The Loudon Ledger

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Loudon Fire Department Awards

Chief's Choice
Harry "Chip" Barrett

Firefighter of the Year
Sara Frenette

EMT of the Year
Lt. Gregory Treat

Happy Valentine's Day From Your Friends at the Ledger

Mission Statement…

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

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codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

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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 educate not advocate."

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to ledgerarticles@gmail.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, 603-267-6509

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Where to Worship in Loudon

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For more information, please contact Pastor Shirley Marcroft (603) 968-7251
or Cindy Merrill, Deacon, at (603) 848-8690.

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info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org
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office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org
Sunday
9:30 a.m. — Worship: In Person and YouTube Live Streaming
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To have your Church's information added to this column,
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NOT ALL OF SANTA'S HELPERS ARE ELVES!!

On Christmas Evening around 5:20 P.M., a Santa helper arrived at our house dressed as a Loudon Fireman by the name of EMT Peter Godbout. We had been unable to get our generator to "turn over" and the house temp was 42 degrees and falling. A call to the Fire Station and 7 minutes later EMT Godbout arrived in time for our rescue from the deep freeze! EMT Godbout stayed until the generator was up and running and even ran the extension cords into house insuring both heat and lights. Making sure the "old folks" (my words) were safe, he went on his way. Getting this generator up and running was no easy task, believe me. It required more physical strength than either my husband or myself have. Did I hear a call of "AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT" as he drove away? Or was it the wind? It's your choice!! In keeping the spirit of Christmas alive, let's say the former.

We want to express our appreciation to this young man for services rendered that night. We, the residents of Loudon, are very fortunate to have such a wonderful Fire Department staff that we can depend on. To all members of the Loudon Fire Department: HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU!!!

Regards: Dan and Pat Dwinnells

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Loudon Historical Society

A Glimpse into the Historical Society

By Liz LeBrun

February makes us think of Valentine's Day on February 14, a day to express love through gifts and cards. Another lesser-known holiday is February 7; Send a Card to a Friend Day. All these cards going back and forth greatly depend on the US Postal Service. The mail gets to its designated destination through a government-run delivery system that began in 1692. In 1863, Congress approved free home delivery but until then, people went to the post office building to pick up their mail. Loudon is spread out over many miles and going long distances to pick up mail took valuable time so there were once three post offices in Loudon. The locations were naturally at Loudon Village, Loudon Centre and Loudon Ridge. At the time, mail was the best way for the general population to stay informed. The history of Loudon's ever-changing post office could fill a book. In short, home delivery became more efficient and two of Loudon's post offices closed. Loudon became served by one post office in the Village which was located in many buildings over the years. Here at the Historical Society, we have what was once Loudon Centre's post office filled with over fifty undelivered letters. Looking at a few of the letters, there are postmarks from 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1942.

Valentine's Day and Send a Card to a Friend Day, makes me wonder how many people's lives were changed because of those undelivered letters. Did someone miss an invitation to a party? Maybe they failed to receive a birth announcement. Maybe someone thought their very best friend was ignoring them. Maybe a young woman never got a Valentine's Day card from the love of her life. Whatever the consequences resulting from those undelivered letters, the government postal system carries on, rural free delivery carries on and Loudon's one post office continues to carry on delivering Loudon's portion of over 200 billion pieces of mail annually. One last thought…February 4 is Thank Your Mail Carrier Day. Why not participate?

The Historical Society Museum is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from1-3pm. Business meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. We are starting to plan Loudon's 250th birthday bash to take place later this year. 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.

The Loudon Historical Society would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for the second weekend in August to celebrate our town's 250th birthday. We will be working with the Old Home Day committee to make this an event to remember! More details to follow, so watch the Ledger for upcoming updates!

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Contact Information

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Phone: (603) 724-9731

Donation, Office and Volunteer times: Tue. 10 – 6, Wed. 10 – 1, Thu. 10 – 4

Service hours: By appointment only. Tue. 10 – 6, Wed. 10 – 1, Thur. 10 – 4 Website: www.loudonfoodpantry.org Facebook: LoudonFP

December 2022 Meal Numbers

In December 2022 we gave out enough food to create 5,186 meals to 185 individuals. 98 of those were age 60 and older, 30 were age 18 or under and 31 were in between those ages. Our December numbers are always lower because Capital Region Food Program supplies everything needed for the Holiday.

Holiday Vouchers

We gave out 70 vouchers to be used for holiday meals this year. The vouchers were supplied by Capital Region Food Program.

Gift of Lights

We received over 1,082 pounds of food from Gift of Lights this year. The donation will allow people to create over 902 meals.

Food Pantries and Food Stamps (SNAP)

It is important that people understand that food pantries do not use by the same guidelines as Food Stamps when determining who qualifies to receive services.

Because Food Stamps is a government agency their guidelines are stricter. Whereas food pantries are usually locally operated and have a little more leeway in their guidelines.

If you are do not qualify for Food Stamps, check with your local food pantry to see if you would be eligible to receive food from them. Go to www.loudonfoodpantry.org, click on the Need Help? tab to see what our pantry's guidelines are.

Volunteers

When people come to the pantry to receive food for the first time, that's all they expect to receive. My volunteers make people feel welcome and get them to laugh a little and forget their situation for the time they're with us. I am fortunate to have volunteers that feel the way I do!

The following volunteers come in week after week (no matter how hectic and crazy things get).

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Benjamin Franklin Academy Charter Approved
Anticipated Opening 2023 ~ Grades 6-8

Interested in learning more about Benjamin Franklin Academy Chartered, Public School? Please attend any one of our local information meetings in February. Prospective students are welcome to join us! Meeting dates will be updated on our website as they are scheduled, and any cancellations due to weather issues will be listed there as well.

MEETING DATES

Jan. 31st at Pittsfield Community Center in Pittsfield, 6-7:30 pm

Feb. 9th at Concord Parks & Rec Center in Concord, 6-7:30 pm

Feb. 16th at Maxfield Public Library in Loudon, 6-7:00 pm

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Moderator Musings

Absentee Ballots – How it all works

Voting by absentee ballot begins with the voter picking up an absentee ballot at the Town Clerk's office.

RSA 657:1 allows a qualified voter to vote absentee for the following reasons:

· Physical disability ~ · Religious observance ~ Absence from town on day of election ~ · Employment obligations (including care of children or other family members) ~ Confinement to a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial

Absentee ballots can only be returned by mail, in-person by the voter, or by a delivery agent. If you are delivering an absentee ballot for a voter (you are a delivery agent), you will need to fill out the "Absentee Ballot Return Form". The following people are considered to be a delivery agent per RSA 657:17

· The voter's spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent or stepchild.

· Nursing home administrator licensed pursuant to RSA 151-A:2, or a nursing home staff member designated in writing by the administrator to deliver ballots.

· The residential care facility administrator, or residential care facility staff member designated in writing by the administrator to deliver ballots.

· The person* assisting a blind voter a voter with a disability who has signed a statement on the affidavit envelope acknowledging assistance. *This person cannot deliver more than 4 absentee ballots.

Important – On election day, absentee ballots will be accepted by mail until 5 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office or at the polling place until 5 p.m. If delivered to the polling location after 5 p.m. we cannot accept the absentee ballot.

Our Town Clerks are responsible for maintaining the record or who has received or been mailed an absentee ballot and for recording when a voter's absentee ballot has been returned. This information is maintained in the State of NH Electioneer system. To aid in the efficient processing of absentee ballots on election day, our Town Clerks store the returned absentee ballot envelopes in alphabetic order.

What is returned to the Town Clerk's office?

The envelope returned to the Town Clerk (the "outer envelope") contains an "inner envelope" on which is printed the affidavit signed by the voter. Sealed inside the "inner envelope" is the actual ballot. This ballot is identical to the ballots used by in-person voters on election day, but it also bears the mark "Absentee Ballot" at the top.

Did you know that candidates and persons bearing notarized requests from candidates may obtain a list of absentee ballot applicants (excluding voters who have presented to the Supervisors of the Checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B). This list is limited to the voter's name, voter ID number, the date the absentee ballot was requested, and the date the ballot was returned.

What might you see at the polling location (the Safety Building on Cooper Street in Loudon) on election day?

The processing of absentee ballots is going to be moved over behind the Ballot Clerks. Previously we processed them over by the ballot counting machine. The area behind the Ballot Clerks should be a little quieter and it is right next to where the Challengers and Observers stand so the move will also provide greater transparency of the process.

We start processing absentee ballots as early as possible. We are required to post 24 hrs. in advance when processing will begin. Our goal is to begin processing absentee ballots at 10 a.m. which is the earliest by state law that we can begin.

Once the polls open, the outer envelopes are opened. However, the inner envelope is not removed. This simply speeds up the processing when 10 a.m. rolls around.

We have a couple of people who concentrate on processing absentee ballots. In March it will be a Town Clerk and a Ballot Clerk. This will leave myself and Assistant Moderator Janice Morin to be available to answer questions and fill in where necessary.

Here are the steps for processing absentee ballots:

1. Take a stack of outer envelopes (let's say the ballots for voters with the last name beginning with the letter 'M') and one-by-one remove the inner envelope.

2. Determine if the affidavit (on front of the inner envelope) is filled out correctly. If not, the ballot is rejected. (All rejections and the reason for the rejection are noted in Electioneer as a permanent record)

3. The stack of ballots is then taken to the appropriate Ballot Clerk table. The name of each voter is announced to the Ballot Clerks so the names can be marked off as having voted.

4. Finally, ballots are removed from the inner envelopes and taken to the ballot counting machine and fed through the machine.

If you want to see people looking at you weird, stand at the ballot counting machine feeding a stack of ballots into it. Please feel free to question anyone feeding ballots into the machine!!! We are very happy to have you observe the process! Transparency of the voting process is critical, and your election officials will explain at any time what they are doing.

The above process is repeated until all absentee ballots have been processed. For the November General Election, I think we finished around 3pm.

If you want to observe the processing of absentee ballots, there is a place to stand near the Ballot Clerk tables.

Contact me at any time by calling either the Selectmen's Office or the office of the Town Clerk.~ Rodney Phillips Loudon Moderator

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Young At Heart

The January 10th meeting of the Young at Heart featured a presentation by Mark Stevens on the Great Boston Brink's Robbery. In 1950, an eleven-member gang stole nearly $3 million from the Brink's Building in Boston in what was considered "the Crime of the Century." At the time it was considered the largest robbery in the history of the United States. The Great Brink's Robbery was an armed robbery of the Brink's building in Boston, Massachusetts, that took place on January 17, 1950. There were eleven people involved in the planning and actual execution of this robbery. The robbers spent months observing the movements of the guards and decided that the robbery should take place when the vault would be open and fewer guards would be on duty. Over a period of many months, the robbers removed each lock from the building and copied the keys before returning the original locks, without anyone realizing that they had copied the keys and now had access to the building. Two vehicles were used: a truck, to carry the millions stolen from the robbery; and a sedan as a getaway vehicle. Vincent Costa the group's lookout, signaled with a flashlight from a nearby rooftop when he saw the vault being opened. After five abandoned tries, Costa finally gave the go-ahead to proceed with the robbery on the night of January 17, 1950. Each member wore a chauffeur's cap, a navy pea coat (that resembled a Brinks uniform), and a Captain Marvel Halloween mask. They each carried a revolver when they entered the building and tied up the five employees working in the vault area. They spent about twenty minutes inside the vault, putting money into large canvas bags. The robbery was carried out with speed and precision. Every detail was meticulously planned. At about 7:30am one of the Brink's employees managed to free himself and sound the alarm. The robbery received significant press coverage, and the police worked diligently to try and solve the robbery. The big break in the case came nearly six years after the robbery when one of the members, Joseph O'Keefe testified only days before the statute of limitations would have expired. Of the eleven people involved in the robbery, eight would receive life sentences after a trial, and two others died before they could be convicted. Only approximately $50,000 of the stolen money was ever recovered. This presentation was intriguing and afterwards the audience had a question-and-answer period. The February 14th Valentine's day meeting will feature Bingo, Pizza and Prizes.

See you all in February and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry! The Young at Heart began in 1997 and is open to Loudon residents 55 and older who enjoy getting together to socialize, travel and learn. We are always happy to welcome new members. Young at Heart meets the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) beginning at 10:00am at the Faith Community Bible Church.

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News From The Town Clerk's Office

Ashley Simonds

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How do I get mine (or my child's) birth certificate in NH?

Birth records for individuals born in New Hampshire are available through our Town Clerk's office or from the New Hampshire Division of Vital Records. If an individual was born after 1935, the birth certificate can be obtained from any Town or City Clerk in New Hampshire.

How long does it take to get a birth certificate in NH?

In most cases we will process your request in the office within minutes of the request after an application for the request is complete. Through Mail it can take up to seven business days. Occasionally, older records will need further research before we can produce an accurate non-certified copy of the original birth information.

Are birth records public in New Hampshire?

New Hampshire vital records are private, and New Hampshire Statute restricts access to them to only those individuals who can demonstrate a "direct and tangible interest" in the record. We will need Proof of identification which will have to be photocopied and attached to the application forms in order to receive your Vital record.

If you would like a copy, you can order them online through our E-Reg system through https://www.loudonnh.org/town-clerk or stop in in during our business hours.

Warmest regards,

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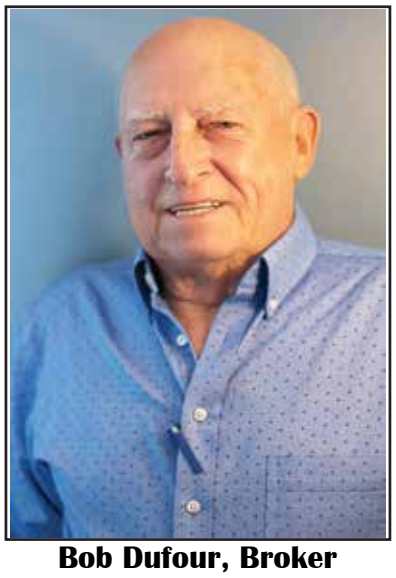

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Loudon Fire Department News

The Loudon Fire Department ended 2022 with 1,188 emergency response calls. There were 971 calls in 2021 and 843 calls in 2020. This is a significant increase in requests for services. Many of the calls are occurring between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm when most of the on-call and per-diem members of the department are at their regular jobs. We have been very fortunate to be able to cover a majority of the calls without the need to call for mutual aid assistance. Calling for aid may cause a delay in treatment or transport of medical patients, or a fire situation

The Loudon Fire Department had 171 occurrences of multiple calls happening at the same time. In many cases both ambulances were on calls and 37 times there were three calls occurring simultaneously. Because of the dramatic increase in the number of calls the department is experiencing an increase in the cost of fuel, vehicle maintenance, and supplies. The department will continue to work with the Select Board to provide services to the community in the most financially responsible way possible.

The Loudon Fire Department is making history with the most recent hiring of a career Firefighter / Advanced EMT. Sara Frenette will become the first career female firefighter in the Loudon Fire Department. Sara will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of FF / EMT Keith McNulty. Sara will begin her first official full-time shift on January 28, 2023. Sara is a Loudon resident, residing with her family at Frenette Farms on Pleasant Street. Sara was awarded the Loudon Firefighter of the Year award in December. Sara has completed 2 years of certification programs to be eligible for employment as a career firefighter in NH. Sara is a positive role model for younger members of the department.

Members of the department focused on several training topics in January, including Hazardous Materials response and Lithium-Ion battery fires. The class was presented by Chief Anthony Manning of the Central NH Hazardous Materials Team. We had 23 members present for the two-hour presentation. The following week Lt. Gregory Treat and his team conducted a two-hour search and rescue obstacle course using the department's MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and thermal imaging cameras. EMS training in January focused on stroke emergencies and the state patient care protocols.

The Fire Prevention team has been very busy working with several businesses on seasonal agricultural worker housing plans and workforce housing plans. The team has been conducting annual place-of-assembly inspections and the annual child care licensing inspections. There are several commercial building projects in Loudon. Also, the Loudon Elementary School is upgrading the HVAC system.

The Loudon Fire Department reminds everyone about the safe use of extension cords. In recent months the leading cause of home fires in NH has been the improper use of extension cords. Extension cords are often used to power auxiliary portable heating devices which can cause overloaded power strips. Power strips and extension cords should only be used as a temporary means of supplying power. If you need to use an extension cord or power strip for more than 90 days you should consider having an electrician install additional outlets. It is important to use the proper gauge and type of extension cords for the application. Some extension cords are meant for indoor use only. Wire gauge and the length of the cords are also important factors to keep in mind when using extension cords. The shorter the cord the better. Plug only one heat-generating device into an outlet and nothing else. Do not run extension cords under doors or through walls not designed for this. Running electrical cords in this way can cause damage to the insulating capabilities of the extension cords. Damaged cords can cause heat to be generated where they are pinched and cause a fire. If you have any questions about fire safety, please reference the National Fire Protection Association online or call the Loudon Fire Department at 603-798-5612 during normal hours.

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What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton

As winter continues here are some new and maybe challenging recipes to try.

Chicken and Mushroom Cobbler

¼ cup vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
1 small carrot, peeled and sliced
1 celery stalk
3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
4 cups mixed fresh and wild mushrooms, sliced
6 T. flour
2 ¼ cups hot chicken stock
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
2 T. medium sherry
2 tsp. wine vinegar
salt and pepper to taste

For the cobbler topping:
2 ½ cups flour
pinch celery salt
pinch cayenne pepper
½ cup butter, diced
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese
2/3 cup water
1 beaten egg for glaze

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat the oil in large, heavy saucepan. Fry onion, celery and carrot gently for 8-10 min. Add the cubed chicken and cook briefly. Add the mushrooms and cook until the juices run, then stir in the flour. Remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in the stock. Return pan to the heat and simmer gently to thicken, stirring constantly. Stir in the mustard, sherry, vinegar and seasoning.

To make the topping, sift flour, celery seed, salt and cayenne into a bowl. Rub in the butter and half the cheese until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Add water and combine without overmixing. Turn the dough out onto a floured board and flatten to a thickness of about ½ in. Cut out as many 2" rounds as you can.

Transfer the chicken mixture to a 5-cup pie plate or casserole, then overlap the topping rounds around the edge. Brush with beaten egg and top with remaining cheese. Bake 25-30 min. or until topping has risen well and is golden.

Pork Sausage and Puff Pastry Strudel

4T. butter
½ garlic clove, crushed
1 T. chopped thyme
1 lb. assorted wild and cultivated mushrooms, sliced
1 cup fresh white breadcrumbs
5 T. chopped fresh parsley
12 oz. puff pastry
1 ½ lb. good quality pork sausage
1 egg, beaten
salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Melt the butter in large fry pan and soften garlic, thyme and mushrooms gently for 5-6 min. When mushrooms begin to run, increase the heat to boil off the liquid. Then stir in breadcrumbs, parsley and seasoning. Roll out he pastry dough on a floured surface into a 10x14' rectangle. Place on a large baking sheet. Place half the sausage meat in a 5" strip down the center (leaving 2" at each end bare). Cover with the mushroom mixture and then the rest of the sausage.

Make a series of slanting 1" cuts in the pastry on either side of the filling. Fold each end of the pastry over the filling; moisten the pastry with the beaten egg and then cross the strips (from the sides) over the filling. Allow the pastry to rest for 40 min. Brush with a little more beaten egg and bake for about an hour at 350 degrees.

Turkey with Apples and Bay Leaves

6 T. butter
1 ½ lb. turkey breast fillets, cut into ¼ "slices
4 tart apples, peeled and sliced
3 bay leaves
6 T. Madeira
2/3 cup chicken stock
2 tsp. corn starch
2/3 cup heavy cream
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt 2 T. butter in large, shallow pan. Sear turkey breast fillets until sealed on all sides. Transfer to a casserole. Heat 2 more T. butter in pan. Add half the apples and cook gently for 1-2 min.

Tuck the bay leaves around the turkey breasts. Stir in ¼ cup Madeira and all the stock. Simmer for 3-4 min, then pour the apple mixture over the turkey in the casserole. Cover and bake for 40 min.

Mix the cornstarch to a paste with a little of the cream, then stir in the rest of the cream. Add this mixture to the casserole, season, stir well and then return to the oven for 10 min. to allow sauce to thicken.

To make the garnish, melt he remaining butter in a frying pan and gently sauté the remaining apple slices until just tender. Add the remaining Madeira and light it. Once the flames have died down, continue to cook the apples until they are lightly browned. Arrange them on top of the turkey mixture.

Mulligatawny Soup
(Mulligatawny means "pepper water")

4 T. butter or oil
2 large chicken pieces, about 12 oz each
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 small turnip, chopped
1 scant T. curry powder
4 cloves
6 black pepper corns, lightly crushed
¼ cup lentils
3 ¼ cup chicken stock

1/4 cup golden raisins
salt and pepper to taste

Melt the butter or heat oil in large saucepan, then brown the chicken over a high heat. Transfer to a plate. Add the chopped onion, carrot and turnip to the saucepan and cook, stirring occasionally until they are lightly colored. Stir in the curry powder, cloves and black peppercorns. Cook for 1-2 min. more before adding the lentils.

Pour the stock into the pan, bring to a boil, the add the golden raisins and chicken plus any juices from the plate. Cover and simmer gently for about 1 ¼ hours. Remove the chicken from the pan and discard any skin and bones. Chop the chicken, return to the soup and reheat. Season to taste.

Cheese and Cheddar Biscuits

4 T. unsalted butter, melted
2 cups pastry flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt
6 oz. VT or other sharp white Cheddar cheese, finely grated (approx. 1 ½ cups)
about 1 cup heavy cream

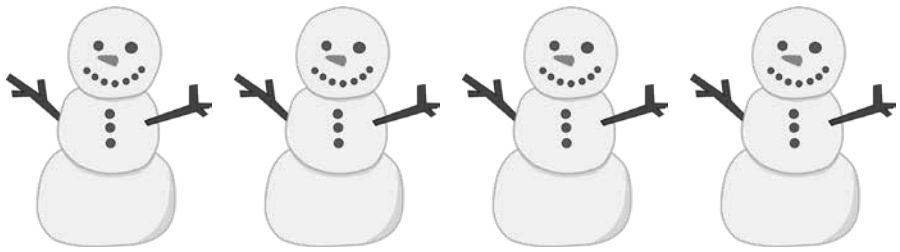
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet with 1 T. melted butter. Combine the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a medium bowl and stir well. Add 1 cup Cheddar cheese and gently stir until the cheese is evenly mixed into the flour. Slowly add the cream, mixing gently with a rubber spatula, until a soft dough begins to form. You may need slightly more or less than 1 cup cream. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface and gently knead until smooth. Try not to overwork the dough. Roll the dough out into a rectangle about 10x6 in. and about ¾ in. thick. Dust the work surface lightly with additional flour if needed. Cut the dough crosswise in half and brush one half with half the remaining melted butter. Place the other half on top of the buttered half and gently roll your pin over the top so pieces stick to each other. Sprinkle the top with the remaining ½ cup

Cheddar cheese and press it gently into the dough so it stays put. Using your hands, even the sides of the rectangle then brush the top with the remaining butter. Cut the dough into approximately 1 ½ squares by cutting it lengthwise into 3 strips and then cutting each strip into 4 pieces. Place each about 1 in. apart on baking sheet and bake for 15 min. or until golden brown. Turn the pan around halfway through the baking time.

Free-form Blueberry Tart

1 sheet pastry dough, thawed
¼ cup sugar
2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest
¼ cup flour
4 cups blueberries
2 T. freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 large egg white, beaten

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Unwrap the dough and place on lightly floured surface. Roll out into a 14" round about 1/8 "thick. Fold dough in half and transfer to baking sheet. Unfold dough and refrigerate 15 min. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In large bowl, combine sugar, lemon zest and flour. Fold in the berries and lemon juice. Let rest 15 min. Remove pastry from fridge. Spoon filling into center of round, leaving a 1 ½ in. border all around. Fold the dough border up and over the berries, pleating if necessary. Brush the outside with beaten egg white and dust with sugar. Bake for about 55 min. or until pastry is golden brown and filling starts to bubble. Cut into wedges and serve warm. YUM!



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NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM: This month, we added the New England Aquarium to our selection of discount passes! Check our website or come in to learn about the discount passes we offer to patrons! We offer 50% off passes to many local attractions, including Squam Lake, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, and The Currier.

HOOPLA: Ask us about using Hoopla to download books, movies, and music on your device! This is a new service offered by the library.

CRAFTS: Throughout the winter months, we will be offering take and make crafts, in addition to our evening craft program. Come craft with us or pick up the craft to do at home! Our evening craft program will be held twice a month during the winter months, on Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

PLANT SWAP: We are currently holding a plant and seed swap at the library. Call or come in to learn more. Donations can be made at any time this month and you will receive vouchers to choose plants from the available selection!

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THRILLER BOOK GROUP: Fans of thrillers should reach out to Jessica for more information about this book group. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th at 6:30pm to discuss The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave.

EVENING BOOK GROUP: Our evening book group will meet on February 23rd at 6:30pm to discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean.

KIDS LEARNING KITS: Did you know that we have kids' activity backpacks available to borrow? Each Learning Kit has a theme and includes various toys and books. Try our Dinosaur, Color, Construction, and Letter Learning Kits, and keep an eye out as we add more Learning Kits this year!

STORY TIME: Storytime will be on Thursday's at 10:30 am in the children's room! We have been reading books about the holidays, and winter! Masks are optional. We sing, dance, and use bells, shakers and scarves!

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Have your voice heard and join our Teen Advisory Board! By joining and attending meetings you can earn community service hours! Email us at

cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to find out more information about joining the Teen Advisory Board! Our January meeting will be held on Friday the 20th from 4:00-4:45.

Richard Brown House News

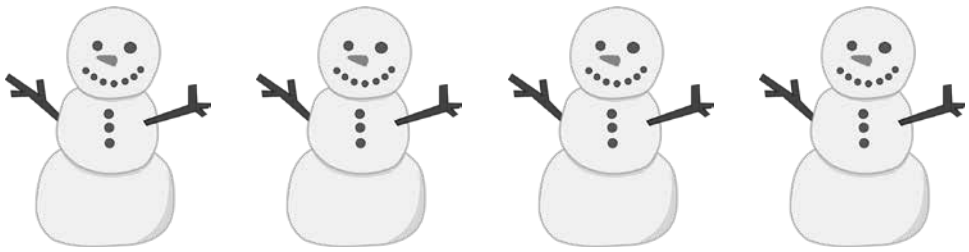
Richard Brown House-February 2023

January was a pretty busy month, even though some activities had to be canceled or postponed because many of the residents were battling the different respiratory illnesses going around. We did, however, participate in various meetings and safety inspections, and welcomed members of the Loudon Fire Department for a presentation on fire safety. We enjoyed a luncheon from Olive Garden. We also were treated to coffee, tea, and donuts on a weekday afternoon, as well as our monthly birthday cake for residents with birthdays in January. Thanks to a community church, we received a large donation of food for our onsite food pantry from a community church, which was greatly needed. Some of our folks created a winter snowman craft with Natasha Perron from the Maxfield Public Library, and we started our RBH Green Stamps incentive program. We continue to enjoy dour ongoing Cultural Connections series as well.

In February, we will have some fun with Valentine's Bingo and celebrate Chinese New Year with a dinner of Chinese take-out food while enjoying live musical entertainment. We also plan to resume our monthly birthday cake, chair exercises, some educational programming, and craft activities. Our Cultural Connections series will continue in February with a visit from Japhet Fekay from the Philippines. On Saturday, February 25 at 1pm, Japhet will discuss the Philippines, her resettlement to the US, and will share a traditional Filipino treat for the attendees to try. This free activity is open to the public. To reserve a seat, call 603-798-3190 ext. 202 or email: torey.kortz@voanne.org.

Do you have a special talent or working knowledge of a topic that might be of interest to our residents? We are seeking community members or groups who would be willing to share their time by teaching a craft, sharing information, or leading an activity for the residents. Music, cooking, animal presentations, dancing, and youth groups are very popular… or we would love to hear your ideas!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, ideas, or support for our residents. Torey.kortz@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 202. Our Property Manager, Lucie Bilodeau, can be reached at lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 203.



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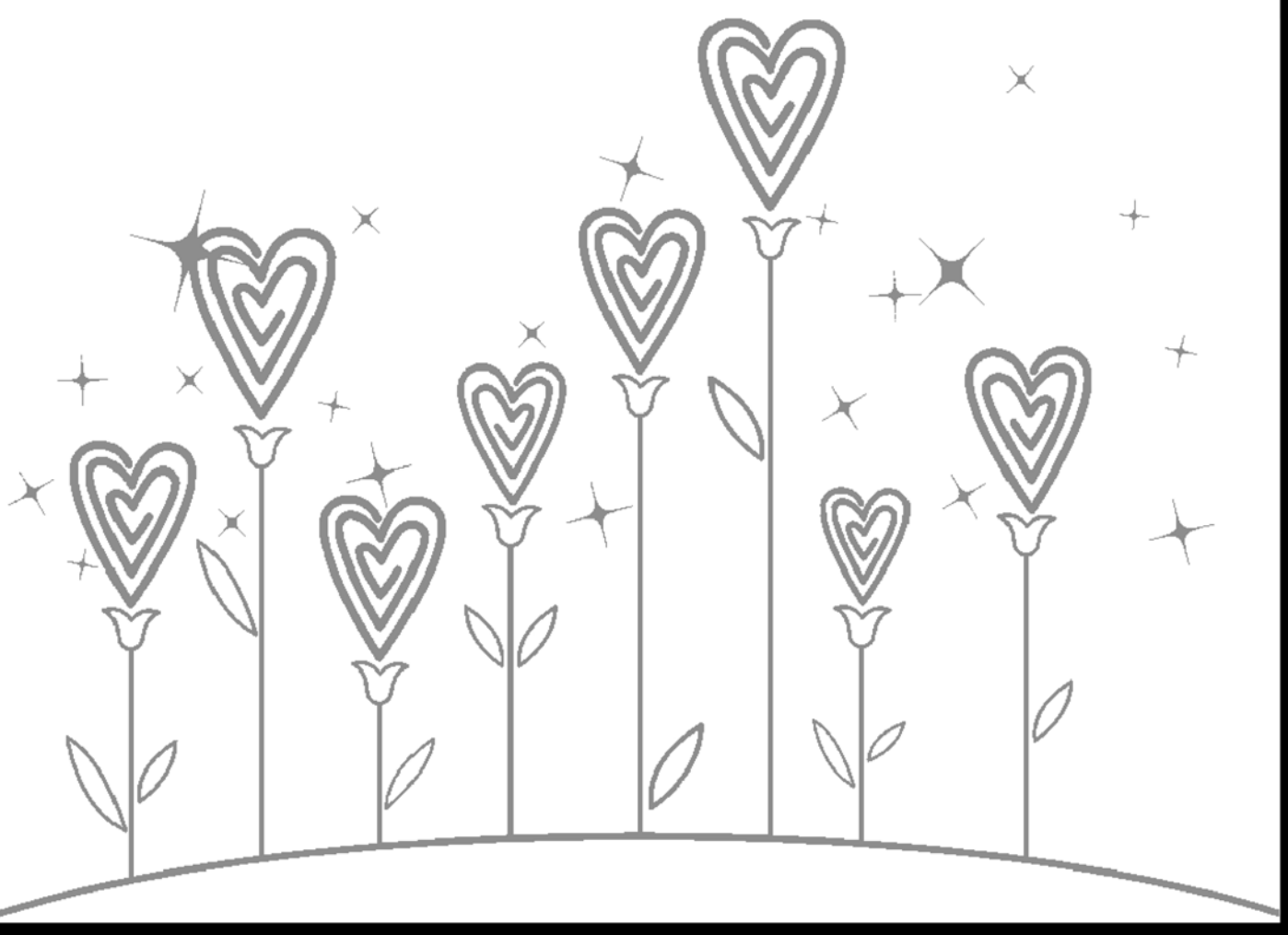

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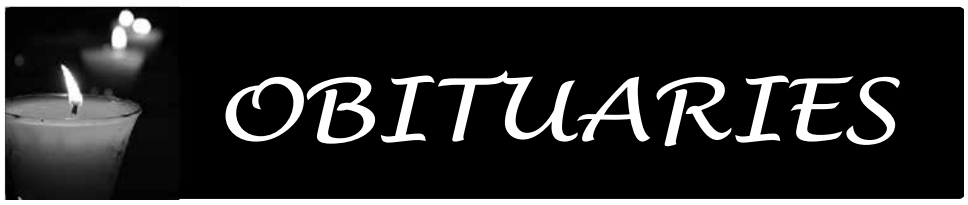


Grant D. Avery

Grant D. Avery, 86, of Loudon, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Concord Hospital – Franklin following a period of declining health. Born on September 10, 1936 in Concord, he was the son of the late Hollon and Alta (Tholander) Avery. Grant was educated in the local schools and went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force. He was employed for over 25 years with Sprague Electric until his retirement. Grant loved the outdoors and an adventure – he cycled across the country, climbed all 48 of NH's 4000 footers, ran 19 marathons, skied, camped and kayaked – with Di by his side. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by two step-sons, Keith Maxfield and Richard Maxfield as well as three siblings, Hollon Avery, Marilyn Foster and Kenneth Avery. He is survived by his wife, Diana (Towle) Avery of Loudon, with whom he shared 48 years of marriage, children, Eugene Avery and his wife Lynne of Bow, Donald Avery of Henniker and Alan "Rick" Avery of Laconia, Laurie Rivet and her husband Raymond of Concord and Dana Maxfield and his wife Kathy of Birmingham, AL, siblings, Eugene Avery of KY and Carole Milliken of Concord, twelve grandchildren, Kyle, Curtis, Alec, Ian, Emma, Erika, Alec, Rachel, Jack, Scott, Katie and Ellie, four great grandchildren, Alethea, Charlotte, Kendall and Calvin as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Leroy (LB) Bragdon

Leroy (LB) Bragdon, 65, of Loudon, New Hampshire passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 surrounded by loved ones following a brave battle with cancer. Being of tough character and never wanting to be a burden, he was private about his illness. He remained upbeat and cheerful until his death.

Leroy was born on January 23, 1957, in New Haven, Connecticut and soon moved to Brownville, Maine with his parents, Reginald and Jacqueline Bragdon. He grew up in Brownville, graduating high school there. He moved to Florida for a short time before moving to New Hampshire where he attended N. H. Technical College and got an advanced degree in welding. In 1983 he was employed by Max Cohen & Sons which is now Cohen Steel Supply and remained there for 40 years until his passing.

Leroy was hard working and dedicated to his work, had a strong sense of responsibility, was always eager to help others while sharing an incredible depth of experience and knowledge. Whether it was building a greenhouse, clearing trees after a storm, or helping to clear a garden plot, he was always willing to help others and do anything for anyone, and it was with a smile on his face and a friendly anecdote or two. Leroy was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He loved spending time with family and friends, enjoyed trips to the casino or simply playing cribbage games and making puzzles with his wife. He also loved traveling with his sister, Sherry, “his best buddy”. He was always up for hosting games of pool and poker parties with his buddies. And most fall Sundays, Leroy enjoying a Budweiser or two with friends while cheering on the Patriots.

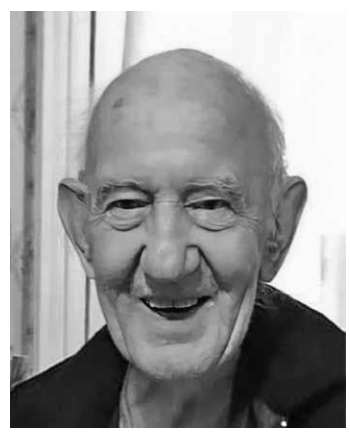
Leroy is survived by his wife, Patricia and her three children, daughter, Donna MacKenzie and her two children, Ethan Lavoie, his wife Shawna and their four boys, and Janelle Dyce, her husband Byron and their son Braxton, son, David MacKenzie, and daughter, Diana Fallon, her husband Joseph and their two children, Brendan and Connor. He is also survived by his two daughters, Nichole Flemings and her daughter, Arianna, and Angela Bragdon. He leaves a brother, David Bragdon, his wife Denise and their son Derek, a sister, Sherry Mullins and her husband Ronnie, a sister, Laurie Ann Mills, her husband Earl and their daughter, Crystal, and many, many special friends. Leroy was predeceased by his son, Tyler and his parents, Jacqueline and Reggie Bragdon. Leroy was loved by all that knew him, and he will be greatly missed by his family and those who were lucky enough to have spent time with him. He will be remembered for the love he shared with those who knew him best, and his generous spirit with those that came in contact with him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Loudon Police Department or The American Cancer Society.

Barbara Cameron

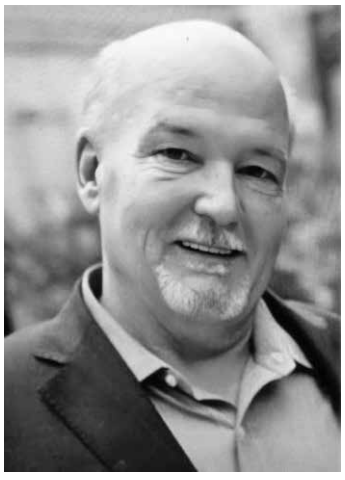
Barbara Cameron born on 03/12/39 passed peacefully on 12/8/22 at home with family members by her side. She is survived by her children Edward and Mary Cameron and grandson Ethan Reynold. A memorial service will be announced in spring of 2023. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to The John O Cate Memorial Ride Share Van, 55 South Village Rd, Loudon NH 03307

John Richard LaValley Jr.



John Richard LaValley Jr. of Concord NH passed away peacefully at the age of 97 after a short illness. He grew up in Penacook and was a graduate of Penacook High School class of 1943. He was a WWII Army veteran serving in Germany and France. John was employed at Banks Chevrolet as an auto mechanic for 30 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was well loved by all, had a sweet personality and he always said he never worried about anything as it did no good. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 71 years Beatrice (Palisi) LaValley and three brothers; David, Donald and Thomas LaValley He leaves behind his four children; Nancy LaValley and her husband Dave of Atlanta, John LaValley III of Candia, Larry LaValley and his wife Patti of Loudon and Diane LaValley of Concord, also 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

John Peter Malloy



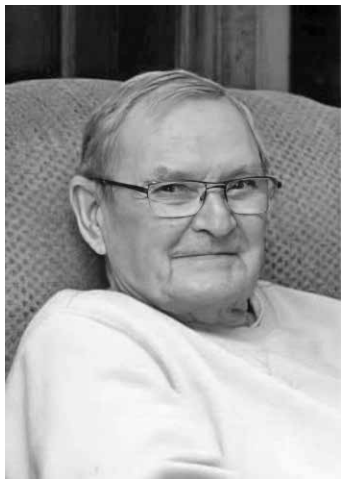
John Peter Malloy, 65, of Pembroke, NH passed away at Concord Hospital December 17, 2022 in the loving presence of family. John was born on February 26, 1957 in Danvers, MA, the son of Leo T. Malloy and Elizabeth (Callejas) Malloy. After spending his early years in Salem, MA, John moved to Contoocook NH in 1965, where he attended Maple St. School and graduated from Hopkinton High School 1974. John was remembered as an outstanding athlete, excelling in youth basketball and baseball. The summer following graduation, John served in the Youth Conservation Corp. in the White Mountains, repairing trails and counting wildlife. That Fall, John enlisted in the US Navy, where he served for four years. After discharge, John began work for Wikoff Color Corp, in Bow, NH. In 1998 John moved with his young family to Seneca Falls, NY to open a new Wikoff plant, which he managed until his retirement in 2019. Last year, in poor health, John returned to NH and lived in Pembroke with his dear friend, Diane Hubert Laramie. John loved being a "girl dad", supporting his 2 girls in all their childhood activities, attending countless recitals and father-daughter dances. They were his true joy. He was also the notoriously funny and often outrageous uncle, sharing childhood stories, most of which were true. John loved to fish, watch sports and find treasures antiquing. One of John's greatest accomplishments was maintaining sobriety for 35+ years, with the lifelong support of his friends in the recovery community. It is in this community that he also positively impacted so many others. While many will remember John for his quick wit and sometimes outlandish behavior, those who knew him well know that he was a gentle, loving, compassionate, perfectly flawed individual. He joins many dear friends who have already passed and we know that they have welcomed John with open arms, the party goes on.

John is survived by his two daughters, Erin Ball of Goldsboro, NC and Casey Malloy of Waterloo, NY, former wife Cheryl (Temple) Malloy, four grandchildren and by four siblings: Michael Malloy of Dunbarton, NH, Thomas Malloy of El Casar, Spain, Julie Stone of Loudon, NH, and Matthew Malloy of Manchester, NH. He is also survived by many he considered family in Contoocook and in Seneca Falls, NY.

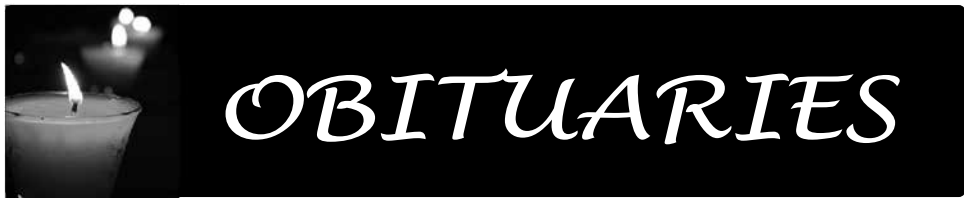
Robert Winsor Meeken

Robert Winsor Meeken, (95) of 75 State St. Portland, Maine left these earthly confines on December 13, 2022. He now rests in peace with his beloved wife Christine and cherished daughter Deborah. Born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, on May 15, 1927 "Bob" spent his early years playing baseball, building and flying model planes, participating in the boy scouts and skiing. He attended schools in Wollaston, Massachusetts; Burlington, Vermont and Portland, Maine. During high school in Portland, he met Christine Olsen. Bob and Cris married on March 31, 1951, in Portland. After high school Bob attended Portland junior college, Wentworth Institute and Northeastern University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He also became a member of the freemasons. After marrying they moved to Wakefield, Massachusetts, to raise a family. In addition to night school, work and parenting Bob also coached little league, was a scout master and an active member in the Episcopal church. Bob's career included employment with City Service, MITRE Corporation and Lincoln Laboratory which involved travel to locations throughout the East Coast and the South Pacific. While in the south Pacific he fulfilled a lifelong dream to become a licensed pilot. An avid outdoorsman, Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, sailing, scuba diving and especially downhill skiing. Upon retirement, Bob and Chris moved to Lakeside in Bridgeton, Maine. Here they enjoyed time on Long Lake, hosted gatherings and spent many days on the slopes of Pleasant Mountain with family and friends. Places especially dear to Bob were – Prince Edward Island, Canada – Brownfield, Bridgeton, Falmouth and Portland - Maine, - Kwajalein, Marshall Islands and Saratoga, NY. Travel was a great joy for Bob and Chris, and they were blessed with the ability to see much of the world. In 2008 Bob and Chris moved back to Portland. Bob became involved with the garden committee, the resident committee and the local train club which he eventually presided over. We have lost one of the best of the greatest generation. You will be missed more than you know. Bob was pre-deceased by his Wife of 60 years Christine, parents Walter E. and Miriam S. Meeken and his daughter Deborah Wright (Meeken). He is survived by two sons: Donald R, Meeken of Brownfield, Maine, David S. Meeken and his wife Kira of Loudon, N.H., brother-in-law Gary Olsen and wife Diane of Gorham, Maine, sister-in-law Joan Olsen of Methuen, Mass. Nieces and Nephews Joann Madore and husband Larry, Holly Goodrich, Price Hutchins, Meg Broderick and husband Shannon. Grandchildren: Christopher Meeken and wife Ashley, Eric Meeken and wife Liz, Kevin Wright and wife Kelli, Christine Aiello and husband Jaimee, Aaron Meeken and Kelsey Meeken. In addition, he leaves great grandchildren – Anna, Christian, Lucas, Eide, Gus, Leah, Chase and Wesley

George C. Mosher



George C. Mosher, 90, died December 30th 2022 at Concord Hospital following a brief illness. George was born in Syracuse, NY January 3, 1932 to Vern and Helen (Stone) Mosher. He spent most of his younger years in Syracuse and when he wasn't in school he was riding around with his dad on his paper route. In 1952 he met and married the love of his life Darlene and they would go on to have twin daughters and have 58 wonderful years together. George was a mechanic with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for a few years and when he came back he had his own motor route for the Syracuse Herald Journal with over 800 customers at one point. Darlene got involved with Tupperware Home Parties and was promoted which lead them to re-locate to NH where they became co-owners of Mosher Distributors, a wholesaler for Tupperware Products for over 20 years. George enjoyed golfing, bowling, gardening, traveling, snowmobiling, and most of all spending time with family and friends. George is pre-deceased by his mother and father, his wife Darlene, his mother and father in law, Ruth and William Miller, his brother in law Larry Sammons, his brother in law Leif Sandwick, and his sister in law Bunny Bell. George is survived by his daughters, Lynn Cochran and her husband John of Loudon, NH and Laurie Rabbitt and her husband Mike of Bow, NH. One granddaughter Jennifer Zalenski and her husband Lucas of Penacook, NH. Three great-grand children, Nicole, Hunter and Allison all of Penacook, NH. His brother Kenny and his wife Karen of Oswego, NY. His sisters Marcia Sammons of North Fort Myers, FL and Verna Sandwick of Corinth, NY. His brother in law, Tom Bell of Loudon, NH, and his sister in law Margibeth Miller of Feura Bush, NY.



Debra Jean Bowles

Debra Jean Bowles (Debby), 69, of Stoddard, NH, passed away at home on December 23, 2022 after a long battle with failing health. Born in Littleton, NH and raised in Loudon, she was predeceased by her late husband, Donald (Bear) Rand, also of Stoddard, her mother, Alma J. Bowles, her father, Norman R. Bowles, as well as her oldest brother, Donald Bowles, all of Loudon. Debby leaves behind three brothers and one sister: Dan Bowles of Littleton, NH, and David Bowles, Dustin Bowles and Diane Bullock, all of Loudon. She also leaves behind a daughter, Heather, from Georgia, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. Debby was a long-time member of the VFW Auxiliary, the American Legion, and was active along with her late husband with a local Native American group called Sacred Ground. She spent many years working as a prep cook and line cook in the Weirs area as well as a chambermaid. Debby worked at McLane's as a steward for a few years before retiring. She enjoyed spending time researching family history and genealogy and contacting relatives when she could. Debby also enjoyed following and participating in the Loudon Community page on Facebook. She was always ready and willing to help family and friends whenever she could. Burial will be in the spring in the family plot at Kinsman Cemetery, Easton, NH.

Neil Smith

Neil Smith, age 64, passed from this life on December 27, 2022. Born April 11, 1958 to the late Gordon Smith and the former Caroline Eastman. He was a longtime Loudon resident. Mr. Smith is survived by two brothers: Stephen Smith (wife, Jennie) and Andrew Smith (wife, Chris) and two sisters: Irene Smith and Kathy Sayers (husband, Steve); aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved granddaughter, T'Auna Raiche and her family. In addition to his parents, Neil is predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law Bruce and Lynn Smith, and a niece. Neil was very artistic; skilled in drawing, painting, blues harmonica, wood carving and building stone walls. However, his favorite hobby was building, repairing and, most of all riding his motorcycles. He also enjoyed sharing his sarcastic wit with the breakfast crowd at local eating establishments. Neil, who was the primary purveyor of comedic relief for all gatherings, will be dearly missed by his large immediate and extended family, and friends.

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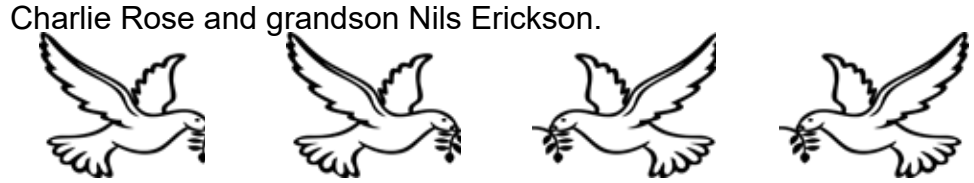
Susan Bergeron Sylva

Susan Bergeron Sylva, 1956 - 2022 "Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth." Susan Bergeron Sylva of Northwood, NH, passed away peacefully December 15, 2022 after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Susan was born May 4, 1956 in Burlington, VT to Robert and Lorraine (Barnier) Bergeron. She and her family later moved to New Hampshire where Susan graduated from Bishop Brady in Concord, NH, class of 1974. Susan attended Vermont College and University of New Hampshire. She then moved to Cape Cod, MA where she raised her family and lived for 35 years before returning to New Hampshire. Susan's love for children and helping others was apparent in her chosen career path of social work where she served for 42 years, most recently with Head Start in Concord, NH. She enjoyed music, the beach and spending time with her family. She is survived by her partner, Michael Collins of Northwood, NH., her children, Krystan Bugbee and her husband Scott of Loudon, NH, Jennifer Rose and her partner Chris Erickson of Hopkinton, NH, former spouse, Robert Sylva of Falmouth, MA, siblings, Bruce Bergeron and his wife Nancy of Lebanon, CT., Brenda Bergeron of Spring Lake, MN, and Sheryl Coombs and her husband Ken, of Concord, NH. Susan was a wonderful "Grammy" to Scottie and Andrew Bugbee and also a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lorraine Bergeron, son-in-law Charlie Rose and grandson Nils Erickson.



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Loudon Planning Board Minutes

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022

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Zoning Amendment Workshop #7

Attendance: Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Stan Prescott, Chairman Rodney Phillips, Alternate Bob Phillips.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA): Chairman Earl Tuson.

Chairman Phillips stated that comments had been returned by Town Counsel and there were a few other edits that needed to be addressed. He stated that he had contacted Central New Hampshire Planning about the map for reprocessed soils and they agreed that the units needed to be fixed. Chairman Phillips stated that they would update the map and that it should be included in the Ordinance. He stated that he wasn't sure how they would show the map on the ballot. ZBA Chair Tuson stated that the Ordinance was not printed in color either. The Administrative Assistant stated that she could find out about getting that page printed in color. Chairman Phillips stated that they could check with the lawyer.

Chairman Phillips stated that in the proposed language manufactured housing was allowed by Special Exception. He stated that currently in the Rural Residential section mobile home parks and subdivisions were allowed as a permitted use. Josh Pearl stated that these were not in alignment. The Administrative Assistant stated that the current language in S400.1 discussed permitting manufactured housing parks and subdivisions by Special Exception as well. Chairman Phillips stated that they would remove 204.2 C and add 204.3 Q to make it by Special Exception. ZBA Chair Tuson indicated that there were bullet points in Section 802.4 that did not belong. Josh Pearl asked if they were accidentally added from another section. Chairman Phillips stated that the bullet points would need to be removed. Returning to the manufactured housing section Chairman Phillips asked if the housing subcommittee intended to allow single wides for seasonal agricultural worker housing. Josh Pearl stated that a lot of time was spent on this discussion and that they wanted to specify that single wides would continue to be allowed for seasonal agricultural workers. ZBA Chair Tuson stated that seasonal agricultural housing was allowed in RR and AFP so both districts needed to be called out in the language. Chairman Phillips asked what was meant by allowing single wides in 206.B because this was in the C/I district. Josh Pearl stated that it had to be a typo and could be left out. Chairman Phillips stated that the references to the Code Enforcement Office should be changed to the Code Enforcement and Building Department as that was the official name. Josh Pearl and Stan Prescott agreed with this change. Chairman Phillips stated that in one spot they referred to the resident's immediate family members or guardians and asked if the word guardians might pull something in that they did not intend. Forrest Green stated that it could say legal guardian. Josh Pearl stated that it could be taken out. ZBA Chair Tuson suggested just saying family instead of immediate family. Chairman Phillips asked about striking the words "of request" from the end of the line about temporary hookup requests. Josh Pearl agreed. Chairman Phillips stated that in 400.1 it should

specify that the Special Exception would be granted by the ZBA. Stan Prescott stated that it should be written out as Zoning Board of Adjustment. Chairman Phillips stated that there was a comment about grandfathered single family homes under 920 square feet requiring a Variance to add an ADU and whether this was the intent. ZBA Chair Tuson stated that it would actually be for any single family dwelling under 1,420sqft because the single family dwelling could not be reduced below 920sqft. Stan Prescott stated that they wanted to keep the single family home size. The Administrative Assistant stated that the definition of a multi-family dwelling was not changing so it could be removed from the amendments. She stated that they were amending the other definitions not adding them. ZBA Chair Tuson stated that he had some homework from one of the last Housing Subcommittee meetings about the sizes of recent ADU approvals. He stated that there was really only one over 1,000sqft and there were 3 that came in at just about 750sqft. ZBA Chair Tuson stated that most were in the 800-900sqft range.

Chairman Phillips stated that they were replacing the workforce housing map on page 110. He stated that thinking about the cistern look back language, he agreed with what Vice Chair Bosco had said about how it would catch people unintentionally. Alternate Phillips stated that if a big subdivision came in, the Planning Board could require a cistern. Stan Prescott stated that the Planning Board could require that the parcels not be further subdivided. Forrest Green stated that was probably the way it should be done. Josh Pearl stated that the amendment had too many unintended consequences.

The Administrative Assistant stated that there were a few more days before the deadline for petitioned amendments. She stated that nothing had been submitted yet.

Forrest Green made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Stan Prescott, Marilyn Whitten, Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Alternate Bob Phillips, Alternate Bill Taranovich, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Chairman Rodney Phillips.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 9, 2022, Zoning Amendment Workshop Minutes – Forrest Green made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Josh Pearl. Stan Prescott abstained from voting, all voting members in favor.

November 16, 2022, Zoning Amendment Workshop Minutes – Josh Pearl stated that the minutes header listed the 18th. The Administrative Assistant stated that the footer had the correct date for the 16th. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve minutes with the corrected date, seconded by Stan Prescott. Forrest Green abstained from voting, all voting members in favor.

November 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – Marilyn Whitten made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor

November 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Marilyn Whitten made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Forrest Green. Josh Pearl abstained from voting, all voting members in favor.

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

Application #22-11 Big Toy Self Storage, LLC – Tax Map 61 Lot 4 – Change of Use

Chairman Phillips stated that there was an email from December 8th with a request from the engineer's client that the application be withdrawn. Stan Prescott stated that they should vote on the withdrawal. Chairman Phillips appointed Alternate Bill Taranovich as a voting member in the absence of Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the withdrawal of Big Toy Self Storage's application by letter of December 8, 2022, seconded by Alternate Bill Taranovich. All in favor. Application #22-11 withdrawn.

Application #22-14 John C. Johnson – Tax Map 2 Lot 21 – Site Plan

Surveyor Jeff Green represented the applicant. No abutters were present. Forrest Green recused himself. Chairman Phillips opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Green presented the Board with a waiver request and a continuance letter. He stated that based on the engineering review the datum for the USGS benchmark survey should be noted on the plan under Section 13.5(8). Mr. Green stated that to do this he would need to hire someone to come in then change the data he had been working with for two years. He stated that assumed data has been used and would like to keep it that way. Chairman Phillips read aloud the waiver request for Section 13.5 (8), USGS soils. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Marilyn Whitten. All in favor. Chairman Phillips asked what Mr. Green wanted to do about the setback. Mr. Green stated that he had talked to his engineer and when a roadway was created there were no setbacks because they were creating a right-of-way. He stated that a road was not a structure within a lot. Chairman Phillips stated that he understood and noted that even when a driveway was going in a setback the Zoning Board was able to get feedback from abutters. Josh Pearl

stated that abutters had been notified of this project anyway, and that it would be awkward with a 30 foot setback. Chairman Phillips stated that it wasn't that the 30 foot setback needed to be maintained but that the roadway was going within the existing setback. Josh Pearl stated that it wasn't a setback anymore because it would now be defined off of the road. Chairman Phillips stated that this was an odd one because they didn't usually have a road going down a property line. Mr. Green stated that they were creating a lot for a road so it was a subdivision for a right-of-way. Chairman Phillips stated that they could not approve something that violated Zoning. Alternate Phillips stated that until the project was approved and the setback moved to the other side of the road, there was an existing setback to deal with. Speaking as a member of the public, Forrest Green stated that Section 81 A2 of the 2018 EPA act said that a road or bridge is considered infrastructure, not a structure. Stan Prescott and Chairman Phillips stated that they do not go by that. Alternate Phillips stated that this was like up at the new Lantern to cross from one lot into the other. Mr. Green stated that this was for a parking lot within a site plan. Forrest Green asked how the Planning Board handled the one on School Street because the road was on the boundary line. Josh Pearl stated that this was Madison Way. Chairman Phillips stated that they could look it up and come back next month. Josh Pearl stated that it came down to Section 204.5 and the definition in the Appendix for structure. Marilyn Whitten stated that this had already come up to the Zoning Board for the wetlands and asked if this was discussed. Stan Prescott stated that the Zoning Board doesn't do land use regulations. Chairman Phillips stated that if they require this then it would put them a month behind. Mr. Green stated that if they required it then there was a good chance that they would make a vote and dismiss the case and go to court. Chairman Phillips stated that he does have that option. Chairman Phillips stated that they would continue this and look into how Madison Way was handled. He stated that a bill had come in for engineering review so far and was over the original estimate. Mr. Green stated he would bring in a check to cover the difference and additional review. Chairman Phillips closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Josh Pearl made a motion to continue the application to the next meeting, seconded by Alternate Bill Taranovich. All in favor; application #22-14 continued to January 19, 2023.

New Business –
Application #22-20 Core & Main – Tax Map 1 Lots 50 & 31 – Amended Site Plan

Surveyor Tim Bernier represented the applicant. No abutters were present. Forrest Green made a motion to accept the application as complete, seconded by Marilyn Whitten. All in favor, application accepted as complete. Forrest Green made a motion that this application did not present a development of regional impact, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, application not of regional impact. Mr. Bernier stated that Core and Main had developed the site at 28 Veteran's Drive several years ago to sell construction materials and products. He stated that they had gotten an approval to expand their storage area the year before and had been leasing space on the property owned by Kara Realty. Mr. Bernier stated that the lots would be merged with this permanent expansion. He stated that

the properties were under different owners but could be transferred to one owner to be merged as a condition of approval. Mr. Bernier stated that a retention pond was put in to keep things the same pre- and post-development. He stated that the landscaping would expand the existing trees down the frontage and down the side. Chairman

Phillips read the waiver request letter for Section 13.4 (4), landscape plan. Josh Pearl made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips stated that the waiver for the Site Specific Soils was not necessary. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 13.5 (19), existing light fixtures. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Marilyn Whitten. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 13.6 (24), erosion and drainage plan. Chairman Phillips asked if the drainage had been combined with the landscape plan. Mr. Bernier stated that the drainage vectors were shown on the landscape and grading plans. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips read the waiver request for Section 13.6 (25), stormwater management plan. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor; waiver approved. Chairman Phillips asked about the calculations and Mr. Bernier responded that they were to confirm that no water would run off onto adjacent parcels. Chairman Phillips stated that it looked like the intent was to preserve the vegetation on Route 106. Mr. Bernier stated that they couldn't really do anything without crossing the property line and the state would not let them. He stated that per the TRC comment, abutter names had been added to all sheets. Chairman Phillips closed the hearing at 7:55 p.m. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the application with the condition that the lots be merged within 90 days, seconded by Ex-Officio John Storrs. All in favor; application #22-20 approved with 1 condition. Chairman Phillips stated that the Assessor would want the merged lots to become Lot 31 because she goes with the lower number. Mr. Bernier stated that he would have to revise the Lot Merger form before it was recorded and could do that.

Application Updates Hearing –

Chairman Phillips opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. The Administrative Assistant stated that the draft applications the Board had seen previously had updated checklists to match the most recent updates to the regulations and fee calculators. She stated that after suggestions at the last meeting, each page had been updated with a header to show what type of application it was, and the write-in lines had been expanded. Forrest Green stated that the applicant agent or contact person section on the Change of Use and Lot Line Adjustment applications asked for a fax but not an email. He stated that the others asked for a fax or email. Forrest Green stated that each application was different when it asked for the name of the applicant agent or contact person, so that should be the same. He stated that the Site Plan application had spots for multiple checks, but they were spaced differently than on the other applications. Forrest Green stated that there might be multiple checks for things like escrow accounts and asked if the spaces should be labeled for that. Alternate Phillips suggested a column for check number and a column for the reason or purpose. Forrest Green agreed. Chairman Phillips asked if they could simply ask for the name of the agent on all applications. Forrest Green that the agent could be anyone like an attorney, surveyor, or engineer. The Administrative Assistant asked if the name of applicant agent should be shown as a title then have the section simply ask for the name. Forrest Green stated that this was how it was on the Change of Use application and that this would work. Alternate Taranovich stated that some people might not know who was being referred to as an agent. Forrest Green stated that they would leave it as applicant agent or contact person for

clarity. Chairman Phillips concluded that they would all be made to look like the Change of Use application, adding the possibility for an email with the fax information. The Administrative Assistant asked about aligning the check number spaces to the left and adding a space for the purpose next to it on the Fee Calculator. Forrest Green and Alternate Phillips agreed that this would work. The Administrative Assistant recapped that they were fixing the alignment of the check numbers and adding a purpose and updating the applicant agent or contact person information section on all applications to ask for a name and for fax or an email. Forrest Green made a motion to approve the updated Site Plan, Subdivision, Lot Line Adjustment, and Change of Use applications with the 3 changes, seconded by Alternate Bill Taranovich. All in favor; application updates approved.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

Capital Improvements Program Certification – Chairman Phillips stated that the CIP was approved the previous month but that they needed to sign off on it.

DOT Correspondence – Chairman Phillips stated that there were two planned projects for the DOT and asked if anyone had any comments to return. He stated that he had no input. Several Board members stated that they had no input.

Excavation Regulations – Chairman Phillips stated that he had made a few changes to the proposed updates. He stated that the reclamation plan should show all reclaimed areas within the last 5 years because the Board was supposed to do inspections. Chairman Phillips suggested bringing in a third party to do those inspections and that by law they could have the operators pay for them. He stated that updated plans would help the engineer see what had been reclaimed. Chairman Phillips stated that prior to 1978 there were hours of operation but that they had been removed. Josh Pearl stated that this seemed to be a case by case basis with the size of an operation. Alternate Taranovich asked about tying it to the decibel level. Josh Pearl stated that there were too many enforcement questions for something like decibels. Chairman Phillips suggested referencing the RSA and the NRCS document for reclamation and seeding. He stated that for noticing they could reference the Planning Board Rules of Procedure to make it uniform if anything changed. Chairman Phillips stated that other towns like Belmont and Northfield require an annual report due in August or September every year. He stated that this with the Intents could help with a third party doing inspections. Stan Prescott asked if the State gravel guy had looked at these. Chairman Phillips stated that the proposed updates could be run by him. Forrest Green asked if the inspections would be required for all gravel pits in town. Chairman Phillips responded in the affirmative, stating that there were many that were quite small. Forrest Green stated that this could hurt the smaller operations by requiring them to do all this. Chairman Phillips stated that there was a responsibility to do these inspections and they weren't being done. He stated that they could work on something about the frequency of inspections for smaller pits. Alternate Taranovich suggested that frequency of inspections could be based on production.

Zoning Amendments – Josh Pearl stated that the intent was to have single wide manufactured housing allowed in parks, where approved as in 208.6 C for temporary manufactured housing, and as dormitory

housing for seasonal agricultural workers. Josh Pearl stated that they had struck one section because of a typo with the numbers but that it really needed to be there. Josh Pearl stated that there was a section from Code Enforcement about construction of manufactured

housing meeting or exceeding the requirements of National Housing Construction that was included in the section about double wides. He stated that this should be included in the section about single wides as well. Josh Pearl asked if the restriction of no more than one manufactured housing unit on a lot outside of a manufactured housing park would apply to agricultural worker housing as well. Alternate Phillips stated that he could understand why someone would want to have several manufactured homes on a lot for ag worker housing. Josh Pearl asked about striking this line because it might restrict something like this. Chairman Phillips stated that if they removed this line then they would only be allowing more than one single wide for ag workers. Chairman Phillips asked if a 6:30 public hearing at their next meeting on January 19th would work. Several Board members responded in the affirmative.

November 2023 TRC Application Deadline – The Administrative Assistant stated that for the December 2023 meeting, the deadline for applications requiring TRC review fell on Thanksgiving. She asked about making the deadline the day before Thanksgiving. Forrest Green stated that most towns push the deadline a day back. Chairman Phillips stated that this would be fine. The Administrative Assistant stated that the deadline would then fall on the following Monday.

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ex-Officio John Storrs. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Pedersen
Administrative Assistant

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting Minutes December 22, 2022

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Chairman Tuson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Chairman Earl Tuson, Charlie Aznive, Alvin See, Alternate Steve Ives.

In the absence of Peter Pitman, Alternate Steve Ives as a voting member.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 28, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – Alvin See stated that on Page 7 the roll call vote was not recorded for decision 22-38. The Administrative Assistant stated that the order of the vote went around from Vice Chair Phelps to Alvin See. She stated that the date in the footer needed to be fixed as well. Alvin See made a motion to adopt the minutes with two corrections, seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor; meeting minutes adopted.

Public Hearings:

Chairman Tuson stated that old business applications #Z22-27 and #Z22-28 were related to #Z22-41, which would be addressed later, so those two applications would be moved behind #Z22-41.

Old Business –

#Z22-32 Glen & Kathleen Rodgers – Map 46 Lot 20 – Special Exception to allow construction of a building addition 43' from the wetland. Chairman Tuson asked if a Variance application had been submitted for this yet. The Administrative Assistant stated that it was submitted past the deadline for this month so it would go on the next month's agenda. Alvin See made a motion to continue the application to the January meeting, seconded by Alternate Steve Ives. All in favor; application continued to the January meeting. There will be no further notice.

#Z22-40 Judith Joy – Map 59 Lot 8 – Variance to permit construction of a garage and screen porch that encroach on wetlands setback. Applicant Judith Joy was present. No abutters were present. Chairman Tuson stated that this application was continued to a sitewalk but the Board did not have a quorum. Ms. Joy stated that with her property being bounded by two roads, the steepness of one side, and the wetlands in the middle the setbacks did not allow her to put the house in any other position. She stated that the garage and screen porch cannot go any other place. Charlie Aznive asked how much the encroachment was. Ms. Joy stated that the farthest corner of the garage touches the 50 foot line. Chairman Tuson stated that Ms. Joy had received a reduction in the wetland buffer for her driveway in June. Alternate Ives asked why the garage couldn't be brought down to be even with the back of the house. Ms. Joy stated that it would take up the whole back of the house and cover the windows. Charlie Aznive stated that it was too bad the house couldn't have been moved when they came in for the driveway. Chairman Tuson stated that the wetland buffer lines had changed and the garage wasn't going to be within the buffer. Chairman Tuson stated that there was additional wetland that hadn't been delineated before. Ms. Joy stated that this was a man made runoff pond that shrank significantly during last year's drought. She stated that it was likely much smaller when it was assessed. Chairman Tuson read through the application with Ms. Joy. Chairman Tuson closed the hearing to the public and the Board took up the application for deliberations. Chairman Tuson stated that with the Special Exception that was brought in previously the applicant would have been all set for this request. He stated that if she had known this wetland would be delineated then she could have moved the

house to avoid pushing the garage into the wetland buffer. Alvin See stated that with the wetland uphill from the house there would be no runoff going into the wetland. Chairman Tuson stated that there was a higher piece of land between the wetland and what was being proposed. Vice Chair Phelps stated that this request would not go farther than the relief already granted for the driveway to go to the 50 foot buffer line. Chairman Tuson asked if the application was contrary to the public interest. Alternate Steve Ives stated that it was encroaching on the wetlands and that the garage could be moved. Vice Chair Phelps asked if the garage was proposed on the June application. Chairman Tuson responded in the affirmative, stating that it was shifted slightly but that the garage had been entirely outside the 75 foot wetland buffer. Chairman Tuson stated that he did not feel this was contrary to the public interest. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application was not contrary to the public interest, seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Alternate Steve Ives – yes; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – no; Chairman Earl

Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. In a 4-1 vote the motion carries and item 1 passes. Chairman Tuson asked if the spirit of the Ordinance was observed, stating that with the topography there would be no runoff going into the wetland, so the buffer did not protect the wetland as intended. Vice Chair Todd Phelps stated that there was a berm running along the back of the property, between the house and the wetland. Alternate Ives asked the distance from the berm to the closest corner of the garage. Vice Chair Phelps guessed about 30 feet. Chairman Tuson asked about vegetation in the location where the garage would go. Vice Chair Phelps stated that it had been seeded but that there was none. Alvin See made a motion that the spirit of the Ordinance was observed, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Phelps. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – no; Alvin See – yes; Alternate Steve Ives – no. In a 3-2 vote the motion carries and item 2 passes. Chairman Tuson asked if substantial justice was done. He stated that the Board sometimes does equitable waivers to provide relief. He stated that the applicant did their due diligence, yet a mistake was made. Chairman Tuson stated that they had discussed if the house had been sited differently but they had missed those opportunities at this point. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that substantial justice is done, seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Alternate Steve Ives – no; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. In a 3-2 vote the motion carries and item 3 passes. Chairman Tuson asked if surrounding property values would be diminished. Alternate Steve Ives made a motion that the application would not decrease property values, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Phelps. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes; Alternate Steve Ives – yes. All in favor; item 4 passes. Chairman Tuson asked about special conditions and unnecessary hardship. Alvin See stated that there weren't any similar properties nearby. Chairman Tuson stated that now that the house is there, this is what they have to consider. Chairman Tuson asked if there was a fair and substantial relationship between the general purpose of the Ordinance and application to this property. Alvin See stated that it would be a hardship to the applicant to have them locate the garage in some other area. Chairman Tuson stated that this would be more of a financial hardship. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the elevation of the wetlands was unique, and the general public purpose of the Ordinance was to keep runoff from going towards the wetland. He stated that in this case, it went away from the wetland and was not contrary to what the Ordinance was trying to do. Alvin See made a motion that the application meets the requirements of special conditions and not allowing it would result in unnecessary hardship, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alternate

Steve Ives – yes; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. All in favor; item 5 passes. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application passed as presented because it met all 5 criteria, seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes; Alternate Steve Ives – yes. All in favor, application #Z22-40 approved as presented.

New Business –

#Z22-42 Jared Whittemore – Map 12 Lot 38 – Variance to permit temporary camping to be extended past 21 days. Applicant Jared Whittemore was present. Property owner Melissa Starkey was present. Abutters Robert Radcliffe of 39 Thistle Hill Road, Mark Winters of 80 Cross Brook Road, and Sandy Foster of 80 Cross Brook Road were present. Mr. Whittemore stated that he wished to extend the current camping requirements past 21 days. Chairman Tuson confirmed that Wiggins Road was the means of access. Mr. Whittemore responded in the affirmative. Alvin See asked if there was a house on Lot 38. Mr. Whittemore responded in the affirmative. Alvin See asked if there was much traffic on Wiggins Road. Chairman Tuson and Alternat Ives stated that it is a Class VI road. Alvin See asked if it was a snowmobile trail, and Chairman Tuson responded in the affirmative. Mr. Whittemore stated that he spoke with the head of the snowmobile group to work with them through that section over the winter. Abutter Mark Winters stated that this request is a temporary situation and that the applicants would follow any restrictions or guidelines to the fullest. Abutter Sandy Foster stated that her main concern was the snowmobile trail and that the applicant had said that he would work with the head of Trail Dogs to maintain the integrity of the trail. Abutter Robert Radcliffe distributed photographs to the Board and said that after notifying the Code Enforcement Officer they had been sent to the Selectmen before being sent here. Mr. Radcliffe stated that significant work had been done to create a pad for the camper along with a planned electrical receptacle and underground wiring. He stated that the location on a posted and closed Class VI road limited emergency access and asked if it would be subject to setback requirements and permitting. Mr. Whittemore stated that he had missed things in the Zoning Ordinance because of how rushed things were. He stated that they had composting toilets so there was no black water, and the gray water was taken to Concord for free disposal. Alvin See asked how often they were driving in and out of the main roads. Mr. Whittemore stated that he leaves everyday while his wife leaves every other day. Charlie Aznive asked about the intention for duration. Mr. Whittemore stated that it was just until the winter was over, and that they could not camp in an all-year campground with a child under the age of 14 or 15. Alternate Ives asked how power was currently being run to the camper. Mr. Whittemore stated that they were using an extension cord but that they had an electrician waiting to put in a 50 amp from the house. Alvin See asked about the distance between the house and the camper. Mr. Whittemore stated that it was 92 feet. Alternate Ives asked how far off Wiggins Road the camper was set. Mr. Whittemore responded that it was about 10 feet. Alvin See made a motion that this application did not present a development of regional impact, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Phelps. All in favor; application not of regional impact. Chairman Tuson read through the points of the application with Mr. Whittemore. Chairman Tuson closed the hearing to the public and the Board took up the application for deliberations. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the camping ordinance was not for living arrangements. He stated that there would be no good access via a Class VI road that was going to get torn up, so emergency vehicles was an issue. Charlie Aznive stated that if this went

through he could see more people coming in unless they voted to change the Ordinance. Vice Chair Todd Phelps stated that even if the Ordinance changed it would be for specific situations like building a house. Chairman Tuson asked if the application would be contrary to the public interest. Alvin See stated that emergency access was part of the public interest. Vice Chair Phelps stated that this was contrary to the public interest because the camping ordinance allows for temporary recreational camping and not for a dwelling. Charlie Aznive agreed. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application was contrary to the public interest because the Ordinance stated camping is a recreational activity and not a residential use, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes; Alternate Steve Ives – yes. All in favor; point 1 fails. Chairman Tuson asked if the spirit of the Ordinance was observed. Alternate

Steve Ives made a motion that the spirit of the Ordinance was not observed because the Ordinance is for recreational camping not residential occupancy, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Phelps. Roll call vote: Alternate Steve Ives – yes; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. All in favor; point 2 fails. Chairman Tuson asked if substantial justice was done. Vice Chair Phelps noted that their application stated they had completed their due diligence but had admittedly missed several points in the Ordinance. He stated that due diligence and substantial justice were not done in granting this. Chairman Tuson stated that substantial justice was weighing the cost to the public with the benefit to the applicant. Vice Chair Phelps stated that substantial justice was not done because it puts the first responders and emergency staff in a difficult position. Chairman Tuson stated that part of the Ordinance was to ensure health and safety. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that substantial justice was not done by this application as outlined in Board discussion, seconded by Alternate Steve Ives. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes; Alternate Steve Ives – yes. All in favor, item 3 fails. Chairman Tuson asked if property values would be diminished. Vice Chair Phelps stated that with running electrical and putting in the pad this was not temporary. Alternate Ives asked if an approval could be temporary. Chairman Tuson stated that Variances run with the land but that the request was temporary. He stated that abutters did not voice concerns about property values. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application would not diminish surrounding property values, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alternate Steve Ives – no; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. In a 4-1 vote item 4 passes. Chairman Tuson asked about unnecessary hardship and special conditions. Vice Chair Phelps stated that there was nothing that distinguished this property from surrounding properties. Chairman Tuson agreed that there was nothing unique about the property. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that #5 fails because there were no demonstrated special conditions of the property, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes; Alternate Steve Ives – yes. All in favor, item 5 fails. Chairman Tuson stated that the application failed on items 1, 2, 3, and 5 and passed on item 4. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to deny the application because it failed on 4 of the 5 points, seconded by Alvin See. Alternate Steve Ives – yes; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. All in favor; application #Z22-42 denied. Ms. Starkey asked what happens next. Chairman Tuson stated that they are not enforcement and that their decision would be ready the next week.

#Z22-41 Laura & Curtis Darling – Map 58 Lot 40 – Motion to rehear Application #Z22-29 Laura & Curtis Darling. Applicant Laura Darling was present. Chairman Tuson stated that this was not a public hearing. He stated that the application had been denied on 5 points, so if they determined that they had erred on any one of the 5 points then a rehearing would need to be held. Charlie Aznive stated that after reading the application he did not believe the Board had erred. Vice Chair Phelps stated that there was nothing new in the application that the Board failed to consider. Alternate Ives stated that the reduction of the impermeable area was making the lot better, so it was a valid point. Chairman Tuson disagreed. He stated that in paragraph 8 it talked about how the requirements spoke to coverage and not massing but that the Ordinance does deal with volume and height. Chairman Tuson stated that there was more here in the spirit of the Ordinance like light, air, and space between structures. Chairman Tuson stated that impermeable area and coverage are two different things and that the Board treated them differently and correctly. Charlie Aznive stated that there was still additional building coverage. Vice Chair Phelps stated that 790 sqft is a small area but that it is on a small lot. Chairman Tuson agreed that it is still an additional 5% of structure. He noted that the text provided stated that expert advice could not be ignored when it was uncontroverted. Chairman Tuson stated that testimony was given on both sides and that it was up to the Board to weigh that testimony. Vice Chair Phelps stated the pond was highly valued by the Darlings and that obstructing the view of the pond took that value away from the abutter. Charlie Aznive stated that the common thread is that the abutters also value the pond. Alvin See noted that item 17 indicates that the Darling's could plant a hedge or put in a fence that would block the view. Vice Chair Phelps stated that this was true, but a hedge or fence would not be as tall as the building. Chairman Tuson stated that the Board had grappled with substantial justice. He asked if they were taking from this applicant in any way by not allowing it. Charlie Aznive responded in the negative, stating that they were actually taking from the neighbors. Vice Chair Phelps stated that if no one had shown up in opposition then they would look at substantial justice differently. Chairman Tuson stated that 18 discussed the application of the provision for recognized disability in this application and in another. He stated that it was not misapplied because they weighed the two applications and their proposed accommodations separately. Vice Chair Phelps stated that separate testimony was taken for each application and Charlie Aznive agreed. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the application page did not list substantial justice. Chairman Tuson stated that the narrative was an inherent part of the application. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the points made during the hearing were considered and there was no new information presented here. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the decision was neither unlawful nor unreasonable. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to deny the rehearing based on the facts that the explanations given in the application did not show that the decision was unlawful or unreasonable and the Board found that they had not erred in making their decision, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alternate Steve Ives – yes; Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. All in favor; rehearing request denied.

#Z22-27 & #Z22-28 Laura and Curtis Darling – Map 58 Lot 40 – Special Exceptions for reduced setbacks to allow room for a new addition and for reducing the 75' wetland buffer to 60'. Laura Darling was present. Chairman Tuson asked what they would like to do with the applications. Ms. Darling stated that they wouldn't be applicable. Chairman Tuson stated that they could withdraw the applications or continue them. Ms. Darling stated that they could withdraw them. Chairman Tuson stated that #Z22-28 was a Special Exception to reduce the wetland buffer where

they already had a Variance. He stated that this one was already covered, but that even with their last plan they would still be in the front setback. Chairman Tuson stated that they could continue this and Ms. Darling agreed. Alternate Steve Ives made a motion to accept the withdrawal of #Z22-28, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Phelps. All in favor; application #Z22-28 withdrawn.

Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to continue #Z22-27 to the January meeting, seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor; application continued to the January 2023 meeting. There will be no further notice.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

Chairman Tuson stated that they would deal with the Rodgers Variance fees when they came in for January. Chairman Tuson stated that he had received a letter of resignation from the Administrative Assistant the week before and thanked her for her work. The Administrative Assistant stated that it had been an honor working with the Board. Alternate Ives stated that this would be his last meeting until April.

Report of Board of Permit:

Chairman Tuson stated that there was no Board of Permit meeting.

Adjournment:

Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Pedersen, Zoning Board Administrative Assistan

Loudon Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present: Brenda Pearl, Town Administrator

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Chairman Maxfield explained that salaries will be discussed once all budgets are reviewed by the Board. The Board asked Brenda to figure out what a 3% and 4% COLA would amount to.

III. The Board reviewed the selectmen's office, general government, election, treasurer, town clerk, tax collector and various committee's proposed budgets for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

IV. The Board discussed warrant articles for a ballot counting device, to make the treasurer's position an appointed position rather than an elected position, to change the hours of town voting to 7am – 7pm, and an article to sell some specific town owned pieces of land.

V. Brenda explained that the Board should consider putting in a warrant article for the Veteran's Credit. She explained that HB 1667 says that if the Town has adopted the Optional Veterans Tax Credit and the All Veterans Tax Credit, we must readopt the provisions of the Statute in order for our credits to remain in place for the 2023 Tax Year. If we do not readopt the credits, they will revert to the Standard Veterans Credit in the amount of $50 each. We currently have a $500 per year credit.

VI. Selectman Storrs moved to adjourn at 6:28 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 2, 2022

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present: Brenda Pearl, Town Administrator, Russ Pearl, Road Agent and Tom Blanchette, Fire Chief

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

II. Chairman explained that salaries will be discussed once all budgets are reviewed by the Board. Selectman Miller explained that if merit raises are given, they should be requested with an evaluation.

III. The Board reviewed the 2023-2024 Highway/Landfill/Solid Waste budget with Road Agent Russ Pearl. The Board recommended a few changes and modifications.

IV. Russ talked to the Board about the demo at the transfer station and suggested coming up with a policy.

V. The Board discussed the access at Clough Pond. Chairman Maxfield will draft a letter to Matt Moore.

VI. The Board discussed two proposals from M. Bean. The first is for new guardrails at the Lower Ridge Road bridge. The Board decided that the money from this should come out of the bridge capital reserve fund. The second proposal is for the replacement of the bridge on Loudon Ridge Road. The decision is to place this bridge on the warrant to be paid for with tax money.

VII. Russ explained that he would like to order a mower attachment to have for the spring. After discussion Selectman Miller made a motion to take $10,600 from the Road Maintenance Revolving Fund for the purchase of the mower attachment, seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

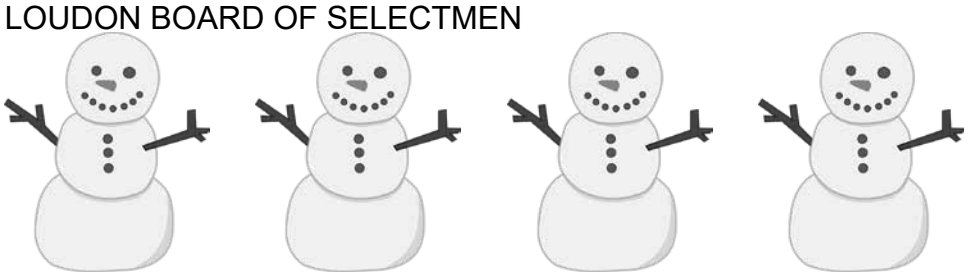
VIII. Russ explained to the Board that he received approval from the ARPA Committee as well as the Board to replace a culvert on Old Shaker Road. Due to unforeseen permitting issues, Russ asked that the Board allow him to replace a culvert on Gilmanton Road instead. Selectman Miller made a motion to replace Old Shaker Road to Gilmanton Road

IX. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette at 10:00 AM. The Board reviewed the 2023-2024 proposed budgets for the Fire Department, Ambulance, Emergency Management, Health, Forestry, and Compliance.

X. The Board said that all budgets will be finalized and presented to the citizens at future budget hearings.

XI. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 11:59 AM. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Chairman Maxfield stated it's unanimous, motion carries.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 9, 2022

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present: Brenda Pearl, Town Administrator, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Lieutenant Dana Flanders, Library Trustee Dyrace Maxfield and Library Director Emily Fay.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

II. Chairman Maxfield stated that they need to make the minutes from the last meeting fully correct. He made a motion to amend the minutes from December 2, 2022 to read "it's unanimous, motion carries, is there a second". Selectman Miller seconded the motion to amend. Chairman Maxfield explained that the amendment makes the minutes complete. All were in favor of the amendment. Chairman Maxfield stated it unanimous the motion carries.

Chairman Maxfield made a motion that the original minutes for December 2, 2022 be changed to include the previous approved amendment. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Chairman Maxfield stated it's unanimous, motion carries.

III. Chairman explained that salaries will be discussed once all budgets are reviewed by the Board. Chief Burgess explained that their department is a revolving door. Lt. Flanders asked that the Board consider going to 40 hours per week. He said there is only one other department that doesn't pay overtime until after 43 hours.

IV. The Board reviewed the 2023-2024 budget. Chief Burgess explained that other than salary lines most of the budget is level funded.

V. They discussed cruisers; should they continue to get one every other year or go back to one every year. They also discussed leasing as opposed to purchasing. Selectman Miller asked Chief Burgess to look into it further.

VI. Selectman Miller made a motion to recess the meeting at 9:27. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of recess at 10:00. Seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. Chairman Maxfield explained that based on advice from the town attorney he will recuse himself from the budget meeting with the library. He asked Selectman Miller to run the meeting.

IX. Dyrace explained that the budget is down about $700.

X. Dyrace said the wages have increased due to the hiring of the new director, he said they are fully staffed.

XI. Selectman Miller explained that the salaries are undecided at this point.

XII. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 11:01 AM. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Emergency Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2022

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller, Selectman Storrs and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 3:16pm.

II. Chairman Maxfield explained that the emergency meeting was called to work with NH Department of Revenue to set the tax rate. He explained that the rate needed to be set as soon as possible so that bills could go out and get paid for cash flow.

III. After review of the information from NHDRA Selectman Miller made a motion to utilize $868,125 from the unreserved fund balance to offset the tax rate. Seconded by Selectmen Storrs.

IV. Selectman Miller made a motion to adjourn at 3:55 until they received the final paperwork from NHDRA. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting back to order at 4:15pm.

II. The Board reviewed the MS-LTR from NHDRA with a tax rate of $18.55. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the MS-LTR. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Selectman Miller made a motion that each selectman, upon printing, would sign the tax warrant individually as long as the figures are the same as the MS-LTR that they had just signed. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 4:20pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 20th, 2022

Present: Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Town Administrator Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

I. Selectman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. Selectman Miller said the Board has an appointment with Anne-Marie Zube for an exit interview. Selectman Storrs made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 5:30pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

III. Selectman Storrs made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 6:01pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Discussion, Selectman Miller said the meeting was with an employee that has chosen to leave employment with the town. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

V. Selectman Storrs made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

VI. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:

a. Mr. Pearl had no updates.

VII. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said he has Rachel Lake present for consideration for employment as a call member. Ms. Lake said she begins EMT classes in January and would like to eventually move on to paramedic. Selectman Miller said he has reviewed the application and would like to welcome Ms. Lake to the Department.

b. Chief Blanchette said as of today the Fire Department has been on 1,119 calls.

c. Chief Blanchette said they have one employee out on workers compensation. Chief Blanchette said he has received resignation from Fire Fighter McNulty. Chief Blanchette said he has prepared an employment offer letter for the Board to review. Chief Blanchette said the employee was a runner up for the full-time position that was awarded to Mr. McNulty and has remained with the Department as permanent part-time. Selectman Miller said she certainly has the qualifications and is a great

candidate. Selectman Miller said he is in favor with hiring Sara on as full-time, Selectman Storrs agreed.

d. Chief Blanchette said he has received a denial on the 2021 Staffing for Adequate Emergency Response Grant and also the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant.

e. Chief Blanchette said Homeland Security and Emergency Management have notified that they expect damaging winds and flooding on Friday. Chief Blanchette said he would like to remind the public to plan accordingly.

f. Chief Blanchette said he was notified this week from CMS, the Medicare administrator that they will be under a one-year audit beginning July 1st, 2023.

g. Chief Blanchette he was notified that the Hazard Mitigation Plan may not be accepted as presented by Central NH Regional Planning. Chief Blanchette presented the Board with an Adoption Resolution Agreement from Central NH Regional Planning. The Board agreed and signed the agreement.

h. Chief Blanchette said last night they held their annual Christmas dinner and awards and recognition ceremony with over 70 people in attendance. Chief Blanchette said Greg Treat was awarded 2022 Loudon Fire Department EMT of the year award and Sara Frenette was awarded 2022 Loudon Fire Department Fire Fighter of the year award.

i. Chief Blanchette said the Fire Department is holding a town employee breakfast Friday at 8am.

j. Selectman Miller asked that congratulations be passed on to the members that received awards from the Department and that everyone be safe for the storm.

VIII. Town Administrator Brenda Pearl said that Cate Van will be out of commission until January 9th for repairs and cleaning.

IX. The Board reviewed new business:

a. The Board received two resignation letters from employees. Selectman Miller said that Kelly Pedersen from Planning & Zoning office resigned as of December 30th, 2022, and Keith McNulty's last day will be December 31st, 2022.

b. The Board received a request from Alvin R. Davis III that his letter be read into the minutes. Selectman Miller said the Board does not read letters into the minutes and the office is working on researching the property on Wales Bridge Road regarding the former Route 106 and the ownership of the road. Selectman Miller said Mr. Davis is requesting the Board prepare a Warrant Article to close the road, if it was not done. Selectman Miller said more research needs to be done to find out ownership of the road.

X. The Board reviewed old business:

a. Selectman Miller said a question was asked last meeting by Jeff Leonard regarding the Zoning Ordinance and enforcement. Selectman Miller said that the Board of Selectmen have the authority to delegate the responsibilities to a hired Building Inspector.

XI. The Board reviewed important dates:

Zoning Board – 12/22 (7pm)

Office will be closed for Holiday on 12/26.

XII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard. Mr. Leonard asked if there was an update on the Cross Brook Road camper situation. Selectman Miller said it was presented to the Zoning Board.

XIII. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 6:31pm with Town Administrator Pearl and Chief Blanchette, for a personnel issue, under RSA 91-A:3,II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman

Miller- Yes. Majority in favor. Motion carried

XIV. Selectman Storrs made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 7:17pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

XV. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll

Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

XVI. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 7:18pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Present: Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Storrs.

Also present: Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Road Agent Russ Pearl, Tax Collector Helen McNeil, Town Clerk Ashley Simonds and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl. Selectman Miller and Library Director Emily Fay joined by ZOOM.

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

II. Chairman Maxfield explained that he will recuse himself from any discussion concerning the library.

III. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the NHDES Shoreland application for the Clough Pond ADA project. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote: Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Storrs – yes, Chairman Maxfield – yes. Motion carried.

IV. Chairman Maxfield explained that the purpose of this meeting with the department heads is to discuss the pay rates for employees in regards to the 2023-2024 budget.

V. The department heads explained their concern with the Town of Loudon being a "training" town. The Fire and Police Chief's explained that the town spends a good amount of money putting employees through training and then the employees get offered better pay at other cities/towns so they move on. All of the department heads discussed their concern with keeping good, quality employees at the current salaries. In the last few weeks, the town lost a police officer, a firefighter and an administrative assistant, all due to higher wages elsewhere.

VI. After discussion regarding COLA's and pay rates the Board of Selectmen asked that each department head submit a wage form outlining what they think their employees should be making. The board will take that under advisement when making decisions about the 2023-2024 budget.

VII. Selectman Storrs moved to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 2023 in Loudon

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1st Monday of the Month
6pm: Conservation Commission @ the Community Building

1st Tuesday of the Month
6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices
7:00pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St.

1st Wednesday of the Month
1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open
6:30pm: Historical Society @ the Museum (Museum is Open)

1st Thursday of the Month
5:30pm: P.T.A. @ Loudon Elementary

2nd Monday of the Month
7:15pm: M.V.S.D School Board

2nd Tuesday of the Month
10am: Young at Heart @ Faith Community Bible Church

2nd Thursday of the Month

2nd Saturday of the Month
4:30-6pm: Family Bible Church Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the Month
6pm: Communications Council via Zoom

3rd Tuesday of the Month
6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices
6:30pm: Recycling Committee @ Town Offices (subject to change / 219-6863)
7:00pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St.

3rd Wednesday of the Month
1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open
4:30pm Alternative Energy Committee meeting Charlie's Barn
6:30pm: Gardener's Club @ Community Building (subject to change / 396-4950)
6:30 - 7:30pm: Boy Scouts @ LES 7pm: Legion & Auxiliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the Month
7pm: Planning Board @ Town Offices

3rd Friday of the Month
Ledger Deadline for articles and ad space

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

4th Monday of the Month
4pm: Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building
5pm: Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices

4th Wednesday of the Month

4th Thursday of the Month
7pm: Zoning Board @ the Town Offices

Every Tuesday
6:30pm Prayer Meeting @ Congregtional Church

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