

The Loudon Ledger

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Loudon Police Officer Rescues Beloved Family Pet From River

On Thursday, December 4, 2014 at approximately 5:51 a.m., Officer Alek Ladd was dispatched to Wales Bridge Road for a report of a dog that may have fallen over a cliff and into the river. Officer Ladd arrived to learn the dog was last seen near a very steep embankment leading to the river.

Officer Ladd could not locate any signs that the dog was in the river but after several minutes of calling the dog's name, the owner and Officer Ladd could hear a very soft bark coming from the river. It sounded like the dog was further down the river. Officer Ladd then proceeded to run down the road-way and made his way to the riverbank. He could not see the dog but decided to slowly make his way down to the river. Halfway down, Officer Ladd could hear the dog crying and saw a branch sticking out of the river, moving. As he got closer, he could see the almost fully submerged dog shaking uncontrollably. He was unable to reach the dog to pull it to safety, as there was an approximate 3-foot drop off into the river.

At this point, Officer Ladd made the decision to jump into the river to retrieve the dog. Once he was able to grasp the dog, he yelled to the owner to go back home, grab some thick blankets and stand by. Once Officer Ladd was able to get out of the river with the dog, he was not sure he could make it



Officer Alek Ladd with Deborah Scappettuolo are shown here with Dinah. Ladd jumped in a freezing river to rescue Dinah.

back up the steep embankment while carrying the animal. He decided to crawl up the embankment to prevent sliding into the river. He eventually made it back to the residence and assisted the owner, Deborah Scappettuolo, while she wrapped the dog in several blankets and a heating pad.

Officer Ladd followed up with the owner to check on "Dinah" approximately 1 hour later before leaving shift. Ms. Scappettuolo shared that the dog had stopped shaking and was doing much better! ■

Loudon Fire Department Very Busy During Thanksgiving Storm

From 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 until 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, the Loudon Fire Department responded to 101 emergency calls! Calls ranged from trees and wires down to motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide calls, and emergency medical calls. The fire department worked very closely with the Loudon Highway Department and the Loudon Police Department to respond to the needs of the residents. We would like to take this opportu-

nity to remind everyone that during these events, we are very busy and try to check on as many residents as we can, but we still need your help. It is always a good idea for neighbors to check on neighbors and, if you know of someone who may need assistance, please call the station or 9-1-1 and we will send a crew out to assist in anyway we can. Thank you to all of you for your patience and support during this storm. ■

Mission Statement...

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

**Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office**

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

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

Planning/Zoning Board
PO Box 7837 • 798-4540 • planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911
PO Box 7059 • 798-5521 • www.loudonpolice.com
Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement
PO Box 7059 • 798-5584 • rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911
PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

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

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

Highway Department
Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library
Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

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

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Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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September 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/21 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/25

October 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/18 Council Meeting: Tues. 9/22

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
 334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbenh.org
 Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
 Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.
 Children’s Worship: Bible Explorers for ages 3 up to 5th Grade
 Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.
 Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
 FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



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



Landmark Baptist Church

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



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John Young is currently serving as Pulpit Supply Minister
 433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
 Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
 Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
 For information on upcoming events, please contact Sam Langley,
 Fellowship Coordinator, at 848-3724 (days) or 796-2194 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

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



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

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



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

Emergency Management Storm Update

From Co-Directors Robert N. Fiske, Police Chief and Rick Wright, Fire Chief

The 2014 Thanksgiving Winter Storm took many by surprise. Loudon had one of the highest percentages of power outages (98%). Over the days that ensued, both co-directors (LPD Chief Fiske and LFD Chief Wright) of Emergency Management worked closely with local agencies as well as the State of NH Emergency Management and PSNH to monitor and update the situation continuously.

We would like to remind our residents that pre-planning for events such as this is crucial.

1. When maintaining ANY equipment such as snow blowers, generators, PLEASE shut them down prior to maintenance to avoid serious injuries.
2. If you have a generator, PLEASE use it according to the manufactured specifications.
3. Use the checklists provided at psnh.com (under power outages) to have supplies handy in case of power outages. Plan for extended periods of time.
4. Check on your neighbors, especially elderly and handicapped. If you have a concern, please contact us so we can do a welfare check. We will research for a shelter if needed.
5. If you see a barrier — please DO NOT remove it or go around it. It is placed there for your safety.

The final reminder is: PATIENCE. Although we all can get frustrated in these situations, it is imperative we stay calm and work together to assess and fix the situation.

Finally, we thank all the first responders. Whether it was police, fire, highway or utility companies, many long hours were put in to resolve the situations. These members were away from their families as well during the holiday season and we appreciate all their hard work. ■



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015
 Serving dinner at 4:30-6:30 PM

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

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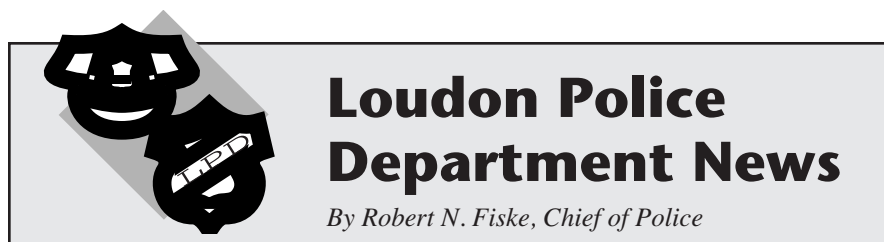
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 Loudon, NH 03307
 (Located at Foxy Hair Care)

Lois Sinclair Eighty Years Young!

On November 16, 2014 Lois Sinclair celebrated her 80th birthday with 66+ family members and friends at the Community Building/Charlie's Barn. Lois's husband, daughter, son, and his family organized the party. She was a little overwhelmed by everyone who showed up! As you can see in the photos, everyone had a wonderful time.





Happy New Year!

On November 25, 2014, the Loudon Police Department held its annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 61 potential donors attended with 56 units collected (48 whole and 4 double). Our appreciation and thanks to everyone who came out to support this worthwhile cause. Many thanks not only to the donors but the many volunteers who assisted with their time or providing a soup, chili, stew or dessert. Special thanks to Brookside Pizza for providing \$5 Brookside Bucks coupons for our donors!

This past holiday season we had three generous, confidential donors who came forth (once again) to make sure three families were able to enjoy their Christmas. Although we cannot share their names, we do want them to know we appreciate all they do for our community!

We bid Officer Shawn Williams farewell and good luck as he resigned last month to move back home to California to be closer to his family. Please welcome Officer Shawn Nye to our department. Officer Nye is looking forward to working in our close knit community! We also wish Lisa Radcliffe the best of luck as she pursues new challenges!

Again, we thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department and on behalf of all members of the Loudon Police Department, Happy New Year! ■

On the Loose!

By Carole Soule

She was running down the centerline of Route 106. A driver following her snapped a picture on her cell phone and later shared it with me (see below). The cow, named Miss 106, had just returned from a remote pasture where she and her calf had spent the summer. We missed getting her calf in the first load so Miss 106 was at the farm and her calf was not.

It turns out Miss 106 is a jumper. All cows can jump but most, unless provoked, won't. Miss 106 jumped the fence at the farm and bee-lined down our one-mile dirt road to busy Route 106. Frantic to find her baby, she crossed the road several times in front of semi trucks and speeding cars.

So what is the best way to capture a cow? With another cow! I led Clementine, one of our halter-trained cows, down the road. As soon as Miss 106 saw Clementine she meekly and quietly followed her home, me leading the way. But the adventure was not over. Miss 106 would not stay in the pasture until her calf returned, which it did on the next load from the remote pasture. This has happened before. Cows can sometimes be separated from their babies when being transported from remote fields. The other mothers typically wait anxiously by the gate to be reunited. Not Miss 106 — she had to try her luck with highway traffic.

She made it home safely this time and was reunited with her calf. Even though she has been our only cow to race down a major highway, people still come up to me to ask about the “crazy cow” that thought she was a car. ■



NOTICE FROM TOWN CLERK

Beginning January 1, 2015 the State of NH 15-year Title Law no longer exists. This means any motor vehicle that is a year 2000 or newer will ALWAYS be required to have a title. 1999 and older motor vehicles will not requires titles.

Thanksgiving Storm: Janice Keeps People Up-to-Date



The Thanksgiving eve storm of 2014 will not be forgotten anytime soon. Many of us were surprised by the severity of the weather — and by the power outage that lasted from several hours to several days. In fact, PSNH reported that as many as 98% of its Loudon customers were without power at one point.

Despite lack of electricity, many kept in touch using smartphones and social media. And at the center of this for a large group of “local moms” was our town police dispatcher and friend, Janice Morin.

Janice is not comfortable with notoriety, but the peace of mind and comfort she brought to so many deserves to be acknowledged. Janice was the main point of contact with PSNH, and advised folks to keep calling and reporting outages if there had been no activity in their neighborhood. When she learned of scheduled repairs, she shared them at all hours with a hearty “hang in there!” She encouraged neighbors to report when their power came back on and always kept an upbeat, optimistic attitude, even though her own street was one of the last to have its power restored. Janice, thank you for being a proverbial beacon of light in the very literal darkness — you brought us great comfort and reminded us what community is all about.

We also thank the Loudon Police Department for their long hours patrolling neighborhoods, inspecting the dangers of downed tree limbs and power lines, and occasionally chasing down line crews when the situation warranted. And to the power and tree crews from all over the region, thank you for your tireless work in restoring power and the sacrifice of being away from family during the holiday. ■

Still Time To Sign Up For Snowmobile/OHRV Safety Classes

Winter is upon us, and snowmobile/OHRV education classes are underway across the state. To operate a snowmobile or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) in New Hampshire, any person age 12 or older must have either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License or have successfully completed an approved OHRV/Snowmobile Safety Education class taught by volunteer instructors and staff trained by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Additionally, all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult when operating a snowmobile or OHRV, unless they are on property belonging to their parents, grandparents or guardians.

Sign up soon if you or someone you know needs a class. There is no charge for the traditional classes, which are usually completed in a single day. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children. For a current class schedule, visit www.wildnh.com/OHRV/schedule.html. New classes are added as they become available.

As an alternative to the traditional classroom course, participants also have the option of completing the safety training online for a fee. The New Hampshire OHRV and snowmobile online course provides an opportunity for students to become educated online, at their own pace, while learning key safety information important for riding both OHRV's and snowmobiles. The course uses video, animations and more to teach valuable lessons and emphasize the importance of respecting landowners and private property. Go to www.wildnh.com/OHRV/ohrv_online_ed.html for more information.

“Traditional and free-of-charge classroom courses led by our dedicated volunteer instructors remain the focus of our safety education program, certifying more than 1,500 riders every year. We're pleased that we are also able to offer the course online, because it is a helpful option for people who may have difficulty getting to a class,” said Captain John Wimsatt, OHRV/Snowmobile education and Law Enforcement coordinator for New Hampshire Fish and Game.

“Snowmobiling is a great way for families to have fun exploring the winter outdoors, but riders have a responsibility to obey the rules of the trails, to be courteous and — most of all — to ride safely,” said Wimsatt.

Many of the trained volunteer instructors teaching the safety classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile clubs in New Hampshire. “Joining a snowmobile club is a great way to learn about responsible riding, help support local landowners and help maintain trails for your own and others' enjoyment,” Wimsatt said.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and its member clubs have actively promoted safe and responsible riding since 1969. NHSA members work with Fish and Game assisting the Bureau of Trails staff to manage over 7,000 miles of trails in New Hampshire. For more information on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit www.nhsa.com. For trail information go to www.nhtrails.org.

In addition to safety education, this winter Fish and Game Conservation Officers will use proactive enforcement patrols to detect and apprehend impaired snowmobile operators, enforce speed limits, deter unlawful off-trail riding and detect machines with modified exhaust. These ongoing initiatives will help to keep the state's snowmobile trails safe for all outdoor enthusiasts during the upcoming season. ■

News From Loudon Elementary School

Student Council

Students give back to their community!

The LES Student Council is comprised of students in grades 4 and 5. Meetings are held after school monthly. The purpose of this group is to provide students with leadership and community service opportunities throughout the school and town. Student Council has hosted many events and activities throughout the year designed to assist townspeople and establish a sense of community within the school. Some of the many events that student council organizes include:

- Presenting school assemblies, such as the meaning of Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day.
- Creating centerpieces and decorating lunch tables for the school’s Thanksgiving lunch.
- Coordinating the *Five Days Of Giving* in December, which provides local charities with many boxes of food, coats, toys, books, games, and pet items.
- Creating Essential Agreement posters throughout the building for hallways, bathrooms, the playground, etc.
- Hosting a school wide Lip Sync where admission is an item for the food pantry or ASPCA.
- Coordinating the Penny War for the entire school. In the past this activity has raised well over a thousand dollars towards cancer research!
- Coordinating spirit weeks to promote school pride!

Student Council is always adding events each year to the calendar to help others and promote student leadership!



Calling all Kindergarteners

We are on a quest to identify all of our incoming Kindergarten students for the 2015–2016 school year. If you or someone you know has a child that will be 5 years old by September 30th and lives in Loudon they are eligible. Please contact Mrs. Muzzey by phone at 783-4400 or by email at dmuzzeyey@mvsd-pride.org with the student’s name, parent’s name, and contact information. We want to be sure that all eligible students receive registration information when it is distributed!



Second graders practice their fractions while making pizza!

Attitude is Everything

The attitudes are an essential element of the IB Primary Years Programme. These are a collection of 12 characteristics (appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect, tolerance) that we want children to demonstrate towards, the community, the environment, and their learning. By developing these characteristics children begin their journey towards becoming internationally minded citizens who exhibit the attributes of the Learner Profile.

At LES we spotlight children demonstrating the attitudes through our “Way To Go” program. Whenever any staff member notices a student demonstrating these attitudes they are given a “Way to Go” slip. Students put their slips in a classroom bucket and at the end of the week one name is drawn, all weekly winners names are announced at the end of the day each Friday and get to select a prize from Mrs. Murray. Students look forward to earning this recognition and are motivated to practice these attitudes that we know will serve them well as they learn and grow.

LES Updates and Reminders

- In the event of an early release parents will be notified with both an email and phone call using the Call Multiplier service that is used for cancelations and delays. If you need to update your phone number or add it to this list please contact Mrs. Muzzey.
- **Thank you to the LES PTA** for planning and coordinating Breakfast with Santa on December 6th. In spite of the weather many families turned out to enjoy homemade pancakes with real maple syrup, take pictures with Santa, go for a horse drawn wagon ride and enter the raffle. There were a number of craft activities for kids as well.
- Thank you to Mrs. Herrmann for coordinating the LES *Hour of Code*. During student’s scheduled time in the Media Center they were introduced to Computer Science skills and encouraged to explore the world of coding. This was part of a larger international effort to raise awareness among young people about computer programming, its purpose, and impact on our society.

- On December 16th students, staff, and community members alike, enjoyed the annual Sing Along. Thank you to **Mr. & Mrs. Muzzey, Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Keaton, Mrs. Rafferty, and Mr. & Mrs. Whittemore** for bringing their musical talents to LES.
- Please don’t forget to send your student prepared for outside recess. Students need coats, hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots!
- Cold and flu season is here! Good hand washing, reminding your child to avoid putting their hands in their mouths, and keeping sick kids home from school are the best ways to prevent the spread of the virus.



Mrs. Keaton directs the LES chorus at the annual Sing Along event.

Upcoming LES Events

- 1/19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No School
- 1/20 Field Trip to Capitol Center for the Arts, Grades 4 & 5
- 1/21 Field Trip to Capitol Center for the Arts, Grade 2
- 1/30 PTA Snack Cart Day ■



Fifth grade students partnered with Kindergarten students during the Hour of Code.

MERRIMACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-2015 School Calendar											
January						May					
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February						June					
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	9	10	11	12	13		8	9	10	11	12
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Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day Feb. 23-27 Winter Vacation April 27 - May 1 Spring Vacation May 25 Memorial Day June 16 180 th Day*											
* School Calendar must include 180 instructional days () = Teacher Workshops/No School for Students X = Days Out for Students and Staff [] = Days for inclement weather or unexpected circumstances if needed.											
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PTA News

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is grateful for this amazing community!

We hope you are all enjoying the items you purchased from the Genevieve's Fundraiser. Special congratulations to Grace George whose sales won her pizza from Uno's Pizzeria & Grill. Thank you to everyone for your support.

A HUGE thank you to Environmental Soil Management (esmicompanies.com) for their kind donation of \$2000 towards the Technology Fund. This is a thoughtful and much appreciated gift.

Thank you to Ledgeview Greenhouses for donating poinsettia plants to decorate the school!

Thank you to Kreative Flowers and Gifts for the wreaths hanging on the outside doors of LES!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Santa's breakfast and donated cookies for the cookie walk. A wonderful day was had by all and we couldn't have done it without our amazing crew of volunteers and the support of so many local businesses: Brookside Pizza, Confectionately Yours Sweet Shop, Dunkin Donuts, Harry O, Hungry Buffalo, Krazy Kids Indoor Play and Party Center, Ledgeview Greenhouses, Loudon Village Store, Maple Ridge Sugar House, Meadow Ledge Farm, Michele's Popcorn, Mudgett Hill Farm, NH Motor Speedway, Page's Sap Shed, Pearl & Sons Farm, Red Roof Inn, Studio 44 West, Subway, TD Bank, Vibrant Spirit Day Spa, Windswept Maples, and the YMCA.

The PTA would like to extend a special thank you to the Jolly Old Elf himself. Santa is very busy this time of year and we are very grateful he could take time out of his schedule to be with us. Thanks also to Stoneboat Farm for sharing their beautiful horses and delighting young and old with a wagon ride. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Dave, Mr. Larry, and Mr. Lenny. They are amazing in their dedication to the students at Loudon Elementary school.

Thanks to the generosity of a donation from LES Staff Jeans fund, the PTA was able to purchase a RCA 8" tablet. Congratulations to Hannah Verville who won the tablet!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Santa's Breakfast, bought wreaths and poinsettias, and purchased coupon books. These fundraisers have brought in thousands of dollars! The money raised will be used for technology, field trips, and other budget items the PTA funds.

High Mowing Organic Seeds.

It's not too early to think about spring! January brings our annual High Mowing Organic Seeds fundraiser. Have you been meaning to start a vegetable garden? Are you an established gardener? Do you like fresh vegetables? Do you have a green thumb? Do you want to attempt to have a green thumb? Here is your chance!!! High Mowing Organic Seeds is a company based in Vermont. They offer a great fundraiser with a high profit margin! Please have your child ask your family, friends, and neighbors (no strangers, please) if they would like to purchase seeds! Return the order forms to your child's teacher by Friday, January 30th. This will allow seeds to be delivered before February vacation. Thank you ahead of time for helping the PTA raise funds! With the money raised we are able to do so much to benefit the students of LES! (If you are not interested in participating please send the brochure back to school as High Mowing Seeds will recycle them.) Please make checks payable to LES PTA. Any questions please call the school! Thank you again and HAPPY GROWING!

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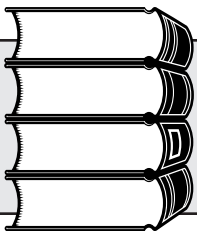
Kristen Byron: *Secretary*, sbkk@tds.com

Calendar of Events

- January 5th High mowing Organic Seed fundraiser begins.
- January 30th Snack Cart Day
- February 5th PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
- February 6th PTA Luau
- February 20th Snack Cart Day
- March 27th Snack Cart Day
- March 28th Easter Egg Hunt (LES at 10:00)
- April 2nd PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
- April 24th Snack Cart Day
- May 7th PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
- May 8th Mother's Day Flower Cart
- May 22nd Snack Cart Day
- June 4th PTA meeting in the Media Center (6:30)
- June 12th Snack Cart Day

Anyone interested in volunteering at any of our events please contact the school at 783-4400. Thank you. ■





Maxfield Public Library News



Youngsters always have fun with crafts after Story Time at the Library.

Detox 101

After the holidays, you may want to bring your mind and body back into balance. Join Carolyn Richardson, certified health coach and Reiki practitioner, to learn a variety of simple and effective ways to naturally detox in a safe and gentle manner. Please pre-register with Fran Nash for this program, which will take place on January 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Hugo And Nebula Award Winners

Thanks to gifts from some generous borrowers, the library is filling in the science fiction/fantasy shelves with more award-winning titles from the Hugo and Nebula Awards lists.

Check at the circulation desk to see which books we have available to loan.

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Groups

Do you know the difference between a Pilgrim and a Puritan? Are you aware of the political struggles between the Mayflower voyagers and the Native Americans? Join book group to discuss Nathaniel Philbrick’s well-documented work *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War*, on January 29, at 7 p.m.

Classic Book Group

The Woman in White, by Wilkie Collins, is the classic book group’s choice for January 27, at 2:30 p.m. This tale of murder, madness, and mistaken identity, set in Victorian England, is told in six different narrative voices. Book group will explore its parallels with present day issues.

New Books

Fiction

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| Cleverly, Barbara | <i>Enter Pale Death</i> |
| Diamant, Anita | <i>The Boston Girl</i> |
| Duenas, Maria | <i>The Heart Has Its Reasons</i> |
| Evanovich, Janet | <i>The Job</i> |
| Hall, James W. | <i>The Big Finish</i> |
| Leckie, Ann | <i>Ancillary Justice</i> |
| Margolin, Philip | <i>Woman with a Gun</i> |
| Poyer, David | <i>The Cruiser</i> |
| Rice, Anne | <i>Prince Lestat</i> |
| Scottoline, Lisa | <i>Betrayed</i> |

Nonfiction

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| Chomsky, Aviva | <i>“They Take Our Jobs!” and 20 Other Myths about Immigration</i> |
| Hall, Donald | <i>Essays after Eighty</i> |
| Paterson, Katherine | <i>Stories of My Life</i> |
| Pinker, Steven | <i>The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person’s Guide to Writing in the 21st Century</i> |
| Wilson, Janet | <i>Beautiful Quilling: Step-by-Step</i> |

New DVDs

Decoding Annie Parker, The Discoverers, Fort Bliss, The Giver, God’s Pocket, Guardians of the Galaxy, Houdini, How to Train Your Dragon 2, The Hundred-



Foot Journey, Into the Storm, Jersey Boys, Jim Henson's Labyrinth, Million Dollar Arm, Muppets Most Wanted, Planes: Fire and Rescue, The November Man, Peyton Place, A Royal Affair, Spartacus, Spy Kids, What If

Story Time

Story time explores Jan Brett's beautifully illustrated books during the first few weeks of the new year. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. for stories and a take home craft.

On January 6, 7, and 8, come dressed for winter while we read *The Hat* by Jan Brett and *Red Hat* by Lita Judge. The children will be surprised to find out which critter thinks a hat is a cozy home.

On January 13, 14, and 15, story timers will "bake" a gingerbread house after listening to Jan Brett's *The Gingerbread Baby* and Linda Hayward's *The Biggest Cookie in the World*.

Our last week with Jan Brett will be January 20, 21, and 22, as we explore her book *The Three Snow Bears*, accompanied by Kevin Henkes winter book *OH!* We will complete the story hour creating a winter Eskimo scene.

Who Will See Their Shadows This Year? by Jerry Pallotta is a great book to read in anticipation of Groundhog Day. Venture down to the library the week of January 27, 28, and 29 to find out if the groundhog will see his shadow this year. The second book for this week will be Margery Cuyler's *Groundhog Stays Up Late*.

Sit 'n Stitch

The sit 'n' stitch group is in full swing. Join us Wednesdays at 7p.m. and you will find knitters, crocheters, beaders, and hand quilters. This is a great place to share your skills with others and learn a few new tricks.

On January 22, we will be starting our Two Blocks a Month class. On the first and third Wednesday of every month we will be learning how to crochet a new block, with the goal of a finished afghan. This project is a good way to use up those left over skeins. All you need for the class is at least two different colors of yarn for contrast and a 5 mm crochet hook.

Book Sale

January 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the date for the next book sale. There was no sale in December, so you can expect a larger than usual assortment. And keep in mind, we are always happy to add your name to our email notification list of upcoming sales. Just call or stop by to give Fran your address.

Library Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Wednesdays, 1–9 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■

Holiday Season Comes Early to 118,000 New England Children

More than a quarter of \$1 million distributed to 52 nonprofit organizations

With the holiday season in full swing, New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas provided kind words and warm compliments during today's fifth annual Speedway Children's Charities' Grant Distribution at the Palace Theatre. New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the New Hampshire Chapter of the SCC distributed nearly a quarter million dollars to 52 nonprofit organizations throughout New England.

The grand total of \$283,722, which will benefit over 118,000 children in the Northeast, is the largest one-year total since the SCC N.H. Chapter began this holiday tradition back in 2010. In five years, NHMS and the SCC have donated nearly a million dollars, supporting more than 250,000 children in the region.

"This is sincerely, from the bottom of my heart, the best day of the year for me," said Cheryl LaPrade, director of the SCC's New Hampshire Chapter. "All of the hard work that we have put in all year truly comes to life today. To be able to provide help to these wonderful organizations is an amazing feeling, and I think I can speak for everyone at SCC when I say that."

This year's event welcomed more than 160 representatives from the 52 organizations to the Palace Theatre in downtown Manchester, a historic Granite State landmark that's celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. In an area that once had 22 theatres, the century-old playhouse is the only that remains. And with its current production of "A Christmas Carol" gracing the stage daily through Dec. 21, it served as the most festive and idyllic setting to spread the holiday cheer.

"What a perfect location for this. The Palace Theatre is a fun and historical landmark with so much New England tradition, celebrating its 100th anniversary and we prepare for a big anniversary of our own in 2015," said NHMS executive vice president and general manager, Jerry Gappens, noting the speedway's upcoming 25th anniversary season. "This is truly all about the children and to be able to see so many happy faces here today makes me realize the happy faces we going to provide children across New England."

Both Hassan and Gatsas stressed the importance of what this money will do for the Granite State as a whole and the Queen City, respectively.

"This day makes me so happy because I realize the benefit of nonprofit programs and critical services they provide communities across not only our state but our region," said Hassan. "Kids, especially at this time of year, need to know that people care about them and know that they have an adult in their corner."

"I can't say thank you enough to the Speedway Children's Charities for the work that they do throughout the year," said Gatsas. "This is always one of my favorite events of the year."

Since 1982, the eight SCC chapters across the country have raised over \$43 million dollars.

Money raised through the New Hampshire Chapter includes events such as the Laps for Charity, Ricky Craven's "One for the Kids" Golf Tournament, Champions Breakfast, Track Walk presented by PPG, Ride of Lifetime, D.A.R.E. 5K, Clay Shoot presented by the NRA Foundation, SYLVANIA Media Lobster Fest, Driver Memorabilia Auction, Red Bucket Brigade presented by PPG, Gift of Lights, "Yule Light Up The Night" track run/walk, as well as the 2014 Camping World RV Sales 301 and SYLVANIA 300 NASCAR weekends.

The non-profit organizations in New Hampshire include: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, Inc., Manchester; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western New Hampshire, Keene; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Seacoast; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Concord, Concord; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, Nashua; Capital Region Food Program, Concord; Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., Nashua; Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (MHMH), Lebanon; Circle Program, Plymouth; Concord Community Music School, Concord; Concord Hospital Trust, Concord; Copper Cannon Corporation, Franconia; David's House, Lebanon; Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc., Manchester; The Friend's Program, Concord; Good Beginnings of Sullivan County, Claremont; Granite State Children's Alliance (MCAC), Nashua; Injury Prevention Center, Lebanon; Inti-Soccer Academy, Manchester; Lil'Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation, Nashua; Manchester Community Music School, Manchester; Mary And John Elliot Charitable Foundation, Manchester; Mayhew, Bristol; McAulliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Corporation, Concord; Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc., Bedford; New Generation, Inc., Greenland; New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Manchester; New Hampshire Kids Count, Concord; On Belay, Inc., Durham; Ossipee Children's Fund, Tuftonboro; Palace Theatre Trust, Manchester; Special Olympics New Hampshire, Inc., Manchester; Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council, Northfield; UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center, Goffstown; Webster House, Manchester; YMCA of Concord, Concord; YMCA of Greater Manchester, Manchester. ■



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We

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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

McAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

Unlimited free admission to the Society's museum and free use of the Society's library.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Free trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$7 each.

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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



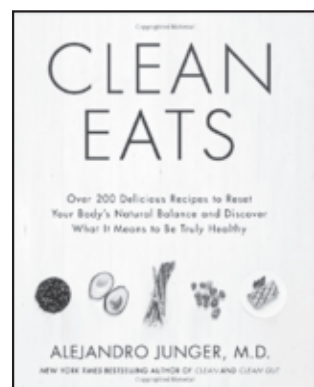
Between the Covers: A New Year... A New Beginning...

By Kate Dockham

...Again!

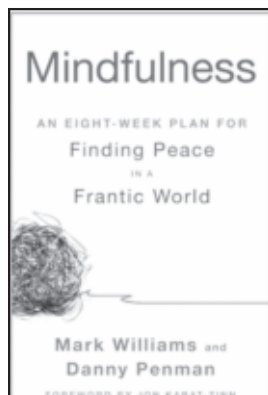
January. The New Year. A new beginning. Again. Every year a large portion of the population uses January 1 as the change catalyst in their life. By January 15th, many of us have failed, but when January rolls around again, we all jump at the chance of self-improvement. According to the *NY Daily News*, Americans spent \$5.6 billion dollars in 2013 trying to fulfill resolutions. And the resolutions we make don't vary much year-to-year or person-to-person: lose weight, stop smoking, exercise more, be more organized, save money, learn something new, help others, and spend more time with family top many lists of resolutions. I've put together a group of books this month to help us all keep our eyes on the prize.

Let's start with the number one category of resolutions: lose weight, be more active or be more fit and healthy. This has always been a struggle for me as I love to eat and don't like to exercise much. I've changed my mantra from wanting to be thin to wanting to be healthy. I started with *Clean: The Revolutionary Program to Restore the Body's Natural Ability to Heal Itself* by Dr. Alejandro Junger. When I first started reading this book, I shook my head and put it down. No way was I going to be able to follow this program! But I find myself returning to it often, trying to prepare my mind for the work of detoxification.



Dr. Junger points out many ways to detoxify or cleanse yourself nutritionally, then lays out the plan he feels works best with the ability to customize for you. If you want to try a cleanse by yourself, this book is a good place to start, but you might want to try the doctor's newer book, *Clean Eats: Over 200 Delicious Recipes to Reset Your Body's Natural Balance and Discover What It Means to Be Truly Healthy*. In this book, Dr. Junger lays out the reasons and process of a cleanse in less detail and adds over 200 recipes including daily meal plans and nutritional information. While these books won't put us all in bikini shape, it has the potential to help us become healthier and have more energy.

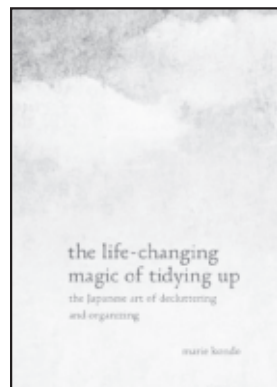
The next area I am looking to investigate this New Year is mindfulness. An essential element of Buddhist practice, mindfulness is the intentional, accepting, and non-judgmental focus of one's attention on the emotions, thoughts, and sensations occurring in the present moment. This may sound too "new age" or "touchy-feely" for you, but mindful practice is being used to alleviate a plethora of mental and physical conditions, including depression, anxiety, and stress. Mark Williams and Danny Penman have written *Mindfulness: An Eight-Week Plan for Finding Peace in a Frantic World*. The authors lay out a straightforward plan of mindfulness meditation that takes a few minutes a day to help us all keep up with the demands of daily lives.



So, once my body is healthier and my mind clearer, I am hoping to become more organized and productive. I think this could be one of the most powerful resolutions out there. If we are more organized and productive in our work and home, there will be more time to work out, learn something new, spend more time with family, and much more. I suppose it will give us more time to procrastinate also, but let's stay positive here. My work in education has taught me that habit and routine can take us far. In a previous column I shared this book: *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business* by Charles Duhigg. I still think this small and easy-to-read book gives great information about how habits work. For a more practical how-to book about building habits, try *Habit Stacking: 97 Small Life Changes That Take Five Minutes or Less* by S.J. Scott. Published only as an e-book and available on Amazon for just \$2.99, Scott gives the reader a two-prong approach to building habits. First, Scott truly gives 97 quick habits that can instantly change your life. These include drinking an 8-ounce glass of water and clearing your desktop. Scott says to add a habit, it must improve your life in a way one can observe or you will not keep with it. We have all heard how dehydration can affect our concentration and impair our mental function — creating a habit to drink water will have an impact on that. A cluttered desk can do the same. When we have a messy desk or computer, it can be distracting. Ensuring that our workspace is clear will also improve our concentration. For another approach,



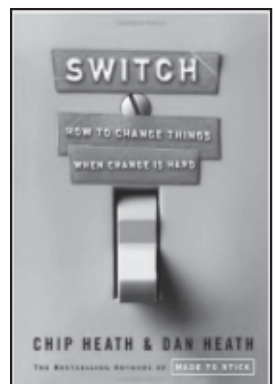
Scott shows how to put 3 to 6 habits together to create a stack, or routine. To put together habits must not take more than 5 minutes apiece or 30 minutes all together, follow a logical process, be simple, and fit into your life. A similar habit-building read to share with your child is *19 High-Impact Study Hacks: Learn the Techniques Top Students Use to Get Amazing Grades and Cut Study Time in Half* by Richard Glenn. This book is also available only as an e-book.



Probably the place I could use the most help with organization and productivity is in my housekeeping. There always seems to be something more interesting to do! Tokyo's newest lifestyle phenomenon, Marie Kondo, has an international bestseller to help those like myself. In *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*, Kondo shares her KonMari system of tidying up your home. Using a category-by-category system instead of a room-by-room approach, Kondo's clients have seen lasting results. Giving the reader detailed guidelines on which items "spark joy" in your house, and those that don't, this book will help you enjoy an organized home. While Marie Kondo focuses on decluttering your home, Maria Ciley focuses on daily cleaning tasks. Also known as

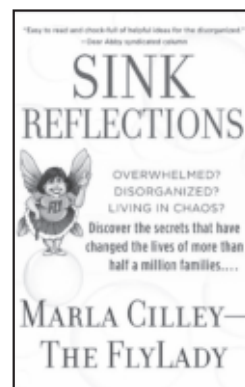
The FlyLady, Cilley published her book *Sink Reflections* in 2002. With the goal of helping readers establish manageable daily and weekly habits, Cilley starts with "Baby Steps." This 31-day beginner program adds one new task a day, but don't worry. As The FlyLady's thousands of followers will tell you, the program works and will get you and your home out of CHAOS or Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome. Full of humor, *Sink Reflections* is a detailed guidebook for both the stay-at-home and working woman.

Part of me thinks I should have started with *Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard*, but this book by Chip Heath and Dan Heath is more theory than practice. Bringing together research in psychology, sociology, and other fields, *Switch* talks about conflict and control.



The conflict is between our rational mind and our emotional mind, both wanting control. The rational mind wants a great beach body; the emotional mind wants that Oreo cookie. The rational mind wants to change something at work; the emotional mind loves the comfort of the existing routine. It is this tension between the two that can cause change to be defeated. The trick is to find the balance between our powerful drives and our reason. Heath shows us hope. The authors' lessons are backed up by anecdotes dealing with such things as new methods used to reform abusive parents, the revitalization of a dying South Dakota town, and the rebranding of megastore Target. Through these lively examples, the Heaths speak energetically and encouragingly on how to modify our behaviors and businesses. This clever discussion is an entertaining and educational must-read for executives and for ordinary citizens looking to get out of a rut.

We have now looked at diet, organization, productivity, and change itself. If there is no other resolution you keep this year, let's all resolve to read more! Until next time, keep turning those pages.... ■



Girl Scout News



Cadette Troop 12083 and Junior Troop 10955

Co-Leader: Jeannette LeBlanc (Both Troops)

Co-leader: Lisa Radcliffe (Cadette Troop)

Assistant: Terry Ramsey

The troops have been busy celebrating the holidays! They made egg carton turkeys with fall leaves for tail feathers and marched in the Concord Holiday Parade. This year, the Girl Scout Community placed second with their float! Great job girls!

We're looking forward to our annual Holiday celebration and our special guest, Anne Josselyn from AJ Hooping for some Hooping fun with music.

We're also looking ahead to the beginning of 2015 for lots of more adventures!



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Cub Scout News

Pack 247 has officially re-chartered with the Boy Scouts of the United States of America and we were honored to receive the Gold award as part of the Journey to Excellence program.

Thank you to everyone who purchased popcorn in the annual Boy Scout Popcorn sale. Congratulations to Hayden Huson, our pack's top seller!

At our November pack meeting we had a game night and a good time was had by all. Our December meeting was celebration! The boys received their awards for popcorn sales, we celebrated the upcoming holidays with pizza and cookies and the boys wrote Christmas cards for residents of the Richard Brown House. ■



NH Sno-Shakers News

The NH Sno-Shakers had their monthly meeting at the clubhouse on Clough Pond Road in Canterbury on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. There was a good turnout of members to discuss club business and plan activities for the upcoming season which officially begins December 15th if snow permits.

There was a lot of trail work and bridge construction completed in the month of November. However with the Thanksgiving storm there are a lot of trees and brush in the trails again and members will be conducting work parties to again clear the trails of debris in preparation for them to open. We wish to thank the many landowners who have allowed the club to maintain a trail across their property for snowmobilers and cross country skiers to enjoy. This winter, Corridor Trail 15 from Shaker Village all the way to NH Route 106 will be closed Monday through Friday for logging operations that the NH Division of Forest & Lands will be managing. Snowmobilers are encouraged to travel either alternate Trail 15 or Trail 215 through New Hampshire Motor Speedway to detour the logging operation during weekdays. The club will evaluate the condition of the trail for weekend openings. It was also noted that the trail up to the Oak Hill Fire Tower could also be temporarily closed for logging this winter as well. New Hampshire Motor Speedway has re-routed Trail 215 across their property to avoid traffic on the Gil Rogers Highway. This is being done to avoid damage to the asphalt roadway. The new trail is marked with orange stakes and crosses through many of the gravel parking lots. Corridor Trail 15 has also been re-routed on Storrs Drive to avoid a hill which faces to the south and is exposed to the sun through most of the day and is often not covered with snow.

The Clubhouse will be open during weekends this winter when the trails are open and hot food and beverages will be available for sale to snowmobile riders or skiers passing through. The menu generally consists of hot dogs, burgers, french fries, soups, coffee, hot chocolate and various snacks. Volunteers to staff the clubhouse are always welcome and can contact any club officer if interested in helping.

The club's major fundraiser of the year will be held on January 10th at the clubhouse on Clough Pond Road beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Annual Spaghetti Supper & Mystery Auction will take place and is open to folks of all ages. Anyone wishing to donate items to the mystery auction is encouraged to contact any club member. Proceeds from this event are given to the NH Snowmobile Association which makes one major statewide donation to the NH Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo to benefit children with disabilities and or illness. Please visit our website www.sno-shakers.com for information about our club, membership forms, events, and rental rates for our clubhouse for private functions and "like" us on Facebook where we try to keep you informed on events and trail conditions.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Blanchette / 603-219-1810



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Loudon Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

Kids' Corner

Birthday Word Scramble

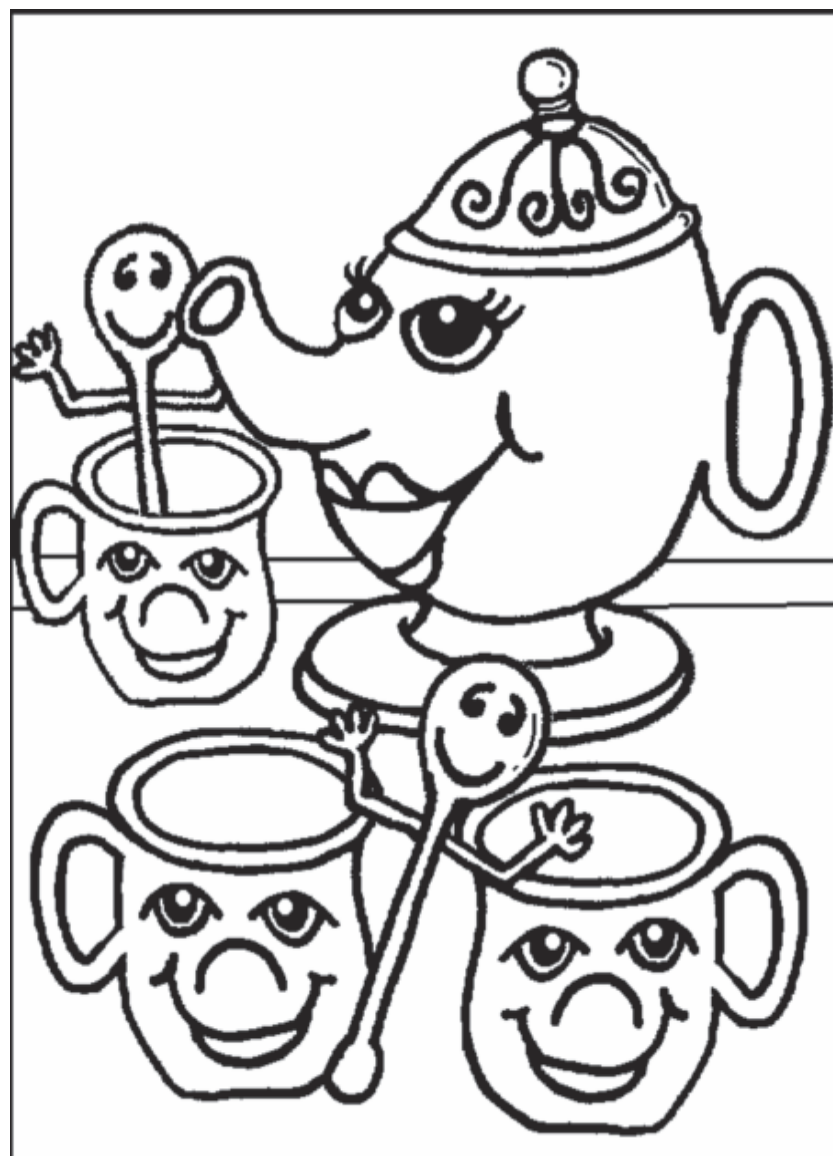


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Above: A birthday word scramble. This will be fun for all of you who have January birthdays — or even if you don't!!

Right: Here are some funny tea cups, spoons, and a tea pot to color. See how colorful you can make them!

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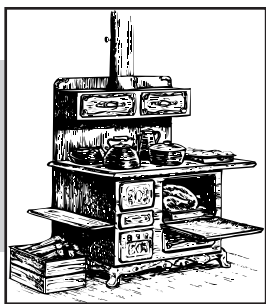
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What's Cookin'! Make Your Own Homemade Mixes

By Jenn Pfeifer

I have to admit that although I love to cook and bake that there are times that I just need a quick go-to “box mix” to help save some time. The problem with many of these mixes is I’m not always sure the ingredients are what I would use if I were making it from scratch. Lots of packaged mixes are high in salt, chemicals, and artificial colors and flavors. I found a great website that has lots of recipes for making your own mixes to have on hand. This is a great snow day project to have your kids help with. I chose some of my favorites but please visit <http://moneysavingmom.com> to find lots more ideas, recipes, and money saving tips that your family will love.

Oatmeal Packets Recipe

- 1 large canister quick oats
- 1 large canister rolled oats
- 1/8 cup cinnamon
- 2 cups flax seed, ground (optional)
- 1 box of snack-sized zip-top baggies

Mix rolled oats, quick oats, and cinnamon together in a large bowl. Take 2 cups of mixture and grind it in a blender or food processor until it becomes powder-like.

Set up an assembly line with a small bowl of the ground flax seed, a small bowl of the ground oat mixture, and the large bowl of oats. Take a baggie and put in 1/8 cup flax seed, 1/8 cup ground oats, and 3/4 cup oat mixture. Seal the baggie.

Repeat until you’ve successfully filled all your baggies.

To prepare, add 1/2 to 3/4 cup boiling water and stir. Top with dried fruit, nuts or sweetener of your choice.

If you add in the ground flax seed, you’ll want to store in an airtight container in the refrigerator or freezer and use within 1–2 months to prevent the flax seed from going rancid.

DIY Taco Seasoning

- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1 1/2 oregano
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp salt

Mix all the ingredients above in a small bowl.

Keeps fresh in an air tight container for up to 6 months.

Double or triple recipe as needed.

You can also kick up the heat a notch by adding in 1 teaspoon of red pepper flakes!!

Freezer-Friendly Homemade Pizza Dough

- 2 cups warm water (105 to 115 degrees F.)
- 2 Tablespoons active dry yeast
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 Tablespoons oil (vegetable, canola, or olive oil)
- 5 cups flour (can use all whole-wheat, half white/half whole-wheat or all white)

Pour the warm water into a bowl and sprinkle the yeast over it. Stir to dissolve.

Add the remaining ingredients and mix.

Dump onto a floured surface and knead dough for two to five minutes until smooth and no longer sticky.

To freeze: Cut lump of dough in half and place each half in an airtight freezer bag. Freeze for up to 4-6 weeks.

To bake: Place frozen dough in a greased bowl and thaw at room temperature for at least 3-4 hours. Roll out and shape onto a greased pizza pan.

Add pizza toppings of your choice. Bake at 500 degrees for around 10 minutes (until the crust looks crispy and lightly browned).

If you don’t want to mess with freezing the dough, take the kneaded dough and roll out and shape onto a greased pizza pan. Add pizza toppings and bake as directed above.

Homemade Baking Mix

- 10 cups flour
- 8 Tablespoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar (I didn’t have any of this so I just left it out. We’ll see if it works okay without it!)
- 1 1/4 cup powdered milk
- 1 Tablespoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar or raw sugar
- 2 1/4 cup coconut oil or shortening

Mix all dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Cut in shortening or cold coconut oil until you have fine crumbs.

To freeze: Store in an airtight container or freezer bags in the freezer for up to two months.

To use: Use the Homemade Baking Mix straight from the freezer in place of Bisquick. Or, use this to make our family’s favorite Cinnamon Roll Biscuits. For other recipe ideas, check out a similar homemade baking mix recipe from Kitchen Simplicity.

Fake Betty Crocker Brownie Mix

- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Flour
- 1/3 Cup Cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Baking Powder

Mix all these ingredients together with a whisk and dump them into a zipper bag.

On the bag, add the following instructions:

Add: 2 eggs, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Bake @ 350 degrees for 20–25 minutes in a 9 x 9 pan.

Cinnamon-Raisin Quick Bread

Editor’s Note: We needed one more recipe to fill out the column this month so I added this quick bread. It’s not a pre-made mix but is fairly simple to put together. As an added bonus, there is no refined sugar in this!!

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- 3/4 cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Grease a loaf pan with butter and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, and salt.

Using a fork, mix in the eggs, applesauce, melted butter, and syrup until well combined, taking care not to overmix. Gently fold in the raisins.

Spoon the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean, 45 to 55 minutes.

If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■



WHAT'S IN YOUR TRASH?

LeeAnn Childress - Loudon Transfer Station & Recycling Committee

Recently Steve Bennett and I met up after hours at the Transfer Station to go through 30 totally randomly picked trash bags that had been recently tossed into the hopper. It was quite an eye opening experience. While going through the bags we sorted out the items that could have been recycled. We dug out all kinds of paper, #1 and #2 plastics, glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, clothing, and cardboard.

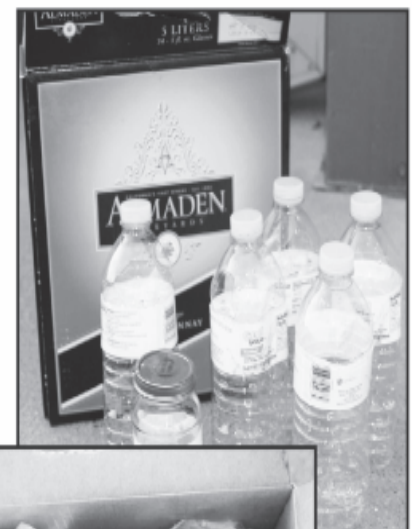
We easily filled two large barrels with paper items. We could have filled several more barrels of paper, if only the paper had not been thrown in the trash and become contaminated by wet, soggy, vegetable scrapes, coffee grounds, and various other tossed food items (75% of which could have been recycled if tossed into a compost bin).

It was disappointing to say the least to see so many items that could have been recycled. Two examples that had no excuse for not making it into the recycling bins were:



1. Several trash bags were full of clean, #1 plastics and aluminum cans. Clearly someone in those households took the time to clean the items and put them in trash bags, making it easy for the other household member to simply open the bag and toss the contents into the appropriate recycling bins. Instead, the person chose to toss it all into the hopper.

2. Someone made effort to open a 5 liter recyclable cardboard box of Chardonnay and stuff 5 clean water bottles and one clean glass bottle into it and didn't bother to recycle any of the materials.



I'll admit that I did learn something that I've been doing wrong. I've been guilty of tossing ice cream containers. I didn't realize that they were recyclable. Some are made of a non-recyclable material, but most ice cream containers are actually made out of very thick paper. Remember the saying "if it tears, it's paper." So, now in my home, after we've finished some delicious Pistachio Nut, or Vanilla Bean...that container now gets washed and tossed into recycling. This applies too for certain beverage containers like lemonade and milk, some are actually made of paper.

I really appreciate all the folks who do recycle - you are doing a great job and are really making a difference. It's difficult to understand why everyone doesn't recycle. All of the recyclable items that were tossed in the trash represent money being thrown away.

Loudon American Legion Post #88 Presents Check to “Toys for Tots”



Mike Moffett, Historian for Loudon American Legion Post #88, is shown here making a presentation of a \$150 check from Post #88 to Sgt. Gordon of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment in Londonderry on Dec. 13th. The donation was for the Marine Corps Reserve's annual “Toys for Tots” campaign. Moffett also delivered three bags with a total of twenty toys from the Loudon Lions Club for the Marines to distribute as Christmas presents for needy children. ■

Laughlin Youngsters Earn Junior Black Belts at Bodyworks Karate School



On Saturday, December 6, 2014, Trisha Laughlin (14) and Tim Laughlin (10) both earned the rank of Junior Black Belt in Combined Kempo Karate from Bodyworks Karate School in Concord.

Lone Moose Seen Wandering Along Route 106



This young moose was recently found wandering along Route 106 in the field across from Beck Road. Momma moose was never seen. Stay alert when driving — wildlife can quickly run in front of you. There have been several deer hit in town during the last few months. Not only could someone's Momma get killed but the damage to your vehicle could be extensive. A collision with a moose or deer could also result in injuries to yourself too. ■

The Weather Outside Is Frightful — But Perfect for Snowmen!!



Thirteen-year-old Cris Jackson spent a day building a snowman complete with hat, mittens, and tennis ball eyes! Cris seems to have forgotten his winter pants but is having fun anyway! By now, his snowman has probably melted. We're hoping we get enough snow soon for him to build another. Maybe next time he'll wear his boots! ■

Local Woman Hooking Over 30 Years — Rug Hooking, That Is!

Pam Bartlett has been hooking for over thirty years. You read that right. Pam got excited about rug hooking over thirty years ago during a trip to Nova Scotia, and returned home anxious to find a mentor and learn the craft. After teaching in her home for about 20 years, she is now moving on to the next phase of her career, about which she said, "Go big or go home." So on November 1st, she opened The Woolen Pear in Brookside Plaza.

Walking into The Woolen Pear, the first thing you might see is a group of small samplers on the wall. They are created in traditional designs and colors and feature classic folk motifs such as a sunflower, crow, smiling cat, and US flag. Take a few more steps and there is a trio of finished 2' x 3' rugs for sale of more complex design. Turn toward the opposite wall and there is a stunning multi-media rug featuring a running horse. Meanwhile, all around you are shelves filled with neatly folded bundles of wool fabric in every conceivable shade and pattern.

A longtime Loudon resident, Pam has been featured in several books and magazines; participates at numerous artisan and guild events; spent a turn as president of the local chapter of the ATHA (Association of Traditional Hooking Artists); and is a juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen. She had been selling materials and teaching rug hooking at her home and rug hooking schools as Red Horse Rugs, but the new shop at Brookside Plaza allows her to share her love of hooking with many more people and introduce them to the history and joys of rug hooking.

In the few weeks since she opened, she said she has met scores of curious neighbors who have stopped in to see what the new storefront is all about. Most are very enthusiastic and supportive, and many have signed up to receive more information. Pam has great plans for the shop. She will offer rug hooking and braiding supplies, classes for all levels, and a gallery of finished fiber arts. Rug hooking may have developed during Viking days, but is most recently documented in the 1800s. It gradually evolved from practical "country" uses, such as floor and bed coverings to becoming a fine-arts form of expression. Somewhat like knitting and other textile-



based activities, hooking does tend to be a woman-dominated interest, though Pam wants to foster an atmosphere for everyone to be able to gather and share their talents in a supportive, fun environment.

For the curious, you can practice hooking on a frame set up amid the gorgeous bolts of fabric. It's not the latch-hook kit you remember as a kid; as far as technique goes, this seems much easier. A hook is poked in through the top of the backing fabric (burlap, cotton, jute, or linen) and grabs onto a portion of fabric strip. This strip, which is cut from 3/32" to 1/2" wide depending on the design, is pulled up to form a loop. The tightly-packed loops hold each other in place; then the rug is finished around edges using one of a few simple techniques. The design can be entirely up to the artist, though kits are available which include the outline of the picture and a basic color scheme.

Looking at Pam's work, her eye for detail is immediately apparent as many of

her rugs have a photo-realistic quality. She says that inspiration can come at any time, and recounted a story where she was hit with an idea during the wee hours of the morning. She immediately went to her studio to sketch the design and plan the color scheme and had it planned out by lunchtime. Hooking the rug was the next step, and when asked how long a typical rug can take, she answered with a laugh. She explained that it depends on so many factors: the complexity of the design, the width of the strips, the availability of all the colors needed, and the relative skill-level of the artisan. A 6"x10" kit (with all the materials included) will likely take a beginner around 10 hours to complete.

Stop by The Woolen Pear and meet Pam Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 to 3:00. She will be starting classes in mid-January, and examples of her work can be found on her website and Facebook page under both Red Horse Rugs and The Woolen Pear. ■





American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

Our November meeting was held on the 19th with 13 members present. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Some of the topics we discussed concerned our declining revenue during the 2014 year. What can we do as a post to help raise funds in the future and have our own post home again? No concrete decisions were made, just a few ideas were talked about. We also discussed next year's Memorial Day Parade and the possibility of splitting the cost of the parade between Post 88 and the town. As we near May, we will have to check with the town to see if we will be able to assemble in the same location as past years.

We voted to make the following donations to end the year out: \$100 to the United Service Organizations (USO); \$150 for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program; \$250 to the Loudon Food Pantry; and \$500 to the NH Veteran's Home Resident Benefit Fund.

Our November Commander's Fund Raffle winners were as follows: \$50/J. Dube, \$25/C. Braley, \$10/K. Labonte, \$10/H. Eaton, and \$5/G. Foster III Congratulations to our winners!

On December 7th I attend the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the NH Veteran's Home in Tilton. The ceremony was very good and included some video footage from that day as well as conversations from some of the veteran's who survived that day. Afterwards, Fred Osgood and I presented the Commandant with a donation of \$500. This money will help buy Christmas gifts and other necessities for residents who otherwise might go without.

On December 8th I presented Sue of the Loudon Food Pantry with our donation that will help them buy food for those in need this Christmas season. Historian Mike Moffett recently presented the Marine Corp with our donation of \$150 for their Toys For Tots program.

Our December meeting was held on the 17th with 12 members present. Since I was feeling under the weather Vice Cmdr Gary Tasker led the meeting. He did a very good job of this and surely will conduct more meetings in the future. It was decided I would write a letter to the Concord VFW informing them we will no longer require their assistance with the Memorial Day Parade and we will continue this tradition with or without outside assistance. I will bring a draft of this letter to the January meeting for members to review. We voted to table setting a spending cap for next year. It was discussed that perhaps we should set a spending cap on our donations and other financial obligations due to declining revenue. Finance Officer Larry Elliot is going to be looking at another potential source of income for the post in the near future. He will give a report on his findings at the January meeting. Chaplain Larry Hemphill will be making arrangements to have a guest financial planner come to our post in February to give us options on what to do with our building fund currently held in certificates of deposits (CD).

I gave a brief talk on collecting clothing for a charity in Plymouth called The Bridge House Shelter & Ladders Thrift Store. They are working with American Legion Post 66 to collect clothing with some of the proceeds helping area veterans and their families. If you have clothing items you would like to donate over the next few weeks please contact me so I can get them from you. For more information about this organization please go to their website www.bridgehouseladders.org/

It looks as though we are going to fall short on our membership goal of 100% by 10/31/14. As of 12/15/14 we stood at 72.37%. We had a few renewals come in the mail and members who renewed at the last meeting. I'm sure our numbers will look better when the next report comes out. We would like to welcome our newest member, Michael Hartt of Concord. Mike served with the US Army. We are grateful he opted to join our post. We hope to see him at future meetings.

Our December Commander's Fund Raffle winners were as follows: \$50/L. Fancy, \$25/M. Timmins, \$10/S. Hargraves, \$10/R. Garland, and \$5/S. Bassett.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on January 21st at 1900 hours at the Loudon Community Building. Have a Happy New Year! ■

Your Legion Family



Cmdr Shawn Jones presenting Sue of the Loudon Food Pantry with a donation of \$250.00.

Loudon Recreation Committee News



Like us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events. Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website know that we add stuff after the publishing of the latest Loudon Ledger so please check frequently!!

LINE DANCING

Beginners and all are welcome! Adults and Seniors who are ready for lots of fun and laughs join a group forming on Thursday nights from 6–7 p.m. at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. Donations accepted. Contact Janet at 961-0061 for more information.

EXERCISE GROUP

Chair and standing exercise group that meets on Monday evenings from 6–7 p.m. at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. The goal of this group is to get moving and have fun — more so fun. Donations are accepted. For more info, contact Janet at 961-0061.

ZUMBA

If you are interested in joining the next session of Zumba email Jen at cjmercer@myfairpoint.net The next session dates are January 5, 12, and 26 and February 2, 9, and 16. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. Zumba is on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six week session. Registration is at the first class. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation.

BELLY DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

Beginner Tribal Fusion Belly Dance Workshop will be on Friday, January 2nd from 6-8 pm \$40. If you had the chance to take Zoe's class at the library, you know this is a workshop you won't want to miss out on! Learn some of the basics and leave with a few new dance combinations. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun Friday of laughter, connection and learning. Showing your belly is not a requirement and no experience is necessary! E-mail Zoe w/questions or to save your spot: tribalzoe@hotmail.com If you miss out on this, email Zoe with questions on another possible event.

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE HELP WITH RECREATION!!!

Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We NEED other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee.

Remember to check the town website www.loudonnh.org or Facebook between issues for updates and watch for updates in every issue of The Loudon Ledger. Thank you for your continued support! ■



Cmdr Jones and Fred Osgood presenting Commandant Margaret LeBrecque with a donation of \$500.00.

Agricultural Commission News

The Loudon Agricultural Commission Board of Directors is excited about 2015 and how we can help the agricultural community of our town. Many of you may not know what the Agricultural Commission does or why we exist. We thought we would provide a little insight into why we are here.

Eating and buying locally-grown products is nothing new in New Hampshire and, in fact, is a growing trend throughout the state. We all know locally grown food is better for you and your community. You may also know Loudon has over eighteen farms and counting. You may purchase everything from maple syrup, fresh fruits and vegetable, eggs, and meat from one of our local farms. You can also find flowers, plants, and hay, among other items.

The State of New Hampshire created the idea of local agricultural commissions to help local communities and government balance growth with the need for agriculture and open spaces. The idea is to use this commission to keep farming and agriculture as a “viable and vibrant” part of our community.

Here is a list of some of the things your local agricultural commission can do:

(Taken from New Hampshire Agricultural Commission website)

- Conduct inventories of agricultural resources, historic farms and farm buildings;
- Educate the public on matters relating to farming and agriculture;
- Serve as a local voice advocating for farmers, farm businesses and farm interests;
- Provide visibility for farming;
- Give farmers a place to go to for help;

- Help resolve farm-related problems or conflicts;
- Help protect farmland and other natural resources;
- Conduct activities to recognize, promote, enhance, and encourage agriculture, agricultural resources, and agricultural-based economic opportunities;
- Assist the planning board, as requested, in the development and review of those sections of the master plan, which address agricultural resources;
- Advise, upon request, local agencies and other local boards in their review of requests on matters affecting or potentially affecting agricultural resources.

We already have the farm map (shown), which will be going to press shortly. We also have some great ideas on how to help promote local farms for 2015. Much of what we do relies on the help and feedback from you, the community.


We encourage you to come meet the board members of the Agricultural Commission during one of our meetings held every first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Community Building (Charlie's Barn) behind the town offices.

Want to know more about what an agricultural commission is and does? Check out this site for more information. <http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-Agricultural-Commission>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. We look forward to meeting you!

Cindy Shea, *Loudon Agricultural Commission — President*

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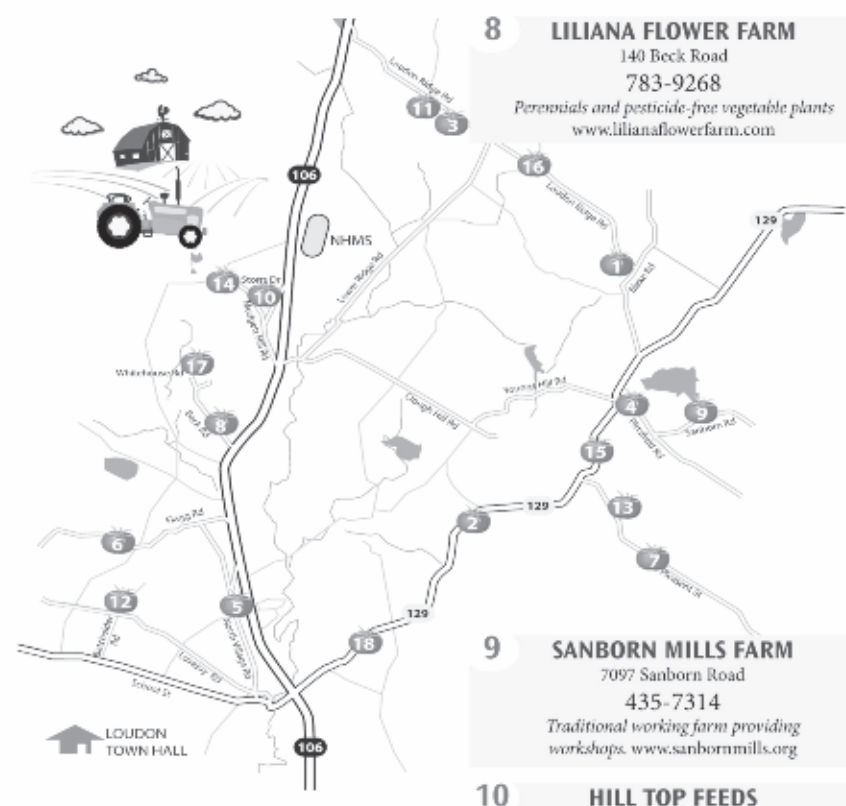
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Bank of New Hampshire Offers Five Ways to Protect Your Small Business from Account Fraud

Bank of New Hampshire wants you and your business to be protected from fraud. Corporate account takeover is a type of fraud where thieves gain access to a business' finances to make unauthorized transactions, including transferring funds from the company, creating and adding new fake employees to payroll and stealing sensitive customer information that may not be recoverable. Chris MacDonnell, VP-Treasury Services Manager and Business Development Manager for Bank of New Hampshire recommends following these tips to keep your small business safe:

Educate your employees.

You and your employees are the first line of defense against corporate account takeover. A strong security program paired with employee education about the warning signs, safe practices, and responses to a suspected takeover are essential to protecting your company and customers.

Protect your online environment.

It is important to protect your cyber environment just as you would your cash and physical location. Do not use unprotected internet connections. Encrypt sensitive data and keep updated virus protections on your computer. Use complex passwords and change them periodically.

Partner with your bank to prevent unauthorized transactions.

Talk to your banker about programs that safeguard you from unauthorized transactions. Positive Pay and other services offer call backs, device authentication, multi-person approval processes and batch limits help protect you from fraud.

Pay attention to suspicious activity and react quickly.

Look out for unexplained account or network activity, pop ups, and suspicious emails. If detected, immediately contact your financial institution, stop all online activity and remove any systems that may have been compromised. Keep records of what happened.

Understand your responsibilities and liabilities.

The account agreement with your bank will detail what commercially reasonable security measures are required in your business. It is critical that you understand and implement the security safeguards in the agreement. If you don't, you could be liable for losses resulting from a takeover. Talk to your banker if you have any questions about your responsibilities.

For additional information, contact Bank of New Hampshire at 1.800.832.0912. You can also visit the following websites to learn more about how to protect your small business:

- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Internet Security Essentials for Business**
<http://www.uschamber.com/issues/technology/internet-security-essentials-business>
- **Federal Communications Commission: Small Biz Cyber Planner**
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- **Federal Communications Commission: 10 Cybersecurity Strategies for Small Business.**
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Avoid These Common Buyer Mistakes

Jack Prendiville

Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Before you buy your first home avoid these common mistakes.

1. **Overlooking the total cost of a home.** In addition to thousands of dollars in closing costs, don't forget to factor in home repairs, updates and maintenance into your budget. Remember you may also need to purchase new furniture for your property.
2. **Don't forgo the home inspection.** Home inspections are critical for buyers. Potential buyers may learn of defects or undesirable conditions and may have the right to back out of the purchase or ask the sellers for repairs or a price adjustment.
3. **Only getting pre-qualified instead of pre-approved.** Getting pre-qualified for a mortgage is only the initial step in securing a mortgage. When buyers are pre-approved they know exactly how much they can afford and sellers know they are serious buyers.
4. **Not researching the neighborhood.** Buyers should learn as much as they can about the area surrounding their potential home. Among other areas of interest, crime rates, public schools even traffic patterns are all things you want to learn about an area before you buy.
5. **Buy without tomorrow in mind.** Even though the last thing you may want to think about before you buy a home is selling it, consider its resale value. Ask yourself if your potential property is a wise investment that will attract buyers when it comes to sell.
6. **Buy based on décor.** A home's décor can certainly transform a space, but don't get caught up in the accents. Also, don't let furnishings deter your interest from a great home. Remember once you find the right home you can decorate it any way you want.

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Cooperative Extension Workshops

Community Training in Ecological Design

UNH Cooperative Extension is offering a four-part training on ecological design from January 14, through February 4, 2015. Utilizing Permaculture Design Principles, the training is geared towards community leaders, planning board members, conservation commissions, landscape designers and architects, agricultural commissions, and energy committees. Town road agents, maintenance personnel, and engineers would also benefit. CEUs and professional credits are available for AICP CM, AIA, NH Certified Professional Landscapers and NOFA Organic Land-care Practitioners.

Participants will be led through a series of conversations, collaborative activities, case study field trips, and a design charrette, introducing the ecological design process that can be applied to communities in the planning and development process or for their own individual properties. Topics will include appropriate technologies, scale, biodiversity, integrated design, and stacking functions.

"This training brings together permaculture concepts and design principles for New Hampshire. Participants will get tools to plan, design, and develop a more resilient and sustainable future for a town's infrastructure and economy, while working in harmony with the natural world," says UNH Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Field Specialist Mary Tebo Davis.

The series will be led by a team of professionals, including Davis, Steve Whitman, Lauren Chase-Rowell, and Stacey Doll. They will share their expertise in the areas of planning, zoning, landscape and ecological design, natural resources, sustainability, urban forestry, and permaculture. Training dates and locations are as follows:

- January 14, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Boscawen
- January 21, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Boscawen
- January 28, 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Franklin
- February 4, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Boscawen

(Snow dates: February 12 & 18)

Cost for the training is \$395. Space is limited. Register online: https://www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=17113

For more information, contact Mary Tebo Davis at mary.tebo@unh.edu or (603) 641-6060.

Sheep: 4-day Workshop (Basic animal husbandry education for sheep owners)

Thursdays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 12, 2015 (snowdate of February 19, 2015)

All workshops are 6:30–8 p.m. at Merrimack County Extension Office, 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH. \$10.00 per person/per class. 4-Hers are free but must be accompanied by a paid, registered adult. Space is limited.

On-line registration: www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=17229

For directions or questions contact: Dot Perkins, Food & Agriculture at Merrimack County Extension by calling 603-796-2151 or email: dorothy.perkins@unh.edu

Class one will cover basic info about raising sheep, class two will cover nutrition and health, class three will cover lambing and hoof care, and class four will talk about common health problems and an introduction to parasites and their control.

New Hampshire Dairy Goat Seminar — Goat Nutrition

At the NH Farm and Forest Expo

Saturday, February 7, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Center of New Hampshire – Radisson Hotel, Webster Room, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH

Feeding goats is more than offering them a lot of feedstuffs, but it is giving them the balance of proper nutrients for maintenance, growth, reproduction, and milk or meat production. This session will cover the basics of how a goat's digestive system works, nutrient requirements, understanding feed composition and how to balance a ration. This information will be of help to the small producer up through large operations, because proper feeding is the key to successful goat management.

SCHEDULE:

9:30 a.m. ADGA District #1 Meeting

Phil Cassette, First Vice President, American Dairy Goat Association; and District #1 Directors, Cliff Parker and Tom Cox

10:00 a.m. "Goat Nutrition and Balancing Rations"

Peter Erickson, UNH Dairy Specialist and Professor

11:30 a.m. Panel and Questions: "Practical Feeding Applications"

Peter Erickson, UNH Dairy Specialist and Professor; and Dorothy Perkins, UNH Cooperative Extension Educational Program Coordinator, Food & Agriculture

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Registration, at the door, is \$5.00 per family and anyone 4-H age is free. The proceeds go toward the conference and 4-H dairy goat activities. Dairy Goat publications will also be for sale. ■



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Loudon Food Pantry News

January Happenings

Inventory

After the holiday we will be closed for inventory and will reopen January 12th.

December Updates

Thanksgiving Boxes

We gave out 86 Thanksgiving boxes this year. We had estimated higher as we normally give out 125. In looking over the figures, we found that more than a few patrons had lost their homes and moved out of our service area. Also, Epsom Food Pantry decided to do Thanksgiving Boxes this year as well. Thank you all for your donations and help! Meadow Ledge Farm was again able to help us this year! Any produce that was left over after the boxes were complete was donated to The Friendly Kitchen.

Annual 50/50 Holiday Raffle —

November 1st through to December 12th

The winner of our raffle this year is Sissy P. She won \$43.25. Congratulations! Thank you everyone for playing.

Gift of Lights —

November 21, 2014–January 3, 2015 from 4:30–9:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy NHMS Winter Wonderland. Spanning over two miles, the Gift of Lights features over 60 holiday scenes and over 400 light displays. The course winds around the outside of the track's grandstands and includes a portion of the NHMS Road Course. It also has the super-popular Tunnel of Lights, which measures over 250 feet in length. For more updated information, go to http://www.nhms.com/events/gift_of_lights/.

As of December 15th, Loudon Food Pantry has received 4,238 pounds of food. If you bring at least 3 nonperishable food items you will receive a discount off your ticket. Also, all those food items are donated to Loudon Food Pantry. So, please help us to feed those less fortunate. Bring as many food items as you can. Happy Holiday!

Donations Needed

Winter is a tough time of the year. Many of our patrons have to make the choice to pay their heating bill or to feed their family. Food donations help us stock the shelves. Monetary donations allow us to buy essential food that is not received through food donations. The more food on our shelves, the more we can feed our patrons their complete allotment of food.

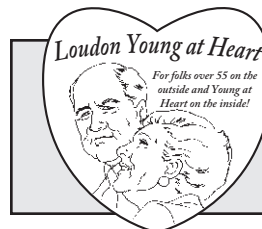
Where to Donate

You can mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. But if you find you're not in the neighborhood you can drop off at one of these convenient locations:

Business	Town	Collection Type
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
TD Bank	Loudon	Food
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food and Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food and Funds
106 Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food and Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
Yellow Submarine	Concord	Funds
Camping World	Chichester	Food

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors. You have made it possible for us to feed as many households as we do. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday! ■

Sue, Bill and Sarah



Loudon Young at Heart

Due to weather conditions on Tuesday, December 9th, the annual Young at Heart Christmas party was cancelled and rescheduled to Tuesday, December 16, 2014. Thirty-eight members of the Young at Heart met at Charlie's Barn and joined in singing traditional Christmas Carols with Shirley Preston at the piano. The colors were bright and festive and the poinsettias were beautiful.

The potluck lunch was once again a huge success. The casseroles, salads, and desserts were plentiful and delicious. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and conversation with their friends. There was definitely a festive spirit in the air and no one went away hungry, that was for sure.

The door prizes of beautiful poinsettias were donated by Ledgeview Greenhouses and the center pieces were donated by Ginny Merrill and Barbara Follansbee. The recipients of the prizes were Pauline McCarthy, Roger Dow, Letty Barton, Phylliss Woodside, Larry Hemphill, and Joanne Arsenaault.

The Young at Heart will meet again on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Tim Huppe from Sanborn Farm will be giving a presentation.

See you next month and until then a big thank you to all who participated in making the Young at Heart Christmas party a huge success. A very special thank you to Shirley Preston who played the music for our Christmas celebration.

Happy New Year! ■



CRVNA Offers Laughter for Mind & Body Presentation in Loudon

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a free presentation, "Laughter for Mind & Body," on Wednesday, January 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Richard Brown House, 142 South Village Road in Loudon. Laughter is a powerful remedy to stress, pain, and conflict. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded. Learn about the effects of laughter on our emotional and physical wellbeing, as well as our relationships. To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

January Senior Health Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold a Senior Health Clinic on Tuesday, January 27 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need a ride to the clinic, please call 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold its monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults on Monday, January 5 from 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, January 20 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Clinics are for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, January 2 from 9:30–11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinics are at the Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815. ■

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Next Deadline: Jan. 16, 2015

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Mary Minery

Kathleen Mary Minery, 65, of Pittsfield, NH passed November 23, 2014 at the Hospice House in Concord after being diagnosed with Cancer in August. The Minery family has filled many homes in Loudon since the early 1900s beginning with several on Minery Road.

Kathy enjoyed fishing, gardening, camping, genealogy, and crafts, as well as spending time with friends and family. Patrick Sullivan was often by her side for the past 20 years. She is survived by her son and best friend Keith Emerson, Jr. of Pittsfield and her daughter and son-in-law John and Melissa Sheehy of Concord plus five grandchildren: Tyler, Brennan, and Zachery Emerson of Florida plus Makayla Bourbeau and Jake Sheehy of Concord and one Great-Granddaughter, Brooklynn of Florida. She was married to and divorced from Keith Emerson, Sr. of Manchester and Robert L. Corliss (deceased) of Barnstead. She is predeceased by her grandparents Frederick and Margaret (Kimberly) Minery, Sr., parents James and Mary Minery, Sr. and is the fifth of their eight children, Margaret Chagnon, Concord; Fred Minery, Sr. (deceased); James W. Minery, Jr., Loudon/Florida; Richard Minery, (deceased); Gary Minery, Sr., Loudon; Fay Green, Gilmanton; and Donna Waszkiewicz, Alton. Please see the Kathy Minery's Facebook page for more information.

Be a Pay it Forward Angel...

*Nov. 23, 2014 Kathy Minery passed on & she will be missed
Her family wants to spread some cheer & hope you can assist
In lieu of flowers please try to honor & support her
by passing on this little note when you Pay it Forward
Then — just update Facebook once you help a friend or stranger
let's see how many people we can touch by a
Pay it Forward Angel!*

Nancy A. (Dussault) Dube

Nancy A. (Dussault) Dube, 55, of Loudon and formerly of Nashua, wife of Michael C. Dube, passed away Wednesday morning, Nov. 26, 2014 at Concord Hospital after an extended illness.

Born in Laconia on Nov. 9, 1959, she is a daughter of Kenneth N. Dussault and the late Edna Ann (Gordon) Dussault. Nancy grew up in Nashua and attended St. Christopher School and was a graduate of Nashua High School Class of 1978. She had been employed with Ladesco of Nashua and Manchester for more than 20 years.

Nancy was an independent woman who lived her life on her own terms. She lived life to its fullest and had a generous spirit. She met many people in her lifetime, many of whom became close friends. Nancy was an avid NASCAR fan and spent many happy years spending weekends with her husband, Mike, and her NASCAR friends camping out at the race track and enjoying the festivities. Nancy loved the outdoors and always had flowers and a garden at her Loudon home.

She loved her family and the many family activities throughout the year, especially "girls weekend away" and the Dussault family Christmas when everyone gathered to celebrate family. Nancy was a good cook and enjoyed making delicious soups for her family to enjoy.

Members of her family include her husband, Michael J. Dube, of Loudon; her father, Kenneth N. Dussault of Milford; a stepson Brandon Dube; her four grandchildren, Leon, Layla, Michael and Adriana; her brothers Brian N. Dussault and his wife Susan of Lowell, Mass., and Phil Corliss and his wife Jan of Vermont; her sister Marybeth MacQuarrie and her partner Kevin of Milford; her mother-in-law, Jacqueline M. Dube of Plant City, Fla.; brother-in-law Bruce Dube and his wife Kelly of Plant City, Fla.; a sister-in-law Tamara J. Pollock and her husband Stephen of Merrimack; her nieces, Catie, Crystal, Liz and Peder and their spouses and children. She is also survived by loving friends of many years, Heather, Amanda, Mary; also several grandnieces, grandnephews, aunts and cousins.

Donations may be made in her memory to ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), Attn. Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C. 20090-6929.

Jacqueline "Jacki" Delaney

Jacqueline "Jacki" Delaney, 52, passed away at her home in Loudon Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014, after a long battle with cancer.

Jacki is survived by her husband Jon Alger and her mother-in-law, Barbara Sacco of Loudon, and by family in North Carolina including her sisters, Connie and Jean and her brother Ricky.



Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — November 3, 2014

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

In attendance: Trustees Ken Krzewick, Molly Ashland, Alice Tuson; Alternate Herb Huckins; Library Director Nancy Hendy

Acceptance of minutes: The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting. *Ken Krzewick moved to accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Molly Ashland. All were in favor.*

The Library Director's Report was reviewed, which included the following:

- A volunteer helped with a woodworking adjustment needed to add more space to the biography section.
- The library will be open for check-outs until 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, while the LVA Art Show Sale takes place, but will be open only for the art show on Sunday, November 9.
- Fran Nash is offering a stress reduction/guided relaxation program on December 17.
- In keeping with use and timeliness, extensive weeding has been done on the main floor reference book area.
- There will be no book sale in December.

The Trustees reviewed the profit and loss statement.

The Trustees discussed the 2015–2016 budget. Alice will contact the Selectmen to schedule a time to review the budget with them.

The Trustees went into Non-Public Session at 5:19 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The Trustees came out of Non Public Session at 5:29 p.m.

On-going issues regarding the furnace was discussed. Nancy will put together an outline of its maintenance and repair history. The Trustees discussed whether an expendable trust or capital reserve fund would be appropriate for any future replacement of the furnace.

The updated Meeting Room Policy was signed by the Trustees.

The By-Laws of the Board of Trustees was discussed. In section 8, there will be a line added to authorize the Library Director to expend specified funds for the daily operation of the Library.

The Personnel Policy will be discussed at the January meeting.

Alice had met with Keeley Painting Company and Kelley & Son Painting. They will provide estimates for re-painting the main floor of the Library. She will contact Clean Cut Painting to get an estimate as well.

Alice will perform the water test on November 7 and bring the samples to the State.

The next Trustees' meeting was scheduled for December 1, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: *Ken Krzewick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.; seconded by Molly Ashland. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by:
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland
Alice Tuson*

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — November 6, 2014

Members present: Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Larry Stone (alternate), Chris Koufos. Absent: Annette Batchelder

Old Business

The board has reconvened after two years of inactivity.

New Business

Officers were elected:

Cindy Shea — 2016 President

Chris D Koufos — 2016 Vice President

Carole Soule — 2017 Secretary

Larry Stone — Alternate, 2016

Bruce Dawson — 2017

Annette Batchelder — 2015

1. Website presentation. Bruce is managing the web site and the mailing list. Messages intended for the board should be sent to loudonag-board@simon.codemeta.com. Messages to the "members" should be sent to loudonag@simon.codemeta.com. The Board list is moderated (only members can send to it without interception). The members list is also moderated, but only to prevent spam (non Loudon Ag related info).

2. The grant from NEGFF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) for \$1,000 was received May 4, 2011 "for graphic design and/or printing of a local farm map to highlight and raise awareness of local resources." An additional \$200 was collected in 2011 from 8 farms (\$25/farm). For \$25 other farms can also advertise in the brochure.

It was agreed that Dennis Schaefer will do the graphic work to create this brochure. A draft copy will be submitted to the Loudon Ledger to get feedback. Dennis will modify a copy of the Town Symbol to incorporate with an Ag Commission symbol.

Maple Ridge Sugar House corrected their information on map and Stoneboat Farm added their information. Maple Ridge

Sugar House agreed to pay \$25 for additional advertising.

We would like to have the brochure completed with copies available at the March Town Meeting.

3. Jim and Mary Ellen Brown were present to discuss a Current Use penalty that was assessed on a sap vacuum pump and shed on his property that is in Current Use (wood lot). He was assessed \$80 for a current use change on a piece of equipment that he uses to collect sap. Roy Merrill stated that while land in Current Use may be listed as forest, inactive pasture or wetlands the use of the land is not effected by the category. The board agreed to research the current use regulations and to talk with Earl Tuson, Howard Pearl, Larry Moore and Rob Johnson for more information. The board will decide at the next meeting if an article will be presented at the next Town Meeting.

4. It was agreed that we would like to host forums that help promote farming. Some forums to consider are:

- Grant writing for farmers
- Website set up and design — Basic/Beginners course
- Farmers Social Meet and Greet — Pot Luck
- Bee Keeping
- Farm to Table
- Building Barns
- Sustainable Farming
- Pig Workshop
- UNH Cooperative offerings?

We would like more farmers to attend meetings.

Jim Brown suggested writing an article about a Loudon Farm for each issue of the Loudon Ledger.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Dec 4th at 7 p.m. at the Community Building (hopefully with heat).

Next Deadline: Jan. 16, 2015

OBITUARIES

Jacki enjoyed great success for more than 25 years in customer service as a store manager at Dillards, Brooks Fashions, County Seat, the Country Cat/Loudon Post Office, Wilson's Leather, and most recently at the Red Roof Inn in Loudon. Countless friends will remember Jacki for her generosity; her passion for gardening, football, schnauzers, Labrador retrievers, and spooky Halloween decorations; her enthusiasm for any chance to host a big neighborhood cook-out on a hot summer day; and her love of the beach.

Although there will no formal service, donations in Jacki's memory can be made to the Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301.

An open house to celebrate Jacki's life will be planned for a later date.

Shirley Ford Duquette

Shirley Ford Duquette, 88, of Loudon, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, at her home.

She was born in Concord the daughter of Harry A. and Bernice J. (Langley) Ford. Mrs. Duquette attended schools in Concord and during her working career was an Administrative Assistant for the State of New Hampshire for 32 years. She married Wendell J. Duquette in 1946 and he preceded her in death on March 20, 1997.

Shirley was a member of New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene in Loudon and was active with the Light of the World Boys and Girls Camp for several years. She, along with Wendell, began many Light of the World clubs. She also volunteered for many groups and organizations with the church. Her interests also included crocheting Christmas Ornaments, making cards on the computer and cooking for the family.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise M. Sargent and her husband, Roy of Loudon; sons, Michael W. Duquette of Danbury, Glenn A. Duquette and his wife,

Robin of Penacook and John Duquette and his wife, Ruth of Penacook; 17 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert W. Duquette; three brothers and three sisters, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was known as Shirley or Mrs. Duquette to some, but to most she was Nana and friend.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene, the church she loved — 33 Staniels Road, Loudon, NH 03307.

Raymond B. Bennett

Raymond B. Bennett, 86, died on December 14, 2014 at the Exeter Hospital. He was born on February 28, 1928 in Boston, MA, the son of the late Harry and Marion (Brown) Bennett.

A resident of Epping since 1976, Ray grew up in Loudon, NH and also formerly resided in Amesbury, MA. For over twenty years he worked as a truck driver and machine operator for Scott & Williams in Laconia, NH. He was also formerly employed many years for Buxton Tractor and Buxton Oil Company. Raymond was also a skilled mechanic and enjoyed working on tractors and John Deere 336 balers. He also had a love of animals.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Patricia Ann (Berry) Bennett of Epping, NH; two son's, James R. Bennett of Hudson, NC and Stephen A. Bennett of Loudon, NH; his grandson Nicholas Bennett; his great-grandson Maxim Bennett; his brother Ralph Bennett of Concord, NH; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to either the NH Food Bank 700 East Industrial Park Dr., Manchester, NH 03109; or to the NH SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885-0196. For more information, please visit www.bre-wittfuneralhome.com.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 12, 2014

Present: Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger. Chairman Ives arrived later in the meeting.

Also present: Office Manager Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Rick Wright, and Deputy Chief Bill Lake.

Selectman Krieger moved to go into a nonpublic session with Office Manager Brenda Pearl per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 5:55 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Krieger moved to come out of non-public session at 6:10 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 28, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Chief Bill Lake.

Chief Wright advised the Board that the live burn fire training was held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 on Pleasant Street and was a very successful training. He stated that a number of people have thanked him for the training and stated that it was better than any training they received at the Fire Academy. Chief Wright stated that he would be forwarding thank you letters to the businesses that offered reduced food and supplies or donated services to this training event. The Board will forward thank you letters as well.

Chief Wright stated the building fire that occurred on Friday, November 7, on NH Route 106 was a great stop by the Loudon Fire Department; early detection of the homeowner and with the assistance of Concord's Aerial Ladder Truck, this fire was stopped before it became a large fire.

Chief Wright stated that there was a chimney fire at a home on NH Route 129 on Thursday, November 6, that took approximately 2 hours to get under control. He said there were limited personnel at this call and not having a ladder truck to utilize with its accompanying tools, it was difficult to navigate the slippery wet metal roof. Chief Wright went on to say that, Belmont Fire Department/Ambulance had to respond to a

medical call in Loudon, as ambulance personnel were tied up at the chimney fire that was going on at the same time as the medical call.

Chief Wright stated that Tom Henley has submitted his resignation. Chief Wright thanked Mr. Henley for his service and wished him the best in his future endeavors. Chief Wright said that he would be posting the opening at the station as he would like to hire from within the department if possible. Chief Wright will forward the job posting to the Selectmen's Office.

Chief Wright advised the Board that the water heater at Station 1 was replaced Friday, November 7, by Jeff Leonard.

Chief Wright advised the Board that Harry O Electrical has been hired to do the work at the Police and Fire Station as well as the War Memorial at the Library, and work will commence once special ordered items are received. He said that landscaper Scott Flewelling, has offered to pay the cost to fix or replace the light at the War Memorial that one of his employees caught with a lawnmower earlier this summer. The Board agreed that it was nice of Mr. Flewelling to step forward.

Chief Wright stated the new ambulance is due to arrive December 22, 2014.

Chief Wright advised the Board that he had applied and was approved for a matching grant through NH Division of Forest and Lands in the amount of \$2,000.00 to replace the Forestry Pump. He said the cost to replace the 1950 pump is \$4,000 — 5,000.00. The remaining funds to come from the Fire Department operating budget.

Chief Wright stated that he has spoken with Road Agent Dave Rice regarding adding two concrete blocks and additional fill against the wall at the dam on South Village Road. He stated additional ground cover is needed at the well to keep the hydrant from freezing during the extreme cold.

Chief Wright advised the Board that they had checked into the code regarding exhaust emissions in buildings with sleeping quarters. He said the maximum amount of grant money would be 20% of the total cost. Chief Wright suggested purchasing 3 CO detectors and placing two in the fire station, one in the sleeping quarters, and the other in the office, as well as one in the police station office. The Board agreed with the purchase.

Chief Wright advised the Board that he received pricing for the rotting plywood at Station #2. He went on to say that there are three quotes for the work with varying cost and amounts of work to be completed.

Selectman Bowles stated that Chairman Ives has arrived.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept Ashley Constructions (Robert Mallat of Bumfagon Road) bid to fix the 6 eyebrow roof panels at Station #2 on Clough Hill

Road in the amount of \$1,200.00. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Selectman Bowles stated that this bid appeared to be a little more involved to try and keep the wood from rotting. The Board thanked the other two companies for submitting their bids. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Wright discussed the old Highway Department 1-Ton Truck and the desire to use this truck to plow out hydrants when the Highway Crew is busy with big storms. The Board agreed this was a good idea but the people plowing needed to have training. Discussion began regarding the repairs and truck body issues.

Selectman Bowles commented that he was glad that the fire on NH Route 106 was not worse as he drove past the scene and commended the fire department for doing a great job to get it under control quickly.

The Board recognized Boy Scouts Cole Sheppard, Hayden Gardner from the audience. The boys explained that they are working on their Citizenship Merit Badges and wanted to ask the Selectmen some questions.

Cole asked the Board how many meetings it takes to get a decision on the fire department's request to have a snowplow for their use. Selectman Krieger explained that the Highway Department had an old truck they were no longer going to use and decided that instead of selling the truck they would first offer it to the fire department for their use. He said the Fire Chief checked out the old truck and decided they would like to get a service station to check it out and find out how much it may cost to fix it for their needs. Selectman Bowles said that by spending a little money now to fix this truck could save the town money as they would not have to go out and purchase a new truck for the fire department. Selectman Krieger stated the truck the fire department currently uses is almost 30 years old and does not have a plow on it. He said that currently the fire department personnel wait until the highway department has time to clean up the hydrants and a firefighter goes around with a shovel and cleans up the snow that the plow does not get. He went on to say that there is a chance one of the firefighters could end up getting hurt while shoveling all the heavy snow. Selectman Bowles explained that the highway crew has 70 miles of roads to plow (two ways), plus all the town buildings and it takes a lot of time to finish.

The next question was what was wrong with Loudon's ladder truck. The Board explained that the ladder truck was so old that the town could no longer get parts for it, so the truck was sold. The Board stated that they were looking to purchase a used truck and were getting cost estimates.

The next question was how kids could help with the town. Selectmen suggested keeping an eye out at the gazebo or any other town property and letting an adult or town official know if they see anything.

The next question was, what was a Selectman. Chairman Ives explained that the Selectmen run the town and deal with hiring and firing, the business aspects like payroll. He advised that it is a 3-year term with one person being elected each year and Loudon has 3 Selectmen where other towns have 5.

Selectman Bowles read the following into the record: *We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at*

its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.

Selectman Bowles read the Tax Collector's Warrant into the record: *TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$5,568,512.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 15, 2014 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Twelfth day of November in 2014. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire.*

Selectman Bowles stated the Town rate is \$3.79 per \$1,000, the Local School Rate is \$11.96 per \$1,000, the School State Rate is \$2.37 per \$1,000, and the Merrimack County Rate is \$2.69 per \$1,000 for a total of \$20.81.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District November 15, 2014 invoice for \$727,388.64 for review.

The Board received a copy of Highway Block Grant Funds received in the amount of \$44,691.42.

The Board received two pieces of correspondence from Attorney Kate Miller regarding Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement for review and comment. The Board will take this information under advisement.

The Board received the Xfinity installation rate changes.

The Board received a copy of the resignation letter from Tom Henley.

The Board received confidential information from Chief Wright for review.

The Board received the HealthTrust Guaranteed Maximum Rates for July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016 for review.

The Board received HealthTrust information regarding the return of surplus funds in the amount of \$2,330.21 in August of 2015.

The Board received information from HealthTrust for elected and appointed officials regarding health insurance coverage.

The Board received a letter from Primex discussing a credit balance of \$14,900.34.

The Board received confidential Primex Worker's Compensation correspondence for review.

The Board received four past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Krieger moved to forward past due ambulance account #5939 in the amount of \$593.60, account #2026 in the amount of \$438.75, account #3432 in the amount of \$436.61, and account #0529 in the amount of \$597.20 to collections. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the 2015/2016 Capital Improvements Program information

The Board received a letter from NH Liquor Commission regarding Z-1 Express for review.

The Board received the ESMI September Compliance Report for review.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 18, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Road Agent Dave Rice.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, November 12, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that the salt shed is full and the sand pile is built up.

Mr. Rice said they got to try the new 1-ton yesterday and it is going to be an improvement; it worked out good.

Mr. Rice said the concrete work at the transfer station is done.

Chairman Ives asked about the ramp at the salt shed. Mr. Rice said they applied a sealer to it; they will treat it again in the spring.

Mr. Rice said that one of his crew had surgery, it went well. Mr. Rice isn't sure at this time when the employee will be back. He explained that he will be on limited duty and won't be able to drive truck for awhile. Mr. Rice suggested that he be put on the project of marking culverts on their map; it's something they haven't had time to get to. Mr. Rice explained to the Board that he would like to purchase a new counter for measuring driveways; it would also be used for this project. He said that this one won't be hooked to the truck. Chairman Ives agreed that this is a project that needs to be done and will be a good one for the employee. Mr. Rice said they will need to get someone to drive the plow truck for approximately 12 weeks. He explained that they will be okay for little storms but they'll need someone for the big storms.

Chairman Ives mentioned to Mr. Rice that the board right in front of the door at the town office is springy. Mr. Rice said it isn't the board it's the deck. Selectman Bowles suggested that the cross member underneath might have come loose. Mr. Rice said it won't break. Chairman Ives asked that it be shored up; Mr. Rice agreed.

Chairman Ives stated that the old plow will go with the old 1-ton to the Fire Department so they can plow hydrants.

The Board explained that they didn't receive a bid for the old mobile home that the town owns. Selectman Bowles said he will take a look at it with Mr. Rice to see the best way to dispose of it.

Chairman Ives read the following: *The Board of Selectmen of the Town Of Loudon are accepting Sealed Bids for a 1987 GMC General 12000 Front - 38000 Rear 10 Speed Fuller - Rayco Suspension Cummins Diesel - 400 Hp. Minimum Bid \$2700.00. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Selectmen's Office. Bids will be opened during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2014. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. Sealed Bids should be clearly marked "1987 GMC Bid." The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.*

The Board received one sealed bid in the amount of \$1,500.00. Selectmen Krieger said he wouldn't accept it because it doesn't meet minimum bid and more people might have bid on it if the minimum was lower. Chairman Ives said the Board will take this under advisement at this time.

Chairman Ives recognized Tricia Abbott from the audience. Chairman Ives explained that due to the nature of the conversation Ms. Abbott can choose to go into non-public session. She agreed that would be best. *Selectman Bowles moved to go into a non-public session with per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:20 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger - yes; Bowles - yes; Ives - yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of non-public session at 6:40 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger - yes; Bowles - yes; Ives - yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of*

this board. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger - yes; Bowles - yes; Ives - yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request for documents from a former employee. The Board will not allow the information to be forwarded due to the fact that it is attorney/client privileged.

The Board received a request from Chief Fiske to transfer money from his training line to his salary line. The Board agreed with the request.

The Board received information from the Town Attorney regarding the Comcast agreement for their additional review. The Board agreed that the Attorney should forward her recommendations to Comcast.

The Board received a request from the Town Clerk to reimburse a customer for being over charged on a registration. The Board agreed to the refund.

The Board received information regarding purchasing the Treasurer a new laptop due to the fact that hers is so old that there are issues with security, virus protection and speed. The Board agreed that a new laptop can be purchased.

The Board received information from the office manager regarding meeting dates and times for budget hearings. The Board agreed to the dates as presented.

The Board received information from Chief Fiske regarding the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria that sold at State Auction on October 18th.

The Board received a check from ESMI for the 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee in the amount of \$28,967.80.

The Board received information from an auctioneer regarding tax deeded property.

The Board received notice about the Property Liability Trust Annual Meeting.

The Board received copies of NHMA Town and City for each.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

The Board received a reminder that Thursday, November 20th is the regular Planning Board Meeting with a Zoning Ordinance Workshop at 6:00 PM.

The Board received a reminder that due to Thanksgiving the Zoning Board will meet Monday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Ives stated that they received one bid for the mobile home at 242 Redwood Road. Chairman Ives opened the envelope that contained a bid for \$3,500.00, and a check in the amount of \$100.00. The bidder asked for 30 days to research the deed and get park approval. Discussion regarding the deed research, park approval and the fact that Freedom Hill was the only park to work with the Board regarding the park rent for tax deeded properties ensued. *Selectman Bowles made a motion to accept the bid for \$3,500.00 from Kathleen McMullen for 242 Redwood Road, Loudon, NH, Map 69, Lot 415 with the condition that she gets approval from Freedom Hill Mobile Home Park. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Bowles suggested that the option to advertise old town equipment on Craigslist be investigated. He said it might bring more attention and money than we're getting at auction or by sealed bid. Chairman Ives and Selectman Krieger concurred.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 25, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement Office Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Rick Wright, and Deputy Chief Bill Lake.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 18, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement Office Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske stated that he had received the SPCA contract agreement and compared the last agreement prices with the updated agreement prices.

Mr. Fiske discussed a property on Loudon Ridge Road with a resident turning

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The Board received an Abutter notice for Tax Map 11, Lot 12 owned by Inisfree Investments, LLC for review.

The Board received the J.O. Cate Memorial Van Association Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2014.

The Board received the following reminders: Tuesday, November 18th bids due for the 1987 GMC & Thursday, November 20th Planning Board Meeting.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All

in favor. Selectman Bowles stated the Board was meeting on Wednesday this week as Tuesday was Veteran's Day and he wished to thank all those who have served. Selectman Krieger agreed and also thanked all those that came out to vote on Tuesday, November 4. Motion carried.

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a detached garage into an apartment. Mr. Fiske advised the Board that he had given the property owner a cease and desist for the apartment as it was never approved for living space. He advised the Board that the property owner has contacted the Zoning Office to obtain an administrative appeal.

The Police Department Blood Drive is ongoing and there was a lot of support for this event.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright discussed a letter that he forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Departments regarding the Zoning Ordinance Work Shop and proposed Zoning Amendments. Chief Wright said that he wanted to withdraw the proposed amendments as the intent was strictly for public safety and nothing more. Selectman Bowles apologized for the way the discussion was handled at the meeting as it should not have become a debate. Selectman Krieger asked if Chief Wright was withdrawing all the amendments. He stated that yes, it was his intent. Chief Wright will reconsider moving forward next year.

Chief Wright stated that Engine 3 is having issues with water leaking. He stated that he contacted the company that can rebuild the pump and the cost is \$10,000.00–\$13,000.00. Discussion began regarding the truck's age and when it is scheduled to be replaced which is at least 6 more years. The Board agreed Chief Wright should move forward at the beginning of the year and have the pump rebuilt. They discussed putting Engine 2 in-service while Engine 3 would be out for repairs.

Chief Wright advised the Board that they did look at the old 1-ton truck from the Highway Department and they will be getting estimates from a mechanic and auto body shop for the repairs needed to get this truck operational. They discussed the need to be sure the people operating that vehicle would need to have experience with plowing. Selectman Bowles also discussed the flatbed body at the Transfer Station that might be able to be used for this truck. Deputy Chief Lake stated that all the trucks need inspection in March.

Chief Wright advised the Board that there was another chimney fire this one was on Clearview Drive. He stated that Concord's Arial Truck was needed for this fire.

Chief Wright stated that the Freedom Hill Cooperative dry hydrant was installed last Wednesday and Thursday and will be tested on Wednesday.

Chief Wright stated the CO detectors have been obtained and the ones for the Fire Stations have been installed and the one for the Police Department has been given to them for installation.

Chief Wright discussed a fire that occurred on Friday due to woodstove ashes not being taken care of properly.

Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:20 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of non-public session at 6:33 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Ives discussed the SPCA agreement contract received from Chief Fiske and the Board agreed to have the chairman sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

The Board met with David Little of Flagg Road, Loudon regarding a tax issue.

Mr. Little stated that he noticed his assessment went up when he received his tax bill last week. He stated that he contacted the town office concerning the change in

his assessment regarding RSA 76:2 and was advised by the Town's contract assessor, that the change was due to the age of the building being adjusted to 1998 and that Mr. Little could contact the Selectmen and request an abatement. Mr. Little stated that he is not questioning the value; his concern is that the change happened after April 1. He went on to discuss the history of his property and changes made to the building and assessment card over the years. Mr. Little asked that the Board put his valuation back to what it was as of April 1. The Board reviewed information from DRA relative to this issue. Chairman Ives read the correspondence from Chuck Reese of DRA, which states, changes can be made up until the MS-1 is signed by the Selectmen. Chairman Ives stated that Board would take this under advisement to look into the information further before they make a decision and will get back to Mr. Little as quickly as possible.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Fire Chief Rick Wright to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their review.

The Board received a copy of the 2015–2016 Merrimack County proposed budget for review.

The Board received a copy of the NH DOT construction plans for Staniels Road and NH Route 106 work.

The Board received information from Comcast regarding price adjustments as well as information stating that they will continue to provide high-speed internet to Loudon Elementary School and Maxfield Public Library for free.

The Board received a Scholarship thank you note from Jean Stearns.

The Board received a copy of a Christmas events flyer.

The Board received a copy of Central NH Regional Planning Commission's "draft 2015 Plan" Public Hearing Notice for Thursday, December 11, 2014.

The Board received the following reminders: Tuesday, December 2nd at 4:30 p.m. 2015–2016 Budget meeting; and Wednesday, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. CIP meeting.

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

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 2, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent Dave Rice and Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Ives stated that they are going to take a few minutes for an after storm meeting. Selectman Krieger asked if anyone is still without power, Chief Fiske answered no. The Selectmen and department heads discussed communication during the storm. They discussed the CERT team; possibly getting that up and running again, and the possibility of a facebook communication page. Selectman Krieger stressed the importance of communication between the department heads and the Selectmen; he wanted the department heads to know the Selectmen are available during an event such as this storm.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 25, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that they had a few issues during the storm with trucks; lights, mirrors and windshields.

Selectman Bowles said the highway department did a good job considering they were short a couple of men.

Chief Wright said that the fact that they had the highway channel helped a lot because they were able to communicate back and forth.

Mr. Rice said they had an issue with a garage door; the door guy came out so they were able to get the trucks in and out. He is getting an estimate on replacing the doors; the tracks and panels are worn out.

Discussion ensued regarding contact information for the highway crew. Mr. Rice will get the Selectmen's office an updated contact list for emergency situations.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright discussed checking on the elderly. He said there are computer programs that some communities use where you can check on people on a regular basis. Chief Wright explained that it could be done on automation or it could be that when a paramedic is on staff he calls people. He said the Visiting Nurse Association, Meals on Wheels and the Cate Van could help with gathering names and people would be put on the list voluntarily.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request from the Faith Community Baptist Church asking for

permission to hang wreaths on the front door of the Church/Town Hall.

The Board received a NRRA Certificate of Attendance for Dustin Bowles.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminders.

The CIP meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. is cancelled due to the storm.

Friday, December 5th the Board will hold budget review meetings with Road Agent Dave Rice & Transfer Station Attendant Steve Bennett at 8:00 a.m. and with Chief Rick Wright at 8:45 a.m.

The Board signed the following documents.

An abatement Agreement for Tax Map 049, Lot 020.

A Bill of Sale and Title to William C. Towle for the 1987 GMC General Tractor.

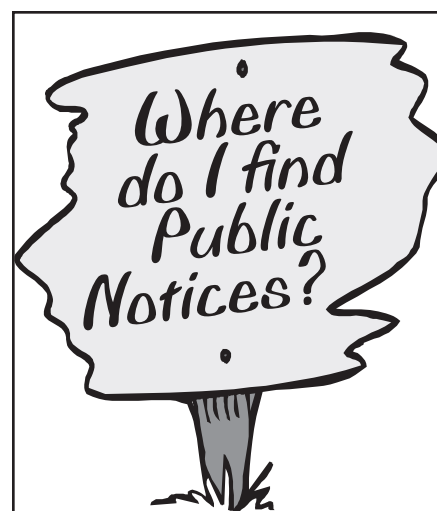
Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 9, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 2, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives stated that they are meeting in their office in the Town Office building this evening due to the fact that they have no appointments and no department heads are attending.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received notice of the Merrimack Valley School Districts December 15th bill in the amount of \$727,388.64.

The Board received a 2015 Petitioned Zoning Amendment regarding Accessory Dwelling Units. The Board agreed that the petition will be forwarded to the Planning Board office so they can hold a public hearing to discuss the amendment.

The Board received a request from NHDOT for the Board to sign a Municipal Agreement. The Board will send the DOT a letter with their concerns.

The Board received paperwork for 242 Redwood for their review. Chairman Ives stated that in addition to the bid amount the buyer will also be responsible for paying attorney's fees, half the December Park rent and prorated taxes.

The Board received Conservation Easement paperwork regarding Lucille Ladd Trust, Map 26, Lot 01 and Map 26, Lot 12 from Conservation Commission Chair Julie Robinson for review.

The Board received information from Steve Bennett regarding a quote for an overhead door for the Transfer Station project. The Board decided to take the money out of the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund for the door.

The Board received copies of the NHIS/Canterbury Settlement Agreement for their review.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Code Enforcement Secretary Lisa Radcliffe.

The Board received an invitation to the Annual Fire Department Christmas Breakfast to be held Wednesday, December 24 at 8:30 am.

The Board received the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014.

The Board received a request for a refund of rental fees for the Community Building. The building was not used as scheduled due to a family emergency. The Board agreed that the money should be refunded to the renter.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminder:

Friday, December 12th at 8:00 a.m. they will have a 2015–2016 Budget review meeting with Chief Fiske and the Library Trustees.

The Board signed the following documents.

2014 Equalization Ratio Municipal Assessment Data Certificate.

Timber Tax Warrant for Map 36, Lot 12, Operation #13-271-16-T, Loudon Ridge Properties, LLC.

Tax Collector's Payment Agreement – Map 2, Lot 2.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — November 20, 2014

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

Attendance:

George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles

The Conservation Commission was represented by Rob Buzzell and Pauline Touzin.

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 16, 2014 Regular Meeting — *Tom Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Discussion:

Alice Tuson — *Letter of Interest* — Bob Cole stated that Mrs. Tuson submitted a letter of interest for an alternate position and the matter was discussed at the last meeting. Because there were only a few members present at that meeting, Mr. Cole, as acting chairman, felt it was best to table the matter until this evening. *After brief discussion Bob Cole made a motion to appoint Alice Tuson as an alternate to the Planning Board; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* Chairman Dow signed an appointment paper with the term to expire March 31, 2016.

New Business:

Application #14-09, Robert & Joyce McCullen — *Lot Line Adjustment in the RR District, Map 38, Lots 8 and 8-7.* There were no abutters present. Jeff Green, surveyor, represented the applicants.

Mr. Green explained that the properties are on School Street where the cistern is located. Lot 38-8-7 is currently a 4.059 acre lot and Lot 38-8 is currently a 76.918 acre lot. Lot 38-8 is the remainder of a larger parcel that has been subdivided multiple times over the years. Lot 38-8-7 will become 60.433 acres with 800' of frontage, and Lot 38-8 will become 20.544 acres with 204' of frontage. Mr. Green stated that Lots 8-3, 8-4, 8-5, 8-7, and 8 are owned by members of the same family. He said the intention is to leave the large parcel, Lot 8-7, as a family lot for recreation. Mr. Green noted that PSNH lines cross through the parcels. Stan Prescott asked if the poles are offset in the right-of-way (ROW). Mr. Green said he did

not survey the entire piece but has a note on the plan that was taken from previous surveys of the same parcels. He said the ROW is the ROW, that does not change, but the poles can be changed at any time. Mr. Green said the ROW has been established by four previous plans. Stan Prescott stated that the curves should have tie courses. Mr. Green stated that is not his usual practice. Hearing no further questions, Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Tom Moore moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

Tom Moore noted that there are a couple of intersections and asked if rebar was to be set. Mr. Green said they will be monumented with rebar in the front and probably drill holes where they intersect at the stone wall. *Bob Cole made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment as presented; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

Application #14-10, George Tombarello & Universal Grace Church — *Lot Line Adjustment in the RR District, Map 4, Lots 13 & 12.* There were no abutters present. Jeff Green, surveyor, represented the applicants. *Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.*

Mr. Green explained the location of the parcels as being on Bear Hill Road off East Ricker, at the end of the Class V portion. Lot 4-12 has an existing house and 53.6 acres; this will be 6.68 acres after the adjustment. Lot 4-13 has an existing barn and 87.382 acres; this will be 134.305 after the adjustment. Mr. Green stated that there have been a couple of lot line adjustments on these parcels in the past. He pointed out a 50' strip that gave Mr. Tombarello frontage for his back piece; this will go away. That parcel will now have 800' of frontage. Mr. Tombarello's main driveway is now on his own land rather than using the 30' easement through the Anderson property. Mr. Green said that Mr. Tombarello will have about 900 acres after this adjustment; he does wildlife management and preservation of the land. The Board reviewed the plans. After brief discussion, *Henry Huntington*

made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment. Stan Prescott said he would like the note of Bear Hill gravel class VI moved to the area on the plan where the road tapers. Mr. Huntington was in agreement with the condition; motion seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Application #14-11, Inisfree Investments, LLC — *Major Site Development in the RR District, Map 11, Lot 12.* Abutters Ed and Kenny-Lynn Dempsey and Selectman Steve Ives, representing the Town as an abutter, were present. Jeff Green represented the applicants.

Chairman Dow confirmed with Mr. Green that they will be going to the ZBA on November 24th for a special exception on the storage tanks. He said this board will want to hear from the ZBA. Mr. Dow said it would appear that the proposed use would have to go back to the ZBA as well. Mr. Green said the site walk was done and the matter of the use did come up in discussion. He said it looks like they will have to apply for a variance for the use. He said tonight he is looking for input from the Planning Board. The chairman asked why this board wouldn't wait to see what the ZBA decides, saying this would only be a consultation at this point. Mr. Green said he would be doing the storage tanks regardless, even if not the distribution use. Chairman Dow said if this is for distribution as on the application, the Planning Board does not have the authority to rule on the use. Mr. Green said if this was a conceptual presentation the board would give input. George Saunderson pointed out that the Conservation Commission, some abutters, and a couple of Selectmen are here so it would be a good time to hear the proposal.

Mr. Green stated that they are proposing large storage tanks. He showed the access across Lot 41 to the area where the tanks would be located. They are proposing one 15,000 gallon horizontal tank and six 6,000 gallon vertical tanks. Mr. Green noted that the tanks are being stored there at this time. He described the one-way travel around the tanks, and said they are hoping to contract with someone to distribute the excess of the bulk fuel that is purchased. Mr. Green said they are not really disturbing any new ground. He said they would put in a 4' high

earthen berm/vegetated buffer, and power would be carried down from existing buildings on the front lot. Tom Dow asked if there would be any other buildings. Mr. Green said there would not, just a concrete containment in the ground with a roof structure over it. Mr. Dow said lighting would be looked at by the Board. Tom Moore said hours of operation would probably be considered. Henry Huntington stated that a professionally designed plan would be needed. Mr. Green said that would be part of the State process. Bob Cole asked if anyone has checked with MSHA (the US Bureau of Mines) about putting this in a gravel pit. Mr. Green said he was not sure but he assumes the applicant did.

Mrs. Dempsey said there are two houses on their lot and their main house is missing from the site plan. She pointed out where it should be located on the plan, noting that it is about 20' from the line. She said one concern they have is that their property value will decrease because of the facility being so close. She asked why they would choose to put it 150' from the house when there is so much land in the pit. Mrs. Dempsey said they are also concerned about leakage getting into their well water. She said lights would also be of concern because of the closeness to their house. Mr. Dempsey said a 4' berm does not seem like it will do much with tanks of the proposed height. Donna said Julie Robinson had called the office to see how far it is to the river from the proposed location as the Conservation Commission is concerned about the aquifer. Mr. Green said he would say about 2000'. Tom Moore asked to confirm that there is an aquifer under there. Mr. Green said he assumes there is something there. Mr. Dempsey also said that when the applicant first bought the pit he was told they would not use the road on the plan because of noise concern. Tom Dow said this may not be the best spot on the lot, especially since they have quite a lot of property there and it is something to consider.

Selectman Ives asked about the daily usage of fuel and what the justification for that amount of fuel on that site would be. Mr. Green said the justification is distribu-

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tion. Mr. Ives pointed out that Mr. Green said he was going to zoning for just a storage facility. Mr. Green said he went before the ZBA for both on his plan. Mr. Ives said that earlier tonight Mr. Green said he was going to zoning for storage tanks. Dustin Bowles stated bulk storage; Mr. Green agreed. He said the application is for bulk storage which is different from the use after. Mr. Ives said Mr. Green had stated that either way he would be going for bulk storage and he asked what the justification would be for that much bulk storage. Mr. Green said if they do not get the distribution approval they may not put all the tanks in. He noted that anything over 500 gallons still has to go to ZBA. Mr. Ives asked if Mr. Green is asking for a certain amount of storage. Mr. Green said he is requesting this amount for the intention of storage and distribution. Mr. Ives said he has to justify the maximum usage and asked what it would be. Mr. Green responded that it would be 51,000 gallons. Mr. Ives asked if that is a three-month supply, a year's supply, or how long that would last. Mr. Green said he does not have their numbers yet but he does not have to justify the amount for that use. He said if they do not get the distribution he would have to redo his numbers. He said he is right now asking for bulk storage to hold 51,000 gallons. Mr. Green said it came to his attention because of the use of distribution that he has to go back to the ZBA with another application. He said if they do not get distribution they may have to reduce the size.

Roy Merrill asked how the approval of 51,000 gallons was going to come back to the ZBA if they don't get the distribution use. He said once approved it would be 51,000 gallons. Mr. Green said he will go to

the next meeting and discuss that. He said they might have to hold the tanks until the use is addressed. He said they were first looking for over-sized storage, and then the distribution use came up so he needs information to go back to the applicant with. Dustin Bowles referred to the Zoning Ordinance where tanks over 500 gallons are not permitted in any district. Mr. Green noted that the remainder of the section referred to does allow them by special exception. He said it does not mean they have to give him 51,000 but the Ordinance does not have a limit. Henry Huntington said it depends on the use. He said this parcel is in the RR district, not commercial. He said it does not work in the RR zone, and he hopes the ZBA would look at what would be appropriate for business in there.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to December 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Dave Powelson, Earl Tuson, and alternates George Saunderson and Charlie Aznive.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Howard Pearl made a motion to accept the minutes of October 23, 2014 as presented; seconded by Charlie Aznive. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

ZBA wetland application — Per Section 301.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Board received copies of a request for a wetland crossing for a driveway at Map 47, Lot 13. Board members reviewed the location and proposed impact to construct a driveway to the buildable portion of the lot. Rob Buzzell said the Conservation Commission met with the wetland scientist earlier in the year. He noted that they have increased the CMP size which is even better than the proposal at the time of their site walk. Planning Board members agreed they have no problem with the request. It was discovered that one abutter was not notified but does have the hearing information at this time.

Amendment workshop & public hearing — A workshop for zoning amendments was scheduled for December 18th at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Board's regular monthly meeting. A public hearing for zoning amendments (if needed) was scheduled for

January 15th at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Board's regular monthly meeting.

Report of the ZBA:

This month's agenda includes a special exception for a wetland crossing for a driveway on Old Shaker Road, a reduced setback for an addition that was put on a barn on Wiggins Road, and a special exception for fuel storage tanks on Chichester Road.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was no meeting this month.

Adjournment:

Tom Moore made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Submitted by:
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Site Walk — *Earl Tuson moved to approve the minutes of the site walk at Inisfree Investments as written; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application #14-14, Inisfree Investments, LLC — *Special Exception for bulk storage tanks, RR District, Map 11, Lot 12.* Abutter Ed Dempsey and Selectman Steve Ives, for the Town as an abutter, were present. Jeff Green represented the applicants.

Chairman Powelson reviewed what was covered at the last meeting. The application is for bulk fuel storage; part of the discussion was that this is intended to be a distribution center. He said he is not sure the Board can approve fuel storage if the distribution use is not in place. Mr. Green said he cannot go for the distribution use if he doesn't have an approval for the tanks. He said he is looking for approval for over-sized storage, even if it would be contingent on the site plan that is before the Planning Board. Mr. Green stated that the fuel would be for onsite use and distribution to retail customers. The chairman said he was not sure that he saw how the approvals have to be in that order. Mr. Green asked if over-sized tanks would be allowed if distribution was removed. Charlie Aznive said it would seem different if for the gravel operation only. Mr. Green said either would require a site plan. Mr. Powelson said he is a little

reluctant to approve tanks intended for distribution when the use is not approved for the lot. He said applying for a variance for the use is an option, explaining that a variance is not always easy to get. He said the applicant could also seek out another site in the C/I District for a distribution center where it would be more fitting with zoning. Mr. Powelson pointed out that there is a provision in the Zoning Ordinance to change from one non-conforming use to another if no additional structures are involved.

Roy Merrill asked Mr. Green if he got an answer from the applicant about their fuel use. Mr. Green said he was not able to make the connection with his applicant since the Planning Board meeting last week. He said he was given a figure of 2,000 gallons a week in earlier meetings with the applicant. He explained that they want to be able to buy bigger loads at better rates. Mr. Powelson said the proposed gallonage would be six months' worth. Mr. Green said the applicant currently has one 500 gallon tank for off-road fuel on the site. Mr. Merrill spoke about getting a tanker of 10,000 gallons; he said 20,000 gallons of storage would be more than adequate for what they need. George Saunderson said he understands that Bob Cole, who ran Concord Sand & Gravel, had a 1,000 gallon tank and that did fine with his equipment. Dave Powelson said

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that seems closer to what he would think is appropriate. Mr. Merrill said buying by the tanker is how to get the price. He said it would be understandable that one 15,000 gallon tank would seem adequate for what they are using and they could still get a better price. Mr. Green said if anything is going to be changed with the quantity they would need to have at least two tanks for the different types of fuel.

Jeff Green said the applicants are currently not storing on-road fuel so they want to get fuel storage onsite. He said he knows that 51,000 gallons of fuel sounds like a lot but even for onsite use it would be cheaper because they are now paying delivery fees and are trying to get it wholesale. Dave Powelson stated that he's not particularly familiar with the site but in talking with Earl Tuson on the way to the meeting he seemed to think the intent is to operate as a gravel pit for 10–20 years or more. Mr. Green said when the new owner came to the boards a couple of years ago their intent was to operate as a gravel pit operation. They merged some properties together, changing the use of the second property to be included in the operation. He pointed out some areas that have been used and others that have not yet been used. The life of the operation depends on how material sells. Mr. Green said they could still bring material in for processing even after the onsite material has been used. He said the long-term goal is at least ten years.

Chairman Powelson said it does not appear they are looking to change the use from an active gravel operation to a distribution center. Mr. Green explained they are trying to lease with a guy who can buy more volume. The chairman noted that it was stated at the last meeting that heating fuel was also proposed. Mr. Green said that is where the distribution comes in. Howard Pearl said the distribution part is the whole issue. He said he is not sure anyone has an issue with them running a business and bulk storage for their own use. Mr. Pearl said he would suggest looking at the application and figure out how to approach the proposed use. Mr. Green said they ultimately want onsite storage. He said he believes they have been talking with a company about doing that. The company needed a place for distribution so they discussed dropping in some tanks and buying in bulk. He said there is one delivery truck coming there every day anyway so traffic would not change.

Mr. Pearl asked if on-road or off-road is the majority of the business. Mr. Green said it is off-road mostly but they have to have at least two tanks for the two types of fuel. He said if the distribution use was eliminated at this time he would want at least one 15,000 and one 6,000 tank. They would then come back for the use and the rest of the tanks/storage. Roy Merrill said those numbers make sense for onsite use so they can buy by the tanker. Earl Tuson noted that 21,000 gallons would go ten weeks.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if there were any abutters wishing to speak against the application. Ed Dempsey said he lives right where these tanks are being proposed, and he is worried about the location compared to his house. He said the tanks are big and will be quite visible. He pointed out that there are two houses on his lot and the one closest to the back line is not shown on the plan. Roy Merrill asked Mr. Green if there is an option to move the location of the tanks, saying that another 50'–100' wouldn't seem to be an issue. Earl Tuson said 250' from the property line isn't unreasonable. Mr. Green said he has been discussing this

with the applicant but the problem is running the power. Right now it would run down the edge of the access road.

Selectman Ives said he has great concern about the amount of fuel onsite. He asked what Fillmore or Concord Sand & Gravel might have for storage, adding that he still does not see the justification for the quantity requested. He also asked how a decision could be made if the information on the plan is not accurate. Mr. Dempsey said he is worried about his property values, noting that he would see the tanks from his house. Charlie Aznive said the application as written has distribution on it. Roy Merrill stated that this would be no different from the Beanstalk with their fuel tanks. Steve Ives noted that is in the C/I District.

Jeff Green said that Mr. Dempsey mentioned at an earlier meeting that he was told the old road was not going to be used by the current owners. Mr. Green pointed out the main road coming in to the area, showing an area for parking of fuel trucks and employee vehicles. He said he could make that area for the tanks and put the parking closer to the abutting property line. That would move the tanks a little further away from the abutter's home. Roy Merrill said the power could be done to that area, getting the tanks away from the abutter's property. Mr. Green said they have proposed a berm. Mr. Dempsey was previously told that before but it was verbal; being on the plan, it will happen. Mr. Green said they would use the existing road instead of the abandoned section and the site would drop down about 3' in elevation. The chairman asked Mr. Dempsey if that change would address his concerns. Mr. Dempsey said it would to a degree but he is still concerned that he only has one acre and would prefer that the facility not be right there.

Steve Ives stated that he still thinks it is a lot of fuel. Charlie Aznive said he agreed with Mr. Ives, particularly when talking about the use for the business right there. Mr. Ives said the boards have to protect the town and its environment. Dave Powelson said there are ways to protect the environment. Mr. Ives said it is up to the ZBA to tell the applicant what is reasonable. Mr. Green stated that the state said the tanks can be 75' from a wetland. He explained that the tank, alarm system, and containment system would all have to fail for there to be a problem. George Saunderson said he feels 6,000 gallons would be sufficient for the business's use, not a distribution center which is not allowed there. The chairman said the Board might be more comfortable if they knew the exact location on the tanks. Mr. Green said he could go back to the owner for discussion of the location and sizes. He said they would want at least the 15,000 gallon tank and one 6,000 gallon tank. He said he would also pass along the Board's recommendations and address the abutter's concerns with the applicants, then come back next month. *Earl Tuson made a motion to continue application #Z14-14 to the December 29th meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

Application #Z14-15, Pieter & Patricia Catlow — *Special Exception for Wetland Crossing in the RR District, Map 46, Lot 13.* Abutters Linda and Alan Tisdale were present. Wetland scientist Mike Seraikas represented the applicants.

Mr. Seraikas explained that this is a 22.8 acre lot on Old Shaker Road where the applicant plans to build a single-family house. He said the lot has a wetland across the front, parallel to the road, about 50' in from the road. He said the crossing is needed for the driveway to access the plateau further back on the lot, approxi-

mately 485' from the road. Mr. Seraikas said there are two other pockets of wet but they are not subject to the buffer due to their size. He said the driveway is proposed to cross at the narrowest point for the least impact. He stated that he went to the Conservation Commission last February; they then did a site walk. He said Julie Robinson called him at that time and said they were ok with the plan. Mr. Seraikas said he has nothing in writing and he was unable to reach Mrs. Robinson earlier today. The chairman said he wasn't sure the Board could do much without the opinion of the Conservation Commission. George Saunderson informed the Board that Rob Buzzell and Pauline Touzin of the Conservation Commission were at the Planning Board meeting when this application was discussed. He said they are onboard with the proposal. Roy Merrill said the Board cannot deny owners the use of their property.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Mr. Seraikas. He asked if there were any questions from the Board. Roy Merrill and Howard Pearl stated that the request seems pretty straightforward. The chairman asked if abutters had questions. Mr. Tisdale said their concern was of any water flow forced onto their land because of the crossing. Mr. Seraikas said the culvert would be properly sized and the water would run through wetland to wetland so there would not be any impact on abutting properties. Stan Prescott said his wife is an abutter and was not properly notified; therefore he feels the hearing should be continued. Chairman Powelson said it is a peculiar dilemma when someone is not notified yet are at the hearing. Mr. Prescott said that does not matter as she was not properly notified and the law says all abutters must be notified. He said he knew of the application as a Planning Board member. It was determined that Map 47, Lot 9 was notified instead of Map 56, Lot 9. *Earl Tuson made a motion to continue Z14-15 to the December 29th meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Roy Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor.* Mr. Seraikas will get the additional notification fee to the office.

Application #Z14-16, Chester Gay — *Special Exception for reduced setback in the*

RR District, Map 21, Lot 24-1. There were no abutters present. Jeff Green represented the applicant. Chairman Powelson appointed George Saunderson as a voting member in the absence of Ned Lizotte.

Mr. Green explained that this property is at the corner of Bee Hole and Wiggins Roads. It is a 6.5 acre lot in the RR District. The special exception for reduced setback is to put an addition on an existing barn. The addition is a lean-to for two cars and has actually already been built. Mr. Green showed that this is a corner lot which requires 50' setbacks on both frontages. The structure is 94'+/- from Bee Hole Road but right on the edge of Wiggins Road. One corner of the barn is 1' off the road, the other is about 2'. He explained that this portion of Wiggins Road currently serves as a shared driveway for Lot 24 and Lot 24-1. There is an agreement from a 2011 subdivision that requires the barn to be moved if Wiggins Road is developed. Mr. Green stated that the agreement would apply to this lean-to as well. It was confirmed that the addition is no closer to the road than the existing barn.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Mr. Green. He then asked if there were any questions from the Board. There were no abutters present and no questions from those in attendance. *Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the reduction of the setback to 1' off Wiggins Road with the condition that the barn would be moved if Wiggins Road is developed; seconded by Howard Pearl. Dave Powelson said the setbacks in that immediate area are nominal. He added that it is always awkward approving something after the fact. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson – yes; Howard Pearl – yes; Roy Merrill – yes; Dave Powelson – yes; Earl Tuson – yes. Unanimous – APPROVED*

ADJOURNMENT

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

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