

# The Loudon Ledger

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## Come Enjoy the New Skating Rink!

The members of the Loudon Fire Department wanted to provide another outdoor recreation opportunity for the community so Chief Blanchette approached the Board of Selectmen for permission and Selectmen Maxfield worked with the Loudon Recreation Committee to secure the funds for the liner and some plywood to replace the old plywood which was not in usable condition any longer.

The rink had not been assembled in a number of years but members of the department went through the supplies that had been in storage and laid out the area on the recreation field to construct the rink. Firefighter Ben Carter has taken the lead on this project along with several members of the department. We have received support from the Simonds family, the Carter family, the Loudon Recreation Committee, as well as New Hampshire Motor Speedway helping us out with a good winter time supply of water to continue making ice when the weather allows. Members of the Loudon Fire Department hope to have some limited refreshments available moving forward when time allows at the rink



and will continue to maintain the rink through the winter as weather allows. We just ask that people using the rink are respectful of everyone and do not play hockey when there are folks free skating. The rink is not lit up well, but skating can be enjoyed during the evening. We ask that everyone pack up by 8:30 p.m. so we can maintain the ice. ■



Haylee Storrs practices her hockey skating skills at Loudon's new skating rink.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

02/05/20	BUDGET HEARING	LOUDON TOWN OFFICE	6 p.m.
02/11/20	PRIMARY VOTING	LOUDON FIRE STATION*	8 a.m.–7 p.m.
03/06/20	MVSD ANNUAL MEETING	MVHS AUDITORIUM	
	<b>Polling hours:</b> 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; <b>Meeting:</b> 7 p.m.		
03/10/20	TOWN ELECTIONS	LOUDON FIRE STATION*	8 a.m.–7 p.m.
03/14/20	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	LOUDON ELEM. SCHOOL	9 a.m.

\*LOUDON FIRE STATION #1 IS AT 8 COOPER STREET. ALL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE LOUDON FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MVSD AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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*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: 5 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Jeffrey Miller (*term expires 2020*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org  
Stanley Prescott II (*term expires 2021*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org  
Roger Maxfield (*term expires 2022*) selectmansoffice@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 Town Offices.*  
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–Noon

### Tax Collector

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codeoffice@loudonfire.com • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

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55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com  
*To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org)→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.*

### Loudon Elementary School

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

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55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-0170 • roadagent@loudonnh.org  
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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: Dena Norman • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net  
Sun. & Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7 p.m. • Wed.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7 p.m. • Fri.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 10 a.m.–2 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.

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30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon  
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### Loudon Representatives

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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](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com). From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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August 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/20

September 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/17

October 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/21

November 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/19

December 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/16

January 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/21

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

**Faith Community Bible Church**

Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Patrick Testerman, Associate Pastor  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • (603) 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
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Summer Worship Hour: Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Junior Church and Nursery available.)  
Youth Group for Grades 6–12 Sunday evenings at 6:00.  
(Subject to change. Please confirm on our website before planning to attend.)  
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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.  
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Monday Evening: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.  
Tuesday Morning: Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.  
Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group  
Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings: call or email for details  
FREE Monthly Community Dinners: 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



**Landmark Baptist Church**

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Pastor Paul J. Clow  
103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info  
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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**Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church**

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



**Loudon Congregational Church**

Rev. Moe Cornier  
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478  
info@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  
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11 a.m. Discipleship Hour for All Ages  
Second Tuesdays: OASIS Potluck Luncheon (for folks 50+): 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
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Teen Group 6:15–7:45 p.m.



To have your Church’s information added to this column,  
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# MVHS Named NH State Winner in National STEM Competition from Samsung

**School wins \$15,000 in technology and classroom supplies; advances to the next stage in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest**

**What:**

Selected from thousands of entries nationwide, Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook has been named a NH State Winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest for its proposed plan to address the amount of paper used and sent to the recycling bin.

The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest encourages teachers and students to solve real-world issues in their community using classroom skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Merrimack Valley High School is among the nation’s 100 State Winners (at least one school from all 50 states) and will receive \$15,000\* in technology for its achievement. In addition, the school will also receive a Samsung video kit for students to create and submit a three-minute video that showcases their project development and how it addresses the issue. The video will be used for the chance to advance to the next phase of the contest and win additional prizes and educational opportunities. \*Prize is based on an estimated retail value.

“Samsung is extremely proud of the evolution of the Solve for Tomorrow platform over the past 10 years: fueling students’ passion and curiosity to tackle issues that affect their communities in unexpected and creative ways,” said Ann Woo, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship at Samsung Electronics America. “Reading the innovative proposals students and teachers have put forth this year exemplifies what we know to be true for every student — that young minds have just as much to teach as they do to learn. Our guiding citizenship vision is ‘Enabling People,’ and we are thrilled to celebrate another year of empowering future innovators to achieve their full potential through STEM learning.”

**About the School:**

NH State Winner and Details:  
Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook  
Teachers Jeff Dutton and DeAna Irving and their students in grades 9–12

**About the School’s Project:**

**Local Issue:** There is too much paper used and sent to the recycling bin on our campus.

**Proposed Project:** We will redirect the waste to either a compost bin for use in school gardens or to an enzyme treatment that will return the paper to its basic glucose molecules.

**Future Contest Phases:**

All 100 State Winners will work on their projects and submit their three-minute video in hopes of advancing in the contest’s remaining phases:

**20 National Finalist schools** will be selected to travel to the final event in the spring where they will present their project to a panel of judges. For achieving National Finalist status, schools will be awarded in total \$50,000 in technology and classroom materials.

**Five grand prize National Winner schools** will receive in total \$100,000 in technology and classroom materials, and participate in a trip to Washington, D.C. to present their projects to members of Congress.

Public voting will also determine one Community Choice winner from the pool of National Finalists, who will be eligible to win an additional \$10,000 in Samsung technology.

**Interview Opportunities:**

Jeff Dutton and DeAna Irving and their students are available for interviews about the local issue they’re working to address and the importance of hands-on STEM learning.

**Media Contact:**

For questions about the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, please reach out to SamsungSFT@allisonpr.com. For questions about the school’s project, please reach out to Shaun St. Onge (sstonge@mvsdpride.org). ■

# Loudon Elementary School News

## Hour of Code

LES students participated in the international event, Hour of Code, during the week of December 3rd. Students worldwide participated in this annual event, which is designed to introduce students to the world of Computer Science. This activity helps encourage problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and creativity. Visit <https://code.org/learn> to complete the coding tutorials that students enjoyed during this event.

## Santa's Breakfast

On Saturday, December 7th, the LES PTA hosted the annual Santa's Breakfast with the help of volunteers, including several members of the LPD!

The LES chorus performed in celebration of the season. The chorus is comprised of students in grades 3–5 and was directed by Mrs. Sarah Flewelling.

Proceeds raised at this event will support PTA-funded school events.

## Holiday Sing-Along

Mrs. Muzzey, her husband Mr. Muzzey, and local musicians, including Mark and Vicki Whittemore and Darlene Skene, shared their talents with students on December 18th. Our chorus and a group of staff members also performed. The annual Sing-Along is a favorite event at LES and, while Mrs. Muzzey is retiring at the end of the year, we are hopeful that this tradition will continue in the future.

## Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten at LES next year, please call Diana Muzzey at 783-4400 to begin the registration process. Children must be five years old by September 30th to be eligible. ■



## Local Nonprofits Benefit From Gift of Lights

**Loudon Food Pantry, Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter and the Loudon Firefighters Association all received donations through the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.**

Three local nonprofits experienced true holiday spirit, each benefitting from the generosity of those who attended the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. The seasonal event, which ran from Thanksgiving through January 5, kicked off the year's fundraising efforts for Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter with \$30,000, provided an extra 4,800 meals to the Loudon Food Pantry, and helped the Loudon Firefighters Association raise \$4,000.

Gift of Lights visitors received a discount on their admission when they brought at least three non-perishable food items to donate to the Loudon Food Pantry. These donations contributed to a total of 5,858 pounds of food, which will provide 4,882 meals.

"It's always great when a community comes together to help those in need," said Sue Houck, president of the Loudon Food Pantry. "Thanks to the generosity of those who attended the Gift of Lights and those that work at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, there will be fewer families making the choice to eat or heat their homes this winter."

Since the Gift of Lights first started in 2011, food and monetary donations have allowed NHMS to donate over 98,000 pounds of food to the Loudon Food Pantry, which has provided nearly 93,000 meals to locals during the holiday and winter months.

Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter, which raises money for children in need throughout New England, received a portion of each car's admission and a part of the registration proceeds for the Yule Light Up The Night run/walk put on by Millennium Running for a total of \$30,218, making this one of the largest SCCNH fundraisers annually. The funds raised will be combined with the proceeds from other SCCNH events throughout 2020 and be distributed through grants to local nonprofits in December. As the official charity of the speedway, Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter has raised \$220,476 from the Gift of Lights since 2011 and has distributed more than \$1.8 million supporting over 808,000 children throughout New England since its inception in 2009.

The Loudon Firefighters Association hosted a s'mores pit on eight Friday and Saturday nights during Gift of Lights for a monetary donation totaling \$3,736 for their Off Road Utility Vehicle Fund, which will be used for off road firefighting and rescue situations. The Loudon Firefighters Association has hosted the s'mores pit during Gift of Lights for three years now, collecting a total of \$10,169.

The Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane and Oil, which has seen more than 108,000 cars since it started in 2011, is a 2.5-mile drive-thru light show, which transforms New Hampshire Motor Speedway into a twinkling winter wonderland with 80 different scenes, 520 displays and 2.5 million LED lights. ■

## Loudon Lions Host Successful Blood Drive



The Loudon Lions hosted a successful Red Cross Blood Drive at The Villages on January 4. Pictured (left to right) are Lions Elizabeth Whitham, Ken Ward, Esther Boriss, and former Loudon resident Melodie Marie of the Red Cross. ■

## GROWING HERBS SEMINAR

**March 11, 2020**  
**6:30pm - 8:00pm**  
**Charlie's Barn**

Sponsored by  
*Loudon Gardeners Club*

**FREE EVENT**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
(DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED)  
**SEATING IS LIMITED**  
**PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 6TH**  
**LEEANN 396-4950**  
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**ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION**

**Guest Speaker**  
**UNH Master Gardner - Sarah Marcoux**  
Sarah Marcoux has been active as a Master Gardener since 2016. Her recent projects include planning and implementing school gardens. She also assists with the Free Seeds Project which provides seeds to New Hampshire schools, homeschool families, and education-based organizations.





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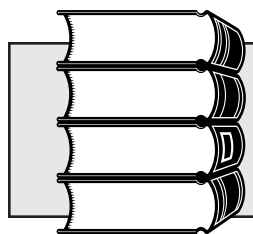
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## Maxfield Public Library News

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Join us Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., for a class filled with music, stretches, stories, and more. During the month of February, our theme will be love.

#### STORY TIME

Join us Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Fridays at 2:30 p.m. for stories and a take home craft.

On February 6 and 7 we will read *What Color is Night* by Grant Snider, *What Makes Day and Night* by Franklyn M. Branley, and *Little Owl's Night* by Divya Srinivasan. In the craft time to follow, the children will create a muffin cup owl to put in the night sky.

On February 13 and 14 the stories are *Click, Clack, Moo I Love You!* by Doreen Cronin, *I Love You, ZooBorns!* by Andrew Bleiman and Chris Eastland, and Lori Haskins Houran's *Warts and All: a Book of Unconditional Love*. Story timers will make a Valentine for someone special. Join us after the craft time for a Valentine party; please bring a treat to share, the library will provide juice.

On February 20 and 21 the children will make a portrait of George Washington after reading *Presidents' Day* by Anne Rockwell, *Arthur Meets the President* by Marc Brown, and *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin.

#### SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

There are lots of things to celebrate school vacation week at the library!

On Tuesday, February 25 we'll be celebrating Mardi Gras by making Mardi Gras masks to parade through the library; join us at 10:30 a.m. for this special story time program.

On Thursday, February 27, it's National Polar Bear day. Help us celebrate by joining us for a special story time at 10:30 a.m. We will read polar bear stories, eat 'cub'cakes, and make a polar bear craft.

On Friday, February 28, story time will celebrate Leap Year with a program full of frogs! Join us at 2:30 p.m. for a leaping good time.

**STITCH 'N' CHAT.** If you're looking for great conversation while you work on a knitting, needling, or crocheting project, join us in the children's room Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Bring your current project or come see what everyone else is working on.

**CHAIR YOGA** continues **every Wednesday** and we've also added **every Friday** at 10:30 a.m. at Maxfield Public Library until March 25! Drop-in session fees are \$5 per person.

**WRITING GROUP** Meet other local writers at our weekly Writers Group. Join us every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Get feedback and help with content editing. Writers of every genre are welcome!

**MAXIMIZING SOCIAL SECURITY** Join Andrew Girthmark of Steward Partners on Tuesday, February 4 for an interactive seminar on maximizing your Social Security benefits. The program runs from 5:30–6:30. Registration is required. Please call the library at 798-5153 or stop by the main desk to sign up.

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** is Wednesday, February 5 at 5 p.m.

**COMMUNITY MOVIE DAY** On Saturday, February 8, Maxfield Public Library will show the new feature film *Harriet*. The film is rated PG-13 and runs for 125 minutes. Bring a lunch! The movie begins at 11 a.m.

**ART IN THE AFTERNOON** We're pulling out our acrylic paints and watercolors, crafting supplies, and adult coloring books, and turning the Maxfield Public Library meeting room into an arts and crafts studio! Every Friday, beginning February 14, join us from 2–4 p.m. for a creative social gathering. Art and craft supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! *Art in the Afternoon is for teens and adults only.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LOUDON!** *This event was originally scheduled for January 16, but we postponed it due severe winter weather.* For the second year in a row, Maxfield Public Library is partnering with the Loudon Historical Society to celebrate Loudon and share some of the town's history. This year marks Loudon's 247th year! Lucy Gordon and Dyrace Maxfield of the Loudon Historical Society will be present to meet with visitors, and Dyrace will have items on hand from his recent presentation *Letters from the Civil War*. And what's a birthday without cake? We'll have that, too! Join us on Saturday, February 15 from 10–2 p.m.

**U.S. CENSUS INFORMATION AND RECRUITMENT EVENT:** Stop by Maxfield Public Library on Tuesday, February 18 anytime between 1–3 to get information on the 2020 U.S. Census and, if you're interested, get even more information on how to join the 2020 Census Team.

**IT TAKES TWO (at least)** Every Tuesday beginning February 18 from 5–7, stop in the library for a one-on-one game of Cribbage, Boggle, or even Connect Four! Bring a

game partner or pair up with another gaming singleton. (You could probably even ask a staff member if they're up for the challenge. Hint: they probably are.)

**BEYOND CHALLENGER — THE FUTURE OF SPACE.** Join Loudon resident Phil Browne on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30–7 p.m. as he gives a fascinating presentation on the future of space travel and discovery. Last year Phil's presentation *Humanity and the Heavens* was one of our most popular events. This is a family friendly event so we encourage guests of all ages!

**TEEN MOVIE DAY.** Maxfield Public Library will be showing *The Dark Crystal* (rated PG) on Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. This event is free but please register in advance! February is National Snack Food Month so rest assured that we'll provide plenty of movie snacks for the afternoon. *This event is for those in grades 6–12 only.*

**DAYTIME BOOK GROUP** will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 27 to discuss *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass.

**EVENING BOOK GROUP** will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, February 27.

**MEET THE AUTHOR: THOMAS FARMEN** *Bessie's Story — Watching the Lights Go Out* is Farmen's inspiring story about a charming, brave, chocolate Lab who gradually loses her eyesight. The author will speak about the unexpected diagnosis of terminal blindness for his beloved four-year-old pet through the two-and-a-half year transition to sightlessness. In the process, Bessie unwittingly becomes an expert mentor and teacher for the high-wire act of growing older with grace and optimism. Join us Friday, February 28 at 5:30 to meet Thomas Farmen and Bessie the dog. *This is an after-hours event and library services will not be available.*

**KEEPING YOUR LIBRARY ACCOUNT ACTIVE.** Patrons may receive an email notification informing them that their library account will soon be expiring. But renewing a library account is so easy! If you receive this notice, simply call or come into the library to let us know. All we need to do is verify residency status and contact information. That's it! As always, please feel free to reach out to us at 798-5153 if you have any questions. ■



Participants created adorable felted penguins in a recent felting workshop at Maxfield Public Library.



Michelle, library assistant and current reigning cribbage champion, wins this round with Tasha the Tiger! Beginning February 18, stop by the library on Tuesdays from 5–7 and play some one-on-one games.



# Snocross Makes its Debut at The Flat Track to Kick Off 2020

***The Eastern Snocross Tour will kick off the action-packed 2020 lineup at The Flat Track, which also includes American Flat Track, Granite State Legends Cars and the USAC Dirt Midget Association.***

The Flat Track at New Hampshire Motor Speedway will kick off its 2020 season in the height of the New England winter with an action-packed snowmobile event. Snocross will make its debut on the snow-covered dirt track when it rips into Loudon February 15–16, marking the first ever winter event on The Flat Track.

“We’re looking forward to a full season of racing on our newest racing surface, The Flat Track,” said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. “As New Englanders, we all know the cold and the snow is inevitable, and many of our fans already embrace the winter months by riding snowmobiles throughout the state. The Flat Track’s lineup will give them another reason to love racing at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.”

For snowmobilers riding into this event, The Flat Track is easily accessible off Corridor 15A on the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association’s Trail Map.

Once the snow melts and New Englanders take their motorcycles out of winter storage, the Laconia Short Track, sanctioned by American Flat Track, will return on Saturday, June 13 to kick off Motorcycle Week at NHMS, which continues through Saturday, June 20.

Friday Night Dirt Duels presented by New England Racing Fuel will kick off the NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race weekend on Friday, July 17 headlined by the Granite State Legends Cars and the USAC Dirt Midget Association, featuring a night of short track racing on the dirt with NASCAR stars.

The USAC Dirt Midget Association will race on The Flat Track for a second time in 2020 on Friday, September 11 during Full Throttle Fall Weekend with additional events being announced at a later date.

The Flat Track is the first track to be built in New England in the last 25 years. Crews turned roughly 186,095 square feet of ground and 3,000 tons of clay to build the 0.25-mile track which first opened in June 2019. The Flat Track, located directly behind the North East Motor Sports Museum, is the fourth racing surface on New Hampshire Motor Speedway’s 1,200-acre property, which already includes the famed 1.058-mile NASCAR oval, 1.6-mile road course and 0.25-mile mini-oval. ■

## Loudon Lions Member Profile



LAURA SMITH is a longtime Loudon Lion.

**Q. What is your favorite part of Loudon Lions Club?**

**A.** The camaraderie! We have a great group that works together well, as at our recent Red Cross blood drive or our annual ice cream social at Loudon Elementary School. Early on, our club brainstormed the idea for an ice cream social to bring Loudon together over three-flavor ice cream and brownies. Please join us again this September! I also love helping out at the annual Angels 5K

Road Race in May at Merrimack Valley High School.

**Q. What do you do outside of Lions?**

**A.** I teach English at UNH, working with students and reading and responding to their excellent work! When it’s time for the outdoors, I enjoy hiking the 4000-footers and the 52-with-a-view.

More information about the Loudon Lions may be obtained by contacting Club President Vince Giambalvo at [rosevin68@gmail.com](mailto:rosevin68@gmail.com). ■

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# RICHARD BROWN HOUSE NEWS

A few days ago it seemed that winter had come and gone but, as this deadline looms, the balmy air of the previous weekend has well and truly been replaced with a frigid cold windchill. There are icicles hanging from our roofs and a layer of gleaming, hardening snow, with more in the forecast. Winter is always hard on vulnerable age groups, including seniors. Respiratory viruses abound along with the occasional trip to the ER to check on a chesty cough, and black ice outside demands special protection on footwear to be safe.

Looking back to the Christmas season our community was fortunate to have families and musicians associated with Faith Community Bible Church come to facilitate another Bells and Carols evening. Residents and families joined to worship and share readings and carols in musical fellowship. Pam Newhook led the proceedings with help from her son on guitar, and Sue Chamberlin and Pat Gagnon led the musicians and bell ringers. Some congregant families led readings too and residents were especially taken with the youngest violin players.

We were grateful for assistance from the Fire Department and Town Office for helping to bring Christmas boxes from the Food Pantry to be distributed to some residents. The first purchases from the Globe grant were made after Christmas for refreshments for the annual Yankee Swap. And we appreciate that every month folks drop in with a donation of one kind or another and often no one gets their name so we cannot thank them in person. But we often speak with gratitude for the thought and time people took to come by.

January has started quietly. Sandi Noel came to sort through the enormously generous yarn donation we received last year, which is providing yarn for a whole year's work, with some to share with other knitters in town. She sorted colors and types so we know what will work for baby items, adult blankets or clothes, holiday items, etc. The trio of girls offering community service organized a Photo Memory sharing session and hope to play board games, weather permitting. The nationally-recognized course, *Matter of Balance*, has started and is being presented by Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association staff. We were thrilled that two members of the Loudon community signed up as well. Perhaps we will have photos of exercises for the next *Ledger*. We have been learning a great deal about the complexities of falling and the various strategies one can employ to counter both the fear and the reality of falls.

Another educational program this month was a visit from the Dept. of Health & Human Services, Nutrition Services Section staff who manage the Commodity Foods Program from the Community Action Program offices in Concord. Maureen Brown and

Lissa Sirois showed the changes that have been made at the federal level to improve the variety and types of nutrition included in this bi-monthly supplemental program for seniors. It was both fun and informative.

Later this month we see *The Solutions* return for another supper gig, and *Matter of Balance* will continue through February. We look forward to Town Clerk Wendy Young coming for another absentee ballot clinic for residents who are unable to get to the polling station on Primary Day. And we just scheduled the Genesis Rehab team to return with a program concerning Cardiac Health, which will be on Wednesday, March 4 at 2 p.m.

As ever if anyone is interested in any program we have coming up or in getting involved in some way, do be in touch. You can email service coordinator Lois Scribner on [lois.scribner@voanne.org](mailto:lois.scribner@voanne.org) or call manager Lucie Bilodeau on 798 3190. ■



*Sharing memories of old photos with help from three young ladies working on their community service project.*



*Sandi Noel leads a group of residents who sent Christmas cards to veterans.*

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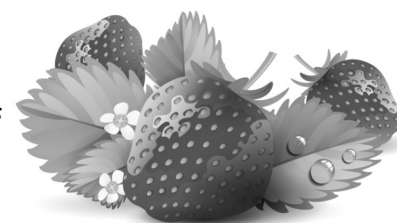
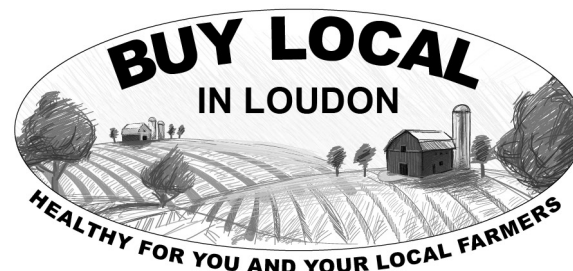
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# Why Deadlines Matter: A Message from the Loudon Communications Council to the *Ledger's* Readers, Advertisers and Contributors

Did you ever try to bake a cake or prepare a meal, only to realize you had left out a critical ingredient? You might have tried to add it at the last minute, but the results were probably less than satisfactory. For all your efforts and good intentions, if you didn't follow the recipe as it was written, the cake didn't rise the way it should have, or the meal was late to the table while everyone waited with empty plates. That's what it's like for us on the Communications Council when submission deadlines are missed and we're trying to get the *Ledger* published and into our residents' mailboxes on time.

There's a recipe we have to follow every month when we're compiling, reviewing, editing, proofreading, publishing, and distributing the *Ledger*. Each step involves a lot of people including volunteers, contributors, an advertising salesperson, a graphic designer, a commercial printer, and a bulk mailing service. Delay at any single step along the way means delays and missed deadlines at all the steps that follow. Sometimes we can catch up. Sometimes we can't. In a worst case, when advertisers, businesses or organizations are counting on the *Ledger* to publicize an upcoming event or opportunity, delay might mean having the *Ledger* arrive in mailboxes after the opportunity has passed or the event has taken place. Some news and information can wait. Some cannot.

We realize that occasional delays and complications are inevitable. As a result, we have built as much "wiggle room" into our publication schedule as possible. That includes Friday submission deadlines that are a mere three days prior to our regular monthly production/business meetings when we try to make final decisions about what will appear in the next issue. Our submission deadlines, meeting dates, and expected delivery dates are published each month on page 2 of the *Ledger*. Our graphic designer also sends out email reminders to each of our contributors and advertisers every month five days prior to the deadline.

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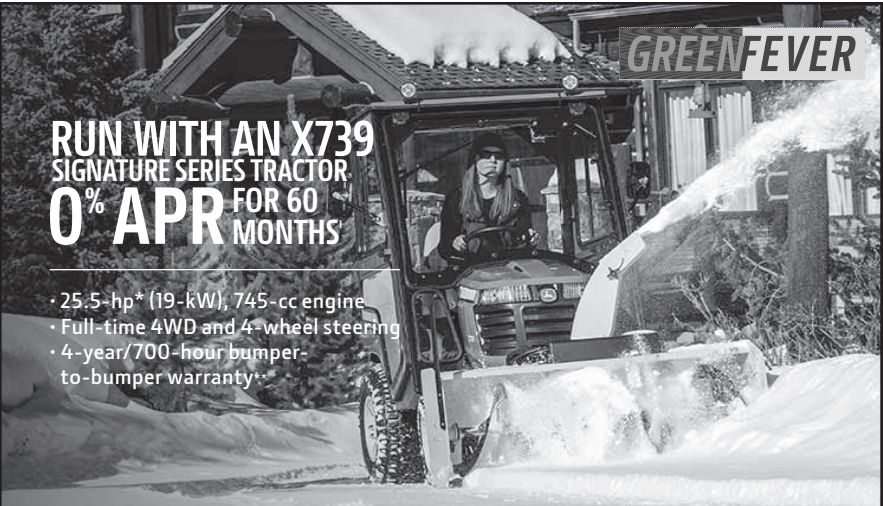
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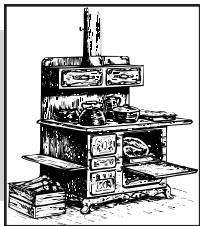
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## What's Cookin'? Easy Valentine's Day Ideas

By Deb Foss

### Easy Valentine Crinkle Cookies

- 1 Box cake mix, Strawberry or Red Velvet
- 1/3 Cup of oil or melted butter
- 2 Eggs
- Confectioners' sugar

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients except confectionary sugar together in bowl. Put batter in the refrigerator for 15–20 minutes to chill. Remove from refrigerator and form into 1" balls. Roll balls in confectionary sugar and put on parchment lined cookie sheets. Leave a little room between them as they will spread. Bake for 9–11 minutes. Let cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet before removing them and putting them on wire rack to cool.

### Heart Shaped Pizza

- Pizza dough, purchase balls of dough in store or make your own
- Pizza sauce
- Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Pepperoni slices
- Green peppers
- Ham slices
- Very small heart shaped cookie cutter
- Add additional desired toppings.

Amounts are according to how many you are making. Grease sheet pans and turn oven to 450 degrees. Shape dough into heart shapes on sheet pans. You can make one big one or individual ones. Top with sauce and mozzarella cheese.

Cut heart shapes out of pepperoni, green peppers, and ham slices and top pizza. You can use any choice of toppings you like. Bake at 450 degrees until crust is brown. Time will vary according to size of pizza.

Serve with Valentine Salad.

### Strawberry Heart Pops

- Package of large strawberries
- Chocolate candy melts
- Lollipop sticks
- Valentine color sprinkles if desired.

Cut green leaves off top of strawberry. Take sharp knife and cut a small "V" shape out of the top of the strawberry to make it look like a heart.

Take lollipop sticks and stick into pointed end of strawberry about 1/2 way. Microwave chocolate candy melts per instructions on package. Put parchment paper or wax paper on cookie sheet. Dip tops of strawberries into chocolate halfway.

Sprinkle with candy sprinkles if desired and then place on cookie sheet to dry. Put pops in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

### Valentine Ice Cream Float

- 1 Pint Vanilla Ice Cream
- 1 Pint Strawberry Ice Cream
- 1 Can Hawaiian Punch
- 1 Bottle Sprite

In tall glass or mug put in one scoop of strawberry ice cream. Pour Hawaiian punch over ice cream until glass or mug is half full. Put in scoop of vanilla ice cream and fill the rest of the glass or mug with Sprite. Top with whip cream if desired. Serve with straw and spoon.

### Valentine Salad

- 1 Package Spring Salad Mix
- 1 Large seedless cucumber
- 2 Red bell peppers
- Bag of Radishes
- Sliced Mozzarella cheese (about 2 slices per serving)
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Small loaf of Ciabatta, Italian or plain bread of your choice
- 3 Tbs. Melted butter
- 1/2 Tsp. Garlic powder
- 1 Bottle of Italian dressing of choice.
- Very small heart shaped cookie cutter.

Cut bread with cookie cutter to make croutons for the salad. Put in Ziploc bag or bowl and toss with melted butter and garlic butter. Put on sheet tray in over at 350 degrees until toasted.

Cut out heart shapes from slices of cucumber, red bell pepper, and slices of mozzarella. Slice radishes and cherry tomatoes. Assemble salad in large bowl or individual bowls. Top lettuce, radishes, and tomatoes with the heart shaped peppers, cheese, and cucumbers. Top with toasted croutons.

Pour Italian dressing in blender and add a few scraps of red bell pepper and blend to make dressing red in color. Serve with Valentine dinner.

### Wine Ombre Slushies

- One bottle each of sweet wine in red, rosé, and white
- Simple syrup to taste

Make simple syrup by boiling one cup of sugar and one cup of water for about 5 minutes until sugar is dissolved. Pour syrup into sealable container and store in refrigerator until needed. Syrup will keep a month.

Taste each wine to see if it is sweet enough for your taste. If not sweet enough stir in simple syrup to taste.

In ice cube trays pour each wine in separate trays and freeze. You can freeze ahead each kind of wine and pop out of trays and store in freezer Ziploc bags. Store flavors separately.

When ready to make slushy get wine glasses ready. It helps if you chill the wine glasses in the freezer.

Start with the darkest wine and put ice cubes in blender and process until it is frozen slush consistency. Spoon slush into glass until 1/3 full.

Repeat process with rosé or pink wine and spoon 1/3 on top of red slush.

Repeat process with white wine and spoon 1/3 on top of pink.

Put in freezer for a few minutes and then serve. Do not let it harden. ■

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Tuesday Evening 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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Tuesday 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Additional information:

Loudon Communications Council Web Site

[www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org)

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## Gearing Up For Loudon's 2020 Old Home Day!

Loudon's Old Home Day will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020. There is a lot of work that goes into making this fun day happen. The Old Home Day Committee's first meeting will be **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Charlie's Barn at 6:00 p.m.**

We will be voting on new officers' positions (officers positions listed below), discussing/choosing a theme for this year's Old Home Day, and going over ideas to make Old Home Day even better this year.

Officer's Positions: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Loudon Old Home Day Committee is also looking for new volunteers.

If you would like to help with any aspect of planning, please join us. If you would just like to send us a message, please email us at [loudonoldhomeday@gmail.com](mailto:loudonoldhomeday@gmail.com). ■

## A Glimpse Into the Historical Society

by Liz LeBrun



“I’m bored! There’s nothing to do!” Do you suppose a kid ever said that 150 years ago as winter dragged on? Just like today, mother might have said, “Why don’t you go skating?”

The Historical Society has two examples of skates that might have glided across Clough Pond or down the Soucook River. The oldest pair of skates date back to the 1850s when the skating craze first began in the United States. The skates have a wooden foot bed and a metal blade with a curved acorn tip. At this point, skates had seen very little change since the Dutch had introduced sharpened metal blades over 400 years before. There aren’t any laces on the pair of skates in our exhibit but there are holes in the wooden top to thread laces through to lash the skates to boots.

The second pair of skates are Falcon 1930s Buddy Snow Skates. These skates are wood with a wide iron runner blade. On the top, is a slip resistant hard rubber foot tread. Under the foot bed are holes for the laces to be thread through and lashed around the boot. These skates are meant to let the user emulate the action of skating but on snow.

Skating is as simple today as it was many years ago. Kids can grab a pair of skates and head outside for winter fun when winter seems long and boring.

The Historical Society invites you to our museum on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 pm. For questions or to arrange a tax-deductible donation, call the Historical Society at (603) 798-4541 or e-mail us at [Loudonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Loudonhistory@gmail.com). ■

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## LES Environmental Kids Club Poster Design Winners

The Loudon Recycling Committee recently challenged the LES Environmental Kids Club to a poster design contest, with the theme being “Recycle Today for a Better Tomorrow.” All the students did a great job and it was a tough decision. The winners’ posters will be shown around town with the hope that their efforts will be taken seriously and encourage everyone to do their part in making decisions for a better future for our planet.

The winners are:

Third Grade: Annabelle Welch

Fourth Grade: Raven Garfield

Fifth Grade: Gavin Mobbs

Please continue to follow us on Facebook.

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining us.

We meet once a month, usually on the second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.



The winners are (front, left to right): Third Grade, Annabelle Welch; Fourth Grade, Raven Garfield; and Fifth Grade, Gavin Mobbs. Back row (left to right) is their teacher, Mr. Raymond, who runs the Environmental Kids Club at the school, and Recycling Committee members LeeAnn Childress and Barb Burr.



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# Girl Scouts Kick Off 2020 Cookie Season With New Lemon-Ups

## Thin Mints and more available through March

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains and Girl Scouts of the USA have launched the 2020 Girl Scout Cookie™ season, where Girl Scouts across the United States become entrepreneurs and earn money to power their own leadership opportunities and adventures.

This season, GSUSA announces two sweet new ways to celebrate young female leaders: refreshed packaging reflecting the amazing experiences cookie earnings make possible for girls, and a new lemon cookie available in select areas.

To kick off the cookie season, which runs through March, the local council invited Girl Scouts



to seven movie theaters across Vermont and New Hampshire for a red-carpet rollout, where the girls enjoyed interactive videos and games to learn about the program and taste the new cookie.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls about entrepreneurship as they have fun learning essential skills like money management, public speaking, and decision making, which set them up for a lifetime of success. Nine in ten Girl Scouts say the cookie program has built their entrepreneurship skills and their interest in pursuing entrepreneurship as a career path — so every cookie purchase is an investment in the world-changing business leaders of tomorrow.

What's more, each and every purchase stays local to power amazing experiences and leadership opportunities for girls in communities across the United States. GSUSA's refreshed cookie packaging (with the same great taste!) continues to emphasize what the cookie program is all about, and the updated images feature current Girl Scouts taking part in a diverse range of experiences available to members — like adventure-packed camping and canoeing, exploring space science and designing robots, and taking action to improve their communities. Every purchase of Girl Scout Cookies makes experiences like these possible for girls in your local community.

The new Girl Scout Cookie in New Hampshire and Vermont is Lemon-Ups™, a crispy lemon cookie baked with messages inspired by Girl Scout entrepreneurs. "I am a go-getter" and "I am an innovator" are among the eight phrases that bring the experience of Girl Scouting to life. The new cookie joins the national 2020 lineup, which also includes favorites such as Thin Mints®, Samoas®, and Trefoils®. Lemon-Ups are available in select council markets.

"Everyone loves Girl Scout Cookies — but the program is about so much more than cookies," said GSUSA CEO Sylvia Acevedo. "Girls learn about entrepreneurship as they run their own cookie businesses. The important business and financial literacy skills girls learn through the program are proven to build their leadership skills and position them for success in the future. When you purchase cookies, you are helping girls power their Girl Scout Experience and you're supporting female entrepreneurs."

Girl Scout Cookies can only be purchased from a registered Girl Scout. To find Girl Scouts selling cookies near you, visit [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free on iOS and Android devices. ■

## Loudon Young at Heart

By Maureen Prescott and Esther Boriss

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, thirty-seven members of Young at Heart met for the regular monthly meeting. There was a chill in the air as members arrived. Members brought donations for the food pantry.

We began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Letty called the meeting to order with a short inspirational reading "More Happiness is Ahead" and made announcements regarding the upcoming February 11th Bingo and Pizza meeting.

The March 10th meeting will feature police forensics. For the April 14th meeting the members will be having a lunch prepared by the students at the Lakes Region Community College. Letty is also seeking recommendations from the group for the June field trip.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by the Loudon Historical Society's Dyrace Maxfield, "Letters from the Civil War." The collection of letters consists of more than 40 letters written by Alfred W. Maxfield, a Loudon resident, to his family during the Civil War. Alfred W. Maxfield served with the New Hampshire Volunteers, 12th regiment, company "F." The presentation included letters, drawings, and daguerreotypes (photographs). The letters began with Alfred's journey from Camp Belknap in Concord and continued throughout his journey through Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and Virginia. Alfred writes about the visit President Abraham Lincoln, Mary Lincoln, and Tad Lincoln made to the 12th regiment. The letters gave insight to the harsh conditions experienced by Alfred during the war. Alfred W. Maxfield was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863. After the presentation, Dyrace answered questions from the audience and invited everyone to view the artifacts at the Loudon Historical Society.

The presentation and meeting concluded with a CAP lunch.

The next meeting for Young at Heart will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, 10:00 a.m. at Charlie's Barn. ■

## Loudon Historical Society 2020 Calendars



**The Loudon Historical Society Calendars  
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# REMEMBRANCE OF REP. PRISCILLA LOCKWOOD

January 9, 2020

In Representatives' Hall, New Hampshire State House

(Remembrance offered by Rep. Howard Moffett [D-Canterbury], joined at the Well of the House Chamber by Reps. George Sauderson [D-Loudon] and Howard Pearl [R-Loudon]):

Honorable Colleagues: As the three members of this House, Democrat and Republican, who represent Canterbury and Loudon, we want to take just a few moments of your time to remember and honor Rep. Priscilla Parmenter Lockwood, a former colleague who served our two communities with distinction as State Representative for 16 years, from 1999 through 2014.

Priscilla died peacefully this past November 11, surrounded by loving members of her family, having not so much battled as gracefully and stoically accepted her terminal illness. Very few of us approach the end of this mortal life with less concern about sympathy from family and friends; she was as matter-of-fact about death as she was about life, and wasn't going to have any truck with anyone who wanted to fuss or put on a long face. The memorial service at the Canterbury Church was packed, and in the Parish House (where the service was piped in from the sanctuary next door), there was standing room only.

Those of you who knew her personally may remember that Priscilla succeeded her husband, Bob Lockwood, who had previously represented Canterbury for ten years, from 1987 to 1997. What many may not know is that public service ran even farther



back in the family: Priscilla's father, Draper Parmenter, had also been a state rep, serving the Town of Londonderry from 1953 to 1957.

At Priscilla's memorial service the lector read from Proverbs 31, which describes "the virtuous wife." Verse 23 said: "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land." Now as a believing Christian, I don't take the Scriptures lightly, BUT, I'd humbly suggest that the Good Lord might not be offended if we were to paraphrase that verse to read: "She was known in the gates, when she sat among the elders and elders of the land."

Those of us who served with Priscilla (and for me it was just one term, 2013-14) will remember her as a friendly, fair, no-nonsense, common-sense Yankee citizen legislator who would tell you exactly what she thought about any bill under consideration, and challenge you if she disagreed — but was always cheerful and charitable, with a disarming tendency to both moderation and nonpartisanship.

I loved her for those last two qualities especially. She wasn't the only Republican I ever voted for, but she was the Republican I always voted for. Thank you.

*(At the request of the Speaker, the House stood for a moment of silence.)* ■

## LOUDON TOWN CLERK NOTICE

### 2020 DOG LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE!

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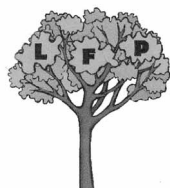
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## LCC ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION LOUDON OLD HOME DAY AUGUST 8, 2020

The fundraising committee is gearing up for its annual Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating towards our fundraiser, please contact Janice Morin (229-7720 or Janice.morin06@comcast.net).



## Loudon Food Pantry

### December 2019 Meal Numbers

In November we gave out enough food to create 8,493 meals to 331 individuals. 100 of those were age 60 and older, 111 were age 18 or under, and 120 were in between those ages.

### Gift of Lights

The Gift of Lights provided us with enough food that would create over 4,882 meals. We are very grateful for their support this time of year.

### Inventory is Over

Inventory is over so we are back to our normal hours. I have listed them below.

### Office/Donation/Volunteer Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Feeding those in need happens by appointment only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Need an appointment? Call Sue at (603) 724-973. She will pre-qualify

you over the phone and tell you what documents to bring to your first appointment. Remember to bring bags to carry out your food!

**Volunteers need not call.** Just drop in during any of the Volunteer Hours. We are always in need of help. We know your time is valuable and even if you drop in for a short time, it is appreciated.

The pantry is located in Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307. ■



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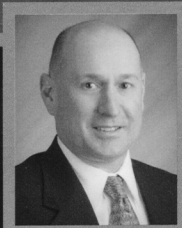
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## For More Information

Information on the Lovejoy Trails and the Bachelor Trails can be found on the Conservation Commission page of the town website at [www.LoudonNH.org](http://www.LoudonNH.org). ■



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### February Senior Health Clinic

Concord Regional VNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic on February 11 at the Richard Brown House from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need a ride and live in Loudon, please call (603) 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.

### February Walk-In Immunization Clinic in Concord

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. This month's clinic is Monday, February 3<sup>RD</sup> from 1–4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you.

### H2O Helping Heal With Others Program in Concord

H2O helping heal with others, a bereavement program for children (ages 6–18) and their families, is Saturday, February 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Concord, 55 Bradley Street in Concord. H2O is held on the second Saturday of each month at the same time.

Grief is difficult. Connecting with others who have had a similar experience, in a safe and caring environment, often helps. H2O provides bereaved children and their families with coping skills and peer support, enabling them to experience and process their grief freely. Lunch is provided after each session. Accompanying adults may be asked to stay on site and are invited to participate in a concurrent, supportive program.

H2O is collaboratively offered by Concord Hospital, Concord Regional VNA, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Concord, and community partners and volunteers.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 2828. ■



## Real Estate: Why You Should Have a Buyer's Agent

*By Alisha Kingsbury, Realtor, American Way Realty*

- 1. No cost to you!** In most cases, a buyer's agent won't cost you anything. Commission is paid by seller, split between listing and buyer's agents.
- 2. The agent will take care of coordinating showings.** Your time is valuable! Coordinating showings with sellers and their agents can be a juggling act, one that may become frustrating when inventory is tight and homes are selling fast.
- 3. Your buyer's agent can assist with what to offer.** The best real estate agents understand pricing and home values, and they can advise you on what to offer. In the end, this may be one of the most critical tasks a buyer's agent will provide.
- 4. Your agent can help you find the right lender.** Different lenders offer different programs. Your agent can put you in touch with lenders that offer programs to fit your needs. Choosing the right lender is an essential aspect of the home buying process.
- 5. You may need the assistance of a negotiator.** Using their knowledge of the market, your Agent can negotiate your purchase price and help you negotiate issues discovered during the home inspection process.
- 6. Your agent will help you navigate emotional territory.** Buying a home is a big deal and it is normal to get emotional over a home purchase. Having an agent working for you and your best interests is invaluable during the home buying process.
- 7. Your agent has extensive experience looking at houses.** Your agent has knowledge of the market and the homes themselves, and can offer advice and insight into condition and value.
- 8. Your agent takes care of all the paperwork.** From writing up the offer, reviewing seller disclosures, reviewing the title work and closing documents...it's nice to have a trained professional by your side to handle the paperwork and to help answer any questions you might have. Having an agent present a properly-written offer makes your offer more attractive.
- 9. A buyer's agent will have the connections you need to get through the process.** There are a variety of professionals that may be needed to complete your transaction — like home inspectors, real estate attorneys, and mortgage originators — you can rely on your agent for referrals to the best of all of these. Agents can also be a fantastic resource for so many things before, during, and after your purchase, such as landscapers, painters, plumbers or movers.
- 10. It gives you full access to the MLS.** As a member of the multiple listing service (MLS), your agent has full access to the searchable database of MLS listings. We can provide printouts, email reports, and do custom searches to find available homes that meet your criteria. ■



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**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Charlie's Barn, 29 S. Village Rd.  
**Cost:** Free



## OBITUARIES

### E. JANE THOMPSON CURRIER

E. Jane Thompson Currier, 87, passed away on December 18, 2019 at Whitaker Place in Penacook.

Jane was born in East Andover, NH on January 29, 1932, the daughter of Alan and Florence Thompson. She grew up in East Andover graduating from Andover High School and then Keene State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Her first four years of teaching were in small, remote villages in Alaska as part of the United States Government Civil Service Program. When she returned to NH, she taught elementary school in Franklin, Andover, Boscawen, and Londonderry, and then first grade in Salem for 22 years, retiring to her home in Salisbury in 1990.

She enjoyed gardening, reading, sowing, baking, walking, and swimming at Highland Lake in East Andover.

She was a member of the Salisbury Congregational Church and served on several of the Church's committees over the years. She was a member of the Salisbury Ladies Aid, Friends of the Library Group serving on its Building Committee, belonged to the Historical Society, was very involved in Salisbury Old Home Day events, and was named Salisbury's Citizen of the Year in 2004.

She moved to Loudon in 2016. Jane was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Wally Currier, who died in 2012.

She is survived by her daughter, Fawn Currier Peterson, and husband, Drew, of Loudon; two grandchildren, Tasha Jane Hilson and Steven LeClair; one step grandchild, Kristina Peterson; and three great grandchildren.

She loved spending time with her family and actively participating in their lives.

Jane also leaves her sister, Carolyn Currier of Hampstead, and brother, Mark Thompson of East Andover, as well as other family and longtime friends.

She was predeceased by her sister, Madelyn Baker, and brother, John Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salisbury Congregational Church. ■

### JOSHUA MICHAEL BELANGER

Joshua Michael Belanger, age 36, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

He was born, raised and resided proudly in Loudon, NH and was the cherished son of Donald and Sandra (Rowland) Belanger of Loudon.

He graduated from Merrimack Valley High School and later received his degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI.

He started working at R.S. Audley Construction in 2009 as a laborer, knowing his strength and penchant for hard work he continued on to become a bridge carpenter. Later, looking to provide everything possible for his family, he took a job in the Massachusetts Carpenters union working for Consigli Construction.

Josh was a hard worker who was dedicated to always getting the job done no matter the obstacle. He quickly became an asset to the company as a Concrete Carpenter and a brother and friend to all he worked with.



## Historical Society Meeting Minutes — Dec. 4, 2019

#### Attendance:

Roger Maxfield, Elizabeth Whitham, Deanna Tranfaglia, Lucy Gordon, Stanley Prescott, Michelle York, Wes Jones, Liz LeBrun

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. *There was a motion to accept the secretary's report by Roger with a second by Lucy. Motion carried.*

Liz read the poem from the *Loudon Ledger* that was published as the Historical Society's December submission.

Lucy reported that we have spent \$1,501 to date. No change from last month.

Stanley reported that he was trying to get Steve Fifield to evaluate the granite building next door so we can plan for its preservation. The granite section dates back to the 1850s.

The craft fair and tree lighting event was reviewed. All aspects went well. Next year we need more coordination between the tree lighting and the appearance of Santa. Some vendors were cold so we will look into making some changes next year to solve that situation.

We have less than 20 calendars left to be sold and will try to sell them at town meeting.

The write-up for the town report was reviewed and some small changes were suggested. Lucy will revise and email for approval.

Members signed up to man the building for the next few months on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

The purchase of Past Perfect was discussed but we are waiting to hear about some funds that may be available from the town.

A Historical Society Banner is needed for events like Old Home Day and the craft fair. Dee Dee will get some information.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 1 at 6:30 p.m. due to the holiday on January 1.

*Motion made by Lucy to adjourn meeting at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Dee Dee. Meeting adjourned.*

Liz LeBrun  
Secretary

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved being home with his family and relaxing, watching ghost hunter shows and movies with his children. He loved all the NE sports teams especially the Bruins. He played on the Buzz softball team with his friends and family for years.

Josh was a loving husband and father; he was an amazing brother and son. Josh loved his family more than anything else in life. And in turn, he was loved deeply by all those around him.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife Meagan (Ricard) Belanger and their twin daughters, Londynn and Vienna; his sister Stephanie and her husband Adam Rizzo and their children, Aidan, Avery, Owen, and Emma; his mother- and father-in-law Robert and Susan (Briggs) Ricard; sister-in-law, Amy (Ricard) Makris and her husband Nick and their children, Nicholas and Ava, brother-in-law, Bobby Ricard, his sister-in-law Julia Ricard, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Burial will be in the Spring in Loudon. ■

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 9, 2019

#### Present:

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott and Selectman Maxfield.

#### Also present:

Road Agent Russ Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Energy Committee Representatives Trudy Mott-Smith & Harry McLaughlan

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Board began the review of the Highway Department Budget.

Mr. Pearl said that this past year he had overtime budget line by \$8,509 after doing some calculations based on last year's overtime totals.

Mr. Pearl said he would like to increase his part time line to \$10,000. Mr. Pearl said he would like to use half for summer part time help and the other half for winter part time help if it is needed for snow removal. Chairman Miller asked what his part time workers do. Mr. Pearl said that this past year he had someone do a lot of roadside mowing with the town mower and they were responsible for cutting up the brush. Chairman Miller asked Mr. Pearl if that was going to be an every year thing. Mr. Pearl said maybe not it might be a every couple of years thing but he will see what is needed next year.

Mr. Pearl said he is bringing up his phone and electricity lines to actual cost.

Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about some equipment and tools that need to be replaced up at the highway garage and asked if he could use some of the unanticipated funds from the state for those items instead of adding it to a budget line. The Board said they would look at all the departments requests and get back to him.

Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about the individual truck parts lines and increasing them slightly to keep the trucks in service and repaired. The Board and Mr. Pearl reduced the parts line for trucker #2 to \$3,000.

Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about the truck repair budget lines. The Board agreed to set all the truck repair lines to \$4,000. The Board reduced the grader repair line to \$4,000.

Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about the actual cost of the uniform line; it is low. Mr. Pearl said he has a meeting with the uniform company this week to discuss the costs.

Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about his computer needing to be replaced up at the shop. Mr. Pearl said that he now has Mainstay maintain his computer and he would like to add a computer maintenance line to his budget

of \$2,500. It was decided that when the computer is purchased it will come out of the building maintenance line instead of creating a new budget line.

Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about possibly adding an engineering line to the Highway Department Budget. The Board agreed that there should be an expendable trust fund for engineering needed for bridges around town. The Board agreed that this would be a warrant article.

Mr. Pearl reviewed the Block Grant lines with the Board.

Mr. Pearl reviewed the Transfer Station budget with the Board.

The Board set the Transfer Station supplies line at \$3,000. The Board set the committee expenses budget line at \$800. Mr. Pearl spoke about how the demolition budget line has been consistently overspent each year. Mr. Pearl said he would like to get his thoughts together on this line and then speak to the Board again at a later time.

Mr. Pearl gave the Board a schedule for the transfer station employees if the Board approved the adjusted transfer station hours.

The Board reviewed the Health budget with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette said that he increased the line for soil and water testing since he would like to do some soil testing around town and he is unsure what the actual cost will be.

The Board reviewed the Ambulance budget with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about the employee wages line. The Board agreed to increase the Ambulance Overtime budget line to \$45,000.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department budget with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about increasing the uniform line to allow each full time and per diem employee to order shirts, pants and boots when needed. Chief Blanchette said he would like to increase the medical expense line because they need to order pediatric updates for each bag in the ambulances. Selectman Maxfield asked if they could use some of the unanticipated funds to purchase the bag updates. Chief Blanchette said if the Board agreed to that he could reduce the medical expense line by \$2,000. Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about increasing the building maintenance line due to the fact that there are overhead and exterior door that need to be replaced. Chairman Miller said that they are aware that the Police

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Department does not have a building maintenance line and he was wondering if they would fall under the Fire Department's line because they are in the same building. Selectman Prescott said he feels the Police Department should have their own building maintenance line. The Board said they would look into adding a budget line to the Police Departments budget for their building maintenance. Chief Blanchette discussed the increase to the training budget line.

The Board reviewed the Forestry budget with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette said that he would like to increase the equipment line by \$200 for shirts and jackets.

The Board reviewed the Emergency Management budget with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette said he is not changing the Emergency Management budget.

The Board reviewed the Compliance budget with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette said he would like to increase the printing line to \$200. Chief Blanchette said he would like to increase the office supplies line due to the fact that the toner cartridges are so expensive. Chief Blanchette said that if they can work out a deal for the office solutions a lot of these budget expenses will decrease. Chief Blanchette said he would like to add a line to the Compliance budget for inspection tools. Chief Blanchette said that unfortunately they lack some of the tools needed for inspections.

Chief Blanchette spoke about the warrant articles he would like to present for an engine, which would come out of capital reserve, the Deputy Chiefs vehicle replacement which would come out of capital reserve, and the air packs which are also coming from capital reserve.

The Board met with Trudy Mott-Smith and Harry Maclauchlan from the Alternative Energy Committee.

Ms. Mott-Smith said she and Mr. Maclauchlan were here representing the Alternative Energy Committee and they would like to request a budget line of \$500. Ms. Mott-Smith said this current budget they spent \$150 dollars for a wetland engineer to look at a piece of town owned property to see if it was a good site for a solar array. Ms. Mott Smith said that the engineer will not officially stamp

his results until the town gets the piece of land surveyed and that is why they are requesting the extra money for those kinds of costs. Ms. Mott-Smith said that the piece of land is not ideal for a solar array though and they will continue to look for better locations around town. The Board agreed that since they are budgeting for the 2020–2021 fiscal year it would be best to increase the Alternative Energy Committees budget line to \$1,000 for any expenses that may come up in the future.

Selectman Prescott moved to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman  
Stanley H. Prescott II, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 10, 2019

**Present:**

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott and Selectman Maxfield.

**Also, present:**

Road Agent Russ Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Sergeant Robert Akerstrom, and Officer Anthony Strout.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to go into nonpublic session with Police Officer Anthony Strout per RSA 91-A:3, 2 (c) at 5:26 p.m. for an exit interview. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Prescott made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Prescott made a motion to seal the minutes for five years. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said that all the trucks are good to go with the exception of one that is getting the transmission looked at. Mr. Pearl said that he has work to do on the loader and they will be starting that work this week.

The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette said that he is working on a deal with Humana Military Tri Care Insurance for ambulance reimbursements. Chief Blanchette said that once the deal is finalized, they will be able to receive electronic payments directly to the fire department which will make the process easier for the Veterans that are covered under that supplemental plan.

Chief Blanchette said that the utility truck windshield was cracked by a stone some time this week so they had Granite State Glass come out and do a chip repair today. Chief

Blanchette said that Ambulance 2 also had a chipped windshield; Granite State Glass said that the chip is not repairable so the windshield is scheduled to be replaced tomorrow.

Chief Blanchette said that ambulance 2 is in need of four tires. Chief Blanchette said that he got prices from multiple places and Stratham Tire came in at the lowest at \$1,479.96 for four tires mounted and balanced. The Board agreed with the purchase of the tires for ambulance 2 from Stratham Tire for \$1,479.96.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said the new cruiser has arrived, is outfitted and will be getting stickered next Tuesday.

Chief Burgess said that on December 1st an officer was responding to a call and went off the road with cruiser number 5. Chief Burgess said that Primex had the adjuster look at it; it was totaled. He said the town will receive a check for \$10,975. Chief Burgess asked the Board if he could use the insurance check the town will receive for the vehicle and purchase a used cruiser. Chief Burgess said Sergeant Akerstrom has been doing a lot of research looking for used cruisers around. Chief Burgess said that they found one that is a 2013 with 90,000 miles on it and they could purchase and outfit the vehicle for less than the amount of the insurance check. The Board said they would be worried about any internal issues you couldn't see in a car with that kind of mileage. The Board suggested possibly bringing a warrant article to town meeting and having the town vote on getting a new cruiser. Selectman Maxfield said the only issue with a warrant article is that if it is passed the Police Department won't see the new cruiser delivered until next year this time. Selectman Maxfield asked if the Police Department could get by with the number of cruisers they have now. Chief Burgess said he is two full time officers down right now so the six cruisers they have now should be enough they just won't have an extra one for multiple details. Sergeant Akerstrom said that they might be able to find a new left-over SUV cruiser from 2019 at a dealership that they would use all the same

equipment and cage in and that would save money. The Board asked Chief Burgess and Sergeant Akerstrom to explore the route of purchasing a 2019 left over. The Board said once they can see the cost of the cruiser, they can consider using some of the unanticipated fund money the town received and the insurance check for the old cruiser to purchase a new one.

The Board spoke about setting up an expendable trust fund with the money received for cemetery lot sales for maintenance on cemeteries that doesn't fall under perpetual care.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to go into nonpublic session with Police Chief Kris Burgess per RSA 91-A:3, 2 (c) at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman

Prescott made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 7:58 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Prescott made a motion to seal the minutes for five years. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began review of their weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed an employee performance evaluation from the Police Department.

The Board reviewed a letter from the State of NH regarding a declaration of taking for map 61 lot 8.

The Board reviewed a letter from Executive Councilor Ted Gatsas regarding GACIT. Chairman Miller said this is the 10 year plan

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the government works up with NH Department of Transportation.

The Board reviewed the incident report for damage done to the handicap ramp attached to the old town office building outside Charlie's Barn. The Board said that the Police Department is currently doing an active investigation on the incident.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to have the Chairman of the Board sign on behalf of the town the assignment of title for the 2015 Ford Taurus owned by the Town of Loudon transferring ownership to Primex. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board signed the 2019 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate.

The Board reviewed and signed a Veterans Tax Credit for map 31, lot 17.

The Board signed an Intent to Cut form for map 9 lot 9.

The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

Chairman Miller stated that this week the Town of Loudon paid the taxes due to Merrimack County in the amount of \$1,761,692.00.

Selectman Maxfield made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman  
Stanley Prescott II, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 13, 2019****Present:**

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott and Selectman Maxfield.

**Also present:**

Police Chief Kris Burgess Library Trustee Alice Tuson and Library Trustee Alternate Chris Wittenberg.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

The Board began the review of the Police Department budget with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess spoke to the Board about a 3% raise for the Police Department employees. Chairman Miller said when looking at raises to not forget about the benefits package the town offers the full-time employees. The Board agreed that they feel merit raises would be better suited as they would depend on employee evaluations and give employees incentive to earn the merit raise. The Board agreed to leave the additional \$10,131 in the salary budget line to leave room for potential merit raises.

Chief Burgess spoke to the Board about the overtime budget line. Chief Burgess said he removed the SOU line and took \$3,300 from that line and applied to the overtime line. Chief Burgess said the amount of overtime they have had has increased due to how busy the department has been. Selectman Prescott asked if it would be an option to increase the

part time wages line and use part time officers more to cover shifts instead of the full-time officers working overtime. Chief Burgess said either way would be a benefit to the department. The Board and Chief Burgess agreed to move the \$3,300 dollars to the part time wages line making it a total of \$20,949.

Chief Burgess said there is a slight increase on the computer support line because Mainstay had a 3% increase.

Chief Burgess said the prosecution went up 2% making that line increase \$693.

Chief Burgess said the cost of the electricity has been going up so he increased that line \$500.

The Board and Chief Burgess agreed to remove the Special Ops Unit line.

Chief Burgess said that postage increased \$100 and that they are using the Pitney Bows machine in the town office for their mailing. Chief Burgess said they pay quarterly towards the lease of the machine along with the other departments.

Chief Burgess said he moved \$1,500 from the training line and the \$200 remaining from the special ops unit line and added it to the new equipment line. Chief Burgess said he needs to replace a taser and purchase a new department laptop so he will need those extra funds. Chief Burgess said that 99% of their trainings are done through the academy which is free so decreasing line would not affect the department trainings.

Chief Blanchette said the outside services line increased \$505 because of the fire extinguisher inspections that need to be done. Chief Burgess said that they were able to get on the same rotation as the Fire Department so they will all be done at once now. Selectman Maxfield said that the Board had discussed adding a building maintenance line to the Police Departments budget but they have not come up with a figure yet for that line. The Board said that they are currently considering going with one company for all the annual inspections of fire extinguishers and inspections and using the town maintenance line for all of those services. The Board said each department would still have their own building maintenance line for other expenses throughout the year.

Chief Burgess spoke to the Board about the replacement of the totaled cruiser. The Board said they would prefer buying a new cruiser over a used one. Chief Burgess said that he would do some more calling around looking for a 2019 left over.

The Board reviewed the Maxfield Public Library budget with Library Trustee Alice Tuson and Library Trustee alternate Chris Wittenberg.

Mrs. Tuson asked the Board if they could change the name of the equipment/repairs budget line to program workshops. Selectman Prescott asked what would fall under a programs line. Mrs. Tuson said that if they had a speaker come in for a workshop it would fall

under that budget line. The Board agreed that it would not be a good idea to change the name of a budget line and that it would be better to zero a budget line out that is unused and create a new budget line for programs. The Board agreed to zero out the equipment/repairs line and move that \$1,000 to a new budget line for program workshops.

Mrs. Tuson said the children's librarian has completed a Para librarian certification since they submitted their budget and they are requesting to give her a 1% increase for that new certification effective July 1, 2020. The Board was in agreement.

Mrs. Tuson said they are getting quotes to replace the Library roof and to repair it. Mrs. Tuson said that unfortunately they won't be able to get a repair quote until the Spring when they can actually get on top of the roof to inspect it. Selectman Prescott said maybe speaking with the manufacturer of the roof would be a good place to start to see if they have seen this kind of issue and what their solutions would be.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the public budget meeting at 9:33 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman  
Stanley H. Prescott II, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — Nonpublic Session — Dec. 13, 2019****Present:**

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott and Selectman Maxfield.

**Also, Present:**

Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Office Manager Brenda Pearl and Jim Leonard

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 10:03 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller — yes; Prescott — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Prescott made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 11:24 a.m.

Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Prescott made a motion to seal the minutes for 5 years. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller — yes; Prescott — yes; Maxfield — yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman  
Stanley Prescott II, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 23, 2019****Present:**

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott and Selectman Maxfield.

**Also, present:**

Fire Chief Tom Blanchette  
Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 9, 2019 as writ-

ten. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Prescott made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes for Friday, December 13, 2019 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette said he received a check and letter from the Federal Trade Commission for a settlement with A1 Janitorial Corp. in the amount of \$75.68 for samples of product that

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the town was charged for some time in the past and should not have been. Chief Blanchette said he would give the check to the Treasurer.

Chief Blanchette said they have a list of ambulance bills that are reaching the 90 days past due mark. Chief Blanchette said that he has contacted a couple collections agencies to put together quotes so they can send the past due billings to collections.

Chief Blanchette said that they received a donation from the Loudon Fire Fighters Association today of an ATV wheel with a chassis attached to it that will allow them to maneuver the trails in Loudon if any injuries happen. Chief Blanchette said that the new John Deere Gator will be delivered tomorrow and will be

available for use once everyone gets some training on it.

Chief Blanchette said that they have received donated gym equipment for Station 2 which will allow the Fire Department employees to remain in town instead of going out of town to go to a gym.

The Board thanked Chief Blanchette and the Loudon Fire Fighters Association for all their hard work and generous donations to the town. Office Manager Brenda Pearl also thanked Chief Blanchette for the Fire Departments help with the Holiday Food Basket program this year.

The Board discussed the repairs needed for the old Town Office handicap ramp.

The Board discussed an invoice from W.R. Bevins for the alarm monitoring up at the Highway Garage. *Selectman Prescott made a*

*motion to table the discussion until the company was contacted and more information was found out about the agreement. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board discussed the completion of warrant articles.

The Board began review of their weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a letter from Police Chief Kris Burgess regarding the part-time wage line.

The Board reviewed a letter from J. Leonard.

The Board reviewed a letter from Riverbend requesting funding.

The Board reviewed the Maxfield Library Meeting minutes for November 6, 2019.

The Board reviewed a letter from The Town of Canterbury regarding the plowing agreement for Flagg Road and Asby Road.

The Board signed a Yield Tax Warrant for map 28 lot 26.

The Board signed a Community Building Rental form for J. Maher.

The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

*Selectman Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman  
Stanley Prescott II, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes — January 2, 2020

Present:

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott and Selectman Maxfield.

Also, present:

Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

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

*Selectman Prescott made a motion to accept the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from Monday, December 23, 2019 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Wendy Lavoie from the United States Census Bureau. Ms. Lavoie said that they are looking for 18 more appli-

cants to help with the Census. Ms. Lavoie said that the starting rate of pay is \$20 an hour and .58 cents a mile. Ms. Lavoie said you also need to be 18 years of age by March and have a vehicle. Selectman Maxfield asked how long people would work over a period of time. Ms. Lavoie said it would be about six to eight weeks at a time until about October. Ms. Lavoie said that you can apply online or you can call the office; she is leaving informational flyers downstairs in the lobby for anyone interested.

The Board opened the annual report bids. Chairman Miller said the first bid was from Debbie K Graphics for the layout of the annual report in the amount of \$1,100. Chairman

Miller said the second bid was from Evans Printing for the printing of the annual reports in the amount of \$2,175.11. The Board discussed reducing the number of annual reports ordered from last year since there are many left over copies. The Board agreed to reduce the number of copies printed from eight hundred to seven hundred. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to award Debbie K Graphics the bid for the layout of the 2019 annual report for the flat fee amount of \$1,100. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to award Evans Printing the bid for the printing of the 2019 annual report in the amount of \$2,175.11. Seconded by Selectman*

*Prescott. Chairman Miller said that his only suggestion would be to change the wording of the motion saying to not exceed \$2,175.11 since they will be reducing the number of copies printed. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the motion to say not to exceed \$2,175.11. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about the driveway bond for 32 Memory Lane. Chief Blanchette said the driveway does have

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some issues but they won't be fixed until spring.

Chief Blanchette said that on December 30th they were notified by the Department of Safety that their grant submittal for the radio reprogramming was approved. Chief Blanchette said it is a limited amount of funding and is a first come first serve basis so they have already put their call in to the vendor to get their radios serviced. Chief Blanchette said as previously discussed the town will front the money and then be reimbursed through the grant. Chief Blanchette said that it's a \$50 cost per radio and they have about 72 radios within the department.

Chief Blanchette said that last week there was a phishing scam email that the Treasurer received and the person was trying to get her to send his pay check to a different bank account. Chief Blanchette said that he wanted to thank the Treasurer for being on top of it and letting him know of the scam.

Chief Blanchette said that he was contacted by the Canterbury Police Department regarding the incident with Engine 2 and one of Canterbury's cruisers. Chief Blanchette said that they will be submitting an invoice for the repairs and the town can reimburse them.

Chief Blanchette said he received two invoices from J & D Repairs with zero balances and he would like to thank them for their generosity for the inspections and repairs done on the department vehicles.

Chief Blanchette said they sat down with Chief Gilbert today and went through the run cards for fire calls. Chief Blanchette said with new resources they were able to make areas that might have lacked coverage safer.

Chief Blanchette said they will be at the Fire Academy this Thursday for a Chiefs Association meeting and they are having someone come speak about fire fighter health and wellness and health screening opportunities.

Chief Blanchette said that Fire Fighter Brooks will be beginning his Fire Inspector 1 class. Chief Blanchette said Fire Fighter Gilbert attended ice rescue training in Center Harbor. Chief Blanchette said he has a few members getting ready to start level 1 and level 2 classes and an EMT class getting ready to start in Chichester.

Chief Blanchette said that the parts for the pump rebuild in engine 2 are in and they are waiting to hear what day they can get it up there to start which will be about a two day turn around once it's there.

Chief Blanchette said he would like to thank the Road Agent and his crew for helping them out last week when they were out on three calls at once and were scarce with help. Chief Blanchette said that Keith McNulty being a trained EMT and George Cooper who helps on the Fire Department went and assisted a resident while they were waiting for Chichester ambulance to arrive.

Selectman Prescott spoke about the damaged ramp at the old town office building. Selectman Prescott said the company he spoke to said that if the ramp was struck in any capacity it would be structurally deficient and would need to be replaced. Selectman Prescott said he asked Chief Blanchette his opinion since he has insight on ramps. Chief Blanchette said he agrees with the ramp being

structurally deficient and the town wouldn't want to have any liability issues from only repairing it. Chief Blanchette said from what he could find the entire ramp could be replaced for as little as \$1,800. Chief Blanchette said that you can get the parts to replace the damaged area of the current ramp but the companies are not recommending that because of the liability aspect of it.

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said that they have been busy keeping up with the snow, rain and ice. Mr. Pearl said they have had a few breakdowns but are working on getting everything up and running again. Mr. Pearl said the new ten-wheeler has worked great this past ice storm getting up the icy hills that the other trucks could not get up.

Mr. Pearl gave the Board a few employee evaluations to review. The Board said they would review the evaluation's and get back to Mr. Pearl next week.

The Board spoke to Mr. Pearl and Chief Blanchette about new driveways being paved and making sure the driveway regulations are being followed. Mr. Pearl said that the issue is he can go and inspect the driveway and everything looks good but then the paving company comes in and lays the pavement incorrectly. Selectman Prescott mentioned that maybe a permit to pave would need to be set in place. Selectman Prescott said maybe it is a Planning Board issue and there should be a packet of information given out with a driveway permit.

The Board spoke to Mr. Pearl about the possibility of putting a turnaround in off Mudgett Hill Road by the Canterbury town line.

The Board spoke to Mr. Pearl about changing the Transfer Station hours. The Board approved the new Transfer Station hours of Tuesdays, 8 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Thursdays, 8 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.–5:00 p.m. effective Monday, January 13, 2020.

The Board reviewed their weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed the revised assessment from Merrimack Valley School District. Chairman Miller said that the assessment has increased significantly to \$802,245.64 per month which is up from the previous monthly payment of \$771,061.47. Chairman Miller said that the town has already paid Merrimack County School District \$4,662,368.82 and still owes \$4,101,228.18 that will be made in five equal installments.

The Board reviewed a letter from PretiFlaherty regarding the Franssen Trust.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Barbara Sullivan a Maxfield Public Library employee. The Board thanked Mrs. Sullivan for her 30+/- years with the Maxfield Public Library.

The Board reviewed some personnel paperwork from the Fire Department.

The Board reviewed a letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation regarding G. Fillmore.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Community Action Program.

The Board reviewed the Planning Board meeting minutes for November 21, 2019.

The Board reviewed a notice of decision Z19-20 for map 42, lot 13.

The Board reviewed an abutter notice from the Loudon Planning Board for map 1, lot 20 and map 2, lot 21.

The Board reviewed an abutter notice from the Loudon Planning Board for map 48, lots 2 and 3.

The Board reviewed a Notice of Regional Impact from the Town of Gilmanton Planning Board for a public hearing regarding a wireless communication facility.

The Board reviewed a wetland permit application for map 38, lot 30.

The Board reviewed a dredge and fill application for New Hampshire Route 106.

The Board signed a letter from the town of Canterbury regarding a plowing agreement between the towns for Flagg Road and Asby Road.

The Board signed the 3rd quarter 2019 Federal Tax Return.

The Board signed a Veteran's Tax Credit for map 28, lot 25.

The Board signed a yield tax warrant for map 28, lot 25.

The Board signed a community building rental form for A. Bronnenberg.

The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

The Board reviewed an anonymous letter from a Loudon resident regarding Jessica's Law and the Loudon Police Department.

The Board reviewed and signed weekly bills and payroll.

*Selectman Maxfield made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman  
Stanley Prescott II, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 9, 2020

**Present:**

Chairman Miller, Selectman Prescott, Selectman Maxfield and Office Manager Brenda Pearl

Chairman Miller called the work session to order at 8:05 a.m.

The Board reviewed proposed warrant articles.

Mr. Pearl explained that the new dump truck is working out really well. Due to its productivity and breakdowns with the older trucks he would like to get another one this year. He will not be asking for another truck next year.

The Board discussed articles for School Street, Flagg Road and Piper Hill. The Board decided to wait to do Piper Hill Road.

The Board agreed to include the following articles for the first budget hearing: Tax Map Data Conversion, withdrawal from the Bridge CRF for engineering, withdrawal from the Fire Department CRF for a Fire Engine and a Command Vehicle, article for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Exhaust System for Station 2, and purchase of a conservation easement.

After discussion the Board agreed that they would wait on the article for the renovation of the Stone House at 29 South Village Road.

The Board agreed to including the following articles establishing Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds: Fire Department Communications CRF, a Safety Building CRF, a Town Cemetery Maintenance ETF, a Building Permit Revolving Fund.

The Board agreed to including articles to raise and appropriate money for established Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds.

The Board met with Police Chief Burgess about a license for the sale of pistols. Chief Burgess explained that license was signed a few years ago but it was the wrong form. The applicant would like a new license signed and backdated. The Board said they will not sign a backdated license. Chief Burgess will speak to the applicant.

The Board discussed raises and cost of living adjustments (COLA's). The Board decided that they would give 1% COLA's to all employees and expect the supervisors to give merit raises to those employees deserving of them in conjunction with employee evaluations.

The Board discussed bringing in more revenue through the Town Clerks office. Chairman Miller asked Mrs. Young if there is a reason, she doesn't do boat registrations, OHRV's and Hunting & Fishing licenses. She explained that she was going to do boats last year but her deputy left so she didn't go through the training. Mrs. Young said they just put something up this week so she can do the training online. Chairman Miller asked about OHRV's he explained that people can go somewhere else but if it can be done here and be more convenient for our residents it would be good. Chairman Miller asked if she could come in before her hours to complete the course. He suggested that her deputy also do the training as a backup. Mrs. Young said she won't be able to do anything until after March elections. Chairman Miller asked if she can get it done for spring boat registrations. Mrs. Young agreed to try.

The Board discussed detail rates. *Selectman Prescott made a motion to increase detail fees as follows: \$44.00 to the officer, \$16.00 for administrative fees, and \$15.00 for cruisers (except for track details). There is an agreement that the track pays for gas instead of the cruiser fee. The track will pay \$60 per hour for details, all other outside details will pay \$75.00 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Miller specified that this is effective immediately. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — December 19, 2019 — Draft

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Alice Tuson.

### Attendance:

John Storrs, Jeremy Minery, Henry Huntington, Vice-Chairman Bob Cole, Chair- Alice Tuson, Ex-Officio Jeffery Miller, Rodney Phillips, and Dustin Bowles-Alternate.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**November 21, 2019, Regular Meeting.** Rodney Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by John Storrs.

### Discussion:

Jon Rokeh of Rokeh Consulting came before the board for a conceptual consult regarding Map 49, Lot 123 at the Shaker Brook Industrial Park. Jon is representing DBU Construction. The lot currently has a foundation that has been abandoned for many years and is over-grown with trees. They have had the foundation assessed and it is found to be good shape. They would like to clear the trees and construct a garage on that foundation to be used by the owners of DBU construction for several of their trucks in one section of the garage and their personal cars in the other section, with no more than 2 cars at a time. In addition to this building, they would like to construct a commercial use building that will include several 500 square foot spaces with a mezzanine on the other side of the lot. Each building would have paved parking as well as pavement around the building to allow for ease of access in/out. There are wetlands within 75 feet of the existing foundation. Some of the proposed development would be within the 75-foot wetlands buffer. The board recommended Mr. Rokeh reach out to the conservation committee.

### New Business:

NONE

### Old Business:

**Application #19-08, Hemphill Living Trust — Subdivision, Map 1, Lot 20.** Mr. Jeff Green, who is representing the Hemphill Living Trust. They are dividing a 34-acre lot into two 17-acre lots on Ricker Road. There is an

abutting 90-acres located on Map 2, lot 21 own by John C. Johnson that Mr. Green will be working with. This project is to construct a road on Mr. Johnson's property that will create the road frontage for the Hemphill project. Mr. Green will have an application to the Planning Board office next month.

Mr. Green has offered to resend out new abutter notifications for next month's meeting. Mr. Huntington made a motion to continue this application #19-08 until next month's meeting on January 16, 2020. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All in favor. Yes.

### Board Discussion/Correspondence:

A letter to the Planning Board was received from the NHDMV regarding a location change application for A to B Auto Sales LLC located at 73 Rt. 129, Unit F, Loudon, NH 03307. The letter stated the owner has added an external office trailer to the same address for his office. The board reviewed Mr. Parisey's application dated June 6, 2017, and it was determined that he is not approved for an external office.

Mr. Wayne Thistle is requesting the town refund him \$1,438.05 remaining in escrow from the previously approved subdivision on Young's Hill Road. Mr. Thistle has not completed the road that was required for the subdivision. The subdivision project has not yet been completed. The board members had a discussion and it was noted that more research was needed whether a bond was in place or not.

### Report of the ZBA:

**#Z19-20 Ronald & Mona Morse — Special Exception for an ADU Map 42, Lot 13**

### Report of the Board of Permit

Did not meet

### Adjournment:

Mr. John Storrs made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dustin Bowles second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Karen Hayes, Administrative Assistant

## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — December 26, 2019 — Draft

Chairman Ned Lizotte called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Ned Lizotte, Vice-Chairman Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Earl Tuson, Charlie Aznive, Todd Phelps-Alternate.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**Regular Hearing — November 25, 2019.** Howard Pearl made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Roy Merrill. All in favor. Yes.

**Site Walk — December 5, 2019, For Application #Z19-20.** Roy Merrill made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Earl Tuson seconded the motion. Howard Pearl abstained from the vote as he was not at the site walk. All in favor. Yes.

**Correction to Minutes:** For November 25, 2019 from board discussion on December 26, 2019 are as follows: Mr. Tuson made a motion to reopen the acceptance of the previous month's meeting minutes. Mr. Pearl seconded the motion. All in favor. The Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019 were reviewed by the board and a correction was requested. On page 2 under application #Z19-18 Ford — the sentence to be struck ("The board will deny this application as the application is not necessary for the minor home occupation, as the evidence given it was determined that it fits the criteria of a minor home occupation."). The

reason for this is that the board did not deny the application as the prior motion indicated. The application was not necessary and was withdrawn by the applicant.

### DISCUSSIONS:

George Page came before the board to ask if there are any guidelines in place to deal with PFAS, PFOA, and PFOS that you hear about so much in the news. Mr. Page handed chairman Lizotte a newspaper article from the NH Union Leader dated 11-12-2019 regarding 250K gallons of runoff from landfill raising alarm in the state of Maine. After a board discussion, the members suggested the secretary reach out to ESMI (Environmental Soil Management) to ask if they are now testing for such chemicals.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Continuation of Application #Z19-20 — Ronald & Mona Morse — Special Exception for an Accessory Dwelling Unit Map 42, Lot 13.** Jeffrey Hebert spoke on behalf of the Morse's. Mr. Herbert asked did we receive the certified letters from the additional abutters who were notified from last month. The secretary Karen Hayes confirmed we have received confirmation. Mr. Herbert presented the current leach field design of the home that the board had asked to see in the last month's meeting as it was too small to read. The septic

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is a 1,250 tank. An existing garage is to be added onto by 24 feet. The apartment will be approximately 900 square feet. The exterior of the addition will match to current home, which is a log cabin style with a metal roof. The current home has 3 bedrooms. Chairman Lizotte reminded the board members and the presenter that last month they did go over the application and asked if there are any questions from the board. Mr. Merrill asked how many bedrooms in the home now? Mr. Hebert replied 3, he went on to say that if the leach field needed to be increased, they do have a contractor who is capable of handling that. Mr. Phelps indicated that on the plans Mr. Hebert presented is the name of the contractor that signed off on the current septic system and maybe you can call that person to ask whether or not the system can handle another bedroom. Chairman Lizotte explained this board can only review for the Accessory Dwelling Unit, any upgrades to the septic will need to be handled outside of this board. Mr. Merrill made a motion to accept the application with conditions of NH DES approval of the septic system. Mr. Pearl seconded the motion with conditions. All in favor. Yes.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

A request was presented to the board for a rehearing of Application #Z19-18 — John & Karen Ford for a minor home occupation from James L. Soucy Esq. of the law firm Alfano Law Office PLLC who is representing abutters Kenneth & Gen Stys. Mr. Pearl referred to the meeting minutes from last month, he read “Mr. Tuson made a motion to make a resolution that the board finds the activity presented by Mr. Ford in application #Z19-18 meets the criteria of a minor home occupation.” A discussion was had as Mr. Tuson recollected that

the board voted on the resolution that the activity presented meets the criteria for a minor home occupation subsequently, the application was withdrawn, so no decision was made by the board on the application. Mr. Tuson made a motion to reopen the acceptance of the previous month’s meeting minutes. Mr. Pearl seconded the motion. All in favor. The Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019 were reviewed by the board and a correction was requested. On page 2 under application #Z19-18 Ford the sentence to be struck (“The board will deny this application as the application is not necessary for the minor home occupation, as the evidence given it was determined that it fits the criteria of a minor home occupation.”). The reason for this is that the board did not deny the application as the prior motion indicated. The application was not necessary and was withdrawn by the applicant.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to deny the request for a Rehearing/Appeal of Application Z19-18, as there was no decision made by the board under section 204.2 as these are permitted uses and no application is needed. Mr. Tuson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to deny the request for an appeal/rehearing. All in favor. Yes. Request denied.

Mr. Merrill brought up an item from the workshop. The proposed zoning ordinance change of adding the definition of junkyard to the zoning ordinance. A discussion took place and it was decided to leave as is.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Aznive made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; Mr. Tuson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,  
Karen Hayes, Administrative Assistant

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6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg.

**1st Tuesday of the month**

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

**1st Wednesday of the month**

1–3pm•Loudon Historical Society Open  
5pm•Library Trustees @ Library  
6:30pm•Historical Society @ Museum

**1st Thursday of the month**

6:30•PTA @ LES

**2nd Monday of the month**

6:30pm•Recycling Com. @ Town Office.  
(Subject to change, 603-396-4950.)  
7:15pm•MVSD School Board

**2nd Tuesday of the month**

10:00am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg.

**2nd Thursday 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•Lions Club @ Library  
6pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.

**3rd Wednesday of the month**

1–3pm•Loudon Historical Society Open  
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library  
6:30pm•Gardeners Club @ Com. Bldg.  
(Subject to change, 603-396-4950.)  
6:30–7:30pm•Scouts @ LES  
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

**3rd Thursday of the month**

7pm•Planning Board @ Town Office

**3rd Sunday of the month**

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church  
Healing Prayer Time

**4th Monday of the month**

4pm•Trails Subcommittee @ Com. Bldg.  
5pm•Economic Development Com. @ Town Office  
7pm•LYAA @ Library

**4th Wednesday of the month**

6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library

**4th Thursday of the month**

7pm•Zoning Board @ Town Office

**Every Tuesday**

10am•Writers Group @ Library  
10:30am•Music & Movement @ Library  
Story Time @ Library  
5–7pm•It Takes 2 Game Time @ Library  
beginning Feb. 18  
6pm•Selectmen @ Town Office  
6:30pm•Prayer Mtg. @ Congregational Church

**Every Wednesday**

10:30am•Chair Yoga @ Library through March 25  
2:00•Stitch 'n Chat @ Library  
6:30pm•Cub Scouts @ LES

**Every Friday**

10:30am•Chair Yoga @ Library through March 20  
2–4pm•Art In The Afternoon @ Library  
2:30pm•Story Time @ Library

**EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES****Feb. 2•GROUND HOG DAY**

**Feb. 4•5:30–6:30pm•Maximize Your Social Security Benefits @ Library**

**Feb. 5•5pm•Library Trustees @ Library**

**6pm•Budget Hearing @ Town Office**

**Feb. 7•10:30am•Yoga @ Library**

**Feb. 8•11am•Community Movie Day “Harriet” @ Library**

**Feb. 10•7:15pm•MVSD School Board @ MVHS**

**Feb. 11•9–Noon•VNA @ Richard Brown House  
10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg.  
8am–7pm•PRIMARY VOTING @ LFD STATION 1**

**Feb. 12•6pm•Old Home Day Com. @ Com. Bldg.**

**Feb. 14•DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE OF THE LOUDON LEDGER VALENTINE'S DAY**

**Feb. 15•10–2•Happy Birthday Loudon @ Library**

**Feb. 17•PRESIDENT'S DAY  
6pm•COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MTG. @ Com. Bldg.**

**Feb. 18•1–3pm•Census Info. @ Library  
6:30pm•Recycling Com. & Town Office**

**Feb. 20•5:30–7pm•Beyond Challenger — The Future of Space @ Library**

**Feb. 22•11–1•Teen Movie “Dark Crystal,” grades 6–12 @ Library**

**Feb. 24–28•SCHOOL VACATION**

**Feb. 25•10:30am•Make A Mardi Gras Mask @ Library**

**Feb. 26•ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Feb. 27•10:30am•Story Time @ Library  
2pm•Daytime Book Group @ Library  
6:30pm•Evening Book Group @ Library**

**Feb. 28•2:30pm•Story Time @ Library  
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