modern-day presidential candidate. Using this background, Mr. Heath offers his readers a rare glance into the harried, cutthroat, and often downright circus-like world of politics, specifically the race to the White House. The first part of the book focuses on the author's experience as a political correspondent in the Palmetto State; South Carolina. The second part takes a look at the unique state of Ohio, home of the Buckeyes, and the author's beloved home state as well. Here, Mr. Heath states that "No Republican has ever been elected president without winning Ohio," and he provides compelling examples of just how critical Ohio is for these candidates. This is a personal story with behind-the-scenes access to the politicians who want to run our country and the news business that can make or break them!

No matter how wonderful Mr. Heath's book is, we all know he has left one important item out of his work — the state of New Hampshire! In *The First Primary: New Hampshire's Outsize Role in Presidential Nominations* by David W. Moore and Andrew E. Smith give a detailed look at the First in the Nation Primary and everything that goes into it. Moore and Smith together have over 40 years of experience with polling and with the New Hampshire Primary. Both are affiliated with the University of New Hampshire in Durham. While they acknowledge that other states will continue to try and dislodge New Hampshire as the First in the Nation primary, for the current cycle New Hampshire is it. Their 300 page discourse begins with the history of the New Hampshire primary beginning in 1916 to its likely role in 2016. They describe each primary since 1952, when the primary became what Moore and Smith describe as a "beauty contest." The demographics of New Hampshire are observed and compared to other primary states to show the New Hampshire difference. Moore and Smith also explore various myths surrounding the New Hampshire primary, including the "independent" voter, grassroots campaigning and the money the primary does, or does not, bring to the state. Because of the recent importance placed on polling the authors also delve into how polling is done and what it can really tell us. Finally, the future of New Hampshire's first in the nation primary is discussed. *The First Primary* is a tutorial for the reader who wants to understand more than just the headlines.

Employing the adage, "You don't get to complain if you didn't vote," I encourage all eligible voters to become knowledgeable about the candidates and get out and vote! Until next time...keep turning those pages! ■



The Wonderful World of Worms!

By LeeAnn Childress – Loudon Recycling Committee

Worm composting, or vermiculture, is a well proven method of composting. You can set the system up in your garage or shed (or put it outdoors during warmer weather). If done correctly it can be an easy, odorless system of composting!

It's a pretty basic system. The worms will consume your fruit and vegetable scraps. As the scraps are digested through the worm, they are transformed into worm compost or vermicompost. Obviously worms have been around for a long, long time doing a fantastic job of breaking down organic materials and returning nutrients to the soil. Why not continue to use them to help build up your soil?

If you decide to set up your own worm bin it is a good idea to use only raw fruit and vegetable scraps. Avoid meats, oils, dairy products and cooked foods. Also avoid citrus fruits because they are too acidic and

can attract fruit flies. And if your system is inside, stay away from onions and broccoli because of their strong odor.

There are numerous websites online that sell worm bins or you can make your own. You just need a box, moist newspaper strips and worms. Worms need a little moisture, air, food, darkness and warm (but not hot) temperatures. For bedding you can use newspaper strips or leaves. These materials hold moisture and have air pockets, which are important for the worms. A 5- to 10-gallon shallow plastic, wooden or glass container or approximately 24" X 18" X 8" is a good size for a box. If you choose a wooden container you will need to line the bottom with plastic. And you will need a loose fitting lid to allow air into it.

If you are good to your worms they will be happy to eat your "garbage" and produce compost. Over time you will notice less bedding material and more compost in your bin. After 3–5 months, your bin should be filled with compost and then it is time to harvest it.

The worms will need to be removed from the compost (their castings). Prior to the day you want to harvest the compost, do not add new food to the bin for two weeks. Push all of the compost to one side of the bin, removing any large pieces of undecomposed food, newspaper or leaves. Put fresh bedding material and food scraps on the other now empty side of bin. Over the next couple of weeks the worms will move over to the new side (where the food is), and their casting or compost is now worm free. Then simply remove the compost and replace it with fresh newspapers or leaves.



To purchase worms, you can go online and find sources. Or, after speaking to her directly, I would recommend that you buy your worms from Joan O'Connor, in Henniker, NH. Her phone number is (603) 496-1718. She has a wealth of knowledge about worm composting. She sells worm bucket "kits" for \$25. It's based on weight and type of worms. You'll get anywhere from a couple of hundred to a thousand worms. For more information go to Joan's website at <https://joansworms.wordpress.com/>

If you do decide to give worm composting a try, contact me and send pictures at loudonrecycles@comcast.net subject line "Worms."

Or post it for other Loudon residents to see on the Loudon Recycling Committee Facebook page. ■



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News From Troop 247

The boys of Troop 247 have had a busy fall. For Veteran's Day, several of our troop members laid wreaths at the New Hampshire Veteran's cemetery in Boscawen.

In early December, our troop gathered for a Court of Honor. The boys celebrated their advancements and merit badges with a pot luck dinner. Some boys also gathered to help a homeowner relocate a wood pile, while others volunteered at the LES Santa's breakfast.

For the rest of December and most of January, the boys have been working together to construct "chuck boxes," to hold the troop's cooking gear. Having chuck boxes will make it easier to store and transport food, pots and pans on camping trips.

The troop gathered for a sledding party in mid-January and we participated in the regional Klondike Derby at the end of January Holderness. Watch for photos in the next *Ledger*. ■



Above and below: Photos of the Court of Honor, celebrating advancements and Merit Badges.



Above and at right: Laying wreaths and honoring our Veterans at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.



Kids — or Adults — Coloring Page!

Adult coloring is all the rage these days. It is very relaxing and fun. We thought we'd include an image that both kids and adults might enjoy!



Loudon Agriculture Commission Looks For Ideas For 2016

By Cindy Shea, Loudon Agriculture Commission

It's hard to believe it is February already. One would think this time of year would be quiet for farmers, but there is lots going on. Just on our little farm we are preparing for our ewes to begin lambing next month. Seed catalogs cover various surfaces in my home. Pencil drawings of the new barn we want to build litter my desk. A list of new animals I would like to add is kept in my head. Can you believe maple syrup season starts next month? (Crazy, right?)

The Loudon Agriculture Commission is also busy planning. We had such a great response to the workshops we did in 2015, we are eager to do more this year. But we need your help.

The Agriculture Commission isn't here for just the big farmers. We are here for people who want to learn how to farm regardless of the scale, for people who are interested in preserving the rural character of our

town or who are interested in eating/buying local and food security. From patio gardening to raising livestock, we can be a resource as you begin your journey.

This year we are looking into several workshop topics, but we would also like to hear from you, the residents. What would you like to learn about?

Some of the topics we have discussed include:

- Hands-on chicken processing
- Composting
- Raising laying hens
- Backyard gardening
- Food waste
- Food Canning
- Fruit Tree Pruning

The list goes on. As you can see, there are many interesting topics. Since we are a non-funded organization with limited board members, we can only do a couple of these each year. You can help.

Let us know your three top interests for 2016 by:

- Going to our website at www.loudonag.org and looking for the link to our Survey or go to the contact tab and send us an email.
- Stop by our table at this year's Town Meeting and fill out a paper survey and return it to one of the board members.
- Stop by one of our monthly meetings, the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn behind the town offices.

Interested in helping? We still have room for a couple more board members and volunteers to help with events are always welcome. Just send us a note or stop by one of our meetings to see what goes on.

We look forward to hearing from you! ■

Loudon Agriculture Commission Board Members

GoodLife Programs and Activities Executive Director Resigns

Search Process Underway As Organization Experiences Tremendous Success and Growth

Calling it a "heart wrenching" decision, Vivien F. Green, Executive Director of GoodLife Programs & Activities at Centennial Senior Center, has announced her resignation after five years with the organization, effective April 8th, in order to relocate to North Carolina to be with her fiancé who recently accepted a new position there.

Green's departure comes as the organization, nearing its three-year anniversary at its location on N. State Street, is experiencing tremendous success and growth. Green said while she is obviously looking forward to building her life with her fiancé, the transition is difficult knowing that so many positive things are in store for GoodLife, which strives to promote a community where all adults 50 and older are engaged, supported and have access to diverse opportunities that enhance their wellness and lives.

"Any transition brings with it mixed emotions. And while I will greatly miss the day-to-day personal relationships I've built and many aspects of my position, I know this is the right decision for me at this time," said Green. "GoodLife is poised to move into any number of directions and to grow with the population it serves so well, and I look forward to seeing what exciting new opportunities unfold for both the organization and myself."

GoodLife Programs & Activities opened in May 2013 with no registered participants and in just under two years has grown to 2,000 participants, with more than 1,300 of those considered active, many taking part in activities multiple times per week. The classes, educational opportunities and trips are maxing out and over the next year, the organization will be examining whether or not to expand. It will also be breaking ground on a much-anticipated walking trail at the current location in Concord.

"The Board of Directors is extremely sad to see Vivien leave, but we certainly wish her the best and want to express our sincere gratitude to her for helping to build an important organization from the ground up into a financially stable and vibrant community resource," said Joe Kasper, Chair, GoodLife Board of Directors. He said Green has put in place a strong team and is leaving GoodLife with a strategic plan in

place, fundraising initiatives and goals in line and with tremendous community partnerships that will support future growth.

A search process for Green's successor is underway, and Green has been asked to be a part of the search committee. The hope is to have someone in place by the beginning of March so that the new person will have time to transition into the position with Green still in place. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall management and direction of the organization, providing planning, vision and leadership for all aspects of the organization's operations.

"We are looking for a creative visionary who has empathy, understanding and perspective regarding the true face of aging," said Kasper. "Vivien's passion for working with older adults is contagious and we are hopeful that our new Executive Director will bring this same sense of enthusiasm to the position."

Wilson Employment Networks will conduct the initial screening of resumes. A comprehensive interview process will then take place with the Board of Directors ultimately selecting the successful candidate to succeed Green, who is excited about the new life journey that lies ahead.

"Thank you to all who have supported me in my work. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as GoodLife's Executive Director," said Green. "I wish the best to the organization as it forges into the future well-positioned to continue to enhance the lives of seniors and provide a good life for everyone." ■



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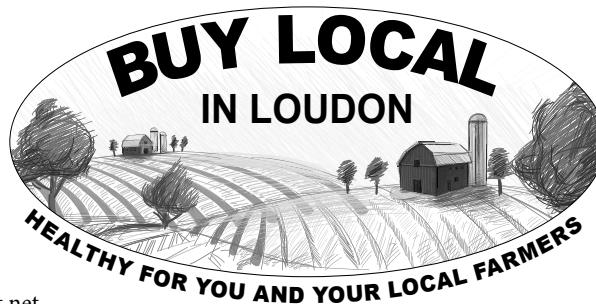
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February Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold its free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, February 5 from 9:30–11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinics are at the Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, incorporated in 1899, is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in more than 40 communities in central New Hampshire by providing comprehensive homecare, hospice, personal home services, maternal and child health services, pediatrics, and community health services. In fiscal year 2015, Concord Regional VNA provided more than \$3.6 million in community benefits. For more information visit www.crvna.org. ■

OBITUARIES

STEVEN RAY RATTEE

Steven Ray Rattee, 59, of Loudon, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. He died following a sudden medical condition, and was surrounded by his loving family over the few days leading up to his passing.

A dedicated father and grandfather, Steve was known for his untiring work ethic and smart sense of humor, a quick temper but a quicker smile.

Born in Randolph, VT and a Loudon resident since childhood, Steve attended Merrimack Valley High School where he lettered in baseball, ran track, and made All-State in soccer. He had big shoes to fill at age 20, becoming president of the family business Capitol Fire Protection Co., Inc. after his own father's untimely passing.

Over the years Steve was interested in agriculture, raising beef cattle, got his pilot's license, trained at flying helicopters, enjoyed skiing, said he didn't enjoy lifting weights, but still did it quite a lot.

And he always made time for his family.

He was son of the late Raymie K. Rattee and is survived by his mother and step-father, Jean and William Silver; by his sister, Carol Rattee-Roy and her husband, Steven Roy; sister, Donna Rattee; brother, Alan Rattee; sister, Kelly Mastine and her husband, Bruce Mastine.

Steve leaves behind son, Matthew Rattee and his wife, Tina; daughter, Marissa Rattee; daughter, Megan Guertin and her husband, Robert; nine grandchildren, and a bevy of nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins all sure to miss him.

A private burial is planned for the spring. ■



Four Tips For Selling Your Home In The Winter

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Because the many holiday breaks and cold weather cause house hunters to hibernate, it can be a challenge to sell your home during the winter. On the other hand though, with fewer homes on the market, yours could get even more attention from potential buyers. Putting your home up for sale in the frigid months doesn't have to be an automatic no-go. You can find success when you use these tips to prepare and stage your home this winter:

- **Add touches of warmth:** It could be a plush throw displayed on the sofa, a cozy rug in front of the fireplace or warm colors scattered throughout your home. Even the smallest changes can make your house feel more inviting. Be sure to turn on every light, even during the day, as winter days tend to be gloomy.
- **Play up winter friendly spaces:** Indoor exercise areas, home theaters, basement play areas and heated garages are especially appealing in cold climates. When staging your home, strive to clarify the purpose of each room.
- **Don't neglect the outside:** No matter the season, most homebuyers won't step foot into your home if the outside isn't appealing. Make sure your property gives off an inviting aura to any visitors and passersby. Repaint your front door, add some neutral décor and don't forget to add extra lights. The sun sets early in the winter after all, so illuminating your home with outdoor lighting can draw people in.
- **Keep pathways clear:** Make sure your home is easily accessible after a snowstorm. Clear sidewalks, driveways and pathways on which a potential buyer may walk. And don't forget about the back steps and porch! You never know when a potential buyer will be around to see your home, so stay on track with your snow blowing and shoveling of a last minute showing. ■

Include Your Family Tree In The Loudon Town History!

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



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Merrimack Valley School Board Joint Meeting of Selectmen and Councilors Minutes — December 10, 2015

School Board Members Present: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake, Laura Vincent, Jim Lavery, Lorrie Carey, Caroletta Alicea, Seelye Longnecker.

School Administrators Present: Mark MacLean, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Fred Reagan

Selectmen and Councilors Present: Salisbury Selectmen Ken Ross-Raymond and Joseph Schmidl, Loudon Selectmen Roger Maxfield and Steve Ives, Concord City Councilors Steve Shurtleff and Allan Herschlag, Concord City Manager Tom Aspell; Boscawen Selectmen Roger Sanborn and Bernie Davis, Webster Selectman Bruce Johnson.

Public Present: Marcia Murphy, Salisbury resident; Jen Mercer, Roy Merrill, Janine Fraser, Loudon residents; Bill Heinz, Mark Varney, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, Boscawen residents

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Superintendent Mark MacLean.

Introduction and Greeting

Mark MacLean welcomed the selectmen and councilors and thanked them for attending. He explained the purpose of the meeting was to bring community leaders

together, to open the lines of communication, to offer a venue for providing information and answering questions on the proposed school budget, and to receive feedback from community leaders regarding their concerns and challenges.

2016-2017 Draft Budget Overview

Business Administrator Robin Heins provided information on the overarching issues in the proposed 2016-2017 school budget. The proposed budget is up 1.48%, with a projection of the district assessment at 3.01%. Robin reminded the group that this projection is conservative and dependant on factors such as revenues and the fund balance. Many budget lines are down but health insurance and collective bargaining agreements are major factors. Special education and security increases were also explained. Expected revenues were discussed. State adequacy funds will be less in the 2016-2017 school year. A question and answer session followed.

MVSD Capital Improvement Plan

Facilities Director Fred Reagan reported on recent work on a five year plan relative to the buildings and infrastructure in the district. The plan includes what needs to be

maintained, what needs to be replaced and when, forecasted costs, and identified funding options. The plan is in draft form but will be shared with the public when completed and feedback from the public is encouraged. There are no capital projects on the horizon. A question and answer session followed.

Security Upgrades and Efforts

Information was shared regarding audits from Homeland Security and Safer Places, on recent activities relating to safety and security, and on specific upgrades to the schools. Continued staff training with Homeland Security will take place in January and will include key community leaders and groups. A question and answer session followed.

MVSD Transportation RFP

Superintendent Mark MacLean reported that after reviewing a recent transportation study, the Board has issued an RFP to a variety of companies. The bids are due January 22, 2016 and much follow up conversation is expected. It was noted that the study highlighted numerous areas where the current transportation system is working well and it is difficult to quantify the value-added

pieces. A question and answer session followed.

Updates, Expectations, and Thoughts from the Selectmen and Councilors

Mark MacLean thanked the group for their time and for the conversation, noting the necessary balancing act with NH's unique funding scenario that often puts taxpayers and school districts at odds.

Several selectmen, councilmen, and the City Manager expressed appreciation for the conversation. Public comment ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The Minutes of The March 5, 2015 Annual School District Meeting are available on the Loudon web site: www.loudonnh.org.

They will also be published in the Annual Report of the School District.

Merrimack Valley School Board Meeting Minutes — Dec. 14, 2015

Roll Call and Call to Order: The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Jeff Drouin, Pat Severance; Assistant Principals Bill Hinkle, Heidi Conlon; Learning Center Administrator Julie Gaudette; Special Education Administrator Elaine Dodge; Facilities Director Fred Regan.

Others Present: Louise Andrus, David Merwin, Salisbury Residents; Cindy Merrill, Roy Merrill, Jen Mercer, Loudon Residents; Lisa Dunn, Chris Filly, Penacook Residents.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Discussion: Deb Corey of Penacook needed to be added to others present in roll call. Will Renauld requested correct spelling of his last name. Laura Vincent requested to have 2015 to be changed to 2016 in line 22. *A motion was made by Will Renauld, second by Normandie Blake to accept the minutes as amended. The motion carried.*

Public Comment: Louise Andrus commented on the notes from the meeting minutes dated November 9th 2015. She asked for the word dissatisfaction to be stricken from the meeting minutes as it was an opinion not a statement. A request was made by Lorrie Carey to have Louise submit her statement to the Board so that it could be printed in December's meeting minutes.

They are as follows: WAITING FOR STATEMENT

Jennifer Mercer requested that meetings be announced more than 24 hours on the website. She stated that signs in front of the schools were not adequate as most of the town residents did not go by the school to see the signs. She asked if there were any plans in place. Mark MacLean stated that there would be a point of contact person in place and as soon as that was set, meetings would be announced on the website in a more timely manner.

Presentation: Merrimack Valley Learning Center gave a presentation on Project Renew. It increases parental involvement, helps at risk students set goals increase graduation rates and helps them move into the job force with advocacy skills.

SAU Report on MV Business & Finance: Business Administrator Robin Heins reported on the following citizen correspondence (page 6 in the packet).

11/08/15 Ken Ross-Raymond:

Question regarding posting a public hearing. Robin Hines responded 11/8/15.

11/10/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested draft copies of MVSD Board and committee meeting protocols. Mark MacLean responded 11/10/15.

11/11/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested a copy of draft minutes from 11/09/15 Board Meeting. Katie Keyser responded 11/12/15.

11/11/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested information on Board Meeting Protocol draft document. Chris Barry responded 11/12/15.

11/12/15 Ken Ross-Raymond:

Requested copies of District SBAC results. Mark MacLean responded on 11/12/15.

11/17/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested information on charter school enrollment and tuition. Chris Barry responded 11/17/15.

12/8/15 Jen Mercer:

Requested information on the Board's decision to direct an IB update to the curriculum committee.

Mark MacLean responded on 12/8/15.

12/09/15 Jen Mercer:

Requested information on the District's response to a student privacy claim an organization has made against Google.

Mark MacLean responded on 12/9/15.

Finance: Robin Heins reported on the budget (pages 7 to 22 in the packet) and directed the Board's attention to the budget overages (page 7). Will Renauld had a question about the citizen's request on charter school enrollment and tuition. Robin Heins explained that the citizen was referred to the charter school for that information. Caroletta Alicea inquired as to whether there was a time constraint on special education enrollment in the School District. Elaine Dodge explained that the District accepts them at any time in the school year. Lorrie Carey asked if the administration was logging staff time needed to respond to citizen requests. Mark MacLean stated that the citizens' questions are embedded in what the administration is doing and thinks it is beneficial. Lorrie Carey commented on the plausibility of hiring a public information officer as she heard two times in public comment that information was not given out in a timely fashion. *A motion was made by Will Renauld, second by Normandie Blake to approve the SAU business and finance report. The motion carried.*

Good News: Superintendent Mark MacLean introduced Julie Gaudette as the host for tonight's meeting. He directed our attention to the packet (pages 29 to 34) and asked if anyone had anything to add that was not in the packet. Jeff Drouin shared

that his students at Boscawen Elementary had a chance to see the presentation at the State House on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the replacement of the of the Veteran's MIA Chair. Caroletta Alicea continued to share that there was a question and answer period at the Senate, and in the House of Representatives there was a mock voting of a bill. Caroletta stated that it was very interactive. The students had a chance to meet the Speaker of the House and the Rolling Thunder Veterans were there as well. Heidi Conlon, on behalf of the administration at MVHS, talked about the Great Turkey challenge's sixth year of operation. They made 45 complete Thanksgiving meals that were distributed the Monday before Thanksgiving. In a six year period, 311 meals were made and 700 pounds of perishable foods were donated to the Penacook food pantry. Lorrie Carey discussed her concern of the overall mentality that Merrimack Valley grades aren't good enough to be Ivy League students. She believes it's a misconception. Our students deserve our belief in them as a community.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Bobbi-Jo directed our attention to the Finance Committee Meeting minutes for 11/16, 11/23, and 12/07/2015 in the packet. The proposed Budget is on page 42. Line 720 needs to be changed. The Budget draft shows a 1.41% increase. She recognized that the Administration is working very hard — looking at every line, revenues, and assessment.

Robin asked that if there were any questions to please call. Caroletta thanked Bobbi-Jo for taking the Chairman's position in the finance committee. The next meeting is Monday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m. at MVHS.

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Long Range Planning Committee: Seelye Longnecker directed the Board to pages 64–65 to the draft of the report card. *A motion was made by Seelye Longnecker, second by Lorrie Carey to direct the SAU administration to use the MVSD report card on the Annual Report.* Discussion ensued. A question was asked as to what a platform was on page 65. Mark MacLean replied that a platform was being used in Supervision and Evaluation (an online host and application). *The motion carried.* The next Long Range Committee Meeting will be February 1, 2016, 6 p.m. at the SAU.

To review: Curriculum will meet January 4, 2016, at 6:00 at MVHS. LRP will meet February 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU. Policy will meet February 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU. Transportation Committee will meet February 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at MVHS. Facilities will meet February 29, 2016, at 6:00 at MVHS.

Old Business:

Policy Committee: Chris Barry directed our attention to page 66 with the second read of the School District Policy. Some changes were made since last month. They were typed in bold. The content and process is still the same. There was discussion concerning the wording of the second read especially on page 66. The Board decided to table it and send it back to the Policy Committee for revision. Page 86 was a second read for Video and Audio Recording. *Motion was made by Caroletta Alicea seconded by Normandie Blake to approve the Video and Audio Recording Policy. The motion carried.*

MVSB Meeting Protocols: Mark McLean recommended the policy be redrafted and given to the Policy Committee and for the discussion to be tabled. He stated that the onus is on the Chair to let the public know the avenues they can utilize. Lorrie Carey asked if public comment could be collected ahead of Board meeting via email. Mark Hutchins stated that we would continue public comment as it stands, brief and to the point, broader discussion at a later date. Caroletta Alicea commented that the Board went above and beyond by encouraging public input at the meeting with the selectmen. Discussion was made about a sense of expectation as to what the general will of the Board would be, other possible venues other than a Board meeting. The policy will be revisited.

New Business:

Busses with Seat Belts: Mark McLean informed the Board that last Thursday Tom Burke went to an NHTSA meeting. The spokesman was from a seat belt manufacturing company and spoke on the need for seatbelts on buses. The new NHTSA administration is leaning more towards having seat belts in the future. If it goes that direction buses manufactured after July 2018 (for example...no definitive date was set) will include seat belts or 3 point harnesses. There will be no retrofitting and at this point there is no mandate.

Transportation RFP: Robin talked about the mandatory pre-RFP meeting that was held on December 9th. Proposals will be opened on January 22, 2016 4:00 at the SAU. There is a spreadsheet to record data. There was a question as to whether RFP is on the SAU website. The same forms will be used by all bidders.

2016-2017 Calendar: Chris Barry directed the Board to page 87 in the packet. She explained that the calendar follows Concord School District schedule very closely because we have 100 students enrolled in the CRTC program. Mark MacLean had looked into the possibility of

removing February vacation and found that among other reasons, an increase of contagious illnesses is a strong argument for keeping both February and April vacations in place (according to conversation with regional superintendents...who referenced information from other states who have tried this). There was a recommendation made to have a master calendar in place on the District website which would include activities such as winter concert dates, athletics, school fundraisers to name a few. No Action was required.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign: Manifests and journal entrees were circulated for Board Member signatures. *Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake to approve the manifests and journal entries. The motion passed.*

Board Chairperson's Report: Chairman Mark Hutchins gave no report for this month.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry reported on the Smarter Balance test results. She reminded us that this is a new baseline different from other previous tests. The Math segment assesses the understanding of use procedures and the communication of the procedures. English and Language Arts engages research along with the writing piece. Our scores were some at state average, some above, and some below. We scored above the national norm. Focus needs to be improvement of writing skills, especially in the area of informational/technical writing and multi step processes to solve problems. The use of technological implementation of testing engaged students in a certain level. The operational administration of the testing will be better the next time around. Information — SAT tests will be administered for the 11th grade. The State will be funding reading and math but will not be funding the writing assessment line. The cost will be \$11.05 a student.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Mark MacLean reported the following:

He recently attended the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference. One session included schools going 1:1 the challenges and benefits. Another included Google Apps and an App Demo Slam. He shared these tools with the schools in the District. This is the largest annual technology conference in New England.

The No Child Left Behind Act has been reauthorized, and been replaced with the Every Student Succeeds Act. School Districts no longer need to request a waiver. This compels each state to have its own accountability in place by 2017, and empowers each state to be more in control.

There was a collaborative meeting with the Selectmen of the towns represented in our District. He felt that those attending had a respectful, positive frame of mind, and thanked the Board for involving Concord.

He and Chris Barry will be meeting informally with new teachers in the District. The main purpose is to hear how the teachers are being supported, listen to thoughts, field questions, and use the information for reflection and to inform the agenda at the beginning of the year for new teacher training.

The SAU is continuing budget preparations. Those involved are sharing a network drive.

\$400,000 has been cut through diligence. He discussed having fewer teachers, and mentioned that because of law mandates and IEP's, paraprofessionals are needed. He is open to feedback.

Negotiations meeting is Wednesday night. They are giving due diligence to bring positive change.

Topics for Next Board Meeting: Lorrie Carey requested impact fees review. There needs to be a discussion with Concord as

Penacook Elementary is almost at capacity. Robin informed those present that annual meeting legal notices will be put on the website once approved by the attorney. Draft Warrant on agenda for January. Public Meetings linked to School Board Members' E-mail. Laura asked if there would be a change in electing a moderator.

Public Comment: Louise Andrus asked if the students from the charter schools were deducted from the budget. The reply was that they are withdrawn from MV and enrolled to the charter school. CSI is a recovery school for former students, not current ones. Roy Merrill asked if Concord collected impact fees from Penacook. He also mentioned a program shown last Sunday on WMUR showing an increase of 28–52 year olds moving to NH and adding to the workforce. Jen Mercer discussed Smarter Balance and whether the information goes to the teacher for the following year or to the present teacher and how that worked with not having received the results until November. Chris Barry responded that the expectation was to received the SB results at the beginning of the year. Both teachers would be getting the information. This year the testing will be done in May instead of March (there is a 12-week testing window). Roy mentioned that since NH does so well with testing on the National Average the District should not be complaining about not having enough money. We're not doing too bad.

Non-Public Session: *Motion made by Lorrie Carey, second by Normandie Blake to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:311 (b) at 9:15 p.m.*

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Will Renaud, Laura Vincent.

See Non-Public Session Return to Public Session

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Will Renaud, Laura Vincent.

Action from Non-Public: *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent to accept the letters of resignation of Signa Watts, Judy Elliott, and Pat Severance with thanks for their service. Motion passed unanimously.*

Adjournment: *Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Seelye Longnecker to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.*

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Lorrie Carey, second by Normandie Blake to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:311 (b) at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Will Renaud, Laura Vincent.

Personnel: The board reviewed 3 letters of staff members intending to retire.

Motion by Seelye Longnecker, second by Laura Vincent to go out of non-public session at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Bobbi-Jo Michael, Will Renaud, Laura Vincent.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Vendt,
MVSD Clerk
Approved: 1.11.16*

Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — December 7, 2015

Ken Krzewick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Acceptance of minutes: The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the November 2, 2015 meeting. *Molly moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.*

- The Trustees reviewed the Director's Report, which consisted of the following:
- The Trustees have a budget meeting with the Selectmen on December 18 at 9 a.m.
- Fran and Cheryl each submitted a letter about their experiences at the NELA conference. Cheryl has been incorporating music activities into story times. The children have been enjoying this new addition.
- The theme for the 2016 summer reading program will be Health and Exercise. A Health and Literacy Fair is tentatively scheduled for June 18. Area businesses and health educators will be invited to have booths set up for this event.
- The non-fiction area is almost fully weeded out. The Young Adult section has been moved. Fiction area weeding has started.
- Beginning in January, there will be a Teen Advisory Board. They will help

the Library decide how to revamp the Young Adult section, as well as give input on what books and movies to purchase and what programs to offer.

- The librarian at Loudon Elementary School is interested in working with the Library to facilitate usage of its non-fiction resources. At times, students need to do research for class, and the Maxfield Public Library has access to more extensive resources and materials.
- Debbi is waiting on additional quotes for the exterior French doors in the children's room.
- Ideas were discussed about making the stairwell to the children's room less stark.
- The town is currently updating its Hazard Mitigation Policy. Debbi is part of this group.
- The library will follow WMUR and school closings for guidance on library closings during inclement weather.

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

The next Trustees' meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: *Molly Ashland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Alice Tuson. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by:
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland
Alice Tuson*

Loudon Agriculture Commission Minutes — December 3, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officers:

Cindy Shea – 2016 President
Chris D Koufos – 2016 Vice President
Carole Soule – 2017 Secretary
Bruce Dawson – 2017
Doug Towle – 2018

Attendees:

Cindy Shea – President
Bruce Dawson – Board Member
Doug Towle – Board Member
Carole Soule – Secretary
Absent: Chris Koufos

Old Business

Minutes from the September 3 and November 5, 2015 meeting were accepted with changes.

Rick Wright and Bill Lake were present to discuss a complaint about a farm on Sheep Rock Road. The landowner had reached out to board member Bruce Dawson already. Bruce will contact the landowner to invite him to the January 2016 meeting to discuss the issue. It was agreed the Ag Commission will be consulted on farm-related enforcement issues and the Ag Commission will publish in the Ledger that

we are available to help with farm-related disputes.

Bruce included a link on the loudonag.org website to the NH Dept. of Agriculture Best Practices webpage. This includes information about the ANM (Animal Nutrient Management) grant. Website is: www.loudonag.org

Final invoices and bill from the Commission were accepted to submit to the NH Mini-Grant. Cindy will submit the final invoice and receipts.

Carole will reach out to the Conservation Commission to discuss shared interests and collaboration on future workshops.

Master Plan discussion was tabled until the January 2016 meeting

Cindy will prepare a *Loudon Ledger* piece about farming which Carole will review.

The Commission will request to have a “booth” at the March Town Meeting including a questionnaire and flyers

Elections for officers were held: Chris Koufos was elected President and Doug Towle was elected Vice President

New Business

No new business was discussed
Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Loudon Conservation Commission Minutes — January 4, 2016

The Loudon Conservation Commission met on January 4, 2016 at 6 p.m. in Charlie's Barn. Julie Robinson, Rob Buzzell, Sandra Blanchard were in attendance with two alternates: Sandy Sims and Pauline Touzin.

Julie opened the meeting a discussed the Ladd Easement. On December 28, 2015 Julie, Roger Maxfield representing the selectmen and Lucille Ladd and her daughter, Sally Cole met at the Upton Hatfield Law office and signed the papers creating the conservation easement on two pieces of property owned by Mrs. Ladd. We had worked on this property for over two years and were finally able to secure the easement. This was a unique acquisition because the Ladd's had approached us. They would take care of all costs and wished to have the town of Loudon hold the easement on the property. Julie will write up a short article for the Loudon Ledger to highlight the easement and thank the Ladd's.

Next on the agenda was a letter that was drafted for approval to be sent to New Hampshire Motor Speedway about the Renegade Run that will be coming up later this year. NHMS had held the run the year before and worked with the Commission to protect the wetland areas with heavy rubber matting. When the race was over NHMS seeded the areas leaving them better than they were before. Cindy Balicus, representative to NHMS asked for a letter in support of continuing the race. The letter was voted on and was approved unanimously. Julie will send the letter to Cindy and NHMS.

Steve Walker with the Office of Energy and Planning representing the Conservation Easement Program and LCIP contacted the Commission looking for our yearly monitoring reports. Rob is working on those reports and will be sending them along soon. Julie also asked about the reports for the FFRP lands and if they had been sent to NRCS. They are also being worked on and will go out shortly. Julie once again thanked Pauline and Sandy Sims for their monitor-

ing efforts and for Rob consolidating the reports. One of the reports was possibly written up by Steve Walker when he did a site walk with Pauline and Sandy. Julie will call Steve and make sure to get a copy of that report for our records.

Planning Board attendance has been difficult the last few months and Julie asked Rob if he would be able to attend in January since she will not be able to. He agreed and will attend January's monthly meeting. Julie also asked the other members to try to attend the meetings to observe the process.

Julie asked for a monitoring update from Pauline and Sandy and they are now working on the town held properties. Julie asked if they would be able to do 5 this month so that things continue to move along.

Pauline asked if Susan Knight from NRCS had contacted Meurig Davies about a possible encroachment on the Heron Hill FRPP Property. Julie was not sure and would make a call to Susan to find out if she had contacted Mr. Davies.

Sandra Blanchard asked what our goals might be for 2016. Julie responded by saying that monitoring is our number one goal right now. Rob worked very hard to bring our records up to date and she does not want to see us get behind again. She suggested that Sandra go out with Sandy Sims and Pauline to do some site walks, this is the very best way to get to know the town and feel more comfortable with the GPS unit. Other goals would be to look into timber sales on our town properties, continue to attract new people to join the Commission and work on educational materials to promote what the Commission does for the town.

Finally, Julie discussed the need for a laptop computer for the Commission. Right now documents are saved on both Julie's computer and Rob's. It would be nice to have a portable computer that could be used at the meetings and for those who work on records.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Loudon Historical Society Meeting Minutes — January 6, 2016

Attendees:

Ron Lane, Michele York, Cyndi Babonis, and Ashley Simonds

Old Business:

Bob Ordway retired from the Loudon Historical Society but remains interested and supportive via telephone. He has been a valuable asset to the LHS for decades.

New Business:

We are working on the town genealogy. Chris Whittenburg and Doreen Jenner have submitted their family genealogies for scanning to add to our collection. We are hoping to receive and file as many as possible. Every month there will be an announcement regarding this in the Ledger. If anyone would like to submit a genealogy they can contact Ashley Simonds at 708-1080. These genealogies will assist in the compilation of the Loudon Town History.

Ashley has volunteered to open the museum to the public for drop-in visits. We will be open the second Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment by contacting Ashley at the above number.

Ashley has developed a Facebook Page for the LHS. She frequently updates it and

there is a trivia question posted the first Wednesday of every month. Last month Jenny Magoon won a gift certificate to the Loudon Village Country Store. There are many people now visiting the Facebook page and we are hoping in increase interest and awareness of Loudon's history through this resource. We discussed other possible trivia questions for future months.

Pat Cutter provided information on a grant program used by the Andover Historical Society to assist in proper preservation of museum artifacts.

Michele is requesting another Humanities Council grant to bring in Adair Mulligan to speak on “A Walk Back In Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes” in April.

Michele received a letter from the police department requesting contact information. Michele provided the response necessary and will mail it.

The next scheduled meeting is February 3rd at 7 p.m.

The minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Babonis, LHS Secretary

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 15, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle and Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 8, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that there is an ongoing water problem on Lesmerises Road; the water crosses the road onto the 60 Lesmerises Road property. He spoke to the owner of that property about putting a pipe across his lawn to the back of the property. The owner said he was good with it but it is

a rental property so Mr. Houle should speak to the renters. Mr. Houle said they were pleased that something was going to be done. Mr. Houle said they will take care of it next summer.

Mr. Houle said they are taking advantage of the good weather and getting some chipping done. He explained that Lower Ridge Road is done and they are working on Rick-er Road.

Mr. Houle said the beaver problem on Young's Hill Road has been taken care of.

Mr. Houle said the 2013 truck has a recall for an electrical issue so it's at Liberty.

Mr. Houle said the cruiser went to Irwin's for a recall regarding the steering column.

Mr. Houle said he has been working with the Police Department on a winter parking

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ban. Selectman Ives asked where the issues are. Mr. Houle said a big one is Stonegate and a couple of other spots where people park on the side of the road. He explained that the plow trucks have to plow around them and then go back again.

Selectman Ives said there is an issue with an employee and asked Mr. Houle if the employee should be asked to come in to meet with them. Mr. Houle said he will talk to the employee. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Houle to let them know how it goes.

Chairman Ives told Mr. Houle that the board just signed the mutual aid paperwork.

Selectman Maxfield said it's good to see the highway department busy and productive.

Selectman Ives explained that due to the amount of people that are expected for the February election they are considering moving voting to either the school or the Fire Station. He explained that if that happens they will need the highway department to push back snow banks and be ready for the additional parking.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that Mr. Lazos is asking if the driveway for the proposed house on N. Village Road can come off Lesmerises Road instead of N. Village Road because the house will be closer to Lesmerises Road. Selectman Ives asked if this would change setbacks; if the front of the house is on Lesmerises Road. Chief Wright said he believes that has already been taken care of through the Zoning Board. Selectman Ives said the driveway on Village Road would have to be blocked off. Mr. Houle agreed that the house can only have one access.

Chief Wright submitted a Utility Dealer location change form for Central NH Trailers from the State.

Chief Wright explained that he spoke to Tony Merullo about the suspected leak in the cistern on Memory Lane. Mr. Merullo will help the fire department figure out the problem with it.

Chief Wright said he spoke to Ms. Masterson at the elementary school to see if it would be possible to use the gym for elections in February. She told him they don't use the gym on Tuesdays so elections could be held there. Ms. Masterson said the floor would need to be covered and there would have to be police presence for parking. Chairman Krieger said they can do all of that and the school is a better option so fire trucks don't have to be sitting outside. Selectman Maxfield agreed and said they should pursue the school. Selectman Ives agreed that it is a good option; better than the fire department so their services aren't disrupted. He said there should be a police officer inside as well. Selectman Ives said before confirming the location he would like to speak to the new moderator so she knows what is going on. He will speak to the school principal and then ask the moderator and the supervisors of the checklist to attend a selectmen's meeting to discuss it.

Chief Wright said they received six applications for the soon to be open fulltime fire fighter position. He said they will be conducting interviews Wednesday and Thursday.

Chief Wright said they received a thank you for "the terrific job" by Gary and Rich from Pleasant View Gardens for the recent CPR/AED/First Aid class they held for them.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District December 15th invoice for \$722,040.64.

Chairman Krieger explained that the Ladd family is working with the conservation commission on an easement. He said they are still working out one issue and hope to get the easement signed by the end of the year. Chairman Krieger said that due to the time constraint the town attorney has suggested that the Board authorize one selectman the ability to sign the easement paperwork on behalf of the board. Chairman Krieger said he has no problem with that considering that the conservation commission is working out that one issue and is happy with the easement. Chairman Krieger said based on that he makes a motion to appoint Selectman Maxfield to be the signer of this document when the attorneys are done with it and conservation is good with it. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor motion carried. Selectman Ives said he wants to thank the Ladd's for this easement, they are giving it to the town and not asking for any money; he appreciates that.

The Board received a memo from Sergeant Burgess regarding the following:

Seven pistol permits; Chairman Krieger signed all seven.

Two quotes for the air conditioning unit at the police station. It was recommended that they wait until spring to address the repair.

Selectman Maxfield made a motion to appoint Chung I. Chiu of Loudon as a part-time police officer with a 12 month probationary period at the rate of \$19.00 per hour effective December 15, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger explained that they received two quotes for replacement of some of the flooring at the police station. The quotes were from Dec-Tech, Inc. and ADF Flooring. *Selectman Ives made a motion to accept DEC-TECH's bid for carpeting the conference room, Chief's office, Patrolman's room and booking room at the police station with carpet tile in the amount of \$3,366. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a NHDES Dry Hydrant Permit for Map 23, Lot 11.

Chairman Krieger read the following: *The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building, located behind the Town Office to consider a petition from Russ Pearl to accept Dragonfly Drive as a Town Road. Signed: Robert P. Krieger, Chairman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman, Roger Maxfield, Selectman.* Selectman Maxfield said he drove the road; it looks great, the cul-de-sac is good and especially the shoulders are excellent with the ledge pak. Road Agent Houle said he was there when they did the final coat, that went down well and the shoulders are good. Mr. Houle said he wasn't there when it was originally put in but it was all passed by the town engineer so he has no problem with it. Chairman Krieger said they have reports from the engineers regarding the pavement and the shoulders. Chairman Krieger asked if anyone had comments for or against the town taking Dragonfly Drive. Selectman Maxfield asked how long the road is. Russ Pearl said 1,983 feet. Tom Blanchette asked how many houses are on Dragonfly Drive. Mr. Pearl said six. Mr. Blanchette asked what percentage of the tax revenue from those six houses goes to the town portion. He said the reason he brings that up is that there seems like there are a lot of subdivisions coming up around town even though they do the engineering report up front to make sure the road meets the standards if they take a lot of roads over they won't have enough tax revenue to cover the town's portion; it's something to consider. He questions whether there is enough money generated from those

houses to cover the maintenance today and for the future. Selectman Maxfield said they build the road to town specifications and they petitioned the board to accept it; there are six real nice homes there. He said they have the option to not accept it but he doesn't know why they wouldn't. Mr. Blanchette said he isn't saying don't accept it he's just asking if the math is looked at to cover the cost of plowing and maintenance of the road. Chairman Krieger said when these roads are started there is a plan in place regarding how many houses the town will need before the road is accepted. He explained that there is a road in town that has one house on it, the town will not accept it and ended up in court over it. Chairman Krieger said there are roads in towns that are plowed that have fewer houses and are probably longer. He also stated that he knows Mr. Pearl and he does good work; the road agent has looked at it so he wouldn't have a problem accepting it. Selectman Maxfield said the town accepted Stonegate off Village Road; it only has three houses. Mr. Pearl stated that there are eight lots on the road that taxes are being paid for. Mr. Pearl stated that the road is 75% built out right now. Selectman Ives said they hold off on approving any road that has less than 50% build out. Selectman Maxfield asked if there is a bond on the road. Mr. Pearl said there is. Selectman Maxfield said they will hold a bond for five years. *Selectman Ives made a motion to accept Dragonfly Drive, approximately 1983 feet in length, located off Lovejoy Road as a town road. A bond will remain in effect as a maintenance surety for five years. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the following reminder.

Tuesday, December 22 is delivery of Holiday Food Baskets. Volunteers pick food up at the Armory at 7 a.m.; deliver it to the Fire Department where volunteers sort and package the food. Recipients pick up their food between 8:30–11:00 a.m.

Chairman Krieger read the following: *Pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-e the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will be holding a public hearing to consider the gift of an antique fire truck. The hearing will be held December 15, 2015 at 6:45 p.m., at the Loudon Community Building located at 29 South Village Road, Loudon, NH. Loudon Board Of Selectmen, Robert P. Krieger, Chairman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman, Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman. Selectman Ives made a motion to accept the antique 1941 Fire Truck built on a Ford chassis, vehicle identification number 99T258389 donated by Jeffrey Jenkins of 283 Black Brook Road, Sanbornton, NH. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield.* Selectman Maxfield said this is the first manufactured fire truck for the Town of Loudon, this is a real generous gift and he appreciates it very much. Selectman Ives said he also very much appreciates it being donated to the Fire Department. Selectman Maxfield suggested that the Chief drive it in the parade each year. Fire Chief Rick Wright said he really appreciates

it it's an important part of history that will help motivate people as they go forward; he thanked Mr. Jenkins very much for it. Chairman Krieger stated that it is his understanding that the town got the truck during World War 2 and there were three trucks that came to the area at the same time. Mr. Jenkins explained that the truck was built for the government and when the war was over the government sold them. Mr. Jenkins clarified that the gift of the truck is from the whole Jenkins family. Chairman Krieger thanked the whole Jenkins family for this generous donation; it is part of Loudon's pride and history. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger announced that there will not be a Selectmen's meeting Tuesday, December 29th due to the holidays.

Chairman Krieger recognized the following from New Hampshire Motor Speedway; Tom Blanchette, Director of Operations, David McGrath, Executive Vice President & General Manager, Nathan McShinsky, Manager of the Event Department, Kayla Arguin, Events Coordinator.

Mr. Blanchette explained that they are in negotiations with Tough Mudder. He explained that in 2013 the event was held at Gunstock with parking at NHMS. Mr. Blanchette said this would require a TCP plan with DOT. He explained that they are bringing it before the board so that they can begin addressing any concerns they might have. Mr. Blanchette said they understand that they would be responsible for costs associated with the event such as extra police and fire personnel. He said that the event at Gunstock brought in between 16–18,000 participants. Mr. Blanchette said there is no at-event registration only pre-registration and since this isn't really a spectator sport the number will be fairly fixed in advance. Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Blanchette to give a brief description of the event. Mr. Blanchette said Tough Mudder is an obstacle course with up to 26 obstacles and a 12+ mile run. Selectman Ives clarified that in 2013 NHMS had the parking and buses took participants to Gunstock, this time the entire event will be held at NHMS so there will be less traffic. Mr. Blanchette agreed. Selectman Ives asked how this falls into the schedule, event wise. Mr. Blanchette said it would be almost right in the middle of the July and September NASCAR race. Chairman Krieger recalls traffic and trash being the only things gained for Loudon the last time but now that the event will be held here they have his support. Mr. Blanchette said Tough Mudder does so many of these events around the world that they have a lot of their own subcontractors. He said they will work out licensing with the state and work with the medical director at Concord Hospital. Mr. Blanchette said they will have their own medical team and the track will have their medical team so it shouldn't affect the town services as far as on track property. Chairman Krieger said they will meet with the track again when the event gets closer. Mr. Blanchette

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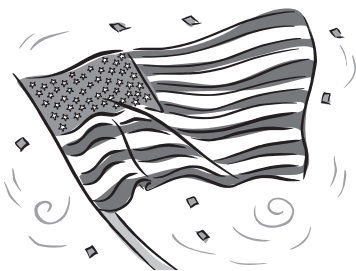
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said they will be pursuing the traffic control plan. Chief Wright said it looks like the Timberman is the following Sunday. The Board thanked Mr. Blanchette for bringing this to them so early. Mr. McGrath introduced himself, stating this is his first Selectmen's meeting. He thanked the board for listening to his team talk about this new event for 2016. Mr. McGrath said they are excited about new events at the track; they are always looking for ways to entertain folks at the track. He said as they have done in the past they will continue to keep the board and town updated on their thoughts and direction.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman



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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 22, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 15, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said they are ditching on Bumfagon Road and cleaning out culverts.

Chairman Krieger said that they received a NH the Beautiful Recycling Equipment grant application. The transfer station manager filled it out and received a quote for a Bobcat. Chairman Krieger said the amount of the quote is just over \$29,000 and the grant is for up to \$5,000. He explained that if they move forward with this application they would ask the town to raise the entire amount at town meeting and hopefully receive the grant and not have to use the entire amount. Mr. Houle agreed that this is a good idea.

Mr. Houle explained that he approached the police department about a "Winter Parking Ban." Janice helped him write up the ban. Selectman Ives said he hopes that people are given a warning before a fine; that fines aren't given out immediately. Selectman Maxfield suggested that it be put on the town website. Chairman Krieger agreed adding that it will be posted in the normal posting places as well. Selectman Ives made a motion to accept the "Winter Parking Ban" LTO15-0001 Ordinance to take effect November 1st through April 30th between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Krieger said the reason for the ban is that some people leave their vehicles in the streets which it makes it hard to plow snow. The ban reads as follows:

TOWN OF LOUDON

Ordinance to Prohibit Overnight Parking from

November 1st through April 30th.

"WINTER PARKING BAN"

LTO 15-0001

No person having the custody or control of any vehicle shall park a vehicle on any roadway, street, properties plowed by the Town or any place where snow removal would be hindered, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 06:00 a.m. from November 1st through April 30th.

Any person who violates the provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be fined. First Offense \$25 fine; Second Offense \$50 to be paid within 10 days of issue date; Third Offense MUST APPEAR Concord District Court.

The Chief of Police, or any Police Officer of the Loudon Police Department, may cause any vehicle parked in violation of Section 1 of this ordinance to be removed from the street, roadway, Town plowed property or any place where snow removal would be hindered. It will be at the Police Officer's discretion if a monetary fine be issued to the person in charge or in custody of the parked vehicle, as indicated in Section 2.

Chairman Krieger said they need to discuss the bond for Dragonfly Drive. The Board received a memo from the Planning Board Administrative Assistant with information on how the road bond has been handled in the past. Mr. Houle agreed that it should be reduced. Selectman Ives said when he made the motion to accept the road last week he was under the impression that \$20,000 was the reduced amount of the bond. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to establish the road bond for Dragonfly Drive in the amount of \$3,000 for the period of five years, commencing December 16, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Houle said that it doesn't look like after roads are accepted any money is appropriated for maintenance of the roads. He explained that he needs to come up with a formula so when a road is accepted there are funds available to take care of it. Chairman Krieger explained that they discussed it at a budget meeting and are thinking that once the town office building is complete that they will ask the town to put \$25,000 towards road maintenance.

Mr. Houle asked the Board if they reviewed the truck quotes that he turned in. They said they did and all like the quote for the Mack. Mr. Houle agreed that is the one he likes too.

Selectman Maxfield explained that they have been looking at the roads and came up with a suggestion regarding which roads are done next year. He said that if School Street is going to be done it only makes sense to start at N. Village Road not at Oak Hill Road. Selectman Maxfield suggested that Mr. Houle start at N. Village road and go up School Street 1.2 miles past Batchelder Road just before the hill and do Wales Bridge Road which is .6 miles. He said Mr. Houle's original plan was for 1.9 miles of School Street starting at Oak Hill Road. Mr. Houle told the Board that he looked at some other roads as options. He said he looked at Loudon Ridge Road from Route 129 to the bridge just below Danny Ladd's property. He explained that this would be a shim and an overlay with a couple of culverts being replaced; it is 2.7 miles and would cost about \$197,260. Mr. Houle said 2.4 miles of School Street would cost about \$196,000. He said that Ilona Lane is pretty bad and would cost about \$21,000 to shim and over-

lay. Chairman Krieger asked why Mr. Houle wouldn't want to do in front of the school. Mr. Houle explained that when he does in front of the school he would like to put in curb and sidewalk to the stop sign, kids have to walk in the road if they are going to the library. He explained that there are drainage issues and a pole would have to be moved to get the sidewalk to the bridge. Selectman Maxfield asked when Mr. Houle intends to do in front of the school. Mr. Houle said it will be a big project; plans have to be done so it won't be for a couple of years. Chairman Krieger said his concern is that the road in front of the school has potholes that just keep getting filled in; it is dangerous for kids on bicycles as well as cars. He said for safety purposes he'd like to see the road and sidewalks done sooner than in a couple of years. Mr. Houle explained that it needs drainage which will be fairly expensive; they'll need to get easements and permits. Chairman Krieger suggested that they get started on it if it's going to take that long. Selectman Ives said they'll continue discussing this and come up with a plan. Marjorie Schoonmaker told the Board that there is a program called Safe Route that may be able to help fund sidewalks. She will get the information to Mr. Houle.

Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Houle if he came up with a plan regarding pay increases for the highway department. Mr. Houle showed the Board what he has left in his budget for the remainder of the year, he figured out what he will need for salaries at their present rate of pay. He explained that he came up with cost for increases of 3%, 5% and \$1.00. Selectman Maxfield asked if he had the same information for the transfer station workers. Mr. Houle said he did, he explained that there is one person there that he is bothered by wage wise. Chairman Krieger clarified that they are talking about increasing the six highway department guys and one transfer station guy. Mr. Houle said that for the length of time and for what he does the transfer station guy should be brought up. The Board agreed to a 3% raise for the highway guys and a \$.50 per hour raise to the transfer station attendant.

The Board met with Supervisors of the Checklist Marjorie Schoonmaker and Francine Clave. Ms. Schoonmaker said they are all set for the primaries. Selectman Ives explained that they have discussed the location for the primaries and decided it will be held at the school. Selectman Ives asked that the Supervisors contact the school regarding set-up. Ms. Schoonmaker said she will contact them after the New Year. Selectman Ives said an officer will be placed outside the gym and if needed one outside for traffic. Chairman Krieger suggested that there be three officers there for security and traffic. Chairman Krieger asked if they have enough booths. Ms.

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Schoonmaker said the town clerk just ordered more. Selectman Maxfield clarified that town elections in March will be held at the town hall. Ms. Schoonmaker said that in September they will ask to use the school again. Selectman Ives explained that they already spoke to the road agent about winging back snow banks at the school. Ms. Schoonmaker said she will get notice in the next Ledger about the location.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received information from the town attorney regarding tax deeded property costs.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding Mr. Shaver. Chief Wright said things are progressing on the property; unregistered vehicles have been removed as requested.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding a Paramedic Intercept Agreement from Tri-Town Emergency Medical Service. Chairman Krieger signed the agreement.

The Board received contact information for Ironman Triathlon from Chief Wright. A meeting will be set up to discuss the Triathlon.

The Board received a memo from Sgt. Burgess regarding 4 pistol permits and a notification of resignation.

The Board received the ESMI Self-Report for November 2015.

The Board received ten (10) past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Ives made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: Acct # 8049 for \$111.63, Acct # 8355 for \$540.16, Acct # 8399 for \$469.90, Acct # 8456 for \$103.66, Acct # 8704 for \$543.14, Acct # 8707 for \$720.40, Acct # 8726 for \$834.60, Acct # 8754 for \$113.39, Acct # 8815 for \$250.00, and Acct # 9028 for \$701.60. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the NHDOT Biennial inspection report of town owned bridges. Chairman Krieger stated that other than one missing sign, which they talked to the road agent about, the bridges look good.

The Board received the following reminders:

Monday, December 28 at 9 a.m. is the Ladd Easement closing at the town attorney's office. Selectman Maxfield will attend.

Tuesday, December 29th there will not be a Selectmen's meeting.

Chairman Krieger wished everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 5, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright, Road Agent Lance Houle, Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles, Police Sergeant Kris Burgess and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 22, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Lance Houle and Dustin Bowles.

Mr. Houle said he received a call from someone that wants to extend the private road on Terry Drive. He explained that there is one more lot on that road; the road needs to be extended to access that property. Mr. Houle said he meets with the gentleman on Thursday. He explained that guidelines were set for the road when it was previously extended that included a 20' wide gravel with a class B 14' wide t-turnaround. Mr. Houle said the new guidelines ask for 22' wide gravel; he would like to keep it at 20'. Mr. Houle said there is only one more lot so there won't be a lot of traffic. Selectman Ives clarified that it is gravel now. Chairman Krieger asked if this is something that should go before the Zoning or Planning Board. Stanley Prescott, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board suggested that it wouldn't hurt for them to go before the Planning Board. Selectman Ives said Mr. Houle should let the gentleman know that he needs to get on the Planning Board agenda for a discussion.

Dustin Bowles said he wanted to discuss the warrant article for the skid-steer. He said rather raising the money with taxes in the past they have taken money out of transfer station maintenance line for trailers and things for the transfer station. Selectman Ives said they have a draft of the article and it looks good to him. Selectman Maxfield asked if there is enough money in that maintenance fund. Mr. Bowles said there is. He explained that the money can be used for the purchase and maintenance of equipment. The Selectmen are good with the article. Selectman Maxfield said it is a wise place to take the money from.

Chairman Krieger said they received a check from Primex for the damage to the highway department pickup truck. Mr. Houle explained that the quote he received is for more than the insurance check; he will be getting a couple more quotes. Chairman Krieger suggested that he check with a couple of places in town and discuss the amount with the insurance company.

The Board recognized James Troon resident of Lovejoy Road from the audience.

Mr. Troon explained that since Lovejoy Road was paved there is a significant drop off at the end of his driveway. He said his car bottoms out and his wife's breaking safety

features are triggered. He would like to know how that can be leveled out and what solutions are available to them. Mr. Houle said they discussed this in the summer when the road was done; he said this is one of the steepest driveways on Lovejoy. He said this is the first time he heard about the breaking issues; he understood that the front foil hit a couple of times going into the driveway. Mr. Houle said he can't do anything about it now but he can try to lift the driveway in the spring. Mr. Troon said when delivery people, neighbors, friends complained about it and his plow driver said he can't clear the snow out of the end of the driveway he wrote the letter to the Selectmen. Mr. Houle said he backed into the driveway and was able to plow out. Selectman Maxfield asked what will happen with the drainage if they build it up. Mr. Houle said that is the problem and one of the reasons he was trying to keep it down. He explained that there is not enough depth there to put in a culvert so he'll try to lift one side to keep the drainage working. Mr. Houle said he might have to have a paving company come in and grind the edge of the road down. Karen Troon said she can't get her jeep Cherokee in the driveway. Mr. Troon said the paving on Lovejoy Road is great they just need the driveway issue taken care of. He said he appreciates it being looked into.

Chairman Krieger recognized Dan Bartlett from Lovejoy Road. Mr. Bartlett explained that there is a big divot at the end of his driveway. He said the only way he can get out with his plow on is to go on the edge of the driveway and creep out. Mr. Bartlett said he contacted the road agent and set up a time to meet with him about it. He explained that about an hour and a half before the meeting Mr. Houle called him and said he looked at the driveway and didn't see a problem. Mr. Bartlett said that during the snowstorm he couldn't plow out and he couldn't plow up; the only way to plow was sitting in the road and plowing sideways back and forth. Mr. Houle explained that he did stop and look at it; the driveway needs to pitch away 2%, that's the regulations. Mr. Houle explained that the driveway is so steep that if he brought it out level to the pavement he would have so much water on the road he would be dealing with ice all winter. Mr. Houle said the last conversation he had with Mr. Bartlett was that he would work with him in the spring to get this straightened out. Mr. Houle said Mr. Bartlett said sometimes he might need help to get out. Mr. Bartlett agreed and said he will call if he needs help. Selectman Ives

said the road agent will deal with both issues on Lovejoy Road in the spring.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said he, Selectman Ives and Deputy Lake interviewed three candidates for the vacant full-time position; all were recommended by their Chiefs. Chief Wright said they decided to hire Travis Arel who was highly recommended by his Chief in Amherst. Mr. Arel has worked for Amherst for six years. Chief Wright also spoke to the director of the Milton EMS who had nothing but good things to say about Mr. Arel. Chief Wright said based on that he would like to hire Mr. Arel starting February 1st at \$17.00 per hour with a review in six months and he must pass the pre-employment physical. Selectman Ives said the Amherst is a long drive and asked if Mr. Arel will still consider moving closer at some point as he indicated in their interview. Mr. Arel said he will look into it. The Board welcomed Mr. Arel.

Chief Wright said their training committee would like some practice with the aerial tower. They would like to train on the community building and the town office building. The Board agreed they have no problem with them training on those buildings.

Selectman Maxfield said the he was approached by Shawn Jones. Mr. Jones has 10 scouts that are looking for a community service project to do. He asked Chief Wright if he has anything they could do. Chief Wright and Selectman Maxfield will discuss it further at another time.

The Board recognized Hunter Blake from the audience.

Hunter from Lower Ridge Road explained that he is a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project. He asked if he could replace the town sign near Cascade Park. Selectman Ives explained that his sister-in-law made the sign that is there, his father put up the frame work and he put the sign up many years ago. Chairman Krieger said that they have been talking about replacing the sign. Selectman Ives said he is all for replacing it however when his sister-in-law painted the sign she asked that if it was ever taken down that she get it back so he would like to be sure she gets it. Selectman Ives said he thinks this is a great project and offered his help if Hunter needs anything. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to appoint Selectman Ives to be the contact person for Hunter to go to regarding the replacement and establishment of the new Town of Loudon sign by Cascade Park and to make decisions on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Second-*

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ed by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield commended Hunter for taking on this worthy project.

The Board met with Sergeant Kris Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess updated the board on the bank robbery. He said the suspect turned himself in and is incarcerated in Vermont.

Sergeant Burgess explained that he received quotes for the deadbolt on the evidence door that they have talked about.

Sergeant Burgess said they had some budget items to discuss. Janice Morin explained that they got a quote from Ossipee Mountain regarding a maintenance agreement on their grant cameras. She explained that they received two quotes; the first for \$4,680. The second is an hourly option; \$85 per hour unless it is after hours or race weekend which would be \$125 per hour with a four hour minimum. She said there is also \$100 service charge each time. Ms. Morin said she recommends putting \$2,500 in the outside services line of the budget for this; they have had issues with the cameras the last two race weekends. Chairman Krieger agreed.

Ms. Morin said she spoke with Ossipee Mountain, Deputy Lake and the Homeland Security Director about cleaning the lenses on the camera's at the 106/129 intersection. She believes that Homeland Security will come through in the spring. Deputy Lake said they can do it if necessary with traffic control for safety.

Sergeant Burgess said he looked into cell phones for the officers. Due to this he is requesting an additional \$300 be added to their telephone budget line. He explained that the phones would be at the station and available to the officers during their working hours. Chairman Krieger explained that the officers are taking pictures with their own phones and then defense wants their phones. He further explained that if there is a bank robbery or shooting or anything the AG's office will take their phone. Chairman Krieger said this would protect the town and the officer's.

Sergeant Burgess explained that the want to add a module to their IMC program for evidence. He said he would like to increase the computer maintenance line by \$2,500 for this.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:47 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:23 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All

in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Maxfield — yes. Motion carries.

Chairman Krieger signed three pistol permits.

Sergeant Burgess said to complete their roster he has one more part-time position to fill. He recommends Anthony Strout who is a correctional officer at the New Hampshire State prison. Sergeant Burgess said his background is complete, he received all positive feedback; he would like to hire him and send him to the part-time academy in February. He was told that his rate of pay would be \$10 per hour while at the academy and then be raised to \$19. Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Anthony G. Strout as a part-time patrolman for the Town of Loudon, starting January 5, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger explained that he has a neighbor that is concerned with someone parking in the road while operating a sap business. Chairman Krieger told this person that he would pass the message on to the Police Department. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't know if they are even hampering the road or if they need to pull further off the road; but he is asking that they keep an eye on it.

The Board recognized Stanley Prescott from the audience.

Mr. Prescott said he received call from the kid working on the cemetery by the Fire Station. He asked Mr. Prescott as a member of the historical society what the name of the cemetery is. Mr. Prescott said he doesn't know and he doesn't think the historical society should be naming cemeteries. Selectman Maxfield said it has always been known as the Loudon Village Cemetery. Selectman Ives suggested asking Arthur Colby. Mr. Prescott said that Bob Ordway thought it was the Loudon Village Cemetery too but he didn't want to say anything without first talking to the Board. Mr. Prescott will talk to Mr. Colby. The Board agreed unless Mr. Colby knows something different it is the Loudon Village Cemetery.

Mr. Prescott said he submitted two warrant articles.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received information from the town attorney regarding Fairpoint's Tax Abatement Appeal.

The Board received the Ladd Conservation Easement paperwork. Selectman Ives stated that Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission did an excellent job on this easement. Selectman Maxfield was thanked by the board for taking care of the paperwork with Ms. Robinson.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District Revised Assessment for 2015-2016. The revised amount is \$622,890.83 for January-May, 2016. The old amount was \$722,040.64.

The Board received a copy of the Loudon VOA annual payment.

The Board received the Maxfield library Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015. The Board expressed their pleasure in the way

they and the library are communicating and working together.

The Board received a thank you letter from Community Action Program.

The Board received the following reminder:

Monday, January 11 at 7:15 p.m. is a School Board meeting.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: February 19 for the March 2016 Issue

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 12, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 5, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Selectman Ives made a motion to hire Travis Arel to fill the position of Firefighter/EMT for the Loudon Fire Department at the rate of pay of \$17.00 per hour starting February 1, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Wright submitted a grant support letter for the Board to sign, which they did. Chief Wright explained that they are looking at two sets of extrication equipment one for Engine 1 that is at Station 2 and one for Engine 2 that is at Station 1. He said the total estimated cost for that is \$59,000. They are looking at a heating/cooling upgrade at Station 2 for \$46,000 and the third thing is a UTV vehicle, something like the gator only better for off road; this would cost about \$40,000. Chief Wright said this would be a total of \$145,000 if they are fortunate enough to get this grant. He explained that if they get the grant it would be 95% FEMA and the town would have to contribute 5%. Chief Wright said he would find the 5% in his budget.

Chief Wright asked about a meeting with the Triathlon people. A meeting has been set for February 2nd at 6:30.

Chief Wright told the Selectmen that he thinks the town should be thinking about an alarm system for the highway garage. Selectman Maxfield said that he thinks a Capital Reserve Fund should be established

for a new garage in the future. Chairman Krieger stated that in the meantime they should look into the feasibility and cost of an alarm system. Chief Wright said he has spoken to the road agent about it and will get a couple of prices.

Chief Wright said he met with the Chichester Fire Chief last week regarding the ambulance coverage. Chief Wright explained that Chichester transports nights for two weeks and Loudon transports two weeks. He said that Chichester wants to do their transport all the time which means that Loudon would do all their own. Chief Wright said they would still back each other up if there is two calls at once or a bad accident. Chief Wright said this would start in February. Chairman Krieger asked that Chief Wright look into what kind of agreement the Town of Loudon has with the Town of Chichester.

Chief Wright explained that 23 months ago they set up a plan for fire department compensation. Chief Wright said he'd like to up the rates to get them more in line with where they should be. He explained that with a 25% increase they would still have about \$11,000 left for a buffer. Selectman Ives said he is looking at about 20% more. Chief Wright said that originally they talked about bonuses but he is not in favor of that. Selectman Maxfield stated that we are lucky to have these volunteers; they'd be paying a lot more if they had to hire people. Chairman Krieger said Chief Wright has done an exceptional job and he supports him. After reviewing the paperwork and considering the numbers the Board agreed to a 20% increase. Chairman Krieger stated that they appreciate everything these people do. Selectman Ives said a 20% increase would be about \$3,500. Chief Wright asked that

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the increase go into effect February 1st. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed Chief Wright's pickup truck. Chairman Krieger said they would have to look into replacing it in the next few years. Chief Wright said it is good for now.

Selectman Maxfield made a motion to authorize Chairman Krieger to sign an agreement between the Town of Loudon and Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc. for the Household Hazardous Waste Collections agreement for the amount of no more than \$10,000. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received an application for a Highway Department employee from the road agent. The Board reviewed the application. Selectman Ives made a motion to hire Mark Stevens to fill the position at the highway garage at the hourly rate of \$16.50. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Select-

man Ives explained that this is to fill a position that was vacated; they are not creating a new position. All in favor. Motion carried. The start date will be as soon as possible.

Selectman Ives made a motion to authorize Chairman Krieger to sign the Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement, Central NH Special Operations Unit. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield said he believes this is a worthy program and he's glad to see it in place. Selectman Ives said this is authorized with the approval of Sergeant Burgess.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Sergeant Burgess. Sergeant Burgess submitted an appointment paper for a full-time patrolman. Chairman Krieger stated that Juan Posada is currently a full-time patrolman for Boscawen. Sergeant Burgess said the background is complete and requests that Officer Posada starts at \$20.50 per hour. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to

appoint Juan Posada as a full-time patrolman for the Loudon Police Department with a 12-month probationary period beginning January 12, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger signed twelve pistol permits.

The Board received a petition from Dan Aversa for acceptance of Bert Lane. Selectman Maxfield said he drove Bert Lane and it appears that three houses are built and two are under construction. Selectman Ives made a motion to accept the petition from Dan Aversa for the acceptance of Bert Lane. Selectman Ives said they will schedule a public hearing and he would like to get the road agents thoughts on the road. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a letter from a resident of Old Shaker Road regarding the condition of road. The Road agent will receive a copy of the letter. Selectman Maxfield said for the record that he saw the road agent working on that road the week before

Christmas; doing the best he can at this time of the year.

The Board received twelve (12) overdue ambulance bills. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to forward the following ambulance bills to collection: Acct. #9333 for \$108.39, Acct. #8006 for \$528.75, Acct. #8280 for \$24.55, Acct. #2047 for \$250.00, Acct. #9025 for \$687.20, Acct. #8852 for \$58.32, Acct. #8093 for \$99.58, Acct. #9128 for \$64.28, Acct. #9220 for \$338.47, Acct. #9256 for \$112.73, Acct. #5749 for \$112.73, and Acct# 9343 for \$548.70. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received the Loudon Agriculture Commission September Meeting Minutes.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — December 17, 2015

Attendance: George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Ex-Officio Steve Ives, and Alternates Dustin Bowles and Alice Tuson

Dusting Bowles was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Tom Moore, and Alice Tuson was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Bob Cole.

Approval of Minutes:

November 19, 2015 regular meeting — George Saunderson moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Alice Tuson. All were in favor.

December 4, 2015 Zoning Amendment workshop — George Saunderson moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Alice Tuson. Donna noted that a couple of section numbers had been stated incorrectly at the workshop; she will make the correction. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Don Ellison, Shaw Road — Mr. Ellison said he has lived at Map 53, Lot 6 for twenty-three years. It is a forty-six acre parcel; he is hoping to subdivide the parcel into two lots. This would leave the house on one lot and create a vacant lot. Because the parcel is on a Class VI road he asked if a covenant could be put on the plan that said the lot could not be built on, limited to use as a woodlot. The Board reviewed Section 23.4 of the Land Development Regulations and it was agreed that this could not be done without upgrading the road per the regulations.

Public Hearings:

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

represented the applicant. Abutters Sandra Hillsgrove and Sheri Kluesener were present.

Mr. Evans explained that the applicant wishes to move a lot line to increase the size of Lot 2 and decrease the size of Lot 25. The proposal is to put Lot 2 into a conservation easement. Ms. Kluesener asked about the frontage on Lot 25. She noted that the plan is proposing a 50' access that looks like it goes over the driveway on Lot 25. She said she is not sure the frontage is appropriate for a driveway to be where the proposed access is located. There was discussion of the conditions along that section of the road. George Saunderson suggested that a site walk might be in order. Ms. Kluesener asked if it can be assured that Lot 2 will be in a conservation easement and not developed in the future. Stan Prescott spoke about the easement being an access for the rear lot, possibly for logging, etc. He noted that the house on Map 16, Lot 11 should be shown on the plan, pointing out that the lot only has 180' of frontage and the house is quite close to the boundary where the access is being proposed. Members spent time reviewing the proposed plan. It was noticed that the 50' access does not continue at a 50' width the entire length; this will need to be corrected. Henry Huntington asked why only 50' of frontage is being proposed for Lot 2. Mr. Evans explained that they could not do 200' because of the existing driveway. Tom Dow asked if an easement across the front lawn would be a possibility. Mr. Evans said it could be; they would have to look into that. There was discussion about being able to get a new driveway permitted as Pittsfield Road is a state road. The abut-

ters spoke about the conditions for sight distance along that section of the road.

Discussion continued about the concern of the 50' access, future use of Lot 2, and the need for further review. Mr. Evans said he will have the access flagged and let Donna know when it is done. A site walk was scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th at 3:00 p.m. Items to be addressed on the plan are the 50' width, a letter of intent for the conservation easement, and showing the Carbone house. Henry Huntington suggested that any approval be made contingent upon the conservation easement being accepted.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue the hearing to the site walk and then to the next meeting On January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Zoning amendments — The Board reviewed the amendments being proposed for the March ballot. Roy Merrill spoke against an amendment that would define frontage and access as having to be one and the same. He said he has land with frontage on Route 106 but cannot access from anywhere other than North Village Road due to Route 106 being a limited access highway. He cited a couple of other parcels in town that would be adversely affected should that amendment be passed. There was discussion about combining related amendments so there wouldn't be as many on the ballot. Donna will make the revisions and get them to the town attorney for review and comment. Stan Prescott will speak with the

attorney with regard to the frontage/access amendment as it was the attorney that suggested that the matter be addressed during a phone call on a subdivision application earlier in the year. A public hearing on the proposed amendments was scheduled for January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Excavation questions — Carol Ogilvie is working to complete the review of pits and preparation of a new application for future use. She said M1, L3 and M39, L37 do not appear to have either a permit or evidence of being grandfathered. She asked Donna to speak with the Board about the two lots. It was agreed that M1, L3 is a lot contiguous to a larger parcel also owned/operated by Continental Paving. M39, L37 is owned by Roy Merrill. Mr. Merrill said it is PA-38, incidental to construction. Donna will forward this information to Ms. Ogilvie for clarification.

Report of the ZBA:

There is a discussion about a possible home occupation on School Street, a variance for an automotive repair shop on Lower Ridge Road, and a special exception for a reduced setback on Oak Hill Road on this month's agenda.

Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White, Administrative Assistant

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Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — December 23, 2105

Present:

Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Dave Powelson, Alternates George Saunderson and Charlie Aznive

George Saunderson and Charlie Aznive were appointed as voting members in the absence of Ned Lizotte and Earl Tuson.

Deputy Chief/Code Officer Bill Lake was present.

Minutes:

George Saunderson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2015 as presented; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

Discussion:

William and Karen Towle, School Street — Mr. Towle explained that they operate an RV rental business out of Northwood; they sometimes have an RV at their house on School Street to clean it before they go to another rental. He said the business is done solely over the internet and can be done anywhere they have internet connection. Mr. Towle said a neighbor has complained, stating that they are running the business out of their home and yard. Chairman Powelson discussed home occupations. Mrs. Towle informed the Board that all of the RVs are privately owned and titled. She said they do approximately 200 rentals per year and have probably had a total of 8 at their home during that time. She said they have a building/garage in Northwood where the RVs are kept. It was stated that it is a matter of logistics as to where the RV is coming from or going; it is short term if they are in their yard. Code Officer Lake said this matter was discussed at a recent Board of Permit meeting, and the Towles were sent to the ZBA for an internet business. It was noted that there are no rentals done from the house, no customers there, and no signage. Mrs. Towle said it is no different than a service person bringing their truck home to leave for a job the next morning. Dave Powelson explained major occupations, saying that they could maybe apply for a major home occupation and have a set number of RVs that could be at the house. Mr. Towle said they are not asking for a home occupation. He said they are only here to clarify that they are not running a business out of their house; they are not renting from there. Roy Merrill said the town would have a problem if everyone who brings a camper into their yard had to be looked at. Bill Lake explained that this was brought forward as a code enforcement concern, it was brought to the Board of Permit, sent to ZBA; they have gone through the process and asked all the questions. Howard Pearl said he does not see an issue. Mrs. Towle stated that they have found another site to park them, but they will have the occasional RV in their yard for transition to another location. George Saunderson said he would think they have solved their own problem by finding a new location. It was agreed that the

matter has been discussed and does not appear to require further review.

Public Hearings:

Application #Z15-21, Adam Bousquet — *Variance for automotive service/repair, M53, L11, AFP District. Abutters Jeff & Doreen Green were present.*

Mr. Bousquet stated that the building on Lower Ridge Road was set up for this type of work. He said it was brought to his attention after getting set up that this is not an approved use in that district. Dave Powelson said it appears that the building was built by a previous owner to service his own logging trucks. Mr. Bousquet said that was correct. He said the building cannot be seen from the road so many people do not even know it is there.

The chairman went through the points of the application with Mr. Bousquet. He asked if there were any questions from the Board. Charlie Aznive said he had no questions; he recalls the previous owner's use of the building and has to agree that the proposed use is reasonable. The chairman asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Jeff Green said he has a repair shop and junkyard two houses down the road, also in the AFP District. He said there has always been something of this nature in the area. He said he does not see it as a concern; it sets back from the road. Mr. Green said the address is a concern and needs to be corrected. He spoke about the property having two entrances and the numbering being confusing. Mr. Green said concerns of vehicle noise on the road have been voiced; Mr. Bousquet said he has spoken with the party about the noise. Mr. Green said there was a house in the area where a similar business was run for 20 years.

The chairman asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. There were none. Howard Pearl asked if this would be just general auto repair. Mr. Bousquet said he builds engines for drag Hondas and would be doing general automotive repair, rust removal, etc. He said he does not do any painting. Roy Merrill and Howard Pearl spoke about the building being one of the nicest in town and this being a perfect use. Jeff Green stated that there are three bays and one drive-through bay. He said the building has a steeper roof than most because of the logging trucks; snow load is not a concern. Mr. Green said there are no wetlands, no drainage concerns, and the entrance off the road is flat.

Mr. Bousquet said this would be a one-person shop; he is not planning to do more. He is leasing the shop; the owner uses part of the shop for personal storage. George Saunderson suggested putting a limit on the size of the business, coming back if more than one employee. Other Board members spoke about wanting a hand with some jobs at times, not limiting it to just Mr. Bousquet.

Bill Lake spoke about addressing the shop differently than the home because of the driveway. He will look into this from the E-911 end of things.

Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the application with a maximum of two employees; seconded by Howard Pearl. Dave Powelson said this is a unique situation; he feels it is a good use. Charlie Aznive agreed. A roll vote was taken: Charlie Aznive — yes; George Saunderson — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Howard Pearl — yes. Unanimous — AP-PROVED.

Application #Z15-22, Michael Martel — *Special Exception for Reduced Setback, M28, L15, RR District. Abutters Hermel, Denyse, Natalie Fortier & another family member were present.*

Mr. Martel explained that he wants to build a 30' x 60' pole shed with a roof to store equipment and/or hay. He said the shed would be 6' tall at the back and 16' at the ridge pole. He is asking for a reduction of the side setback from 30' to 10'. Mr. Martel said he has just learned that the Fortiers have some concerns.

The chairman went through the points of the application with Mr. Martel. He asked if there were any questions from the Board. Hearing none, he asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. There were none. Mr. Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Natalie Fortier said the family is concerned about the crowding of their property and the decrease in value of their property. She said Mr. Martel has added other structures and the clutter has not decreased. Ms. Fortier said they have concerns of what the building will look like. Herm Fortier said he is concerned about the added runoff from the roof. They showed pictures of the existing structures and conditions of the property. George Saunderson asked Mr. Fortier if that concern would be alleviated if this shed was 20' further from the boundary line. Natalie Fortier said having the shed further away from their house would feel less crowded. She said there are a lot of structures there now and this shed would crowd it even more; she also spoke about their view of the proposed shed. Howard Pearl asked about the distance of an existing carpenter's shop to the stone wall. Mr. Martel said it is

approximately 40'. Dave Powelson, reviewing the pictures, asked about the distance between the existing structure and the proposed shed. Mr. Martel said he would leave enough room to work on both buildings, probably a few feet. He explained the locations of existing structures and the proposed location for this shed.

Mr. Martel suggested that a site visit might be in order. George Saunderson asked Mr. Martel when he plans to start the construction of the building. Mr. Martel said he would prefer sooner than later. Mr. Saunderson asked if delaying a month would be a big deal. Mr. Martel said it would not; he is not trying to rush this through or past anyone. Herm Fortier said there is a big ditch that separates the properties by the stone wall, and there is no place for runoff except onto his land. He said there is a lot gravel right now, a 30' x 60' roof would displace a lot of water, and there is already a problem with the ditch. Mr. Martel said he feels the water can be managed.

Roy Merrill asked Mr. Fortier what would help. Mr. Fortier said that Mr. Martel has plenty of area to put this shed without crowding the boundary. He said they are not sure of what the building will look like. Mr. Merrill stated that the abutters would have no say of the design if Mr. Martel moves it out of the setback. Mr. Martel said he has looked at options of other locations on his property and this is the preferred location for the shed.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Fortier said it would be good if the shed location was staked. Mr. Martel said he could do that. *Howard Pearl made a motion to continue the hearing to the site walk on January 9th and then to the January 28, 2016 meeting; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

Adjournment:

George Saunderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.; seconded by Charlie Aznive. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

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

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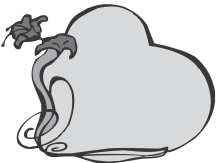

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<div>28</div> <div>IF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO GET ITS MEETINGS AND EVENTS ON THIS CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND THEM TO DEBBIE@DEBBIEKGRAPHICS.COM. LET US KNOW IF IT IS A RECURRING EVENT SO IT WILL GO IN EACH MONTH.</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>March 1</div> <div>9am•Yoga @ Library 10:30am•Story Time @ Library 1–2pm•Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•Adult Coloring @ Library 6pm•Selectmen @ CB 7pm•Lions Club @ Library</div>	<div>March 2</div> <div>2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library 2:30am•Story Time @ Library 6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 6pm•Beginners' Crochet Class @ Library 7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library 7pm•Historical Society @ Museum</div>	<div>March 3</div> <div>11am•SCHOOL BOARD VOTING OPENS @ MVHS 7pm•MVSD ANNUAL MEETING @ MVHS</div> <div>10:30am•Story Time @ Lib. 11am•Chair Yoga @ Lib. 3:30–5pm•LEGO Club @ Lib. 6pm•Yoga@Library 6:30•PTA @ LES 7pm•Agriculture Commission @ CB</div>	<div>March 4</div>	<div>March 5</div> <div>9–2•Rug Hookers' Guild @ Library</div>

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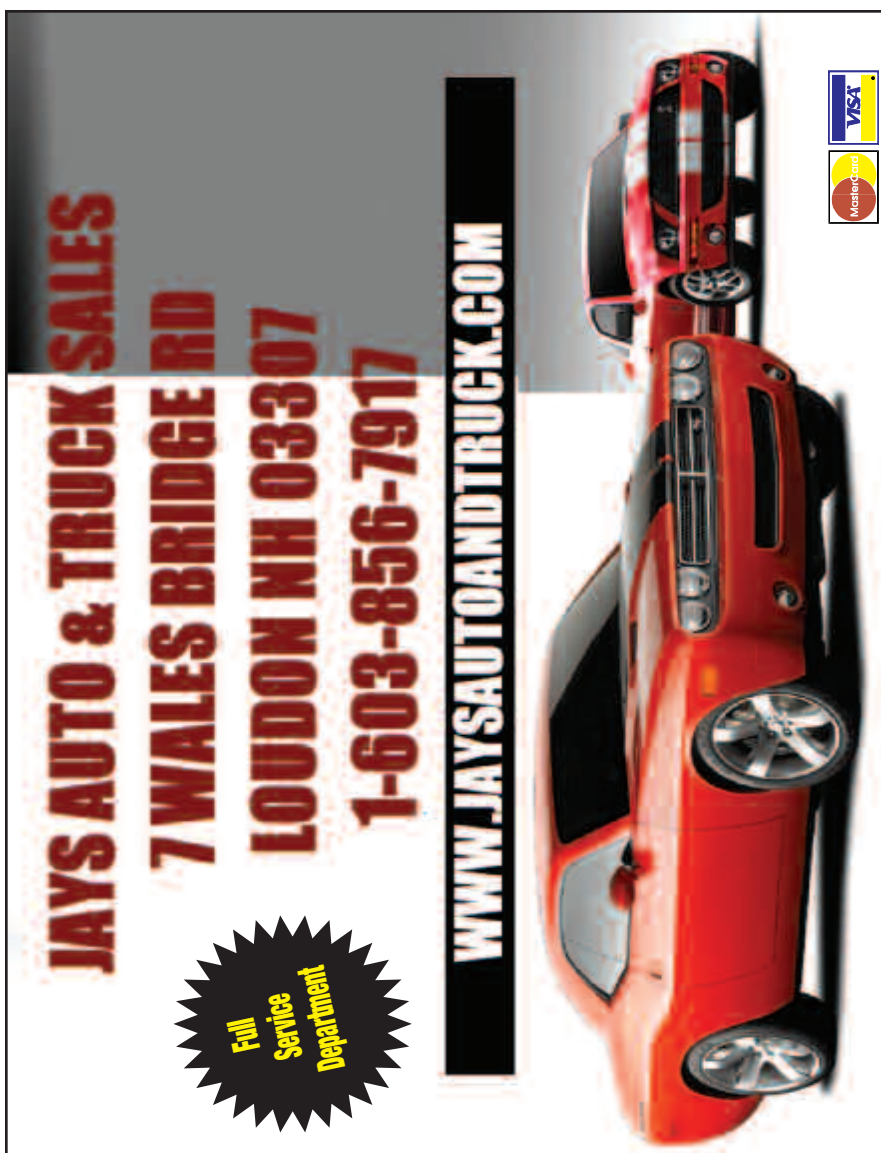
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