The Loudon Ledger

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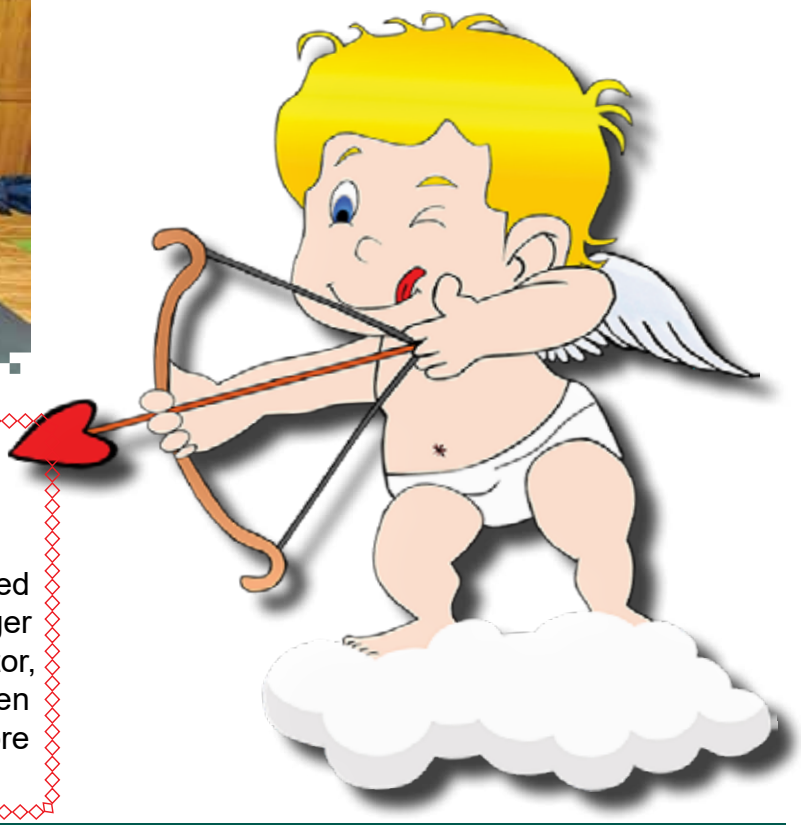
(A) Remus Harris, life-long Loudon resident, and his friend, Karen, making the most of our winter weather. Both are outstanding Boston University students. Remus and Karen are enjoying the Good Life in New Hampshire's winter wonderland.

(Above & Left) Fun Times at the Maxfield Public Library - see their update on page 14



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To submit articles and photos for publication, please send your submission to ledgerarticles@gmail.com

If you would like to be added to our monthly email reminder list for submissions, please email ledgerarticles@gmail.com to be added. Thank you

Mission Statement…

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

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55 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 603-798-4541 * selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 6PM at the Town Offices
Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM
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Wednesday 8:00 a.m- 4:00 p.m, Thursday 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.

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Mon.-Thurs.: 8AM-4PM Tues. evenings 5PM-9PM

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State Rep. Jose Cambrils: (603) 731-8287. Jose4NH@comcast.net

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Rep. Alvin See: Alvin.See@leg.state.nh.us 603-271-3565

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc are encouraged to submit articles to the Loudon Ledger. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, "attaboys" etc, are all welcome. Please note, however, that the Ledger will uphold its mission:

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

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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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July 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 06/14	Council Meeting	Mon 06/17
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October 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 09/13	Council Meeting	Mon 09/16
November 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 10/18	Council Meeting	Mon 10/21
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Join the Loudon Economic Development Committee (EDC) and Shape the Future of Loudon!

Are you passionate about the economic well-being of Loudon? Do you have ideas and enthusiasm for fostering growth and development in our community? The Loudon Economic Development Committee (EDC) is currently seeking new members to join our dedicated team of six individuals, comprised of local business owners, town employees, and both long-time and new citizens of Loudon.

About the Loudon EDC: The mission of the Loudon Economic Development Committee is to effectively manage community change in alignment with the Loudon Master Plan and land-use regulations. Our committee provides professional advice and technical expertise in a consistent and fair manner to citizens, boards and commissions, departments, and regional agencies. We are committed to facilitating both short- and long-term physical, economic, and community development in Loudon.

Our Past Achievements: In the past, the EDC has played a pivotal role in implementing Economic Revitalization Zones, which help attract and maintain commercial business in Loudon. We also focus on business retention and outreach to ensure the sustained growth and prosperity of our community.

Looking Ahead to 2024: As we set our sights on the year 2024, the Loudon EDC has ambitious plans to continue our impactful work. Our key focus areas include:

Website Update: Enhancing our online presence to effectively communicate with residents and current and prospective businesses.

Broadband Availability and Reliability: Advocating for improved internet access to support businesses, education, and overall connectivity in Loudon.

Revitalizing Tax Relief Incentives: Maximizing the use of Loudon's 79-E Revitalization Tax Relief incentive to encourage economic development.

How You Can Contribute: Joining the Loudon EDC provides an opportunity to actively participate in shaping the economic future of our community. Whether you bring a background in business, town planning, or simply a passion for Loudon's growth, your input is valued and welcomed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Loudon Economic Development Committee, please reach out to vpagano@cnhrpc.org or attend our next committee meeting, date and time can be found on the Loudon Town Website under the Economic Development Committee page. The Loudon EDC typically meets for 30 minutes to an hour, every month on the first Thursday at 5:30pm in the Loudon Town Offices on the upper floor.

Together, let's continue building a vibrant and prosperous future for Loudon!

Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In December 2023 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 245 individuals for them to prepare 8,524 meals. Of these people, 111 were age 60 and older (45%), 64 were age 18 or under (26%), and 70 were between those ages (29%). Our meal numbers are lower than in November because Capital Region Food Program provides about 95% of the holiday baskets given out (done with vouchers).

Gift of Lights (NH Motor Speedway)

Thanks to the generosity of the donors and everyone involved we received 2,342.90 pounds of food from the Gift of Lights. This will help those we serve to create over 1,952 meals. Excellent job!

Foods we always seem to need.

There are some foods that leave the pantry as soon as they come in. You may be surprised to find that it's mostly the kids and elderly that love these foods. Here comes the list… canned asparagus, canned beets, canned spinach, and canned pumpkin. Who knew, right? So, if you can pick up an extra can when you're shopping and toss it our way, we would be thankful.

Running a food pantry can be very labor intensive (not to mention the paperwork). Doing this work just wouldn't be as enjoyable as it is without my core group of volunteers. For our guests, they help them laugh so they can forget their problems for a while. They are always willing to help anyway they can so we can all make it through the day. Personally, for me they have become people I can depend on and call friends. Big cheers and many thanks to Bill, Glenda, Jon, Sandy, Deb E., Deb D., June, Breda, Brenda, Elaine, and Eric.

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- February 3: Take Your Child to the Library Day* (first Saturday)
- February 7: National Send a Card to a Friend Day
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 17: Presidents' Day* (third Monday)
- February 18: National Drink Wine Day (should be everyday)
- February 28: National Public Sleeping Day(telling my boss we need this one)
- February 29: Leap Day (every four years) (2024 is a Leap Year)

NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

From donations received during the Gift of Lights this past holiday season, New Hampshire Motor Speedway was able to donate over 2,300 pounds of food. This equals over 1,950 meals for the Loudon Food Pantry.

Young At Heart

Winter has finally arrived, and there was snow on the ground as members gathered for the first Young at Heart meeting of 2024. As the new year begins, forty -one members joined in a fun time of Bingo, Pizza, and Prizes. The Young at Heart ended the meal with wonderful homemade cookies baked by some very talented members.

The February 13th meeting will be a presentation by Melissa Moore , local resident, and author of LAND OF LOW HILLS: LOUDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE: THE FIRST 250 YEARS, 1773-2023.

The March 12th meeting will be a presentation by the Granite VNA – A Healthy Life for Me – Simple strategies to assist you in staying healthy and feeling your best at any age.

Just a reminder: Now with the winter months upon us there is no Young at Heart meeting if the Merrimack Valley School District is closed.

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.

See you all next month and until then stay warm and safe and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry!!

Karen and Wayne Swango playing Bingo at Young at Heart meeting

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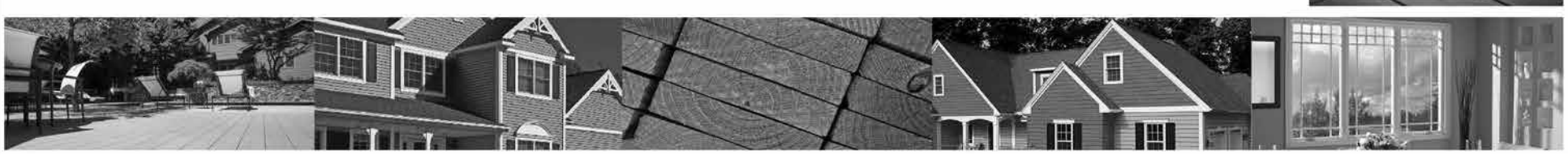

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Jim

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Loudon Lions Club

The Loudon Lions Club would like to thank the Loudon Community for their generosity and support in our 3rd Annual Memory Tree Fundraiser. We received over $1,450 in donations which will be given in its entirety to local Loudon area charities and nonprofits. The Star on top is dedicated in memory of Glen D. Booth, Sr.

Those loved ones memorialized on the Loudon Lions club 3rd Annual Memory Tree:

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Janet Darling
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Susan Kilby

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Frankie Schneider
Thomas Schneider
Louis Leombruno
Catherine Leombruno

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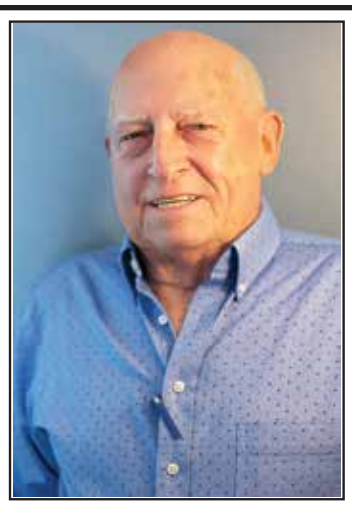

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- Winter on Uranus lasts for 21 years (and we worry about 4 months!)
- According to Guinness World Records, the coldest temperature was set on July 21, 1983, in Vostok Station, Antarctica, which was -128.6°F (Suddenly 15 belows sounds ok)
- Some animals have the ability to turn white during the winter. These animals include the white-tailed jackrabbit, snowshoe hare, arctic fox, weasels, ptarmigan, barren-ground caribou, and ermine.
- To escape winter, animals such as birds, whales, bats, caribou, elk, and monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates
- There are animals that hibernate during the winter which include bears, snakes, groundhogs, skunks, hedgehogs, bumblebees, woodchucks, bats (the ones that don't choose to migrate), ground squirrels, moths, fat-tailed lemurs, and turtles.
- There is a New Zealand insect called the weta that freezes completely solid when the temperatures drop. When the weather starts to warm up again, it thaws and goes back to doing what Weta insects do.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LOUDON COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOUDON

In the February 2016 edition of the Loudon Ledger, the Loudon Communications Council put out an urgent call for volunteers. We were fortunate to find a sufficient number of dedicated volunteers willing to step up and do the work for the benefit of the community. Once again, we are asking residents to consider joining us as a member of the Council.

The Council, which is responsible for publication of the Ledger and management of the town's website at www.loudonnh.org, is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization established for educational purposes. Our approved mission is: "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."

With the exception of advertising sales, graphic design, printing and mailing, all work is performed by volunteers. Members of the Council and those elected to serve on the Board of Directors must be willing to understand, honor, and uphold the Council's mission and by-laws to ensure that the Ledger continues to provide an unbiased source of information about our town. We do not publish "opinion pieces" or "letters to the editor." We do not support or advocate on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office. We also will not endorse any plan or proposition that does not clearly facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation. We publish unedited copies of minutes from all our local boards and commissions, and insist on giving our readers a chance to understand both sides of an issue. We continue to believe that the Loudon Ledger fills an important function for our community. For some, it's a nice way of staying caught up with what's going on in town. For others, it can be a lifeline, particularly for the elderly and the disabled.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, we meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., either in person at the Community Building (29 S. Village Road) or on-line via Zoom. Members communicate regularly by text, telephone and email regarding Ledger content, advertising, and policy issues. ***We also need a volunteer to pick up copies of the Ledger from the printer for delivery to the bulk mailer in Concord, and to distribute extra copies to Loudon businesses and town buildings. For more information, you can contact us by mail at PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307, or by email at ledgerarticles@gmail.com.***

What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Lefty Barton

Recipes this month come from the ever expanding file that is my collection.

Bacon and Tomato Cups
8 slices bacon
1 tomato, seeded and chopped
½ onion, chopped
3 oz. shredded Swiss cheese
½ cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. dried basil
1 16 oz. can refrigerated buttermilk biscuit dough (not Grands)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a mini muffin tin. Cook bacon until crisp, drain. Crumble into a medium bowl; add tomato, onion, cheese, mayonnaise, and basil. Separate biscuits into halves, horizontally, and press each half into prepared muffin tin. Bake for 10 -12 min. or until golden brown. Repeat with remaining biscuits and filling. (If 2 mini muffin pans are available, this last step can be avoided.)

Apple Crumb Muffins
1 apple, cored
1 (16 oz.) pkg. pound cake mix
1/3 cup old fashioned rolled oats
¼ chopped almonds
6 T. butter, at room temp.
2 eggs
½ cup milk
1 tsp. ground ginger

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Line muffin cups with liners. Slice half of apple; chop remaining half. In a bowl, mix ¾ cup cake mix, oats, almonds and 3 T. butter. Mix remaining cake mix, eggs, milk, ginger and remaining. Stir in chopped apple. Divide among muffin cups. Top with crumb mixture and apple slices. Bake 20 -25 min.

Easy Burrito Casserole
1 lb. hamburg
1 small onion
1 packet taco seasoning
1 can refried beans
1 can cream of mushroom soup
½ cup sour cream
1 pack large flour tortillas
2 ½ cups shredded Mexican blend cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook beef, drain. Add taco seasoning and refried beans with sour cream. Spread half in bottom of 2 qt. baking dish. Add layer of 3 tortillas cutting or tearing to make them fit. Spread on a layer of hamburg and top with about 1 cup cheese. Repeat all layers and top with remaining cheese, Bake about 20 min. or until cheese is melted.

Caramelized Onion 'n Spinach Egg Bake
1 T. light whipped butter
3 cups thinly sliced sweet onions
¼ tsp. salt
4 cups spinach leaves
1 tsp. chopped garlic
4 wedges Laughing Cow Light Creamy Swiss cheese
3 cups fat-free liquid egg substitute fat-free sour cream for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat 8" square baking pan with cooking spray. Place butter in large non-stick skillet and bring to medium-high heat. Add onions and salt; cook, stirring occasionally until slightly softened – about 5 min. Reduce heat to medium-low; stirring frequently, cook onions until caramelized, 25-30 min. Transfer to a large bowl. Add spinach to pan; cook and stir until just wilted, about 2 min. Transfer to bowl with onions; stir in garlic and cheese wedges, breaking wedges into pieces, stirring until cheese has melted. Cool onion mixture, then add egg substitute. Transfer to baking pan and bake 50 min. or until center is firm. Top with sour cream to serve.

Overnight Cheese Casserole
9 slices 2 day old bread salt and pepper to taste
2 ½ T. instant minced onion
1 lb. Cheddar cheese
4 eggs
3 cups milk
1 tsp. dry mustard
2 tsp. Worcester sauce

Cut 3 slices of bread in 3 strips and fit tightly on bottom of ungreased 2 qt. casserole. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and 1/3 on the onion. Grate 1/3 of cheese over this, even it out and press down. Make 2 more layers the same way. Beat eggs slightly and add milk, mustard and Worcester sauce. Pour over bread layers. Let stand for at least 8 hours, preferably overnight, in refrigerator. Remove from frig 2 hrs. ahead of serving time. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 min. or until firm in the center. Yields 4-6 servings

Blonde Brownie Pie
1 stick butter
½ cup lt. brown sugar
2 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup flour
½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 T. unsweetened cocoa powder
13 fun size Snickers bars plus a few more for garnish, all cut fine

Coat a 9" glass pie pan with nonstick spray. Melt butter and brown sugar in a large sauce pan over medium; heat until mixture starts to bubble. Remove from heat and let cool 10 min. Stir in 1 egg and the vanilla until blended. Then stir in flour and baking powder until smooth. Scrape ¾ cup into prepared pie plate (mound it up). Freeze 10 min. or until firm. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350 degrees and melt ½ cup chocolate chips as package directs. Stir melted chips, remaining egg and the cocoa powder into remaining batter. Remove pie plate from freezer and press chilled batter evenly over bottom and half way up the sides. Top with Snickers, then chocolate batter. Bake 24 to 27 min. until a wooden pick comes out with a few crumbs attached. Sprinkle remaining ½ cup chocolate chips in middle ; let stand until soft, the spread to blonde crust in decorative swirls. Top with a small handful of Snickers pieces.

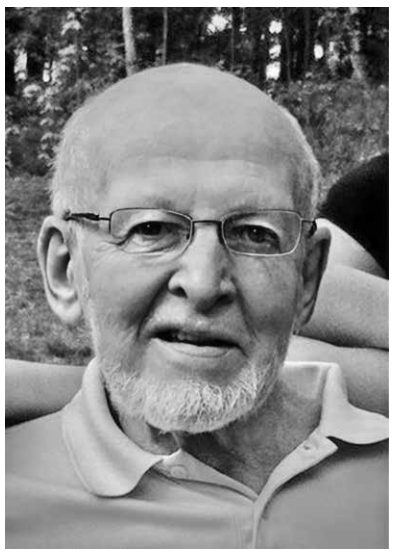
Jean Dockray (Carr)

Jean Dockray (Carr) of Loudon, NH, 64, passed away on January 17th 2024 peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones after a courageous 3-year battle with Glioblastoma.

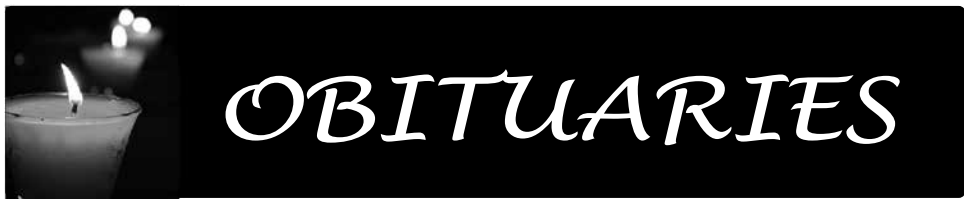
She was born in Stoneham, MA on January 24th, 1959 to Claire B. Dockray (Donovan) and John E. Dockray of Tewksbury, MA. She was also predeceased by her father-in-law John P. Carr II. Jeanie is survived by her three children and their families: Johnny, Carolyn, Charlotte, and Owen Carr of Loudon; Jennie, Keith, and Emersyn of Canterbury; Jill Carr and their beloved dog Ellie of Loudon; her four sisters and their husbands: Diane and Peter Hallahan of Haverhill, MA, Michele and Harvey Sullivan of Tewskbury, MA; Marie and Cris Cole of Bluffton, SC; Allison and Tim Otis of Litchfield, NH; her Mother-in-Law Joan Carr of York, ME; her four brothers-in-law and their wives of York, ME; Jim and Jeanne Carr, Joe and Kate Carr, Jerry and Sandi Carr, and Jeff and Vicki Carr; and her many, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Jeanie grew up in Tewksbury, MA and attended high school there where she was a majorette with her best friend, Peggi Sawicki (Brothers). They remained best friends and shared many wonderful adventures together, up into her final days. This friendship is a true testament to how devoted Jeanie was to her relationships with friends and family.Upon getting married in 1982, she moved to NH with her former husband, where she raised her family, devoting herself entirely to being an incredible Mom. She was an active member of St. Marks Church for many years where she walked to mass with her kids each Sunday. In 2000 she moved to Canterbury, NH where she was involved with all activities her kids were interested in. She was active in the local snowmobile club, helping regularly with fund-raising events. Later in life she worked as an office manager at K&M Drywall, and then as an office manager for Energy Improvements in Concord, NH before retiring early due to her diagnosis. Jeanie was the epitome of class and dedication and was always incredibly hard-working in every aspect of life. She was kind and friendly to all who had the opportunity to know her. During her childhood, Jeanie would spend summers at the family's camp on Northwood Lake. She shared many wonderful memories of growing up with her sisters on the lake,from waterskiing behind her Dad's boat to dressing up and decorating for the boat parade. The lake became a special place to then share with her children, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren. She loved spending summers and sometimes a few winter days by the lake. She loved working on projects around the camp to make it more enjoyable for all, much like her Dad. She enjoyed sunset cruises on the pontoon boat with family, kayaking around the island, and watching the dogs and kids jump off of the dock and diving board. "Auntie J" made the camp on Northwood Lake a home and thanks to her, the camp will always be a special place for friends and family.

Jeanie's life was full of love for her family. She was a Mom and Nana above all else and her generosity showed no bounds. She never missed an opportunity to support those she loved and was always willing to help, whether it be by opening her home to friends and family, making delicious meals to share, or just being a friend. She will forever be remembered for her loving, caring, and gentle ways, her kind words in every thoughtfully written note, her Tewksbury Treats, and her beautiful personality. The family would like to express their gratitude to the amazing staff of Granite VNA Hospice for their compassionate care.A celebration of life for Jeanie will be held at Pembroke Pines Country Club on February 5th, 2024 from 2-6 pm. Please join us in celebrating a beautiful person with a heart of gold. We invite you to share stories and photos of your own great times shared with Jeanie and her family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jeanie's memory to the Granite VNA Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital..

Robert Deane French



Robert Deane French died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, December 17th, 2023 in Loudon, New Hampshire. Robert (Bob) was born May 7, 1932 on a dairy farm on Loudon Ridge to Deane and Ruth French. He was the third of six children that grew up on the farm. His favorite time of year was maple syrup season, collecting the sap with a horse drawn sled. Bob attended a one room schoolhouse and went on to Pittsfield High School, graduating in 1950. He enrolled in college in Boston, Massachusetts and returned home to join the US Air Force in 1952. Bob was stationed at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, UK where he had the good fortune to meet his one true love, April (Pat), at a local dance. They were married in Prestbury, England in 1955 and soon transferred to Pease Air Force Base in NH. Over the years, as an Air Force family, they resided in Nebraska, Scotland, and North Dakota. Bob returned to Pease Air Force Base and settled with his family in Loudon, retiring from the military in 1973 after 21 years of service. His next tenure was with the NH State Employees Federal Credit Union, where he worked as a loan officer for over 24 years. It was during this time, Bob attended Hawthorne College to finish his degree in business. Bob spent years of enjoyment in the garden, swimming, playing cards, traveling to England, Scotland, Arizona, and Florida, as well as time with his family. He was dedicated to Pat's care during her many years with MS. He and his children made sure she had the best care and quality of life until her passing in 2019. Bob is survived by his children, Leslie Ekus and her husband Louis Ekus of Montague, MA; Russell French and his wife Mary Anne Lloyd of Portland, ME; Samantha French and her partner Eric Laclair of Loudon, NH; Grandchildren Seth Crawford, Tyler Grandmaison and his wife Melissa, Avery and Deane Henderson, and Eda French; Bonus granddaughters Sally and Amelia Ekus; Great grandchildren Simon, Zephan, and Theo Grandmaison, Deven Crawford, and Maybelline Ekus; as well as his pup, Trixie. Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife April; his parents Deane and Ruth French; his siblings Eleanor, Raymond, Richard, Roger, and Evelyn.



Joseph "Papa Joe" Aulabaugh

Joseph " Papa Joe" Aulabaugh 89 a resident of New Hampshire since 1987 passed away at his home in Loudon on Tuesday December 26, 2023. He was born in Berkeley Springs WV on December 12, 1934 the son of William O. and Carrie (Spriggs) Aulabaugh. He married his high school sweetheart Anna M. Moore in 1955. Prior to moving to Northfield in 1988 he and his wife lived in Brewster N.Y. for 33 years. Joe was employed by Suburban Propane for over 25 years, he began his career in Brewster N.Y until he and his family moved to N.H and he transferred to the Franklin Branch. He was a car enthusiast of classic and muscle cars, mainly Chevrolet to quote Papa Joe " the only horses I like are the horses under my hood". He enjoyed watching NASCAR and Drag Racing and all competitive sports. Dad was a true family man, he adored his wife and cherished his family and close friends, he was truly loved. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Anna Marie (Moore) Aulabaugh and his siblings; Isabelle (Aulabaugh) Dawson, Herbert Dawson, Helen Jones and Virgil Aulabaugh. Papa Joes family includes his two daughters Terry and her husband Michael Myshrall of Ashland, Deborah and her husband Lyford Merrow of Loudon, his two sons; Joseph Aulabaugh of Wingdale NY and Keith Aulabaugh and his wife Tina of Brewster, NY and his three grandchildren; Kyle and his wife Ashleigh of Norwalk, CT, Jillian and her husband Max Evanega of Highland, NY and Jenna Aulabaugh and her fiancé Steven Sabatini of Caroga Lake, NY. and several nieces and nephews.

Rudolph (Rudy) Victor Viens

Rudolph (Rudy) Victor Viens, 78, of Chichester, passed away peacefully at the Epsom Healthcare Center on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The son of Eva and Alfred Viens, he was born on April 28, 1945 in Manchester and raised in Suncook. In his earlier years, Rudy worked in a shoe shop in Manchester. Later, he went on to work for the State of NH as a maintenance worker and groundskeeper for 30 years.Rudy loved to fish and hunt with his daughters and his friends. He loved going on short trips with his in-laws, Paul and Barbara Merrill. Rudy was very active in the Catholic Church. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus for many years. In 1996, Rudy held the position of State District Warden. One of the Knights that started the Pittsfield/ Northwood Council, he held the position of Grand Knight for that Council. Rudy leaves behind the love of his life, Linda Lawrence Viens, his wife of 44 years; two daughters, Nancy Viens and her son, Calvin Manning of Laconia and Paula Cadorette and her husband, Barry and their children, Mikayla, Mikey and Brandon; a nephew, nieces and many cousins and friends.Rudy was predeceased by his parents, Alfred and Eva Cantara Viens and two brothers, William and Edward Viens.

Andrea Lynn "Andy" Atkinson

Andrea Lynn "Andy" Atkinson, 39, of Clough Pond Road in Loudon, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 15, 2023 after setting an incredible example of strength, intellect, empathy, and humor as she fought a relentless set of autoimmune issues. She was able to fulfill her wish of becoming an organ donor so that even in death, she helped others. Andrea was born October 19, 1984 in Bellevue, Nebraska to Bruce and Fay Atkinson. Andrea shared a deep bond with her parents and siblings, evident to anyone who spent any time with them. Together, they faced whatever life brought their way - be it a board game or a life-changing challenge - with curiosity, creativity, tenacity, and of course their special brand of humor. Andrea was raised in New Hampshire. After graduating from Merrimack Valley High School, Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Plymouth State College in 2006. Music was Andrea's biggest passion, although she also enjoyed and showed great skill in drawing, painting, building, sewing and crafting. Andy put her creativity, knowledge, and passion to work as a music and band teacher, including many years building and running Strafford School's band program. She also spent a year working at Loudon Elementary in addition to working as an early education teacher at local daycare centers. Andrea's enthusiasm and care for both the arts and the people who moved in her circles left impressions on her students, their parents, and fellow teachers that will far outlast her time with them. She is often credited for instilling a lasting love for musicianship in her students, and more importantly, for building confidence that helped them grow in all aspects of their lives. Andrea's love for kids, however, was most evident in the way she tirelessly cared for her adored nieces and nephews, including Harrison, Zaya, and Connor Parker, and Ellarah Fessenden. Her constant love and support, as well as the laughter, creativity, and life lessons she brought into their lives, has helped shape them in profound ways. She was also an animal lover, and showed unfailing generosity, patience, and love for her pets, particularly her beloved toy poodle Corbin, who was her constant companion for the last 13 years. In addition to her parents, Andy is survived by her sisters, Tonya and Christina Atkinson. Tonya and Andy lived together for many years and shared an extra special bond. Andy also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss her dearly.

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“I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again.” Lewis Carroll, Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland / Through the Looking-Glass

CROCHET WITH CAROL Join us for this beginner crochet class with Loudon local Carol Owens. All skill levels are welcome to join us on February 8th and 22nd at 11am. Please bring your own supplies if you have them.

PAINT NIGHT AND DAY Our next Paint Night will be held on February 2nd at 6pm. If you are unable to make it out after dark, we will be holding a second session on Tuesday, February 6th at 11am. Registration is required. Call the library to sign up!

ZEN ROCK PAINTING Explore the zen of mandala painting with Jenn Davis on Thursday, February 15th at 6pm. All supplies will be provided. Just come ready to paint and have fun!

DARBSTER RESCUE TALK: Darbster Rescue, a not-for-profit organization, rescues cats and dogs from the south and brings them to NH for adoption. On February 13th at 5:30pm, a representative will be visiting to discuss the differences between a shelter and a rescue, and what Darbster does to help animals in need.

SONGS OF EMIGRATION Through traditional music Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. The focus is on songs about leaving Ireland. This program will be held in the Meeting Room on Friday, March 29th at 6:00pm.

COOKBOOK CLUB Every second Saturday of the month, our Cookbook Club will meet to share food and fun! This group chooses a cookbook to peruse, and encourages everyone to bring a dish to share at the monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on February 10th at 12pm.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB The next Afternoon Book Club will be on February 22nd at 12:30pm to discuss Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. My Dear Hamilton will be discussed at the March meeting, and The Island of Sea Women will be discussed at the April meeting.

EVENING BOOK CLUB The next Evening Book Club will be on February 22nd at 6:30pm to discuss The Art Thief by Michael Finkel. The Lost Girls of Willowbrook will be discussed at the March meeting, and A History of the NH Abenaki will be discussed at the April meeting.

THRILLER BOOK CLUB The next Thriller Book Club will be on February 1st at 6:30pm to discuss The Last Flight by Julie Clark. Wrong Place, Wrong Time will be discussed at the March meeting. The It Girl will be discussed at the April Meeting.

PUZZLE FRIDAYS We have a dedicated group that meets every Friday at 2:00pm to complete large puzzles. Come down to meet new friends and try to fit a piece or two!

WATERCOLOR PAINTING This beginner level watercolor program encourages us to learn together. Drop in on Tuesdays at 12:30pm to try simple, yet beautiful paintings with us. You do not need to register or bring any supplies.

SIT AND STITCH Join this group of fantastic ladies each Wednesday at 2pm, for knitting or other stitchwork, socializing, or working on puzzles. Bring your own project to work on while you chat!

DIGITAL SERVICES Have you tried Libby or hoopla? Both services are available free to cardholders. Use your library number to sign in and start borrowing ebooks, audiobooks, and more! We’d be happy to help you set up either service on your device.

DISCOUNT PASSES The library has a large selection of discount passes to local attractions, such as the New England Aquarium, Strawberry Banke, and The Discovery Center. Ask us for more information about what we have available!

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS: Happy February! Now is the perfect time to fall in love with the library! Come visit us and see all we have to offer!

STORY TIME: Storytime is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am downstairs in the children’s room! We have been reading books about winter, Valentines Day, snowmen, animals that hibernate, and dinosaurs! Come read, sing, and craft with us!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD/VALENTINE’S DAY CUPCAKE DECORATING: 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 register! This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Music and movement is an early literacy program for littles. We sing, read, dance, use instruments, and have fun! This event happens on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 am.

SHREK INTERACTIVE MOVIE: Come watch the movie “Shrek” with us and participate in hands-on interactive elements as we watch. This event will be happening on Friday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm and Thursday, February 29th at 2:00 pm. Please register for this event as space is limited. To register, email me at cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call 603-798-5153.

DROP-IN KIDS VALENTINES DAY CRAFTS: Kids of all ages can come and craft with us! This program is on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm!

KIDS LEGO BUILD CLUB: This program is on Thursdays at 3:30 pm! Come build Lego creations with us!

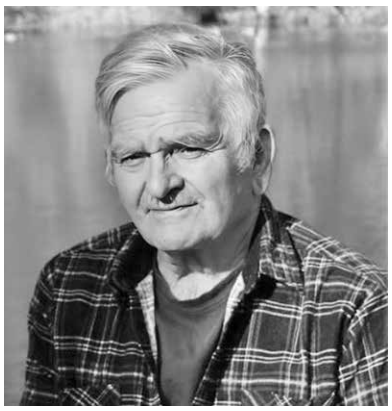
KIDS VALENTINE’S DAY CUPCAKE DECORATING: This event is happening on Wednesday February 14th at 3:30! Come decorate

cupcakes with us! Kids of all ages are welcome! Please register by emailing cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call 603-798-5153.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY: Join us on Saturday Feb. 3rd for a special storytime to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day! There will be snacks, stories, crafts, and more! -Miss Christina and Miss Jessica

OBITUARIES

Roy Charles Downes



Roy Charles Downes of Center Road, Salisbury, NH - --Roy, 79 passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023 at his home surrounded by loved ones after several months of declining health. He was born in Franklin on December 31, 1943 the son of Frank and Faith (Johndro) Downes. Roy grew up in Andover during his youth attending Andover High School then moving to Salisbury when he married in 1965. He was a veteran of the New Hampshire National Guard. Roy was employed by several truck companies as a truck driver until he sustained a spine injury in 1979 while cutting trees. Although his life was changed overnight by the accident he fought to rebuild and create a new beginning. Roy did not let circumstances shatter him and with the love and support of his family and his community he discovered many new talents. Roy's creativity and crafts were inspiring he was known for many wood working and shop crafts e.g., baskets, lawn ornaments, repairing tools etc. He would even tackle cutting and splitting the winter wood. For twenty years Roy managed to climb on his tractor to mow lawns for the town of Salisbury. He served the town as the Supervisor of the Checklist for many years and he is a lifetime member of the Salisbury Historical Society. Roy's kindness and social nature was enjoyed by all that had the opportunity to know him. He enjoyed being the time keeper for horse pulls at Hopkinton fair for almost twenty years, camping in Vermont, and spending time at his little cabin in the woods. Roy's surviving immediate family includes his wife of 58 years, Kathleen "Kathie" (Keyser) Downes, his daughter Karen Downes, three siblings and their spouses: Cheryl and Bob Fiske of Loudon, Joan Young of Salisbury, and Frank and Linda Downes of Potter Place. Roy found joy in his role as "Gramps," leaving behind six grandchildren: Ross Downes, Dakoda Downes, Mckenzie (Downes) Mathison, Amanda Baird, Jared Baird, and Zack Ruddy. Roy was blessed with the presence of six great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren. Additionally, he leaves his son Ralph's widow, Kelli Downesand step grandchildren Nicole & Brooks Henningsen and many close friends and family who will miss him dearly. He is predeceased by his son Ralph Downes, his parents Faith and Frank Downes, Sr., and his sister Mary Minter and his brother Randy Downes.

There are no calling hours the family will be holding a Celebration of Life later in the Spring of 2024. The Chadwick Funeral Home in New London has the honor of assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

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Maxfield Public Library Trustees Minutes

Date: 12/13/2023

In attendance: Trustees: Dyrace Maxfield (Chairman), Elizabeth Moser (Secretary), Christina Finemore

(Youth Services Librarian), Emily Fay (Director)

Members of the Public in attendance: Jennifer Davis, Natasha Perron, Laura Vincent, Jacob Wood,

Jessica Charland, Brianna Hemmah, Katherine Doyon, Sam Doyon, Dena Norman, Jeff LeBlanc

At 5:51 pm Dyrace Maxfield called the meeting to order.

Director's Report

● Reviewed contract with updated language and Emily (and trustees) signed the contract. Trustee Elizabeth Moser will have Juliana sign tomorrow and will give Emily a copy and put the original in the Trustee box, which Elizabeth will place at the town office tomorrow to be where will reside in the future.

Public input

● Resident Brianna Hemmah expressed an interest in an library trustee alternate position and Dyrace will bring her appointment forward at the next Selectmen's meeting.

● Brianna asked about whether Trustee Meeting Minutes could be posted on town website and library website. Elizabeth will inquire about the town website with Brenda and Emily will post to the library website once the website update is complete. Elizabeth asked Emily to connect with the Ledger in the future for minutes to be published. Elizabeth will get non-public minutes from Dyrace and bring them to the library tomorrow.

● Sam Doyon and Laura Vincent expressed interest in being part of a Friends Group. It has been difficult to get others interested. Sam would like to support the library (esp. Library of Things) and thought that beginning with a single project might be a good way to get started.

Emily will brainstorm ideas for the next meeting- someone proposed the idea of adopting a slate from the old roof.

● Dyrace reviewed the various library trust funds to educate the members of the public in attendance after a question was asked regarding this topic.

Old Business- N/A

New Business

● Discussed donations from paint nights. Brianna expressed that at her library she thought there was an account for program donations. Emily will look into where donations go at other area libraries. Elizabeth asked Natasha to track materials costs at the every other month paint nights. Emily thought that approximately $40 was made recently after materials were covered. Dyrace noted that trustees can always provide money for materials if needed. Emily noted that money for materials was not needed at this time.

● Christina presented statistics on library programming number increases- see attached. Will also be included as part of the Trustee Report for the Town Report.

● Upcoming Year end Trustee Report for the Town Report is due early January. Dyrace will finish in the next week.

● Emily asked about the Selectmen wage increase meeting. Dyrace will contact Brenda to find out the date.

● There is a new candidate for the Custodian position as Eric will be leaving. Director Fay requested a non-public session to discuss this topic at the end of the public meeting tonight.

Treasurer's Report

● Requested $2,515.90 from book totals (July, August, September, and partial October). Request will now be submitted by Dyrace and it should take about a week to process.

● Elizabeth will check in with Juliana about whether all bank statements have been reconciled.

Non-Public

● Dyrace made a motion to enter a non-public session at 7 pm under RSA 91-A3:II (b) and Elizabeth seconded, passed by majority.

● Non-Public form completed by Dyrace Maxfield and Elizabeth typed separate non-public meeting notes.

● Dyrace made a motion to leave the non-public session at 7:12 pm and Elizabeth seconded, passed by majority.

Adjourn

● Voted to hire Katherine Fogel for custodial position.

● Dyrace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm and Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority.

Submitted by Trustee Elizabeth Moser on 12/20/23.

Director's Report:

Tech Class

Sean will be holding recurring classes to discuss the basics of technology such as downloadable book services, google applications etc. The first class, discussing Libby and hoopla, had 6 attendees.

Christmas Fun

We have had a lot of fun Christmas programs so far. On the day of the tree lighting, we offered a "Letters to Santa" station, reindeer food making, and kids' crafts before the second Elf screening. Christmas Bingo was very fun, with pizza donated by Constantly Pizza and "It's a Wonderful Life" on the TV while we played for candy bars and ornaments.

New Printer

The staff printer has been replaced. The cost of the new printer was $730 from the Technology line.

Painting and Crafts

Watercolor Painting has a dedicated group of attendees that are very appreciative. Sean continues to hold monthly origami sessions and taught how to make Christmas trees and gift boxes. We'll soon offer take-and-make crafts again.

Planned Purchases

I will be purchasing an ipad for use in the children's room. The computer is rarely used, and an ipad is easier for young kids to use. Ipad will be ready with educational apps.

Visitors: 1067

Attendees: 255

New patrons: 8

Programs: 32

New items: 155

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Loudon Fire Department News

The Loudon Fire Department responded to 916 calls for emergency services in 2023. This number is down from 2022. The more significant difference between 2022 and 2023 is that most of the calls are occurring between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Many of the on-call staff are working out of town or commuting to and from work during these hours.

The department is seeing an increase in calls occurring simultaneously between 8 am to 8 pm. Last year the department responded to 133 calls which occurred at the same time. 15% of the time the department had multiple crews and apparatus responding to calls.

There were 642 emergency medical calls and 274 fire calls last year. This number includes 111 calls for mutual aid from our neighboring communities. Loudon received mutual aid 20 times from our neighbors.

The department had eleven calls last year that involved carbon monoxide incidents. 8 of the incidents involved actual elevated levels of carbon monoxide.

In 2023 the average response time was 1 minute 46 seconds. The average response time from dispatch until arrival on scene was 7 minutes 59 seconds.

- 70% of our calls were Rescue or EMS
- 5% were for actual fires
- 7.5% were for false alarms
- 6.6% were service calls
- 5.35% were to investigate hazardous conditions
- 5.2% were good intent calls

The remaining calls were for special events, explosions, overpressure or rupture of pressure vessels, severe weather, and natural disasters.

The department responded to 47 motor vehicle accidents with one resulting in a fatality.

The following are towns that the Loudon Fire Department responded to for mutual aid:

- Barnstead 4
- Boscawen 3
- Canterbury 34
- Chichester 29
- Concord 25
- Epsom 6
- Gilmanton 6
- Hopkinton 1
- Northwood 1
- Pittsfield 1

Another big part of what we do is code enforcement and building inspections. Last year the department issued 517 various permits. This number does not include the many hours spent conducting plan reviews or multiple inspections required for each of these permits. There will be a complete breakdown of permits issued in the annual town report. A sampling of the permits issued includes:

- 301 mechanical
- 7 new residential
- 1 new commercial
- 33 accessory structure
- 23 solar

The Loudon Fire Department has been training and researching the emerging threat of fires generated by lithium-ion batteries. Lithium-ion battery technology is changing rapidly and the prominence of them in everyday life is becoming greater all the time. In more urban areas the rate of fires involving lithium-ion batteries is ever increasing.

Fortunately, here in NH, we have not seen the same numbers of fires as in other parts of the country. However, we realize the reality of the potential and we have put a lot of energy and time into training our personnel and trying to make the best-informed decisions on purchasing the proper equipment to handle these situations.

We understand that our approach to these types of fires will be much different than other fires. Sometimes there will be minimal effort applied to extinguishment. It may be better to let the fire burn if there are no lives or additional property threatened by the device or vehicle burning. It has been determined that oftentimes the best approach is to try and remove the battery or vehicle from any struc-

tures and allow it to burn itself out.

Once a lithium-ion battery is on fire or in a thermal runaway situation there is virtually no chance to extinguish the fire. When completely submerged or buried in soil the batteries will continue to generate heat and continue to burn or degrade until there is nothing left. It is also important for everyone to understand that the gases emitted from a lithium-ion battery, which is in a thermal runaway situation, or on fire, are highly toxic.

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Loudon Selectmen's Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 2, 2024

Present: Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Maxfield.

III. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said two people are currently out sick, it happens this time of year.

b. Chief Blanchette said they are applying for two grants. The first one is Homeland Security Grant and that is for about $36,000. The second grant is Business to Firefighters grant, which is about $70,000.

c. Selectmen Miller asked Chief Blanchette about the tree guy on School St. Selectmen Miller was wondering if Chief Blanchette would look into what he is doing there.

V. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

a. Police Chief Burgess said everyone in the department is healthy and well.

b. Police Chief Burgess said all the cruisers are up and running.

c. Police Chief Burgess said Dana Flanders attended a weeklong training at the academy for internal affairs.

d. Police Chief Burgess said Officer Howes successfully passed his physical fitness test for the police academy and is scheduled to begin January 8th.

e. Police Chief Burgess stated that Officer Berry is doing well and is slated to take his PT test for the academy on January 29th.

f. Police Chief Burgess gave stats for the end of the 2023 year. They had 102 motor vehicle accidents, 108 arrets, 930 motor vehicle stops, and 535 incidents requiring further investigation.

VI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to appoint Alicha Kingsbury as a full-time member of the Planning Board on January 2nd, 2024. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Selectmen Miller made a motion to appoint Brianna Hemmah to the position of Loudon Library Trustee Alternate on January 2nd, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Chairman Maxfield made a statement that anyone wishing to abate their property taxes must submit proper documentation to the town accessor by March 1st, 2024.

IX. Important Dates:

a. Thursday, 1/4/24-9am-Budget Hearing Meeting

b. Tuesday, 1/23/24-7am-7pm-Election Polling Hours

X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Chip Barrett of 16 Clark Ave; Chip Barrett was wondering if they could put in an ice-skating rink at the rec field again. The Board of Selectmen had no issue with this request.

XI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Brenda Pearl at 6:20 pm 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 request 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 Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:07pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XII. Selectmen Storrs made a motion at 7:11pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 19, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders, Road Agent Russ Pearl, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nick Gelinas.

III. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to approve amended Selectmen meeting minutes of November 24, 2023. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Selectmen Storrs made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Chairman Maxfield opened the public hearing at 6:04 pm.

a. The Loudon Board of Selectmen accepted funds in the amount of two payments, the first one is a special Highway block grant in the amount of $50,192.38 and a special one-time bridge payment in the amount $50,397.38 on December 19, 2023.

VI. Chairman Maxfield closed the public hearing at 6:07pm.

VII. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to accept a special highway block grant in the amount of $50,192.38 and a special one-time bridge payment in the amount of $50,397.38. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said he attended the fire fighters grant workshop at the fire academy.

b. Chief Blanchette said they are going to apply for a grant to replace the radios. They can apply for the micro grant, which is $75,000 or less. Chief Blanchette would like permission from the Board to proceed with the application. The Board of Selectmen gave Chief Blanchette permission to proceed with the application.

c. Chief Blanchette said applied they for the Firefighters Forest assistance grant and they were awarded $2,000 in funds for equipment. The way the grant works is that the Loudon Fire Department must match the $2,000. That money is always in the forest fire budget. The equipment they are looking to buy is 8 forestry helmets, 4 pair of fire-resistant pants, 4 set of fire-resistant shirts, 4 sets of backpacks, 20 pair of gloves, 2 fire racks, hose, valves, and nozzles. To start the purchase of this Chief Blanchette needs the municipality order form filled out. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would get back to him with the form because they would like to read it first.

d. Chief Blanchette stated that the previous night they had graduation at the Fire Academy. Chief Blanchette is pleased to announce that firefighter Eric Tucker and Chris Warren have graduated.

e. Chief Blanchette said there is a lot of culvert issues happening right now. He is doing the best he can to get some assistance to move these issues along.

IX. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.

a. Road Agent Russ Pearl said due to the rain they had to unclog some culverts and there has been some trees down they had to get cleaned up.

b. Road Agent Russ Pearl said he had to close Old Shaker Rd. temporarily due to flooding but will reopen it as soon as possible.

X. The Board met with Police Lieutenant Flanders.

a. Police Lieutenant Flanders said we my see some increased highway patrol looking for drunk drivers at night. This will continue now until the end of January.

b. Police Lieutenant Flanders said Officer Howes went to the Police Academy yesterday and passed all his entrance exams. He will start the academy in January.

c. Police Lieutenant Flanders talked about the accident that happened on Monday night on 106. He stated there are a couple of streetlights that aren't working so he is working on getting that squared away.

d. Police Lieutenant Flanders stated they still have one full time spot on the Police Department open.

XI. The Board welcomed Nick Gelinas to the podium. Nick Gelinas is a boy scout, and he is looking for approval from the board to continue along with his Eagle partner on their project. Nick Gelinas is looking to make a fishing area right next to the town beach at Clough Pond. Nick chose this project because there is not a lot of places to fish especially for people with younger kids. He would like for people to go out and enjoy nature and be able to fish. He chose this area because the town maintains this area, and thre is a place to put trash and public restrooms. Nick Gelinas said his plan is to go before the Eagle Board next month and get all the fine details and then return to Board of Selectmen with all the information. The Board of Selectmen told Nick Gelinas he could work with Russ Pearl. Russ Pearl will show him what can and cannot be done. Chairman Maxfield said it would be excellent for the town and is looking forward to speaking with him again.

XII. The Board welcomed Tessa Dyer and Shane Perish to the podium. Chairman Maxfield informed them that the Board of Selectmen did receive their letters. Tessa Dyer said the flooding issue at their house has been for 2-3 years and it has been getting worse every time. The flooding has consumed 90% of their property. NH DOT said there is a culvert there and that the culvert is not functional. DOT has known this for the past year and a half stated Tessa Dyer. Tessa said she knows that is not a town issue but a state issue. The issue she has is that they are not willing to do anything about that until next year. She is wondering if the town can help pump out the extra water. Chief Blanchette stated they would have to contact DES and DOT and see what they can do about pressuring them to do something about now. He stated pumping is going to cost a lot of money and it won't solve the problem because in the spring it will be right back to the way it is now. Senator

Pearl and Senator Moffett are now involved as well. Russ Pearl said he is speaking with DES and DOT and he also removed a beaver dam that will help bring some of the water down and help with the

flow. Chairman Maxfield stated that Selectmen Storrs will call Senator Pearl and the morning and see what news he has. Chairman Maxfield stated they are trying to help them in this flooding problem.

XIII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to allow Melissa Moore to give the New England Racing Museum 6 Loudon history books for 20% off so they can sell them at the museum. The price will be $20 per book. Selectmen Storrs seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to write off an ambulance bill with account #210784 for $1,220.00. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIV. Important Dates:

a. Thursday, 12/21/23-6:30pm-Zoning Amendment Workshop

b. Thursday, 12/21/23-7pm-PB meeting

c. Monday, 12/25/23-Town Office closed- Merry Christmas

d. Thursday, 12/28/23-7pm-ZBA meeting

XV. Chairman Maxfield recognized Alvin C. Alvin stated he is a state representative. He stated that he is not aware of the voting machines that are approved. Brenda Pearl stated VotingWorks is one of the approved machines. Alvin stated that there is a court case in the Supreme Court right now about voting machines.

XVI. Chairman Maxfield recognized Tracy Koufos of 65 Plateau Ridge; Tracy Koufos was wondering rules are not being enforced for Joe Osbourne. Mr. Osbourne is in violation of town ordinances. The advice was to wait to see what the Zoning Board said on the 12/28/23.

XVII. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Chief Tom Blanchette and Brenda Pearl at 7:01 pm 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 request 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 Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:19 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVIII. Selectmen Storrs made a motion at 7:32 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

February 2024 in Loudon

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1st Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Historical Society Meeting @ the Museum	6PM
1st Thursday of the Month	
Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices	5:30PM
2nd Monday of the Month	
M.V. S .D. School Board	7:15PM
2nd Tuesday of the Month	
Young at Heart @ Faith Commuity Bible Church	10AM
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
2nd Wednesday of the Month	
P.T.A. Meeting @ Loudon Elementary	5:30PM
2nd Saturday of the Month	
Family Bible Church Community Dinner	4:30-6PM
3rd Monday of the Month	
Communcations Council Meeting via Zoom	6PM
3rd Tuesday of the Month	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #88, South Village St	6:30PM
3rd Wednesday of the Month	
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Alternative Energy Committee Meeting @ Charlies Barn	4:30PM
Garden Club @ Community Building/subject to change /396-4950	
Boy Scouts @ L.E.S.	6:30-7:30PM
Legion & Auxilary @ Post 88	7PM
3rd Thursday of the Month	
Planning Board @ Town Offices	7PM
3rd Sunday of the Month	
Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time	9:30AM
4th Monday of the Month	
Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building	4PM
4th Tuesday of the Month	
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
4th Thursday of the Month	
Zoning Board @ the Town Offices	7PM
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Prayer Meeting@ the Congregational Church	6:30PM

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