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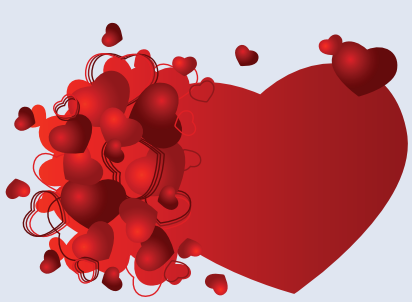

Merrimack County Nursing Home Residents Receive Quilts

Alice Rolfe of the Webster Congregational Church appointed Terry Ohlson Martin to spearhead a project to give every resident of Merrimack County Nursing Home a handmade quilt, blanket or afghan. After hearing the number of residents (290) at the nursing home and (29) at assisted living, Terry turned to FaceBook! From October until December 20, 2017, many dedicated individuals have delivered 334 items from many church communities in the State. Deliveries were made from California, Massachusetts, Georgia, and Virginia — all connected in some way to the original Church bulletin, social media, and word of mouth. At one point the group wasn't sure they would make the goal and Terry said, "Let's turn this over to God and see what happens"! Terry met with Mary Heath last Wednesday to see the final results. The next day the activities department started letting residents pick out their own blanket, quilt or afghan. We will never know all of the names of those who contributed to this project, but our residents greatly appreciated it. It was so much fun to see all of the styles, variety of patterns, and colors that were used. It was also very heartwarming to see how this project grew from a few blankets at a time to well over the goal of 290!! ■

What do you do with a huge pile of quilts? You give them away, of course! Merrimack County Nursing Home residents got to choose their very own beautiful quilt.

Important Dates To Note

February 7
Budget Hearing
6 p.m. at the Town Office

March 7
Meet the Candidates
7 p.m. at the Town Office

March 8
Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting
Polls Open at 11 a.m.
Business Meeting at 7 p.m.
at MVHS Auditorium

March 13
Town Elections
8 a.m.–7 p.m.
at the Town Hall
Clough Hill Road

March 17
Annual Town Meeting
9 a.m.
at Loudon Elementary School

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF LOUDON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF TIME LIMIT FOR FILING OF CANDIDACY

THE UNDERSIGNED CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOUDON HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR FILING DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

SELECTMEN
1 THREE YEAR TERM

MODERATOR
1 TWO YEAR TERM

TOWN CLERK
1 THREE YEAR TERM

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
1 SIX YEAR TERM

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND
1 THREE YEAR TERM

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
1 THREE YEAR TERM

PLANNING BOARD
2 THREE YEAR TERMS

ZONING BOARD
1 THREE YEAR TERM

WRITTEN DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK NOT BEFORE JANUARY 24, 2018 FROM 9:00AM–4:00PM OR AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2018 FROM 3:00PM–5:00PM.

WENDY L. YOUNG
LOUDON TOWN CLERK, 55 SO VILLAGE ROAD

HOURS: MONDAY 8:00AM-2:00PM
TUESDAY 3:00PM-9:00PM
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND 3:00PM-5:00PM

Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen's Office

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 1 • 798-4541 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Steven R. Ives, Chairman *(term expires 2017)* selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Robert N. Fiske *(term expires 2019)* selectmanfiske@comcast.net
Jeffrey Miller *(term expires 2020)* selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

Town Clerk

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 2 • 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 4 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 3 • 798-4543 • taxcollector@loudonnh.org
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 6 • 798-5521 (Admin only) •
24-hour Dispatch: 228-1631
Mon.–Thur.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Building/Code Enforcement

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.
codeoffice@loudonfire.com • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-0170 • roadagent@loudonnh.org
YEAR ROUND HOURS
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for $4.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-4568 • roadagent@loudonnh.org
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: Tuesday–Thursday by appointment only. Office hours and donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Closed Fridays. For more information or to see if you qualify for services, call Sue at 724-9731 or email info@loudonfoodpantry.org

Loudon Representatives

REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan. (603) 622-2204. www.maggiehassan.com
U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. Shaheen.senate.gov
U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter. (603) 251-9653. info@shea-porter.com
U.S. Rep. Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. Kuster.house.gov

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

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

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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" 2018 Schedule

January 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/18
February 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/12 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/15
March 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/19
April 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/19
May 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/16
June 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/21
July 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/18
August 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/16
September 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/20
October 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/17
November 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/12 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/15
December 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/19

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church
Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Pat Testerman, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org
Office Hours: Tues. 9–5, Wed. 9–5, Thurs. 11–5
Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. • *Sunday School for All Ages:* 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery provided for all.)
Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3RD Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.

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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.

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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!

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

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

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

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

Loudon Fire Department News

By Chief Rick Wright

Knowing what to do in the event of a fire is important for everyone, but particularly for older adults. At age 65, people are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. If your residence is set up to do so, consider sleeping in a room on the ground floor in order to make escape easier. Make sure that smoke alarms are installed in every room and outside any sleeping areas. Have a telephone available where you sleep in case of an emergency, and dial 911.

The majority of fatal fires occur when people are sleeping. Smoke can put you into a deeper sleep rather than wake you. If anyone in your household is deaf or if has diminished hearing, consider installing a smoke alarm that uses a flashing light or vibration to alert of a fire emergency.

Conduct regular fire drills to make sure you know what to do in case of a fire. If someone you live with cannot escape alone, have a plan on who will assist this person out of the building. Fire drills are a good opportunity to make sure everyone is able to hear and respond to a smoke alarm.

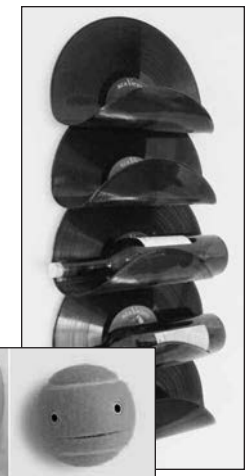
Make sure you are able to open all doors and windows in your home. Keep all exits clear of snow and ice. Make sure windows haven't been sealed shut with paint, or nailed shut.

Use of candles is very common this time of year. Remember a candle is an open flame, which means it can ignite anything that burns. Blow out all candles when leaving a room or when you go to bed. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn. Use candles holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily, and locate on a sturdy uncluttered surface. Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame. Don't burn the candle all the way down, put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container. Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home. Never leave a child alone in a room with a candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of the reach of children. ■

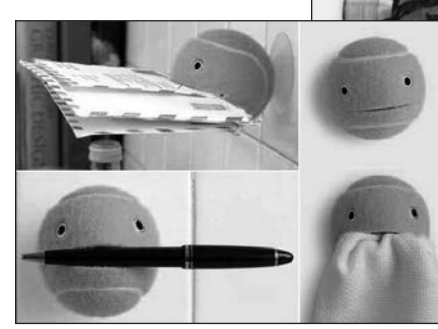
"Share Your Upcycled Project" Contest!

February 1st thru April 30th, 2018

From the Loudon Recycling Committee



Are you creative, resourceful, have some extra time on your hands? Have you upcycled/transformed something that would normally get thrown out (or recycled) that you would like to show off? Share some pictures (include yourself in the picture) of anything you have upcycled. Do a brief write up of what, why, and how, and share it (and the pictures) on the Loudon Recycling Committee's Facebook page. Have fun with this — your upcycled item story can be funny, decorative, useful, etc. Share any problems you encountered and how you solved any issues.



Each entry will have a chance to win! Prizes are still to be determined, but we will try to make it worth your while! ■

Pack 247 News

The monthly pack meeting was held on December 20, 2017. Families and friends were invited to come, as it was the Pack's Christmas party. The cub scouts and their siblings made paper chains to decorate the Christmas tree. At each pack meeting, any achievements are given out to the cub scouts who earned them. The Webelos fulfilled the First Responder and Duty to God requirements. The wolf den all achieved Duty to God Footsteps and two of the wolves earned Adventures in Coins, which they completed on their own with family help. The lions completed the requirement of: I'll Do It Myself, which involved making and using a "lion bag" hanger for personal scouting gear, and practicing tying shoelaces. The cub scouts and siblings participated in a gift swap, as the Arrow of light Scout read "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Everyone either passed left or right for certain words. Afterward, there were Christmas snacks for all! At the January pack meeting, there was a presentation on Camp Carpenter week for Summer of 2018. Please contact former cub scout master, Dennis B. Jakubowski (not Dennis D. Jakubowski, the current pack master) at Dendeb146@gmail.com for further information. The pack participated in "Cub Scouts Olympics" during the meeting. The February pack meeting will be held at LES on the 21st at 6:30 p.m. The pine wood derby will be held at LES on March 24th at 8 a.m. Please come see the event!

The Webelos Den have been working diligently over the past few months and earned their Cyber Chip Award as well as the Sportsman elective pin. They are looking forward to some outdoor fun once the temperatures are more favorable. The Cyber Chip award reinforces safety practices regarding the Internet as well as keeping safe in their everyday lives. They can never get too much information in those areas.

The Wolf Den has been working on their Running With The Pack belt achievement. The Running With The Pack achievement involves learning about becoming more active through activities such as playing catch, practicing balance and flexibility, playing a sport or game with your den or family, along with showing with good sportsmanship and demonstrating what it means to eat a balanced diet by helping to plan a healthy menu for a meal for their families.

The lion den did dinosaur yoga on January 10, 2018! It was a lot of fun!

For further information on Pack 247, please email: pack247cubmaster@gmail.com

Breakfast will be served by Pack 247 at the American Legion in Loudon on Saturday, February, 17th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Come one, come all — specializing in To-Go Breakfast Sandwiches! ■

Town History Project Looking for Information

To All Loudon Residents:

As you are aware, the Town of Loudon established a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of writing and publishing an Official Town History. We will accomplish this project before the 250th anniversary of Loudon, which is in 2023.

The following topics have been suggested for inclusion, which may be modified by the Historical Committee.

- Photographs taken before 1930
- First Settlers: Native Americans; Trades and Trappers
- Early History of Loudon: Incorporation to first Town Meeting
- Churches
- Cemeteries
- Town Meetings and Town Affairs
- Roads and Bridges
- Taverns and Inns
- Agricultural History: Farming; Orchards; Logging and Lumber Mills
- Mills and their locations: Soucook River; Academy Brook; Others
- Wars: Revolutionary War; Civil War; World War I; World War II;
- Korean War; Vietnam War; Others
- Business and Manufacturing; Cottage Industries
- Natural features; Hills; Ponds; Rock Formations; Others
- Schools
- Post Offices
- Societies and Organizations: Granges; Veterans; Others
- Public and Private Buildings
- Unusual Events: Major Disasters; Fires; Hurricanes

If you have information on any of these subjects, and would be interested in helping with this important project in any capacity, please contact us at the Town of Loudon Historical Society web site: www.loudonnh.org/historical-society

Also, be sure to visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LoudonHistory/ ■

LOVE to Recycle Cardboard!

Loudon Recycling Committee

As e-commerce shopping has escalated, so has the use of cardboard boxes. If, after you have used, reused, and used again those boxes, and it's time to take them to the Transfer Station to be recycled, consider the following steps: Remove any and all packing materials (plastic, peanuts, paper, etc.); tape and labels can be left on the box; break down/flatten the box so there's room for more in the recycling bin; recycle only clean cardboard — please do not recycle cardboard that's wet or contaminated with food or oil.

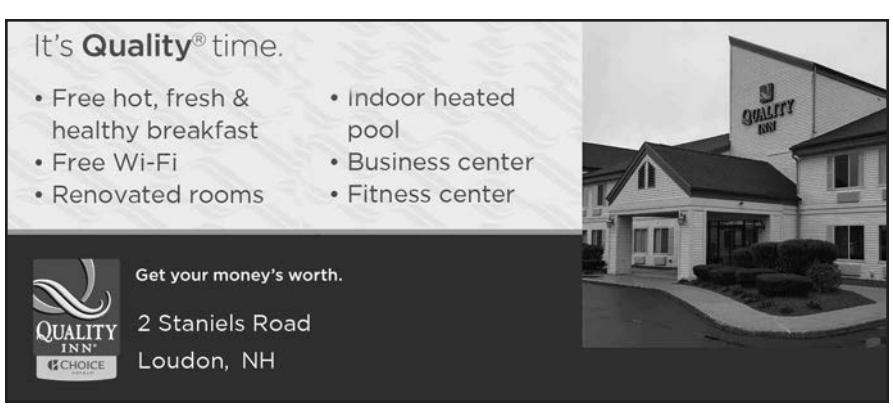
Cardboard can also be used as mulch. If you shred it and soak it with water, it can decompose rather quickly and be completely broken down by microorganisms within 3 months.

Recycled cardboard brings revenue to the town's coffers. Based on information from the Northeast Resource and Recovery Association (NRRA), recycled cardboard brought in approximately $13,588 to the town of Loudon during 2017.

Remember to purchase your $4.00 Residential Sticker at the Transfer Station and display it clearly on your vehicles windshield!

Follow the Loudon Recycling Committee on Facebook.

Send your questions and/or ideas to: loudonrecycles@comcast.com. ■



News From American Legion Post 88

James Timmins of American Legion Post 88, Loudon presents a holiday donation check for $250 to Sue Houck of the Loudon Food Pantry.

Mark Brogan of American Legion Post 88, Loudon gives a $500 donation check to Commandant Margaret "Peggy" Labrecque of the NH Veterans Home in Tilton.

By Junior Vice-Commander Michael Hartt

American Legion Post #88, Loudon, New Hampshire held it's regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. There were 7 officers and 10 members present.

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

The Commander's Fund Drawing for December was held and the winners were: Rob Feroux $50; Roy Famceu $25; Dustin Bowles $10; Lisa Bogdoraeka $10; Mary Piroso $5.

The members voted to approve checks for the Loudon Food Pantry ($250), and the Tilton Veteran's Home ($500).

The members voted to approve a donation for the widow of a deceased veteran who was struggling to put food on her table. A check for $100 was authorized for Kerry-Ann Heffelfinger of Strafford, New Hampshire and delivered to her during the holiday period.

Eagle Scout Brady Leonard, of Loudon Boy Scout Troop 247, completed his Eagle Scout Project for our post this summer. He painted our connex a great shade of green, and put a new ramp down in front of it to facilitate access to the connex. He was assisted by family and friends during the project. See pictures below.

Eagle Scout Brady Leonard, Loudon Boy Scout Troop 247, works on painting our connex as part of his Eagle Scout project. His Dad, Jeff Leonard looks on.

Gary Tasker, the post senior vice-commander, reported that we are in compliance with Fire Safety Codes and have met the required number of inspections for the year.

Our post attained 100% membership renewal for the year, and we look forward to repeating that once again at the end of the current year.

There being no further business to bring before the members the meeting was adjourned. Our next two meetings will be held on January 17, and February 21, 2018. Anyone wishing to join the post as a new member, or just visit to see what we are all about is invited to attend.

The membership of American Legion Post #88 wants to wish all the folks who live in Loudon a safe and WARM winter season!

American Legion Post #88 Biography Snapshots!

Gary Tasker
American Legion Post #88 Senior Vice-Commander

Gary Tasker has been a member of post 88 in Loudon for 5 years. He is currently Senior Vice-Commander and on the membership committee. He is a graduate of Pembroke Academy, and holds an Associate's Degree in General Science from the New Hampshire Technical Institute, as well as a Business Major. He is the owner of Tasker Landscaping, which he began in 1978. This year marks the 40th year that Tasker Landscaping has served Loudon and many other communities. Tasker Landscaping provides all phases of landscaping including maintenance and hardscaping.

He joined the U.S.A.F in October of 1971, and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He graduated from heavy equipment school at Sheppard AFB in Witcheta Falls, TX in March of 1972. He went on to an assignment with the 834th Civil Engineers at Hurlbert Field, FL and worked in the pavements and grounds section serving as a heavy equipment operator and controller until 1975.

He has served on the Loudon Planning board for 23 years, and has spent 19 years as its chairman. He has also served on the 2006 NH citizens' commission to study and recommend changes to the NH Court system. He was selected the 2012 Volunteer of the Year by the Concord Area Chamber of Commerce, and co-chaired the Chamber of Commerce Funds for Education Golf Tournament Committee for two years as well as serving on its committee for over 20 years.

Gary enjoys golf, hunting, boating, and landscaping. He has collected many African Artifacts from the now closed Morse Museum in Warren, NH. Gary is writing a book about his grandfather who was a West point graduate (class of 1890) and an American Legion commander. The converted Col. Melvin Rowell Trophy was named after him. The trophy was awarded (post WWII) to the NH Legion Post that acquired the most new members in one year.

He has a lovely daughter, Jennifer Tasker Pfeifer, and a beautiful wife, Roxanne Tasker.

Gary says, "American Legion Post #88 is part of a great organization whose mission is as follows:

- To recognize the influence of almighty God
- To uphold the Constitution of the United States

Gary Tasker *— cont. on 9*

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Good News From Loudon Elementary School

Upcoming Events at LES

2/1	LES PTA at 6:30 p.m.
2/2	Progress Reports issues, Chorus at Monarchs
2/7	4th Grade Field Trip
2/12	MVSD School Board Meeting at 7:15 p.m. at MVHS
2/23	PTA Snack Cart
2/26–3/2	Winter Vacation
3/7	39th Army Band Assembly
3/8	MVSD Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at MVHS

Annual Sing-Along Event

Our long-serving Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Diana Muzzey, is a woman of many talents. Each year she leads our students in a seasonal sing-along while playing bass. This year Mrs. Muzzey was accompanied was accompanied by Mr. Muzzey on several stringed instruments, Mrs. Rafferty on piano, Mrs. Keaton on flute, and Mr. Whittemore on guitar.

The LES Chorus performed, wowing their peers with their poise and talent.

A festive light show was a new addition this year. Students worked with Mrs. Herrmann to create a light show through coding, which coordinated with music.

Students, staff, and community members look forward to this annual tradition and it did not disappoint!

Readathon

LES students participated in an afternoon Readathon prior to the holiday vacation. Students were encouraged to find a good book, a comfy spot, and spend some quality time with a "just right" book! Reading Room staff circulated among classrooms entertaining students with poetry readings!

Peer Mediators and Mentors

Our guidance counselor, Mrs. Murray, organizes two student groups that play an important role in our school. Both promote a positive school climate and allow students the opportunities to learn and practice important life skills.

Peer mediators work with Mrs. Murray to develop the skills necessary to support classmates in working through a disagreement. They understand the importance of neutrality, listening, and mutual agreements. Using conflict resolution skills and the peer mediation process, students can begin to see conflict as an opportunity for growth and learning.

A Peer Mentor is a "role model" for other students. They support younger students by meeting with them to offer breaks from academic frustration as well as for movement opportunities. During their walks they converse with each other and provide positive encouragement. Peer mentors feel empowered and a sense of leadership. ■

Overview Information on the MVSD Budget

Each year in developing our budget, the Merrimack Valley School District asks for your support in our mission of "Ensuring that ALL students are provided with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to prepare them for college, career, and citizenship." This is an extraordinarily lofty and challenging mission and our focus is on our students. We strive to spark a passion in and engage all of our unique learners. With that in mind, we also endeavor to be conscientious and conservative in our budget development. We take our charge as stewards of taxpayer's money very seriously. Although our overall budget has not increased significantly in the past 4 years, school districts, towns, and cities in NH are all facing decreasing revenues that typically help offset certain expenses and provide financial support in our budgets.

The Merrimack Valley School Districts uses the following calculation to divide educational costs out to our MV communities:

Total Approved Budget (inclusive of all warrant articles) – Revenues = District Assessment

The District Assessment is then allocated (apportioned) to each town based on the number of resident students (ADMA — or Average Daily Membership in Attendance). 98.6% of the Assessment is distributed in that fashion. Approximately 1.4% of the District's expenses are currently classified as "capital outlays." These expenses are disbursed to the towns based on the equalized valuation of each community (estimated true and market value of all taxable property in a municipality). From these amounts, the local education portion of tax bills are set.

Over the past 4 years, the increase to the MVSD budget is a total of 1.89%. However, in that same period revenues from the state and federal levels have decreased by a total of 10.12%. Resultingly, the District Assessment has increased by 13.18% in this timeframe. The equalized assessed valuation of each town serves as the denominator in determining the local educational tax rate. As such, changing valuations impact the tax rate as well. ■

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Remember When:

Stories of Loudon In Yesteryears

By Letty Barton

Baby it's old outside!! That certainly has been the theme here in the past few weeks. If we think this weather has been cold, what was it like many years ago when there weren't all the conveniences and warm clothing we enjoy now.

Ginny M. tells of a one-piece wool snowsuit that was scratchy and so cumbersome one could hardly move in it. Others told of drying wool pants by the wood stove and even putting them back on before they were completely dry if friends came over to play.

If ski pants were worn to school on those cold, frigid mornings (when most kids walked to school) they had to be removed and hung up with the jackets. Girls were not allowed to wear pants in school except on the coldest days. By the way, schools back then did not have snow days. There were no buses and students walked to school.

Ladies I talked to told of the dreaded long, ugly stockings, which were held up by garters. Some recall snuggies, which were worn by the girls under their dresses. (Picture boxer shorts in a thermal weave that came down to the knees.) Dr. Dentons, complete with a trap door and feet, kept one warm day and night.

Eileen C. shared the story of the spats her dad had left over from the service. There was a battle with her siblings as to who would get to wear them. They sure kept the lower legs and ankles warm and dry. Black buckle overshoes were fairly common but when enough of the buckles had broken off jar rubber rings helped keep the boots closed. The rings also helped hold up the wool socks. Ronnie M. said the wool felt shoes and boots, one over the other, kept him warm while doing farm chores.

In most houses a wood stove was their only source of heat and that was where folks gathered. Many remember running down to the kitchen to dress around the wood stove because bedrooms were not heated. One person even told me it occasionally got so cold things left on the kitchen table froze.

Eileen's family was prompted to put on their coats or sweaters every so often when their dad would open the doors to the house and let fresh air in. He felt the house would heat better after that.

Many houses were banked for the winter. This involved placing pine boughs or sawdust around the foundation, up about three feet, to keep the cold from penetrating the floors of the house. Forms were put up each fall to hold the sawdust in place. Judy M. mentioned finding old corn husks in the walls of her house — presumably to help insulate it.

One last tidbit that was shared: bringing your own hot lunch meant bringing a mason jar with soup in it. It was then placed in a washtub of water on the school's woodstove and would be hot to enjoy at lunch time.

I am always looking for stories to share on this page. Please be in touch if you have one, lbarton@myfairpoint.net or 783-4341. Many thanks to those who talked with me for this article. ■

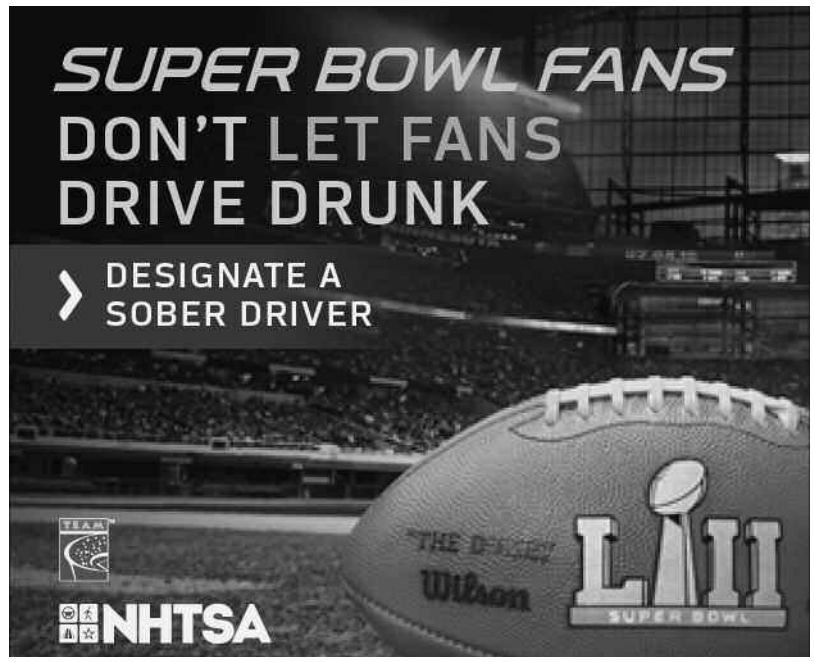
Gift of Lights Presented by Eastern Propane & Oil Increases Donations to Local Charities

During the holiday season, it's often said that it's better to give than to receive, and visitors of the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil at New Hampshire Motor Speedway proved that during the 2017 holiday season by helping to increase annual donations to local charities in Loudon, NH and beyond. Through this holiday tradition, the Loudon Food Pantry can now provide an additional 11,700 meals to those in need while the $2,400 raised by the Loudon Firefighter's Association will help purchase new rescue equipment for the town.

Patrons who donated non-perishable items received a discount on admission into the event, and in total contributed 11,700 pounds of food throughout the 35-day show. The generosity of visitors from across New England resulted in a year-over-year increase of 2,000 pounds of more food than last year and marked the highest donation to the pantry from the Gift of Lights in four years. Along with the food, New Hampshire Motor Speedway received over $500 in monetary donations, which allows the pantry to purchase additional essential food items not currently in inventory.

"We're extremely overjoyed with the size of the Gift of Lights donation this year, and every year," said Sue Houck, President of the Loudon Food Pantry. "Winter is always a difficult time in New Hampshire, and generous donations like this are very beneficial to our community. Especially with how harshly this winter has started, being able to provide local families with a meal is incredibly helpful in supporting them through these cold months."

Since the Gift of Lights first started in 2011, food and monetary donations have allowed New Hampshire Motor Speedway to donate over 85,000 pounds of food to the Loudon Food Pantry. That has provided an estimated 70,000 meals to locals during the holiday and winter months.



A message from the Loudon Police Department

Don't Fumble: Tackle Drunk Driving Before the Clock Starts

Kickoff on America's favorite past time is just about ready to start. For many football fans, when it's time for Super Bowl LII, everyone's a fan…*and Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.*

Law enforcement officials are huddling up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a special *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drun*k reminder to urge football fans across the nation not to drop the ball on this issue.

In all states, drivers are considered alcohol-impaired if they have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. Drunk driving can be deadly, and even small amounts of alcohol can impair judgement to make driving unsafe. In 2016, there were 10,497 fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drunk drivers. Among the 10,497 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities, 67 percent (7,052) were in crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .15, almost twice the legal limit.

Be sure to have a game plan for the night so friends and family know who the designated driver is. We want to encourage fans to turn over their keys to a sober driver – our vote for game MVP — before they begin drinking, Drunk driving can result in serious crashes, injuries or death. If you don't have an MVP to make sure folks get home safely, consider other ride options.

There are many other ways to ensure a safe ride home besides relying on a friend. The options include using public transportation, calling a taxi, or using a rideshare program.

In addition, NHTSA's SaferRide Mobile App, available in the app store, is another resource to help fans who have been drinking find a sober ride home — by identifying their location and helping to call a taxi or a friend to pick them up.

Sober designated drivers should be sure to carry the ball and refrain from drinking alcohol. Be sure your designated driver tweets @NHTSAgov during Super Bowl LII to be featured on NHTSA's National Wall of Fame.

This Super Bowl weekend, be a team player and help keep impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel. ***Don't fumble! Designate your sober driver before the big game begins. And remember: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.***

For more Super Bowl weekend safety information, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/SuperBowl. ■

For the first time this year, the Loudon Firefighter's Association hosted the Saturday night s'more pit and raised over $2,400. These funds will be used to help purchase a universal terrain vehicle to help with forest fires and rescues in the town.

A portion of all admission proceeds benefits the NH Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities who will receive several thousand dollars to kick off their 2018 fundraising efforts. Last year, NH SCC distributed $222,000 benefiting 122,000 children in the New England region including 26 organizations right here in New Hampshire.

The Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil is a 2.5-mile drive-thru holiday light show, which turns New Hampshire Motor Speedway into a winter wonderland with over 400 displays and two million LED lights. Attendance for the event that ran from Nov. 24–Dec. 31, 2017, was up an estimated 25% from the 2016 event and ranked as one of the most highly attended Gift of Lights seasons since it began seven years ago. ■

Maxfield Public Library News

Take Your Child To The Library Day

Saturday, February 3 is **"Take Your Child to the Library"** day. This is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Stop in at the Maxfield Library to create your very own reading buddy and take home a goodie bag.

You can always find a good spot to read a good book at the Library!

Children's Activities

Music and Movement

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for songs, rhymes, yoga, and more!

Story Time

Join us every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for stories and a craft.

On February 1, story timers will listen to *Groundhog's Dilemma* by Kristen Remenar. In the craft time to follow, the children will make their own Punxsutawney Phil just in time for Groundhog Day.

On February 8, the children will hear tales about love. In preparation for the upcoming Valentine's Day party on February 13, they will hear Jennifer Sattler's *Chick n Pug the Love Bug* and Doreen Cronin's *Click, Clack Moo, I Love You*. Afterwards, the children will make a valentine decoration for the upcoming holiday.

On February 15, story time will read about dragons with the coming of the Chinese New Year. *Dragons Love Tacos* and *Best Pet of All* by Adam Rubin and David LaRochelle respectively, will be the books of the day. Each child will leave the story time hour with a pet dragon.

On February 22, story time gets sticky while reading Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton's *Maple Syrup from the Sugar House* and *Pancakes, Pancakes*! by Eric Carle.

School Vacation Week

Looking for something to do with the kids this week? Come check out a few books and stop in for some programs.

Tuesday, February 27, bring a friend and play some games: Battleship, UNO Attack, and Clue are just a few of the games available. The game room (children's craft room) will be open from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, join us for our first ever Brown Bag Movie! Showtime is at 5:30 p.m.; bring your brown bag supper and enjoy a family movie. Call to reserve seats and see what's playing!

Thursday, March 1, we will have a special story time. In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, we will be reading *I am NOT Going to Get Up Today* and Dr. Seuss's *Book of Colors*. After a "Seussical" craft, the children are invited to stay for a special snack.

BCon Course Offered

Stop the Bleed — Save a Life. Bleeding Control Basic (Bcon) Course will be offered Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. This will be given by Craig Clough, EMS Coordinator, Concord Hospital. The class is free of charge, but please sign up in advance.

Snow Policy For Children's Programs

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

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

Yoga

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

Hot Yoga

We had such a great response to January's Hot Yoga class that we've decided to offer it once a month through April. Classes will be held at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a cost of $5 per class. We hope to see you February 7; you must sign up to reserve your space in class.

Spiritual Discussion Group

On Tuesday, February 13, we will continue the book discussion on *The Happiness Project*. Join us to discuss the second chapter: February: Remember Love: Marriage. If you're new to the group, come in to pick up a copy of Gretchen Rubin's book before the class.

Book Group

Book group will be meeting, Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. Call for more information.

Library Hours

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

Transfer Station & Recycling Committee Want Your Answers!

Help us help you! Please take a minute to fill out this brief survey and return it to either the Transfer Station office or the Maxfield Public Library. All returned surveys will be entered to win a recycling bin! You may also scan and email your completed survey to loudonrecycles@comcast.net. **The deadline is March 3, 2018.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (optional): _____

1. **On a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the easiest, how easy is it to recycling the following:**

   ____ cardboard ____ aluminum cans ____ paper ____ glass ____ plastics

2. **You recycle:**

   ____ always ____ usually ____ sometimes ____ rarely ____ never

3. **What percentage of the following make up your typical recycling:**

   ____plastics ____ cardboard ____ glass ____ paper ____ aluminum cans

4. **Your perception is that to reduce waste and minimize environmental impacts, recycling is:**

   ____ extremely important ____ somewhat important ____ not important

5. **If you were given more information about why recycling matters, and/or that your individual recycling actually makes a difference, you would recycle more.** ***(Please see the 2017 revenue/expense chart information at the end of this survey — to the best of our knowledge this information is correct at time of printing.)***

   ____ strongly agree ____ agree ____ neutral ____ disagree

   ____ strongly disagree

6. **If there were clearer guidelines on what/how to recycle, you would recycle more:**

   ____ strongly agree ____ agree ____ neutral ____ disagree

   ____ strongly disagree

Is there anything you would like to elaborate on, feedback, comments, questions from the previous questions?

_____

_____

_____

2017 Recycling Figures

	Revenue	Expenses
Aluminum Cans	$2,625	$0
Mixed Paper	$4,484	$2,965
Cardboard	$13,588	$0
Glass	$0	$1,692
#1 Plastic	$718	$0
#2 Plastic	$2,648	$0
Scrap Metal	$17,630	$2,370
Miscellaneous	$2,062	$5,805
TOTAL	**$43,755**	**$12,832**

Revenue – Expenses = $30,923 Revenue for the Town of Loudon

Gary Tasker — cont. from 5

- To maintain Law and Order
- To perpetuate a 100% Americanism
- To remember our and other's service; recall the battles, comrades, bravery, teamwork, sacrifices, miseries, hardships of military companies; those who have fallen; tell about the bond that binds all servicemen and women; keep the memory of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots alive; and participate in meaningful and faithful annual observances of Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.
- To work towards building a better nation; provide a sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation; educate the young on his or her responsibility to make America a better place to live; teach the young to vote, pay taxes, and contribute to their community
- To teach that a democracy such as ours (composed of different nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups) are bound as one under our nation; and that reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations.
- That human freedom should not perish from the earth, that this right must always be the master of might; and to protect the weak as well as preserve the liberties of the individual.
- To promote peace and good will on earth, and support a strong national defense.
- To safeguard and transmit the principles of freedom and democracy; and support youth training programs.
- To promote social betterment and mutual helpfulness when needed; and help provide assistance throughout the world through monetary aid and personal giving.

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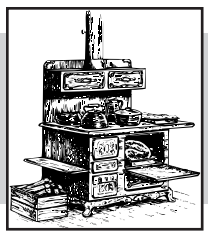

What's Cookin'?
Healthy Low-Calorie Recipes

By Deb Foss

This is the time of year when many folks are losing steam with their New Year's Resolutions, which usually include losing weight! These delicious recipes will help you get back on track.

Zucchini Chicken Parmesan Boats

4 medium zucchini
1 lb. 99 percent fat free ground chicken
2 cans Hunt's No sugar added sauce
1 tsp. diced garlic
1 tbs. diced basil
1½ cups light or fat free mozzarella cheese
¼ c. parmesan cheese

Slice zucchini in half and hollow out seeds to make boats. Put in glass baking dish cover with saran wrap and microwave for 5–6 minutes until soft. Remove from microwave and drain well. Cook ground chicken and garlic in skillet coated with cooking spray or oil. When cooked through add one can of sauce. Fill zucchini boats with chicken mixture. Top with 2nd can of sauce and put some in the baking dish around the zucchini. Top with mozzarella then Parmesan cheese. Bake in 350-degree oven until heated through, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and top with diced basil. Two boats are one serving.

Low Carb "No Crust" Pizza

For "no crust"
1 8 oz. package full fat cream cheese at room temperature
2 eggs
¼ tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. garlic powder
¼ c. grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 13" x 9" baking dish with cooking spray.

With hand mixer, mix above ingredients until combined and then spread in prepared baking dish. Bake 12–15 minutes until golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes.

For toppings
½ c. pizza sauce
1½ c shredded mozzarella cheese

Your favorite pizza topping: veggies, meats, spices etc.

Spread sauce on lightly cooled crust and top with cheese. Add desired toppings and sprinkle with oregano and garlic powder if you like. You can shake a few hot peppers on for zing. Bake 8 to 10 minutes more to melt cheese. Slice and serve.

Easy Souvlaki Chicken Sandwiches

¼ c. lemon juice
2 Tbs. low sodium soy sauce
2 cloves garlic minced
2 tsp. olive oil
1 tsp. dry oregano
1 lb. uncooked skinless & boneless chicken breast
½ c. plain fat free yogurt
½ c. finely diced or shredded cucumbers
1 tbs. chopped fresh dill
½ tsp. garlic powder
4 low calorie whole grain pita breads cut in half.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In shallow baking pan, whisk together lemon juice, soy, garlic, oil, and oregano. Add chicken and turn to coat all sides. Bake chicken about 25–30 minutes. Baste with sauce a couple of times during the cooking time.

While chicken is cooking, make sauce in small bowl stirring together yogurt, cucumber, dill, and garlic powder. Chill.

When chicken has cooled slice into thin strips and place inside pita pockets. Spoon 2 tbs. yogurt mixture over each pita half. Two halves are one serving. If you like you can also top with diced fresh tomatoes and cucumbers.

Lemon Rosemary Skillet Turkey Meatballs

Meatballs
1 lb. Lean ground turkey
1/3 c. shredded Parmesan cheese
¼ c. panko bread crumbs
1 egg
2 tsps. Fresh minced rosemary
Zest of a lemon
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

White wine sauce
2 tsps. Olive oil
¼ c. finely chopped shallots
1 clove minced garlic
½ cup dry white wine
1 cup low sodium chicken broth
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. minced rosemary
Juice of ½ a lemon

For meatballs whisk together Parmesan cheese, panko, egg, rosemary, lemon zest, salt, and pepper. Once combined, add turkey and combine everything with your hands being careful not to overwork the mixture.

Form into 1 tbs. size meatballs, approximately 20.

Heat cast iron frying pan or nonstick pan over medium heat. Spray with cooking spray or oil. Brown on all sides approximately 6–8 minutes. Remove to plate and cover with foil.

For sauce turn the heat down and add the olive oil and shallots. Cook 1 minute, then add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Pour white wine in and use wooden spoon to scrape up brown bits. Cook for about 2 minutes then add chicken broth. Cook until slightly thickened, about 4–5 minutes. Add the rosemary and salt and pepper. Add meatballs back into the pan and cook a couple of minutes more coating with sauce. Squeeze lemon over meatballs and serve.

Healthy Yogurt Pudding Parfaits

1 24 oz. container of Siggi Plain lowfat yogurt
1 pkg. sugarfree instant pudding in your choice of flavor
2 cups Hood's Calorie Countdown skim milk
Your choice of berries or other fruit

Mix first 3 items together and chill. Layer yogurt pudding and fruit. If you want you can top with a few crushed nuts. ■

News From Richard Brown House

January is a miserable month for many! The days are not noticeably lighter and it has been perishingly cold, yet as I write, the region is at risk of floods from rain and unseasonably warm temperatures. At Richard Brown House folks are grateful that there has not been another power outage and heating glitches were solved so that seniors were not too cold during the days of bitter Arctic air.

During these winter months, transportation becomes even more problematic for seniors, as for all of us. It is particularly helpful to have the John O. Cate van available to transport residents to medical appointments, especially as it is provided by volunteers in town.

Looking back to late December many residents were delighted with the return visit of the Home Depot band, The Solutions, presenting their mix of Christmas and Holiday songs. Residents and staff prepared food for an early supper before the gig and everyone looks forward to the band coming back when they can.

Just this week Richard Brown House was hugely fortunate to receive a donation of an organ, arranged through Francine Clave. We will be sending heartfelt thanks to the donor and the school bus drivers who generously gave their time to deliver it this week. It is hoped that the presence of an electric organ in the Community Room will attract more musicians and singers to come! It would be lovely to have music with singing offered on a semi regular basis. Research has shown how valuable singing can be for mental health but a volunteer of any age would be needed to come in and lead sessions.

There are other volunteer opportunities as well. For instance, it would be great to have someone come in to organize some gentle exercise regimen lasting 20 to 30 minutes. We have experimented with chair and soup can exercises for the time being on a self help basis, and this could be developed by someone with some training. There could be a walking group, or a discussion group reading books or articles of interest and getting together for an hour to share responses. These kinds of activities could be offered by folks of school age to retirement age, short term or longer term. As ever, please contact either Lucie Bilodeau, Manager, or Lois Scribner, Resident Service Coordinator, on 798 3190 for further information. ■

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The story of Best Septic Service began in 1967 as a Concord-based business opened and operated by Harold Colby. Paul and Darlene Johnson took over the reins in 1990, and moved the company to Loudon.

When Mr. Colby retired and decided to sell the business, he wanted to make sure that the new owners would be people who shared his ethics and values about how to run the company, and would continue to educate homeowners, treat them fairly and always do a quality job. Now, nearly 28 years later, Paul says he is particularly thankful for the mentoring he received from Mr. Colby, and from Paul's brother, who owns a septic business in southern New Hampshire.

While Best Septic Service is known for its work maintaining residential and commercial septic tanks, the company also provides a range of additional services including portable toilets and wash station rentals for outdoor events, construction sites, and seasonal businesses. As active members of their industry trade association, the Johnsons believe that education is a key element of the business, both for homeowners and themselves. Their website, www.bestsepticservice.com, provides a complete list of their services, tips, and suggestions, and plenty of helpful information about proper use and care of septic systems. Their Facebook page also features ever-changing photos and bits of great septic trivia.

As successful business owners, Paul and Darlene wanted to share some of their own tried and true tips and suggestions for entrepreneurs as well:

- Mind your budget. If your income is seasonal, "squirrel away" what you need to make it through the slow seasons.
- Invest in your business — not just business capital but personal commitment to quality.

- Keep it clean. Make sure you run a clean operation, no matter what business it may be. That means clean equipment, clean appearance, and clean work site.
- Advertise through your actions. Paul says the best advertising is "word of mouth." Provide services in a timely manner, respectfully, and at a fair price. When you are truthful, trustworthy, fair, and honest, your reputation will speak for itself.
- Support your community. Assisting local community organizations such as LYAA (youth sports) or the local Food Pantry demonstrates that you care about the people around you. Whenever you can, show your commitment to the community by using and shopping other Loudon businesses and hiring locally.

Best Septic will soon be relocating their expanding business to recently-purchased commercial property in Loudon, choosing to keep their company and their commitment right here in Loudon.

You can reach Best Septic Service by phone at 603-225-9057, you can visit their website at www.bestsepticservice.com, you can "like" them on Facebook, or you can email them at info@bestsepticservice.com. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the winter, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the rest of the year. Assistance is available for emergency service as needed outside of regular office hours. ■

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Loudon Young at Heart

By Maureen Prescott

As the January thaw began twenty-eight members of the Young at Heart gathered at Charlie's Barn on January 9th for their monthly meeting. President Letty Barton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a brief poem. Letty extended a thank-you to Dottie Mulkhey for setting up the coffee, Stan Prescott for the general set up for the meeting, and Michaela Warren for the shopping. The meeting was then turned over to Liz Lebrun for the introduction of today's speaker, author Mark Okrant. Liz had been to a previous presentation of Mr. Okrant's and had recommended him as a guest speaker for our meeting today.

This month's topic was "Writing Process," which was presented by Mark Okrant. Mr. Okrant is New England's Tourism Mystery Author. He sets his mysteries at the places he knows best, historic resorts and tourism communities. He has coordinated tourism research for the State of New Hampshire since 1990. He is professor emeritus and program coordinator for the graduate studies in hospitality and tourism management, was a professor who specialized in Tourism Industries at Plymouth State University, conducted tourism assessments in Aleut and Yupik communities in Alaska and has presented tourism marketing and planning workshops in Alaska, Canada, Romania, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Mr. Okrant was one of a few Americans nominated to the International Association of Scientific Experts in Tourism. He is the author of eight books and continues to write. Titles of some of his books are: *A Last Resort, I Knew You When, An Icy Reception, Murder With A View, Wacked,* and *Death By Lobster*. You can find Mark Okrant's books at nhbooksellers.com (paperbacks), amazon.com (Kindle) or an Independent Bookseller near you. Mark Okrant resides in Loudon, NH with his wife.

The "Writing Process" was a very interesting topic, especially when an author takes you on a journey of how they gather material such as appealing venue, becoming familiar with the surroundings, interviews, facts and figures, and the inspiration for writing the book. This was an amazing presentation and truly enjoyed by all.

Just a reminder, donations to the Food Panty are accepted at all meetings. Also, now with winter upon us, please remember that if the Merrimack Valley School District is closed there will be no Young at Heart meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13th. Tim Huppe, Farm Manager will give a presentation on Sanborn Mills Farm. All are welcome.

SEE YOU THERE! ■

CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

February Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional VNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic on Tuesday, February 13 at the Richard Brown House, 9 a.m. until noon. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of $10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. The January clinic will be held on Monday, February 5, 1–4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of $10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you.

In addition, flu shots are available to people age 3 and over and we can answer your flu-related questions. The discounted cash or check charge is $30 per immunization. Clients who present an insurance card from Medicare B, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, or Anthem do not need to pay a fee. Seasonal flu clinics are dependent upon the availability of the flu vaccine and are subject to change. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Loss After Addiction Drop-In Discussion Group in Concord

Concord Regional VNA will be holding a Loss After Addiction Drop-In Discussion Group. This is a new offering for anyone adjusting to the death of a loved one to addiction, on Wednesday, February 21 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Concord Regional VNA Hospice House, 240 Pleasant Street in Concord. Loss After Addiction is held on the third Wednesday of each month at the same time.

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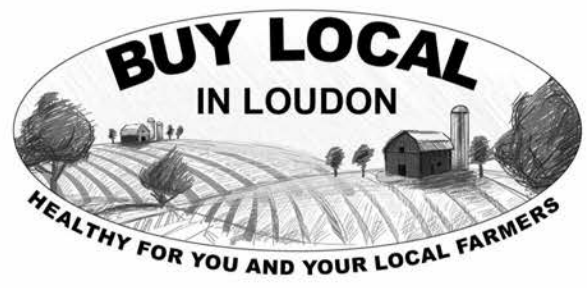

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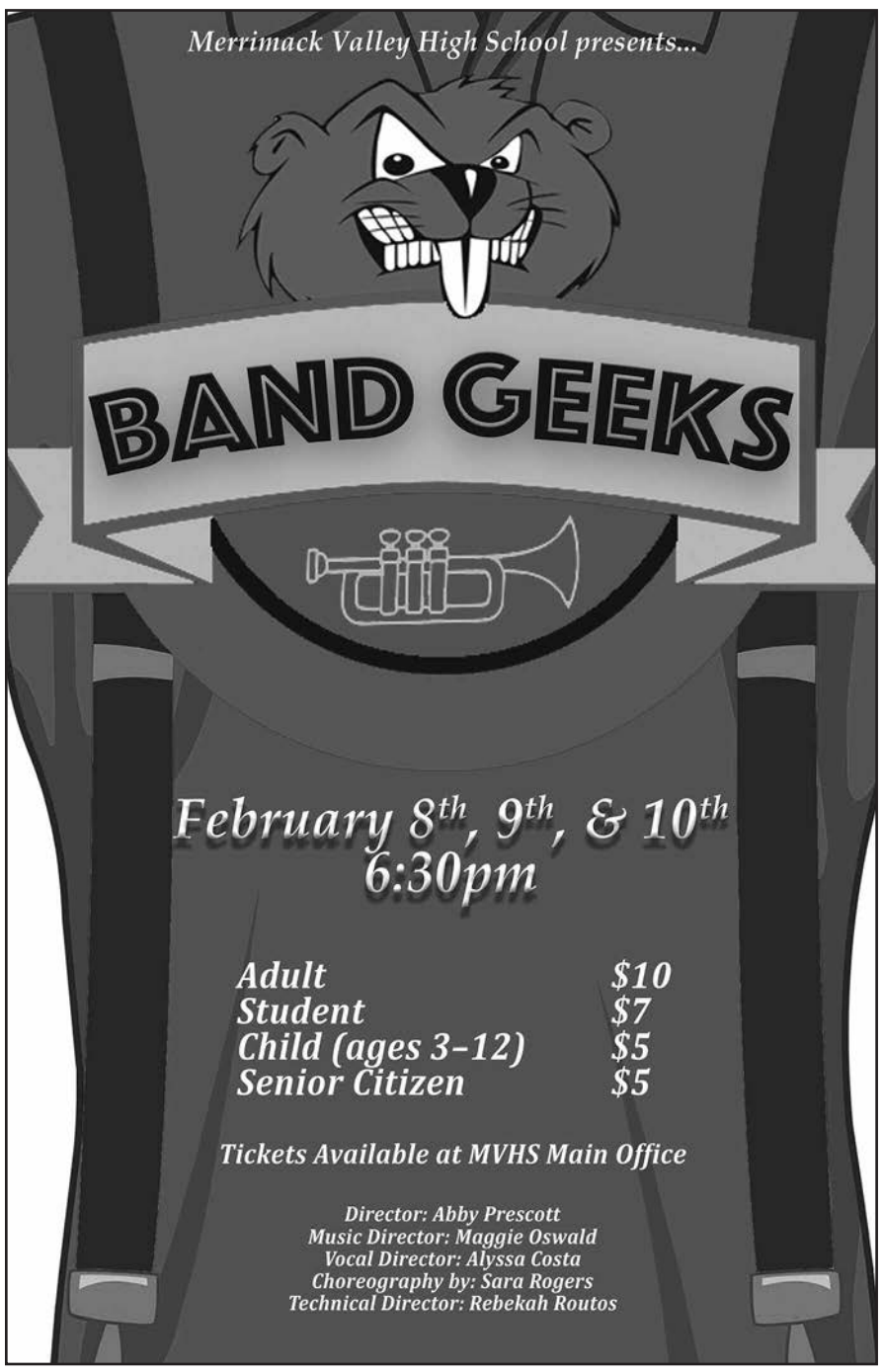

Loudon Food Pantry News

Meal Numbers

In December, we gave out enough food to create 7,843 meals. In 2017, we gave out enough food to create 75,374 meals. This is a 10% increase over 2016. In 2017 we gave out an average of 8,375 per month.

Gift of Lights (NHMS Winter Wonderland) — Final Numbers

We received 11,676.95 in food and $498.69 from Gift of Lights. This calculates out to equal enough for 11,725.55 meals for those in need in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester and Loudon NH. Everything received from the Gift of Lights helps massively, especially where this winter has already been extremely cold and our patrons need to use available funds to keep their homes warm. Thank you, Gift of Lights, for another great year!

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger

We are challenging everyone to help raise $10,000 in food and funds to be used to feed people that are food insecure.

Please spread the word! With your help, we can feed households in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry! If you have any questions please call Sue at 724-9731.

The Challenge runs from February 1, 2018 and ends on April 30, 2018.

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).

How can you donate?

You can mail or drop off donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307-0734. The office accepts donations Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Please note your donation "LFPC" if you want it included or just verbally let us know.

Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. The list of our donations sites are:

Elkins Library, Canterbury – Food
Camping World, Chichester – Food
Care Pharmacy, Epsom – Cash Bin
Loudon Station, Loudon – Food & Cash Bin
Loudon Village Country Store, Loudon – Cash Bin ■

2018 DEADLINES

Please clip and keep the 2018 Deadline Schedule found on page 2 of every issue of *The Loudon Ledger*.
Please note that some of the deadlines are earlier than what you may be used to as we're trying to get the paper in people's mailboxes the first week of each month.

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Loudon Elementary School/MVHS/School District:
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WILLIAM E. BROWN, SR.

William E. Brown, Sr., 77, of Loudon, passed away peacefully after a brief illness Monday, December 18, 2017, at the CRVNA hospice house in Concord.

Born April 25, 1940, in Northwood, the son of the late Clyde and Florence (Wells) Downs and Richard Brown. He was a 1959 graduate of Coe-Brown Academy. He worked for Rivco in Penacook for 40 years. After his retirement he worked part time for NHMS. He was also a volunteer firefighter for 20 plus years for the Loudon Fire department. He was a longtime member of the Northwood Crank pullers snowmobile club. He loved NASCAR and enjoyed traveling to various tracks. He and his predeceased wife Karen were also avid campers.

He was predeceased by his wife of 37 years, Karen (Beard) Brown in 1998. Also two brothers, Carroll Downes and Roland Brown. He leaves behind his companion of 17 years, Carole Martin of Pembroke; four children, a son, William E. Brown, Jr. and his wife, Terri (Lucier) Brown of Concord; daughter, Gail (Gibeau) Dertorossian and husband, Benon Dertorossian of Waltham, MA; son, Scott Brown of Loudon; and daughter, April (Brown) Eastman and husband, Charles Eastman of Penacook. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and numerous friends and family members.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his name to Loudon Fire Department and the CRVNA hospice. ■

HOWARD G. GEARY

Howard G. Geary, 75, of Loudon, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

Howard was born in Woodsville on August 14, 1942 to Henry and Leona (Libby) Geary. His family later moved to Concord Heights where he grew up. He spent time as an altar boy and attended Camp Fatima.

After school he worked for Merrimack Wayside Furniture for a few years before his employment of 26 years at Pitco Frialator in Bow, where he later retired.

He met and married Doris Brown of Chichester and together they had three daughters. Howard loved gardening and spent every weekend possible at Doris' childhood farm tending acres of vegetables. Sadly, Doris passed away suddenly in 1976.

In 1978 Howard remarried to Sharon Stowell of Chester, VT whom he spent 33 wonderful years with their family. Vacations were at a summer cottage in Keene as well as Vermont. And there were many "Leo" party family cookouts. They purchased and remodeled a home in Concord before moving to Loudon. Sharon sadly passed away in October, 2011 of breast cancer.

Known by all as a hardworking, dedicated family man, Howard was a generous man who would do absolutely anything for his loved ones. He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan who enjoyed dining out, family barbecues, growing vegetables, playing cribbage, collecting coins, building H.O. Trains, and faithfully watching *The Price Is Right* every day. His pets and grandsons were the absolute loves of his life.

He was not only an amazing father, brother and uncle but a true friend, Hero and absolutely the best "Bumpa" in the world. He would crack a joke and give that little smirk that always made you laugh. He was the Rock of the family.

Howard is survived by his daughters, Kim Colby and husband, Dana of Loudon, Karen Geary and husband, Jeff Wilkinson of Goffstown and Kelly Geary of Concord; sisters, Joan Amsden of Concord and Donna Jones of Penacook; grandsons, Skyler, Jack and Griffin; his beloved cat, Nugget; and several nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.

Donations can be made to the charity of your choice. ■

Should You Sell Or Should You Rent?

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Homeowners who need to move out of their current home are often faced with a tough financial decision: Does it make more sense to sell or to rent? Unfortunately, there is no definite answer to this dilemma. It all depends on who you are and what the market looks like.

Are you ready to be a landlord?

If you bought your home for more than its current market value, then it's probably really tempting to want to rent it out and wait for the market to rebound. In a perfect world you would find renters who pay more than your monthly mortgage in rent. This covers your bills and gives you a little profit as well. But before you start dreaming about an extra $100 or $200 a month while someone is covering your mortgage, consider what it takes to be a landlord. Finding the right tenants can be a challenge. On one end, they can be careless, even destructive with your property. On the opposite side of the spectrum are the tenants who complain about every squeak or hum and demand you fix things that aren't broken.

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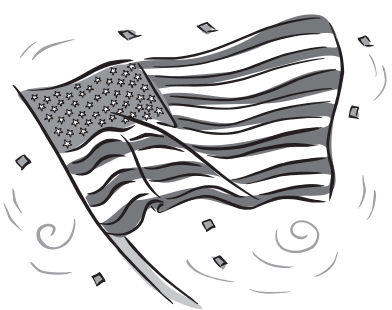
Even with good tenants, the fact is renters just don't have the same investment as owners have in a property, so it's unlikely they will care for it the same way you would. Not to mention, appliances depreciate over time and all homes need regular upkeep. Becoming a casual landlord is a rather challenging venture. It takes time, effort and in the end financially speaking you may very well not even break even. For these reasons and more, may people would prefer the peace of mind that comes with selling. ■



Post 88 has a flag collection box outside their new headquarters, 45 South Village Road. Unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.

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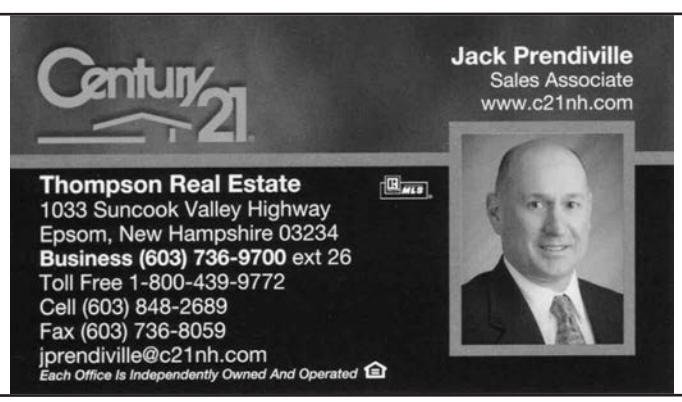

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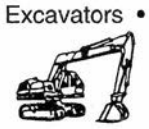

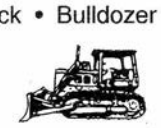

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 12, 2017

Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also, Present:

Road Agent Lance Houle

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

Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 5, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that the tanker truck went to United Plastic Fabricating (UPF) last Monday to get the cracks in the body repaired. He said he spoke to the project manager at UPF today and due to support issues, there is discussion as to whether it would be best to get the truck to Custom Fab and Body in Wisconsin where the truck was built instead of Lakes Region Fire Apparatus who sold the truck. Selectman Fiske asked if this is still being done for free. Chief Wright said everything so far has been taken care of by warranty. Selectman Fiske asked if we would be responsible for transporting it to Wisconsin. Chief Wright said he doesn't think so. Chairman Ives clarified that Wisconsin manufactured the truck, and the plastic company manufactured the tank. Chief Wright agreed. Chairman Ives asked where Lakes Region Fire Apparatus comes in. Chief Wright said they sold the truck to the town.

Chief Wright said he received a quote from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus in the amount of $6,576.02 for repairs to Engine 2. Chief Wright said the damage occurred recently when they were responding to a call. The damage and quote will be forwarded to Primex; there is a $1,000 deductible. Chief Wright said the truck is not out of service.

Chief Wright said that last week the Fire Department hosted a CPR/AED First Aid class for employees of Pleasant View Gardens. He explained that this program is available to businesses in town.

Chairman Ives said he was at Merrimack Valley School District for a presentation and Gary Brooks made some signs up for the project that the Middle School is doing regarding communication.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said Janice got the Christmas tree and lights up today and they look nice.

Chief Burgess explained that they have a couple of tasers that are no longer serviceable. He asked how the board would like them disposed of. Chief Burgess said Taser will take them back and crush them. Selectman Fiske said that's what he would do.

Chief Burgess said they are still working on flooring quotes.

Chief Burgess said the closing on the sealed bids for the military truck is next Tuesday.

Chief Burgess asked if the Board has made a decision regarding outside details. Chief Burgess said they have 3 older Crown Vics that they could utilize for details. Chairman Ives said he doesn't have a problem with outside details; however, he doesn't want the part-time people only working details. Chief Burgess said he agrees and suggested that a policy be put in place. Selectman Miller said he doesn't want to take that away from anyone; it is additional funds in their pocket. Chairman Ives asked Chief Burgess to come up with the policy for them to look at.

Chief Burgess said Corporal Nye finished supervisor school.

Chief Burgess said Officer Beck finished flagging school. He explained this class qualifies Officer Beck to train and certify the other officers.

Chief Burgess said all the radars in the cruisers are calibrated and up to date.

Chief Burgess said Officer Battye has a PT test next Tuesday. She will begin the fulltime academy January 2nd.

Chief Burgess asked if the Board has considered the letter that he submitted last week. Chairman Ives said the answer is no; if Chief Burgess would like to discuss it further they will have to go into nonpublic session. Chief Burgess said that is not necessary.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the MVSD December invoice in the amount of $551,741.82, Chairman Ives said this is good news because the payment was $765,000.00. He explained that this is due to the revised assessment.

The Board received a request from an employee for vacation pay. The Board agreed to the pay.

The Board received an email from S. Blanchard regarding the Trail Bridge.

The Board received information regarding a new J.O. Cate van driver. Selectman Miller asked if driver records are pulled for these. Chairman Ives said he doesn't know.

The Board received a memo that will go to department heads regarding the Annual Town Report.

The Board received a bid request for Annual Town Report.

The Board received Maxfield Library Trustees' Meeting of November 6, 2017

The Board received an abutter notice for Map 49, Lot 89.

The Board received the following reminder: Friday, December 15th @ 8 a.m. – Budget Meeting with Library Trustees and @ 9 a.m. with the Police Chief.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Historical Society Meeting Minutes — December 6, 2017

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held December 06, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Michele York, Stan Prescott, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Andrew Parrella, and Lucy Gordon

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

As the Historical Society strives for better organization in the museum, we decided we would like to get a second laptop. We would also like our existing laptop and the future one to have Microsoft Office software installed. Most of the members of the H.S. are familiar with and comfortable using Microsoft Word and Excel. There are some towns that have their museum's inventory on-line. That is something we would like to do. Currently, we do not have the software to keep the inventory updated.

Roger is looking into what 501(c)3 status would mean to the H.S. Roger had e-mailed the group information on 501(c)3's. We discussed what our interpretation was and decided we need to seek legal advice for their opinion and recommendation. We are looking into 501(c)3 status to obtain financial donations to go towards writing the Town History book.

The One-Room School house DVD is selling extremely well. The H.S. is delighted with the response from the community for the DVD. All revenue will go towards the future Town History book.

Some of the H.S. members attended a Selectboard meeting and asked for space in the "old" town office. The request was granted by the Selectboard. The H.S. will now start sorting and preparing for some of our items to be stored in a more accessible location.

The Tree lighting ceremony was a fabulous success. We estimate there were over fifty in attendance. Each year we hope to have activities to appeal to more residences. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, please contact the H.S.

Ashley received an e-mail from a gentleman. He has a collection of civil war letters and items related to a Loudon volunteer whose name was Hiram French. Members of the H.S. will meet with the gentleman in early January.

The H.S. is in need of volunteers and/or new members to help us with many of the tasks we are currently working on. Some of the items that we are working on are:

Oral Histories — record new and also transcribe previously recorded histories.

Fund Raising — for the Loudon Town History book

Inventory — this includes documents, photos, and artifacts.

Our next meeting will be January 03, 2018 at 7:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Gordon

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 19, 2017

Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also Present:

Road Agent Lance Houle

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

Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 12, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.

Chairman Ives explained that they had a budget review meeting Friday; he asked Stan Prescott if he had a copy of the budget at that meeting. Mr. Prescott said he did not he had a copy of last year's town report. Chairman Ives said three copies were made one for himself, Selectman Miller and Selectman Fiske. He explained that they received a right to know request from Paul Branscombe who indicated that the Selectmen had provided Mr. Prescott

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The Deadline for the March 2018 Loudon Ledger is Friday, February 16, 2017

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with a copy of the budget. Mr. Branscombe said he thought Mr. Prescott had a copy. He said his 91-A request stands. Chairman Ives gave Mr. Branscombe a copy. Chairman Ives asked Mr. Branscombe, in the future, to check with them before making an accusation, he explained that he would never provide information to one selectman candidate and not the other. He asked Mr. Branscombe to please have his facts correct before making an accusation.

Selectman Fiske moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:01 PM.; seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to come out of non-public session at 6:09 PM; seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Ives said the meeting was to discuss a personnel issue with Jeremiah Bentley, a former employee of the Town of Loudon.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said he received an employment application. He would like to hire this person, who is currently unemployed. Mr. Houle said he spoke to the applicant's last employer who said that the only reason he was let go was because of lack of work. Mr. Houle said he would like to pay him $16.50 to start. Selectman Miller asked if the applicant is okay with the $16.50. Mr. Houle said he is. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to hire Robert LeRoy of Memory Lane, Loudon for the highway department at $16.50 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Ives said he is hired with a six-month probation period. Chairman Ives said he'd like Mr. LeRoy to come in and meet the Board.

Mr. Houle said the guy that was supposed to start Friday will not be starting; the state offered him more money to stay than the town offered him.

Chairman Ives explained that they were going to have a discussion in a nonpublic session with Mr. Houle; however, Mr. Houle said he wants to do it in public. Mr. Houle said he has nothing to hide; he's done nothing wrong. Chairman Ives said they had a meeting with some of the highway department personnel; they had concerns about the road agent and how things are going at the highway garage. Selectman Miller said one of the biggest issues is the communication between them and Mr. Houle; yelling, on occasion swearing, being upset that the jobs weren't being done the way he wanted them and his mannerisms toward the employees. Mr. Houle said he doesn't believe he yells at them, he talks loud, it is not his screaming voice. Mr. Houle said as far as swearing, it's a man working environment and if you listen in the shop he isn't the only one talking out of order. He said there is one thing he tells everyone that he hires; do not lie to me. He said he tells them if you break something you come to me and tell me, simple concept, do not lie. Mr. Houle gave an example he said he goes around looking at potholes, sends two guys out to cold patch, they finish a road, call him and ask where to go next, he tells them to continue on with all the roads. He explained that he's sitting on a road and is looking at three potholes when they call and say they are all done, further down the road is four more potholes so he told them to start over and do it right. Mr. Houle said they didn't like that. Mr. Houle said he has a big issue with cell phones, it's got to stop. He said there is texting during the day and all kinds of things going on with phones. Mr. Houle said he does not yell at them about it he tells them to put the phones away there is other things more important to be done. Mr. Houle said someone from the past says he yells and screams; that is an untruth. He said this being brought forth from another community; a lot has changed since then and what is being said is not so in his opinion. Selectman Miller said that in today's day and age perception is reality to a lot of people. He said that Lance should remember he is the supervisor with Mike as his second in charge. Mr. Houle explained that maybe people don't work the same way he does, he makes a list of what needs to be done so when they are looking for something to do they have the list but nothing got done. He said it works both ways he complains on one end they complain on the other. Mr. Houle said he absolutely does not believe he has done anything wrong against them. He said his work ethics are probably a little different than theirs; he doesn't spend much time standing around. Mr. Houle said he believes if a job is worth doing its worth doing well. He said when he sends them out to do a job he expects it to look respectable when it's done. He sends them out and it looks like kindergarten kids in a sand box, they know better and they are capable but they don't want to put the effort in. Selectman Miller asked if they have been trained. Mr. Houle said absolutely they have been to school on the grader, the backhoe. Chairman Ives said he's listening to this exchange and Mr. Houle does have a loud voice, his recommendation would be some management classes. Mr. Houle said absolutely he'd love to go, it would give him a break. Chairman Ives said they'll check into trainings with Primex and work it around the winter schedule. Chairman Ives suggested it would benefit Mr. Houle, lower his stress level a little bit and benefit the highway department. Chairman Ives said he agrees with a lot that he said because he is old school and was brought up to do a job right or you'd get the stick but times have changed and we can't work like that anymore. Selectman Miller said he understands his stress because he oversees 27 at his job. He suggested that Mr. Houle utilize Mike; he appointed him to that position he needs to make him responsible. Selectman Miller suggested that Mr. Houle give the list of things to do to Mike and make him responsible for getting it done. He said Mike should be the first line supervisor so that Lance can do budgeting, policy, and disciplinary actions. Selectman Miller said he has seen Mr. Houle heated a couple of times he suggested that before he act he stop, pause, get an understanding of what is going on, let them fail and follow up with training. Mr. Houle said that is true on some aspects but on other aspects everything that is done by the department is reflected upon by the highway department so if it is allowed to not do adequate work he has a problem with that. Mr. Houle said Selectman Miller is on a narrow line, if it's not the way it should be, he should not have to follow someone around to do the job, they have a job to do and it should be done correctly. Selectman Miller said no it hasn't been so to fix that Mike should be out there with them and used to be sure things are done correctly. Selectman Fiske said he is probably one of the biggest perpetrators of the potty mouth but because of nowadays environment some people take exception to the elevated voice, the cussing and so forth so he asked for him to try to watch it. Selectman Fiske said as far as the potholes and them not doing what there are asked he should be writing them up. He said that one little piece of paper in the file, then there is a second and a third and then they go. Chairman Ives said they understand the work of the highway department is front and center and most criticized.

Chairman Ives stated that bids for the 1985 Chevy Military Style Pickup Truck were due today. They received one bid. Chairman Ives opened the bid from Donald Mancini in the amount of $500. Selectman Fiske said he knows the history of the truck, it's not running and has been sitting at the transfer station for probably six years. He recommended accepting the bid. *Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Donald Mancini for the sum of $500. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives recognized Dylan Babonis from the audience.

Dylan explained that he has an eagle scout project proposition. He showed the board pictures of the horse shoe pits at the recreation field. Dylan said the goal would be to clean up the pits; there are four sets of pits. Dylan said he would remove the grass in and around the pits, replace the sand, replace the missing backstops and put in a removal post system. Selectman Fiske said it sounds like a great idea but wondered if it has been run by Tom Dow. He explained that Mr. Dow has headed up the horse shoe tournaments at Old Home Day for a long time. Dylan said he is not familiar with Mr. Dow. Chairman Ives said out of respect he should be contacted. The Board agreed that this is a great idea, that once Dylan has spoken to Mr. Dow he can come back in with his paperwork and they will sign it. Chairman Ives cautioned Dylan that there was an eagle scout whose project was replacing the Welcome to Loudon sign; it took many phone calls to get the project finished.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an ambulance billing report.

The Board received a memo from Chief Burgess regarding flooring quotes. Two bids were submitted for replacing the tile floor in the booking room bathroom and the carpet in Sgt. Akerstrom's office. The first bids were from ADF Flooring for $1,290.06 and the second was from DEC-TECK for $1,235.00. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to award the bid to DEC-TECH in the amount of $1,235.00. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.* Janice Morin pointed out that there is another question at the bottom of the memo regarding outside details. The Board said they have not made a decision regarding that at this time.

The Board received a letter from the NH Lottery regarding Keno. The Board will take this under review.

The Board received an abutter notice from the Andover ZBA regarding a monopole.

Upton & Hatfield regarding J. Green v Town of Loudon & ZBA. This is a motion to dismiss the suit.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, December 20th at 8:30 a.m. — Employee breakfast at the Fire Department.

Friday, December 22nd, 7 a.m. — Holiday Food Baskets at the Fire Department

Chairman Ives recognized Henry Huntington from the audience. Mr. Huntington said he is representing New England Flower Farms and ABJEH Realty. He explained that he would like to discuss the tax abatement for the properties. Mr. Huntington said he would like to put a stop to this; he assumes that they would like to stop putting money into it just like he would like to stop putting money into it. He would like to discuss it and come to some sort of agreement on a reasonable rate of valuation. Mr. Huntington said he believes that the assessor used the wrong Marshall and Swift page she was using the institutional page which is for colleges and testing institutions; completely different than a commercial greenhouse. He said they can discuss/debate which category they should be in but it's certainly different than the $50 per square foot she has used. He explained that they have been at $12.50 per foot for quite a while. Mr. Huntington said when they built the new greenhouse on Pleasant Street she came in at $50 and the new LEF greenhouse is at $50 per square foot. Mr. Huntington said greenhouses don't have any value once they are built, they are typically sold for $2–10 per square foot. He said it costs a lot to build a greenhouse but it is a special use and it's the equipment inside that has the value not the building. Mr. Huntington said that Doug Cole is at $12.50 and Ledgeview is at $12.50. Chairman Ives asked what the greenhouse in Pembroke is assessed at. Mr. Huntington said it is $12.50. He explained that when Pembroke was built it was high, they filed an abatement and instead of going to court they sat down, looked at it and came up with $12, that was 2000–2001 now it is up to $12.50. Mr. Huntington said it has been $12.50 for a while and he would have no problem raising that a bit. Mr. Huntington said he would like to sit down with the Selectmen and the assessor to discuss it. Chairman Ives agreed that they will discuss it with the assessor and then meet with him.

Chairman Ives recognized Janice Morin from the audience. Ms. Morin said she met with the Selectmen a few months back in a nonpublic session. She said they were working on getting some issues resolved and addressed. Ms. Morin asked if there are any answers yet because she is feeling backlash and she is pretty sure that someone has some insight. She asked if there is an answer to what she brought to their attention. Chairman Ives said they do have an answer, this a very delicate area on what can be talked about and what they can divulge to her. He said they received a report from the attorney and they have been told not to divulge the contents to her or to the Chief. He explained that they do have recommendations. Ms. Morin asked if he is assuring her that no one else has been made

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 2, 2017

Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

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

Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 19, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a petition regarding the speed limit posting on Lesmerises Road. Terry Hammond from 104 Lesmerises Road explained that he started the petition after speaking to his neighbors. He said it is becoming increasingly dangerous for walkers, joggers and bicycles. Mr. Hammond said 35 is too fast for the road, he explained that if you go north and come out on Clough Pond Road the limit is 25, if you go south and come out on S. Village Road the speed limit is 30. Joan Cross from 105 Lesmerises Road agreed that people drive way too fast. She said there are twenty-five houses on the road most have children or dogs. Ms. Cross said she has seen kids on bicycles get run off the road due to people driving too fast. She said she would like to see it dropped to 25. Ms. Cross said Lesmerises Road is split; from N. Village Road to Flagg Road is 35 and the other end of Lesmerises Road at Clough Pond Road to 25. Ms. Cross said she drove around and noticed that Old Shaker Road isn't posted at all in Loudon. Selectman Fiske said that a lot of roads aren't posted but the law is that if they are not the speed limit is 35. Selectman Fiske asked if the police have been notified about the problem. Ms. Cross said she hasn't notified them but neighbors have. Chairman Ives asked if it's people that live on the road. Ms. Cross said from her observations it's people passing through. She offered a shout out to Best Septic who always drive slowly and carefully. Chairman Ives said they will talk to the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Road Agent before they consider reducing the speed limit. He said in the meantime they will ask the Police Chief to get some speed limit enforcement there. Mr. Hammond said he is retired so he sees it more than most people; he sees it at noontime when people are in a hurry. Chairman Ives asked what time of the day is the worst. Mr. Hammond said he noticed trucks between 11 a.m.–1 p.m. other than that its sporadic. Ms. Cross said Saturdays are busy as well.

The Board received the draft Chapter 79-E warrant article along with map of the proposed 79-E District. Chairman Ives explained that this a community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive and they are thinking about doing it for the Village District.

The Board received the draft of a warrant article submitted by the Conservation Commission for the purchase of the Chesley property on Lovejoy Road.

The Board received a draft of the bid request for the NHMS sound study. Selectman Fiske asked if the track is going to be mandated to pay for the study. Selectman Miller said the track is paying for it. Chairman Ives asked Planning Board Vice-Chairman if they had help from an attorney writing up the bid request. Mr. Prescott said he believes the Chairman was going to discuss it with the Town Attorney. Planning Board member Dustin Bowles said it's his understanding that the Attorney that has been representing the town through the NHMS applications wrote it. Chairman Ives said he's good with it as long as an attorney has looked at it.

The Board received a memo and barn rental request from Chief Wright. The Board agreed that the fee will be waived for this rental due to the longtime service to the fire department of the gentlemen that passed.

The Board ambulance collection report. The Board agreed that the accounts should be sent to collections.

The Board received the full-time Fire Dept employee evaluations. The evaluations will be filed in the personnel files.

The Board received a copy of a letter going to Officer Battye regarding her wages while she attends the academy.

The Board received a note from the NH State Lottery wondering if the town will be voting on Keno this year. Chairman Ives said he is not in favoring of putting it on the ballot this year. He said the establishments in town that would be eligible have not come forward and asked about it. Selectman Miller agreed.

The Board received a thank you card from Friends of Hothole Pond.

Chairman Ives recognized recreation committee members Alicia Grimaldi, Laurie Jacquith and Jennifer Pfeiffer. Ms. Grimaldi said they would like to discuss changes to the budget. Chairman Ives explained that they had indicated that they wanted to change the purpose of the $5,000 that usually goes to LYAA. Ms. Grimaldi said there are three lines that they wanted to incorporate into another use. She said if those lines haven't been utilized she thought they could be used for redoing dug-outs, redoing the small ballfield, etc. Ms. Grimaldi said she has since found out the LYAA does receive their $5,000. Chairman Ives said the Board receives receipts for things like baseball uniforms for the $5,000. The committee had questioned whether the uniforms are bought every year or are they used and then returned to be used again the next year as they used to be. The committee asked if they can see the receipts to be sure that the $5,000 is being spent to benefit the largest group of people not just a few. Chairman Ives said they can review the invoices. A committee member suggested that they would like to clean up the dugouts and bring in new bases and hardpack for the small field. Chairman Ives said the road agent decided that the town can do a better job with fertilizer and things so he got rid of the contract with Tru-Green so money can be saved. Chairman Ives explained that the road agent would like to take control of the fields; he's mentioned the same things. Ms. Jacquith asked Chairman Ives to thank the road agent for taking down the playground it's a relief that no one will be hurt. She asked if someone could take down some trees and open that area up. Ms. Grimaldi said they would be glad to meet with Lance to discuss this stuff. Ms. Grimaldi said the skate park needs maintenance. She asked who initiated that park. Selectman Fiske said John Rice installed it. Ms. Grimaldi said they've been talking about a graffiti wall and would like to form a committee to look into it. Selectman Fiske asked what they mean by a graffiti wall. Ms. Grimaldi said it's a place for kids to be creative. Chairman Ives said he would like to see the idea for a graffiti wall go before the town because it's using town funds and could be controversial. Ms. Grimaldi said another thing to discuss is cameras. Chairman Ives said there is one pointed out to the gazebo now. Ms. Pfeffer said they would like to see cameras at the playground and the skate park. Selectman Fiske said he thinks they are necessary. Chairman Ives said the company that installed the cameras at the new building can be contacted to see if it's something that can be added to that system. Ms. Pfeiffer said they've also discussed signage; the signs that are there need to be updated, they are faded and old.

Chairman Ives recognized Henry Huntington from the audience. Mr. Huntington explained that when he met with the Board two weeks ago there was a discussion about him meeting with the selectmen and Chris. Chairman Ives explained that they asked the town attorney about this meeting so that nothing gets messed up by talking to Mr. Huntington. Mr. Huntington said that the town's attorney is looking for some information from him which he is willing to provide but he is wondering if the town's attorney and his own attorney can be put on hold at this point to try and work this out so no one is spending more money. Chairman Ives said they will see if Chris our assessor is available next Tuesday or the following Tuesday to meet. Mr. Huntington asked if the town attorney can be contacted to see if this can be put on hold for now.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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privy to this because the backlash she experienced yesterday and today leads her to believe different. Chairman Ives said he received a packet, read it, gave it to Selectman Fiske to read who gave it Selectman Miller who returned it to Chairman Ives this evening. Selectman Fiske said he is no detective but when he received the package it had been copied because the staple had been removed and re-stapled. Chairman Ives said there were no copies made that he is aware of. Ms. Morin said she is looking for a little bit of courtesy, she understands client/attorney privilege and things being confidential but she is the one that brought things to their attention, she feels out of the loop and the things she heard today make her hope this has not been shared with anyone else. Chairman Ives said they haven't even had the chance to discuss it among themselves. Ms. Morin clarified that this is not a done deal yet. Chairman Ives said it is not; they need to discuss the recommendations sand how they are going to act on them.

Chairman Ives wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He announced that the Board of Selectmen will not be meeting next Tuesday due to the holidays.

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

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — December 21, 2017

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

Attendance:

Chairman Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, George Saunderson, Jeff Miller, and alternate Dustin Bowles.

Rob Buzzel from the Conservation Commission was present in the audience.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 16, 2017 CNHRPC Meeting — *Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Bowles; All in favor; approved.*

November 16, 2017 Regular Meeting — Mr. Saunderson made a correction to the minutes to add in the final decision the concert must end by 10:00 p.m. Mr. Prescott added he recused himself during application 17-18 and returned for application 17-19. *Mr. Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections; seconded by Mr. Huntington; All in favor; approved.*

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Discussion:

Peter Dumont with Dumont Cycles — Peter Dumont approached the Board to discuss adding a third business selling cars onto the property that will sell 10–20 cars. Mr. Dumont explained that currently he runs his motorcycle shop and there is one other car sales business working out of the property. Mr. Dumont said the car sales that is in place is able to sell 20–30 cars. Chairman Dow said that would be up to 50 cars in the gated area. Mr. Dumont said years ago he had 80 cars. Mr. Moore said the Fire Department may have concern about getting into the property. Vice Chairman Prescott asked if there was enough room for a fire truck. Mr. Dumont said yes there is enough room. Mr. Bowles said he would like to see a Site Plan. Mr. Dumont said it is no more than what his initial Site Plan showed. Mr. Saunderson questioned a Site Walk. Mr. Huntington said we should look into the file to see what is approved. Chairman Dow agreed we will look into what was approved and contact Mr. Dumont.

Old Business:

Vice Chairman Prescott recused himself, Chairman Dow appointed Mr. Bowles a voting member.

Application #17-18 — Warren (Continued), Lot line adjustment, 70 Riverview Lane, Map 19 Lot 15, Map 11 Lot 76, R/R district — Surveyor Jeff Green presented the application that was continued from last month's meeting. Abutters Dan and David Ladd were present. Last month the Board continued the application to discuss with Town Counsel the land dispute. *Mr. Moore made a motion to accept application as complete; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all were in favor; Accepted.* Mr. Ladd said on record it shows he owns the land. Chairman Dow said at the Registry it is recorded as someone else's land. Chairman Dow said Mr. Ladd has the right to proceed with the court to dispute this but it is nothing the Town can do. Mr. Cole asked what would happen if the court decided the Ladd's owned the land. Mr. Green said if the court decided in their favor the court records would be the new record. Attorney Bruce Marshall who represents the applicant explained that the Town would not do anything further the court would handle the land dispute and it would be recorded. Mr. Moore said this Subdivision cleans up the lots by separating the two with a road rather than have a road run through a lot. Chairman Dow closed the meeting to the public and opened it to the Board only. Mr. Huntington said the Board needs to take this Subdivision as presented. *Mr. Huntington made a motion to approve the application; Seconded by Mr. Saunderson; All were in favor; Approved.*

Vice Chairman Prescott returned to the Board.

New Business:

Application #17-20 — Hard Surface Solutions — Change of Use, Map 30 Lot 24, C/I district — Jason Briand owner of Hard Surface Solutions and property owner Harold McLaughlin presented the application. Mr. McLaughlin said his business was previously a car wash but has since been shut down and he would like to rent one of the bays to Mr. Briand to store his trailer for his cleaning business. *Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move forward to a public hearing; Seconded by Vice Chairman Prescott; all were in favor; Accepted.* Chairman Dow said there is an email trail between Mr. Briand and Code Enforcement and it looks like there are some hazardous chemicals. Mr. Briand said he provided MSDS sheets and it is a full list of what he may have at any time. Mr. Briand said some of the items of the list are not a common occurrence there are volatile sealants but things like those are purchased and used within days. Chairman Dow said Code Enforcement spoke about a drain is there one. Mr. McGlaughlin said there is a drain with a 4 foot tank. Chairman Dow questioned if the drain could be closed off. Mr. McGlaughlin said he could close it off. Mr. Briand said he has 5–6 gallons of total product on hand at any given time. Chairman Dow said Code Enforcement questioned putting a limit on the amount of product. Vice Chairman Prescott said if there is a fire the Fire Department needs to be prepared for what they may face. Mr. Saunderson asked if there was any heating or cooling equipment in the storage. Mr. Briand said they have talked about doing a commercial heating for when it drops below freezing in the unit and there is no need to have a cooling system as it stays fairly cool. Chairman Dow said he has no issues with what they are trying to do; he just wants to make sure Code Enforcement is happy with what they are doing. Vice Chairman Prescott said he suggests Mr. Briand meets with the Fire Department to discuss quantity and what they would use for heating. Vice Chairman Prescott said these final decisions need to be added into the file. Mr. Miller asked if they have a fire rated ceiling and a fire alarm. Mr. McLaughlin said it is a fire rated ceiling and they will be putting in the fire alarm. Vice Chairman said this needs to be coordinated with the Code Enforcement for quantity and quality and they send coordinate the stipulations with the Planning Board. *Mr. Saunderson made a motion to approve the application under the condition Code Enforcement gives approval; Seconded by Mr. Cole.*

Application #17-21 — James Howell — Subdivision, Map 2 Lot 8, R/R district — Surveyor Jeff Green presented the application. Abutters Richard Bittle and Karen Schaefer were present. Mr. Green explained this lot is currently 6.35 acres and they are looking to subdivide it into two lots that will be 3.31 acres and 3.012 acres with both homes having a shared driveway. Chairman Dow asked if this has State Subdivision approval yet. Mr. Green said it does not and he received a letter today and the State has concern about the well radius being on both lots. Mr. Green explained that the State needs to have it shown in a proposed location where the well radius is on one single lot. Mr. Moore said this is the existing well correct. Mr. Green said yes this well is on an existing lot and only needs to be shown on the map where it can be located on its own lot should the current well need replacement. Mr. Huntington said he would like the leach field shown on the plan. Mr. Huntington said where the house will be built is steep. Mr. Green said the house lot is on a 15% slope. Mr. Huntington said the lot looks poorly drained. Abutter Mr. Bittle expressed concern about the wetlands that are located near the road go under the road and onto his property so he questioned if a new potential house would create more issues. Mr. Green said he sees no issues for the abutting property. Mr. Saunderson asked how long the shared driveway is. Mr. Green said it is about 150 feet of shared driveway. Vice Chairman Prescott said it looks like there is a culvert that flows to the abutting property and should be shown what size and which way it is going. Vice Chairman Prescott also said the town line needs to be labeled. Mr. Moore said the proposed lot line between the proposed two lots is not straight it is Gerrymandering a lot. Mr. Green explained they had to go around some wetlands while keeping the 200 feet of road frontage. Mr. Cole questioned the width of the driveway. Mr. Green said the driveway is 10–12 feet wide. Mr. Bowles said this shared driveway is very long. Vice Chairman Prescott said he believes that 911 will have issues with a shared driveway. Mr. Huntington said there needs to be approval from Fire Department. Mr. Saunderson said the Board is reluctant to approve a shared driveway and questioned if a site walk needed to be done. Vice Chairman Prescott asked if this Subdivision could be done without having a shared driveway. Mr. Green said he could ask for a wetlands crossing. Vice Chairman Prescott said it would be better if the driveways were separate. Mr. Green said it would be more time and money for his client. Chairman Dow said he will have to talk with the Fire Department about the shared driveway. *Mr. Moore made a motion to continue the application; Seconded by Mr. Saunderson; all in favor; continued. The application is continued until January 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building.*

Application #17-22m — Frank Merril — Site Plan for Drainage Sales Building, Map 1 Lot 50, C/I District — Tim Bernier from TF Bernier Inc. presented the plans. Mr. Bernier explained this business will be on Veterans Drive and the proposed size is 10,000 square feet and outside will be 17,000 square feet of storage. *Mr. Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete; seconded by Mr. Cole; all were in favor. Accepted.* Mr. Bernier said they will be preserving trees along 106 and there will be landscaping in the front and along the side. Vice Chairman Prescott questioned the height of the building. Mr. Bernier said it is about 34 feet high. Vice Chairman Prescott asked if the outdoor lighting has shades on it. Mr. Bernier said they are dark sky compliant lighting. Chairman Dow asked what the hours will be. Mr. Bernier said the hours aren't final but it will be open Monday until Friday and a half day on Saturday. Mr. Huntington asked how many employees they will have. Mr. Bernier said there will be six offices and eleven parking spaces. Mr. Huntington asked if you could see the backside of the building from 106. Mr. Bernier said there are thick trees that will be between 106 and the building. Mr. Bernier requested four waivers. *Chairman Dow made a motion to close the public hearing and open it to the board only. Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the waiver for the landscape plan to be prepared by a professional landscape architect; Seconded by Mr. Saunderson; all were in favor; Accepted. Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the waiver for the parking to be located on the side or the rear of the building; Seconded by Mr. Huntington; All were in favor: Accepted. Mr. Prescott made a motion to approve the waiver of the requirement to provide a Site Specific Soil survey: Seconded by Mr. Moore. Mr. Cole made a motion to accept the waiver for the requirement that the erosion and drainage plan, stormwater management plan, lighting plan and Utility plan be submitted as separate plan sheets.* Mr. Huntington said the plan looks good. *Mr. Huntington made a motion to approve the application as presented; Seconded by Mr. Cole; All in favor. Approved.*

Report of the Board of Permit:

None

Report of ZBA:

Z17-24 Christopher Matto — Variance — ADU, Map 49 Lot 89, R/R District.

Board Discussion:

The Board spoke about the bid for a sound study and changed some wording and will send it out to the Town Attorney for approval.

Danielle Bosco brought up the topic of a home being built on Lower Ridge Road to house patients recovering from traumatic brain injuries. Chairman Dow said when the home was started on Hemlock Hill Road they had the abutters notified to come in and discuss this so they should do that again.

Mr. Saunderson said there was a Site Plan done maybe a year ago for Best Septic but the sale of the property was on hold and now is final. Mrs. Bosco said she has the file set aside and never received final plans so will follow up.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.; seconded by Vice Chairman Prescott. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
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Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — December 28, 2017

Present:

Chairman Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Charlie Aznive, alternate and Dennis Jakubowski.

Chairman Lizotte appointed Dennis Jakubowski a voting member in the absence of Mr. Tuson.

Minutes:

Regular Hearing November 27, 2017 — *Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion; All in favor. APPROVED*

Discussions:

None

Public Hearings:

Application #Z17-24, Christopher Matto, Varinace for Accessory Dwelling Unit, Map 49 Lot 89, R/R District — Mr. Matto explained that he built an apartment over his garage 3 years ago and there was miscommunication as to who was supposed to get permits and in the process the permits were not done. Mr. Matto explained that he is selling the property and now realizes he has to get a Variance for this accessory dwelling unit. Chairman Lizotte said to have a detatched accessory dwelling unit is not allowed in the Ordinance. Chairman Lizotte said this is creating two separate dwellings on a single property. Vice Chairman Pearl said the Board can only grant a Variance due to a hardship but the hardship cannot be created by the applicant. Mr. Matto said he would argue that they are attached because the electric is connected. Mr. Merrill said residents have asked about allowing an accessory dwelling unit to be detached and we have not allowed this as our Ordinance says it must be attached. Vice Chairman Pearl said it looks like this unit may be able to be made to conform by building an addition to the property and attaching them as well as following all the rules in the Ordinance. Chairman Lizotte said he should talk with Code Enforcement and fill out a new application. Chairman Lizotte said that either he could apply for this or the new owners. Vice Chairman Pearl said that Mr. Matto has the right to proceed with this application and have the Board hear it or he may withdraw the application and re-apply with the updates made. Mr. Matto said he would like to withdraw his application. *Vice Chairman Pearl made a motion to withdraw the application upon the applicants request. Mr. Aznive seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Merrill – yes, Howard Pearl – yes, Dennis Jakubowski – yes. Unanimous – Withdrawn.*

Board Discussion:

None

Adjournment:

Mr. Pearl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Merrill. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
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February in Loudon

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2nd Sunday of the month
2–4pm•Loudon Historical Society Museum Open

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

1st Tuesday of the month
7pm•Lions Club @ Library

1st Wednesday of the month
7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

1st Thursday of the month
6:30•PTA @ LES
7pm•Agriculture Commission @ Com. Bldg.

2nd Monday of the month
7:15pm•MVSD School Board

2nd Wednesday of the month
6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library

2nd Saturday of the month
4:30–6:00pm•Family Bible Church Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the month
6pm•Yoga @ Library

3rd Tuesday of the month
7pm•Lions Club @ Library

3rd Wednesday of the month
2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the month
7pm•Planning Board @ CB

3rd Sunday of the month
9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time

4th Tuesday of the month
7pm•LYAA @ Library

4th Wednesday of the month
6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library

4th Thursday of the month
7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

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

Every Tuesday
9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Music & Movement @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
6:30pm•Prayer Mtg. @ Congregational Church

Every Wednesday
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
6:30pm•Wolf Pack @ LES
Full Pack•6:30 @ LES

Every Thursday
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
6pm•Yoga @ Library

EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES

Feb. 1•6:30pm•PTA @ LES

Feb. 2•GROUNDHOG DAY

Feb. 3•"Take Your Child to the Library" Day

Feb. 7•Fourth Grade Field Trip
6pm•Budget Hearing @ Town Office

Feb. 12•7:15pm•MVSD School Board Meeting @ MVHS

Feb. 13•9pm–Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House
10am•Young at Heart @ Community Bldg.

Feb. 14•ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb. 16•LEDGER DEADLINE

Feb. 17•8–10am•B'Fast Served by Pack 247 @ The Legion

Feb. 19•PRESIDENT'S DAY
6pm•Communications Council Mtg. @ Com. Bldg.

Feb. 21•6:30pm•Pack 247 @ LES

Feb. 26–March 2•SCHOOL VACATION

Feb. 27•11–3•Childrens Games @ Library
5:30pm•Bleeding Control Basic Course @ Library

Feb. 28•5:30pm•Brown Bag Movie @ Library

March 1•Special Story Time: Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

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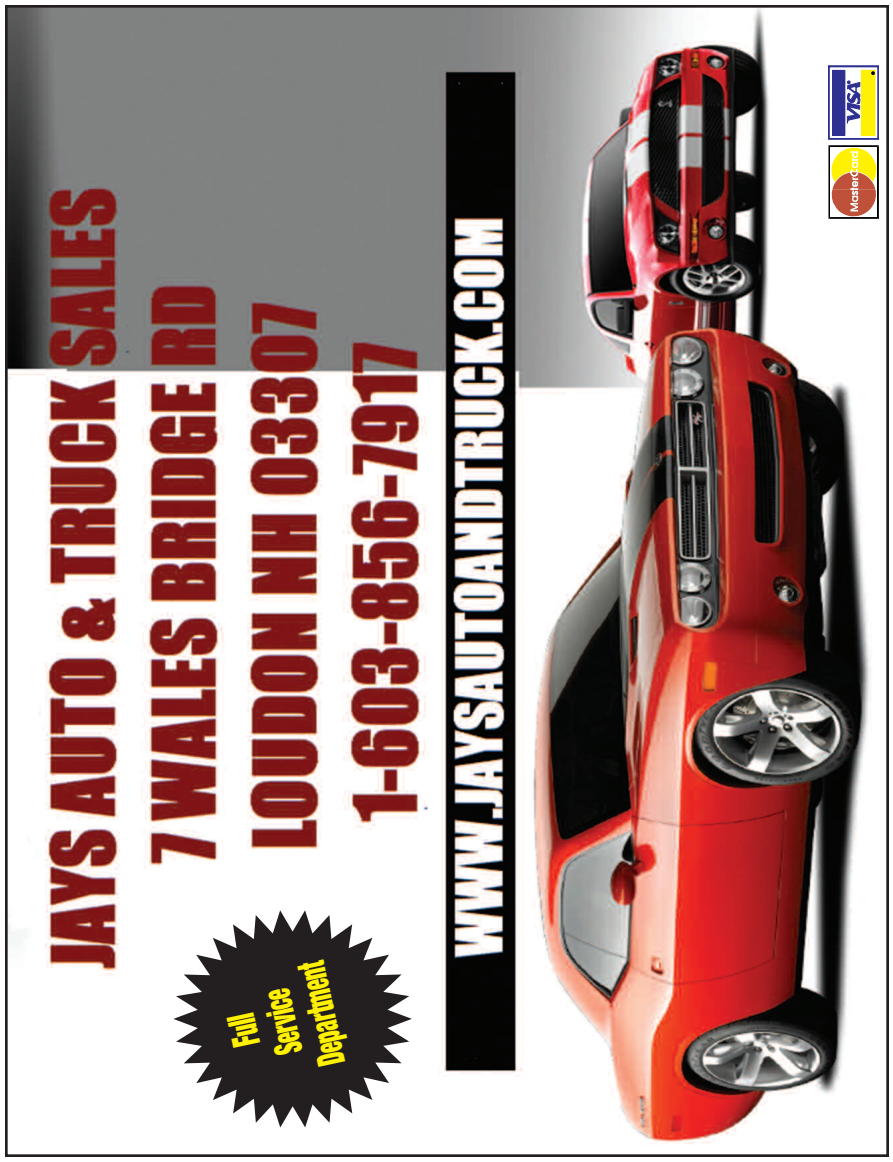
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