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## Communications Council Receives Grant From Eversource!

A big thank-you to Eversource! Communications Council Directors met on December 18th with Donna Keeley of Eversource, who presented the Council a \$750 grant supporting the Council's educational outreach and continued publication of *The Loudon Ledger*. Pictured at right (left to right) are Nancy Kraus, Jill Lesmerises, Letty Barton, Donna Keeley, Mary Ann Steele, Janice Morin, Paul Branscombe, Katie Ambrose, and Amanda Masse. ■



### Donated Gazebo Sparkles!

The Gazebo at the Richard Brown House is all decorated for the holidays. The gazebo was generously donated by Home Depot. If you'd like to drive by to take a look, please drive slowly as our residents enjoy a stroll in the car park. For more, see pg. 4. ■

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

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Robert N. Fiske (*term expires 2019*) [selectmanfiske@comcast.net](mailto:selectmanfiske@comcast.net)  
Jeffrey Miller (*term expires 2020*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)

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Planning/Zoning Board

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55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5612 • [chief@loudonfire.com](mailto:chief@loudonfire.com)  
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Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400  
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The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

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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:

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

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

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

## Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Pat Testerman, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
Office Hours: Tues. 9–5, Wed. 9–5, Thurs. 11–5

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. • Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.  
(Nursery provided for all.)

Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, meets at noon)

FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



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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

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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. Shirley Marcroft, Interim Minister

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307  
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

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



## Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478  
pastor.moe@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time

Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the  
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



## New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Joshua T. Johnson, Lead Pastor

Rev. Dallas Tharp, Intergenerational Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.  
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays:

Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–2-year-olds.)

Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.) Children’s Church (Grades 1–5)

Discipleship Hour: 11:00 a.m. for all ages.

Second Tuesdays: OASIS Potluck Luncheon (for folks 50+): 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Games, Food & Fellowship for Everyone: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

Youth Groups (Grades 6–12): 7–8 p.m.

Adult Bible Study and Kids Time (PreK–Grade 5). 7–8 p.m.



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



## Loudon Fire Department News

By Chief Rick Wright



**M**ake 2018 a Fire and Life Safe Year. With a New Year comes the opportunity to start things off on the right foot. Often one of the resolutions we make is to improve the health of ourselves and our family. As you work towards this resolution, please add this step to maintain your health and well-being: **Home Fire Prevention.**

- Smoke alarms on every floor and in every bedroom.
- Test them every month.
- Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area on every level of the home. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for placement and mounting height, and test them every month.
- Make sure you have an escape plan with two ways out of every room. Create your outdoor meeting place and practice with a fire drill and meet at this location.

**Winter Storms** will happen and can cause us many problems.

- Clear the driveway and front walk of ice and snow, as well as access to all exit doors.
- During and after the storm make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fire-place are clear of snow build-up.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. Add street numbers if your house doesn’t have any now. This will ensure emergency personnel to find your home in the event of an emergency.
- Generators should only be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Never run a generator inside your garage or barn, even if the door is open.

**Be Safe Driving this Winter.** Prepare for the trip by maintaining your vehicle:

- Check your battery, tire tread, windshield wipers and no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir.
- Keep your windows and lights clear and remove all snow from your vehicle including the roof.
- Carry a flashlight, jumper cables, snow brush, ice scraper, and shovel.
- Plan your route and allow plenty of time.
- Remember stopping distances are longer on snow and ice covered roads. Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Get plenty of rest before a trip.
- Do not drink and drive, or use drugs.

Fire Permits are not required for outdoor burning as long as the ground is completely snow covered. If you are planning on burning brush or clean wood outdoors, we always appreciate it when you call and let us know. The Fire Station phone number is 798-5612. Always dial 911 if an emergency. ■



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# News From Richard Brown House

By Lois Scribner

Winter has arrived, as we must all be aware. It is harder to grapple with New England winters as one ages and respiratory and other illnesses have to be fought off. Nonetheless, coughs and viruses notwithstanding, it has continued to be busy at Richard Brown House as the year comes to an end.

A few days before Thanksgiving, the entire fifth grade of Loudon Elementary School made a second annual visit as part of their Community Service. The students walked from the school with a police escort, thankfully on one of the warmer sunny days of November, and spent an hour of fun playing bingo using the antique bingo machine and cards donated by the Legion. Popcorn was served to snack on and the hour flew by. It is enlivening to have such youthful energy enter the building, even for a short time, and residents were gratified that some students thanked them for allowing them to come. As November drew to a close, several residents were appreciative of the Thanksgiving meal provided by Salvation Army worker Nikki Holtgrave and volunteers.



Nikki Holtgrave and Salvation Army volunteers provided a Thanksgiving meal that was enjoyed by many of our residents.

The gazebo so kindly provided by Home Depot has now been given a complete festive makeover, as manager Lucie Bilodeau arranged for it to be decorated with Christmas lights. It is lovely to see on a dark afternoon. If anyone does drive round to take a peek at our new "gift of

light," please drive carefully in case there are residents, or visitors walking in the car park.

Residents continue to benefit from the outreach from members of the Faith Community Bible Church. Rebekah Allen and Krisztian Davis and family spearheaded a Carol Sing-along last weekend, which was much enjoyed by residents and members of the congregation of all ages. Krisztian led the music playing the organ. During the rest of the month other volunteers returned with craft activities: Jennifer Pickard, Wellness Ambassador from RiteAid, led a Gingerbread House making session which provided very focused fun, and MJ Bunyon and Kevin Leblanc will come again just before Christmas. Some members of Boy Scout Troop 247 boys and family members, led by Lee Laughlin, came one evening for a Meet and Greet, providing festive holiday snacks and optional board games. And back by popular demand, the Home Depot band, "The Solutions" are providing a holiday concert, preceded by residents offering a potluck supper. Staff and residents remain deeply appreciative of

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Jennifer Pickard, Wellness Ambassador from RiteAid, helped us make gingerbread houses — another holiday favorite.



Singing favorite Christmas carols.



Fifth graders enjoyed Bingo and popcorn.



The two photos above show some members of Boy Scout Troop 247 enjoying holiday snacks and board games with our residents. Boy Scout Photos by Lee Laughlin

It is hoped there might be more students looking for opportunities for community service who will be in touch during 2018 and anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to contact either Lucie Bilodeau, manager, or Lois Scribner, Service Coordinator, at 798-3190. Good wishes for a Happy New Year to all. ■

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## Highway Department Gears Up For Winter

The Highway Department starts preparing for winter early in order to be ready to roll when the first flakes fall. They are the unsung heroes this time of year. People often take for granted the roads will be plowed, salted, and/or sanded. Thank them when you see them next! They might even appreciate a cup of coffee! They work long hours during times when we are home snuggled in our beds.

Remember also to give them lots of room when you're driving. They can't stop on a dime and having all the equipment hanging off the truck sometimes makes it difficult to see vehicles around them. Don't assume they know you're behind them, especially if you're following a little closely; back off! If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. *(The photos are courtesy of Bill Gordon)* ■



## Thank You, Santa's Helpers

The Loudon Elementary PTA would like to thank their sponsors AG of New England, Jasmor Properties, and Gabriel Telecom for their help in hosting a successful Santa's Breakfast. Also, thank you to all who offered support and provided raffle prizes and baked goods. We hope to see you next year! ■

### Scenes from this year's Santa's Breakfast



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## Good News From Loudon Elementary School



### Santa's Breakfast

On Saturday, December 2nd, the LES PTA, with the help of numerous community volunteers, hosted the annual Santa's Breakfast. Those in attendance were served delicious pancakes with homemade maple syrup. Participants were also able to visit with Santa, enjoy the delicious "Cookie Walk," take their chance in the raffle and relax on a horse and wagon ride.

The LES chorus performed several songs in celebration of the season at Santa's Breakfast. The chorus is comprised of students in grades 3–5 and directed by Mrs. Jennifer Keaton.

Proceeds raised at this event will support PTA funded school events. Thank you to all who came and joined in the fun!

### Hour of Code

LES students participated in the international event, Hour of Code, during the week of December 4th. Over five hundred million students worldwide participated in this annual event designed to introduce students to the exciting world of Computer Science. This activity is designed to help encourage problem solving skills, logical thinking and creativity.

Mrs. Herrmann, the LES Media Center Specialist, coordinated this event. Fifth graders worked with younger students to support their work exploring code. Parent volunteer, Marc Herrmann, taught interested students in grades 3–5 how to use coding to design a light show coordinated with music!

Visit <https://code.org/learn> to complete the coding tutorials that students enjoyed during this event.

### Community Generosity

Our school community would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the numerous Loudon residents who made donations in support of students to ensure that everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season!

### Kindergarten Registration

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

### Upcoming Events

- 1/1 No School — Holiday
- 1/4 LES PTA at 6:30
- 1/8 MVSD School Board Meeting at 7:15, MVHS
- 1/15 No School — Holiday
- 1/26 Substitute Teacher Job Fair 9–11 a.m., Boscauwen Elementary School
- 1/30 MV Public Hearing at 7 p.m. at MVHS
- 1/31 PTA Snack Cart ■

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## Looking For Your Ledger?

If your *Ledger* hasn't arrived in the mail quite as quickly as you'd like, you can go to [loudonnh.org](http://loudonnh.org) to read the latest edition. The paper is posted online the same day it goes to the printer. Once it is at the printer it could be another 8–10 days before it appears in your mailbox, due to production and mailing times.

The web site is also a great place to find the latest meeting schedules, minutes, and links to other departments in town.

Remember: [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) for all the latest information and an early peek at *The Loudon Ledger*. ■

## NEW HOURS AT THE TRANSFER STATION

**Tuesday 9–5**  
**Thursday 10–6**  
**Saturday 8–5**

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## We're Living in a Digital World...But That Doesn't Mean Everything Will Change!

***Balancing the effective use of technology is important as we prepare students for the future***

Our students are learning differently today. Gone are the days of solely relying on copying spelling words 10 times each, or making flashcards to remember our math facts. Why? Because we have options and there is likely an app for that! Technology plays a significant role in virtually every aspect of our lives, so we don't ask our students to "power down" when they walk into school. We need to change with the times and adapt. The effective use of technology allows us to augment our instruction and provide digital means to accomplish tasks and provide students (and adults) with options in their educational journeys. We adapt by growing our capacity to effectively prepare students to become 21st century learners.

The Google Applications for Education Suite (GSuite) has revolutionized how our students access and explore the curriculum. Beginning in kindergarten, students learn to use digital tools. These tools engage students and allow them to collaboratively create, edit, and share assignments.

Teaching our students how to access technology and hone their skills is important; however, it is equally important that our students learn how to become good digital citizens. Every educator is a teacher of technology, and starting early we begin to teach each student to be safe and responsible digital learners.

Students are using technology in a variety of ways at the elementary level. Those in the upper grades use Google Classroom, a virtual classroom where work is shared between teacher and student. The enVisions math program has a feature called Practice Buddy, which includes a step-by-step example, a glossary, and animated videos. Chromebooks are used daily for a variety of learning opportunities. Students use them to edit and revise their writing, to research topics of interest, and to practice their math fluency and spelling. Here are a few of the many (K-5) applications that students may use over the course of a day:

- Spelling City
- Dogo News
- Xtramath
- Math Playground
- Headsprout
- Reflex Math
- Epic!

Tips for monitoring your child's virtual life at home:

- Have your child show you his/her digital world - what are they playing or doing?
- Keep the digital device in a common area of your home, where you can see and monitor what your child is doing.
- Limit your child's screen time.

Technology can open many doors for our students. That said, technology skills are not the most important traits we impart upon our students. Technology is a powerful tool that engages students, expands collaborations, supports problem solving, augments communications, and increases efficiencies. However, when the "lids are down" and students are interacting, they need to be able to look someone in the eye and speak confidently. We understand that balance and look forward to our partnership with our families as we prepare our students for the future.

— Ms. Jennifer Moore, Principal, Penacook Elementary

## Great News From Around the Merrimack Valley School District (MVSD)

***Little "bites" of information from our seven schools — this month's featured school: Salisbury Elementary School (SES)***

Fungo, The New Hampshire Fisher Cats mascot, visited SES and challenged students to read five books outside of the normal school day during the school year. Students who complete the challenge will earn two tickets to a 2018 New Hampshire Fisher Cats game at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium at a special "Read-ing Challenge" celebration. Plus, each participant will get to play catch on the field at the game you choose to attend. The schools with the highest percentage of students who complete the challenge have the opportunity to win cash prizes totaling \$5,000. Salisbury Elementary School has won more cash prizes than any other New Hampshire school. We have used the winnings to support "I Love to Read" month author visits and many other reading related activities. Let's win again SES!

## What is Your Educational Acronym IQ? Like any Profession, Education is Full of Acronyms

This month's installment of educational acronyms focuses on acronyms linked to local, state, and federal tests

PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
STAR	Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading (and Math)
DLM	Dynamic Learning Maps
NWEA	Northwest Evaluation Association
MAP	Measures of Academic Progress
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress ■



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- Maxfield Public Library
- Beanstalk Store
- USPS
- Transfer Station
- Web Site

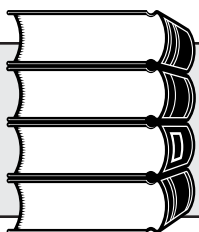


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## Maxfield Public Library News

### Children's Activities

#### Music And Movement

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

#### Story Time

On January 4, Story Time will hear *Big Pets* by Catherine Ipcizade and Dashka Slater's *Escargot*. Don't be surprised if your child decides that a snail might be their favorite animal! Each child will leave a slimy...er, shimmery trail, after craft time.

On January 11, planning for a brisk day, the children will put together some warm mittens after hearing two folk tales: Paul Galdone's *Three Little Kittens* and Jan Brett's adapted Ukrainian folk tale, *The Mitten*.

January 21, is Squirrel Appreciation Day; we will be reading about squirrels on January 18. *A New Home* by Tim Bowers and *Those Darn Squirrels!* by Adam Rubin will be the weekly book selections.

On January 25, Story Timers will warm up by listening to stories of dragons. They will learn lots of new "facts" as they read *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin and *The Best Pet of All* by David LaRochele. Every child will create their own pet dragon to take home, but remember — no spicy tacos!!

#### Snow Policy For Children's Programs

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

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

#### New!!! Hot Yoga Class

Have you ever wanted to try a different type of yoga? Join Fran, January 3 at 6 p.m., for our first ever hot yoga class. Depending on participation, this could be a permanent addition to the yoga schedule. Please bring a mat and water. The cost per class is \$5.00.

#### Yoga

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

#### Spiritual Discussion Group

Starting in January, the group will begin monthly discussions from the book, *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin. Stop by the library for a copy of the book if you

wish to participate in the Happiness Project. The first meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 at 6 p.m., when we discuss the first chapter: January: *Boost Energy Vitality*.

#### Blood Pressure And Lifestyle Connection

On Wednesday, January 17 from 5–6:30 p.m., learn what your numbers mean (the first 30 minutes is an optional Blood Pressure Clinic).

In this class, sponsored by Concord Hospital Center for Health Promotion, we will talk about some simple changes that you can make to manage and lower your blood pressure. These life skills can also reduce your risk of stroke, diabetes and heart disease. Participate in this FREE class and take charge of your health. Light refreshments will be served.

Please reserve your spot by calling the library.

#### Integrative Approach To Essential Oils

Most of us know how aromatherapy can impact our mood, but do you know how to maximize your essential oils for your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being? In this class, you will learn easy and practical ways to enjoy the benefits of essential oils. The class will be led by Sandra Grace CHI, LMT, ILC, RMT.

Join us Saturday, January 13 at 10 am to experience oils and create your own blends. SIGN UP at the circulation desk today for your space in class!

#### Book Group

Book group will be meeting, Thursday, January 25 at 7 p.m. Call for more information.

#### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day.

#### Library Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



## Maxfield Public Library Passes!

*Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.*

#### CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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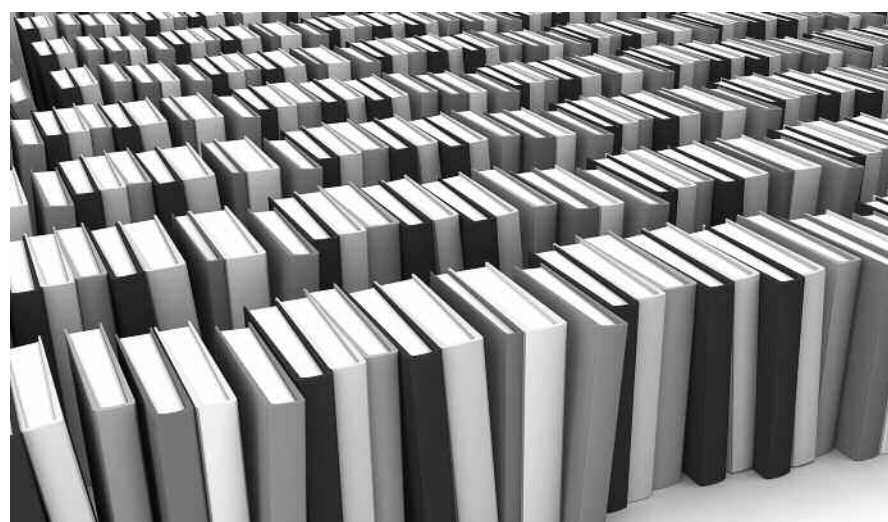
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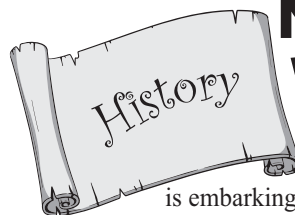
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## New Members Welcome!



A man walks into the Historical Society and says, “what’s new?” In fact, your Loudon Historical Society is embarking on several new, exciting and involved projects.

As you may know we are undertaking the Herculean task of assembling a written town History and frankly we need help. There are many facets to this project beyond writing of the actual manuscript. Naturally we want to hear about your memories of the town and welcome any photographs or documents that you might have in your family — we will scan them on site while you wait.

We’re also looking for individuals to join the historical society to assist us in our efforts. As we continue to work to assemble a complete inventory of the museum, and look to expand our fundraising efforts we need people who can complement our existing skill set. If you have graphic design experience, or have an interest in assisting the curation of our collection, or have database experience to help us manage our inventory, please join us! We’re very polite and don’t often bite.

Significant tenure as a Loudon citizen is not required. It doesn’t matter if you’ve lived here a week, or if your family’s been here a century. Come on down to our monthly meeting (the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm) or swing by the museum — we’re open the second Sunday of the month from 2–4 p.m. Or drop us line at [loudonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:loudonhistory@gmail.com) ■

## Speedway Children’s Charities Distributes \$222,000 to Nonprofit Groups Across New England

Happy tears were flowing at the Palace Theatre on Thursday, as the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities said goodbye to its founding director, welcomed a new one, and held its ninth annual grant distribution ceremony. With more than 40 nonprofit organizations on hand, more than \$222,000 was distributed, which will benefit a record 122,000 children in the New England region.

“I will forever smile as I think about Speedway Children’s Charities and all the children who are positively impacted,” said Cheryl LaPrade, who turned over the reins of director of the SCC’s NH chapter to Hillarie Scott, following Thursday’s ceremony. “Everyone at SCC, NHMS, and the many non-profit organizations will hold a special place in my heart and I will forever be grateful for having been given this incredible honor of working with each and every one of you. I am excited to watch from the sidelines as the NH Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities grows to new heights.”

Since its inception, NH Motor Speedway and SCC have distributed \$1.7 million, supporting close to 667,000 children across the Northeast. Nationally, Speedway Children’s Charities raised \$3.2 million in 2017, benefitting 792,000 children in 435 programs.

The money raised comes in large part thanks to the fundraising efforts of Speedway Motorsports, Inc.’s (SMI) eight facilities: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Bristol Motor Speedway, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Kentucky Speedway, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Sonoma Raceway and Texas Motor Speedway.

“There’s a lot of hard work that goes into that final number of what was raised this year, and I couldn’t be prouder to be standing here today and a part of this,” said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. “I also couldn’t be more proud of the efforts of Cheryl. She is a true champion of children and her passion and energy will be missed.”

Money raised through the New Hampshire Chapter includes events such as the “One for the Kids” Golf Tournament, Champions Breakfast, the Yule Light Up the Night run, Red Bucket Brigade (July and September), Driver Memorabilia Auction, Lobster Bake, Track Walks, helicopter rides, Clay Shoot, and the Safe Kids 500, as well as the Gift of Lights.

Speedway Children’s Charities is a national non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1982 with the mission: to care for children in educational, financial, social and medical need in order to help them lead productive lives. There are eight SCC chapters across the United States, representing the communities surrounding SMI speedways. Each chapter is run independently with the purpose of helping children in need within its local region. ■

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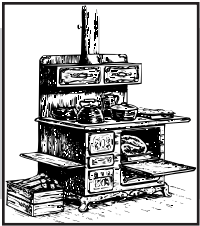


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## What's Cookin'? Hearty Crock Pot Meals

By Deb Foss

This month, we're serving up some easy, but delicious, crock pot meals. Assemble everything in the morning, toss it in your crock pot and walk away. When you get home from work or a day having fun on the slopes, dinner is served. The hearty, stock-to-your-ribs meals we're sure you'll enjoy.

### Bean and Bacon Soup

- 4 strips bacon
- 1 cup diced carrot
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced onion
- 4 cloves chopped garlic
- 2 15 oz. Great Northern beans drained
- 2 cups water
- 2 tbs. fresh parsley
- 1¼ tsp. kosher salt
- ½ tsp. pepper

In large Dutch oven fry bacon until crisp, remove and drain on paper towel and set aside.

Over medium heat add the carrots to the pan drippings and saute for 5 minutes. Then add celery, onion, and garlic. Stir well and cook for 3 more minutes.

Add beans and 2 cups water, bring to boil, cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 10 minutes. Uncover and with potato masher partially mash the beans until it thickens slightly, stir in parsley, salt, pepper, and crumbled bacon.

### Creamy Tomato & Basil Bisque

- 3 tbs. unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion diced
- 1 rib celery minced
- 3 cloves of garlic minced
- 3 tbs. flour
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 14.5 oz. cans petite diced tomatoes
- 2 tbs. tomato paste
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tsp. basil
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- salt & pepper
- parmesan cheese
- croutons

Melt butter in sauce pan over medium heat, add onion, celery, and garlic and cook for 4 minutes. Stir in flour over low heat. Add broth, tomatoes, sugar, bay leaf, and basil. Bring to boil for 10 minutes. Remove bay leaf. With immersion blender or blender care-

fully puree half of the soup and return to the pan and stir in cream. Season and top with cheese and croutons.

### Crock Pot Beef Burgundy

- 2 pounds stew meat, cut in 1" cubes
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup (Campbell's Healthy choice)
- 1 diced onion
- 1 tsp. garlic
- 1 tsp. chopped rosemary or a whole sprig that can be taken out later
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- ½ cup burgundy wine
- ½ cup flour
- ¼ cup butter

Put flour in large zip lock bag. Add meat and shake to coat.

Melt butter and brown meat in a single layer in pan add onion and garlic and continue to brown.

When browned add to crock pot. Mix all of the other ingredients together and mix into the meat in the pot. Cook on low for 6-8 hours. Serve over rice or buttered noodles.

### Crock Pot Chicken Stew

- 2 lbs. boneless chicken cut into 1" cubes.
- 1 bag fresh crinkle cut carrots
- 1 bag baby Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2 cans Campbell's Healthy Choice cream of chicken soup
- 1 sprig rosemary or ½ to 1 tsp of dry rosemary.

Put all the ingredients in the crock pot. Turn on low and cook for 6-8 hours. Good served with biscuits.

### Easy Tortellini Casserole

- 1 large package frozen or fresh cheese or meat tortellini.
- Large jar of spaghetti sauce of your choice or homemade sauce.
- 1 lb. ground sweet Italian sausage.
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese.
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese.

Grease a 13" X 9" casserole and set aside. Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Boil water and cook tortellini until al dente, drain.

Saute sausage until broken up and cooked thru.

Mix together tortellini, sausage, and sauce and pour into prepared pan.

Top with mozzarella and then parmesan cheese. Bake until bubbly about 20 minutes.

If you heat the sauce before assembling it will cook faster. Good served with a salad and Italian bread.

Casserole can be assembled and frozen or refrigerated and baked later. ■



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### January Senior Health Clinics

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

### Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. The January clinic will be held on Monday, January 8, 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you.

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

### CVNA Holds Loss After Addiction Drop-In Discussion Group in Concord

Concord Regional VNA is holding a Loss After Addiction Drop-In Discussion Group, a new offering for anyone adjusting to the death of a loved one to addiction, on Wednesday, January 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Concord Regional VNA Hospice House, 240 Pleasant Street in Concord. Loss After Addiction is held on the third Wednesday of each month at the same time.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 2828 or e-mail carmel-la.dow@crvna.org. ■

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## BUSINESS PROFILE: Stonemark Carpet Cleaners

By Nancy Kraus

Stonemark Carpet Cleaners of Loudon is our featured small business of the month.

Finding a way to support a growing family was first and foremost on the mind of Ron Stonis when he started Stonemark Carpet Cleaning almost 20 years ago. When attempts at selling vacuums and insurance by this father of ten wasn't meeting the needs of a growing family, he sought another solution. His wife, Martha, suggested carpet cleaning... a business venture that didn't require a large start-up investment. To start his business, Stonis attended classes on weekends to earn certification as a professional carpet and upholstery cleaner.

Stonis grew the business from part-time to fulltime within a short period. Originally working out of the family station wagon, he was soon serving customers with a state-of-the-art "truckmount" cleaning system. His belief that "every customer should receive a thorough cleaning at a competitive price," helped Stonemark grow. He also believes that trust and professionalism are paramount. "You have to be honest, friendly, professional in every way, and provide value for the customer's money," He credits his strong faith in guiding his business principles and practices.

Stonis will be the first to tell you that while "it does cost to advertise...every business must prioritize marketing the business" to grow and prosper. With the help of a marketing "guru," Stonis developed advertising geared toward attracting customers, an effort well worth the investment.



A top-rated business pro according to "Home Advisor," an on-line business directory, Stonemark Carpet Cleaning boasts over 50 excellent customer reviews.

Every business has challenges and carpet cleaning is no exception. While Stonis is able to complete minor repairs on his equipment, his state-of-the-art truckmount cleaning system requires the attention of a specialized mechanic when breakdowns occur.

When asked what advice he would have for anyone wanting to start their own business, he says, "You have to have a plan. You need to count the cost, including marketing of your product or service...a must for business survival." He also cautions that there will be long hours until your business begins to make a profit and challenges in finding employees that are the right fit. It may be difficult to find time for family, friends, and community involvement, however the rewards are gratifying.

Stonis stresses that working in your own business provides freedom to schedule your

time, as well as the opportunity to meet people, gain friends, and "be your own boss." Being self-employed also makes you realize the importance of supporting local businesses and residents. "It is healthy for all of us to help one another succeed...after all, we are, in a practical sense, family...and that is nice!"

Contact Ron Stonis at [rrstonis@JUNO.com](mailto:rrstonis@JUNO.com) or 603-783-4175, or visit their website at [www.stonemark-carpets.com](http://www.stonemark-carpets.com) ■

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## Loudon as a Leader in Horticulture

Loudon has become well-known in the state for its horticultural operations and it was only fitting for it to take the lead in a new national certification program. The new program is called SANC (Systems Approach to Nursery Certification).

D.S. Cole Growers on North Village Rd. is participating in a national pilot program to be certified to ship plants to any state in the country without the need for extra inspections which some states require. Since some states prohibit the movement of uninspected plants across their borders due to insects or possible disease, states have been working together to create systems to safeguard their borders while making the inspection process less costly and burdensome for the growers of these products.

On November 14th and 15th, D.S. Cole Growers hosted a meeting at their greenhouses and at Charlie's Barn during which the first steps of the program were reviewed. Participants attended from across the country including those from USDA, APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services), AmericanHort (a grower organization), and the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

This new program will help D.S. Cole Growers and many other growers throughout the country as the program evolves. It will also help assure safer movement of plant products due to the systems put in place. D.S. Cole Growers wants to thank town officials for allowing the use of Charlie's Barn for this meeting.

D.S. Cole Growers has been a leader in the US for being part of an international sustainability program known as MPS ([www.my-mps.com](http://www.my-mps.com)). As the first US participant over 10 years ago, D.S. Cole Growers submits data of monthly inputs such as fertilizer, energy, and pesticide use to attain a rating based on the compiled results. The goal is to attain what is called an "A" score based on specific international benchmarks. As of the date of this submittal D.S. Cole Growers is operating at an "A" level. ■

## Loudon Lions Club Contributes To Toys For Tots



Loudon American Legion Post #88 Historian Mike Moffett delivered another load of toys courtesy of the Loudon Lions to the Marines at the Reserve Center in Londonderry before Christmas. The Lions have made "Toys for Tots" support an annual Loudon holiday tradition. ■



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### 2018 DEADLINES

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

As of December 11, 2017, we have donated 5,485 pounds of food to the Loudon Food Pantry, with three more weeks of Gift of Lights to go!



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## Loudon Recycles

Welcome everyone to 2018! It is the Loudon Recycling Committee's hope that 2018 will be a great year for everyone. This year our monthly articles will feature one of the numerous items that the Transfer Station accepts. We will explain why it's important to recycle the item and relay, when possible, the financial benefits to the town.

We value your opinion — so we are in the process of putting together a survey. The survey will appear in the February *Loudon Ledger* issue as well as being available at the Transfer Station and on some Loudon Facebook pages. The information from these surveys will be shared with everyone in March.

Contact us at [Loudonrecycles@comcast.net](mailto:Loudonrecycles@comcast.net)  
Facebook — Loudon Recycling Committee

## Loudon Food Pantry Benefits from Generous Gift of Lights Donations

The snow has finally arrived in Loudon, making the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil an even more magical place. The true spirit of the holidays can be felt across New Hampshire Motor Speedway's glowing campus, but it's been an extra special year thus far for the Loudon Food Pantry.

Since the Gift of Lights' inception in 2011, anyone bringing three nonperishable food items will get a discounted rate. Thanks to the wonderfully generous donations of Gift of Lights goers, New Hampshire Motor Speedway has been able to donate more than 5,500 pounds of food to the Loudon Food Pantry since it dropped the green flag on Nov. 24. That's nearly 2,000 pounds (36 percent) ahead of last year's totals at this time.

"I think those numbers really speak to the big hearts and the values that families across New England and this region have for one another," said Hillarie Scott, director of the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, which receives a portion of the Gift of Lights proceeds. "It warms my heart to see the generosity of others and there's still a couple weeks left to go."

Entering the 2017 season, the Loudon Food Pantry has been able to provide an additional 58,000 meals from the 73,000 pounds of food that has been donated at the Gift of Lights. Also, every Saturday night, the Loudon Firefighters Association raises money from donations at the s'mores pit behind the main office, where families can sit by the fire roasting marshmallows and decorating gingered cookies.

Open daily from 4:30–9:00 p.m., the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil is New England's largest holiday light show featuring more than two million LED lights throughout the 400 displays. There will be 60 different scenes this year including holiday, patriotic, and racing themes along with the popular Tunnel of Lights which brings visitors into the speedway's infield.

Visitors are encouraged to stop and visit Santa's workshop through Dec. 23 for photos with Santa and the s'mores pit, just behind the main grandstand, for an out-of-car experience. ■

## TOWN DEPARTMENT WEB SITES

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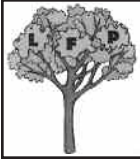
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Loudon Elementary School/MVHS/School District:

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Maxfield Public Library: [www.maxfieldlibrary.com](http://www.maxfieldlibrary.com)

Loudon Food Pantry: [www.loudonfoodpantry.org](http://www.loudonfoodpantry.org)



## Loudon Food Pantry News

### November Meal Numbers

In November, we gave out enough food to create 8,838 meals.

### 50-50 Raffle Holiday Fundraiser

We sold \$302 in Raffle tickets. The winner, Jen M. has donated her winnings of \$151 back to the pantry. Thank you everyone for joining in!

### Gift of Lights (NHMS Winter Wonderland)

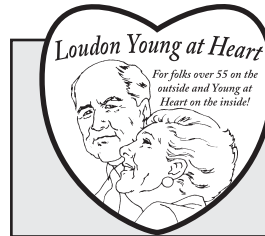
We have started to receive food from the Gift of Lights. In 2016 we received a total of 9,360.66 pounds of food and \$606 in funds. Between the food and funds, this adds up to giving out enough food to create 10,224.55 Meals. Wow!

So far in 2017 we have received 8,790.30 pounds of food (funds are not received until shortly after the last delivery). Before this is over, we will be receiving about three more deliveries. I think we'll top last year!

The food received from Gift of Lights helps us to replenish the food given out at the pantry and is very much appreciated.

### Inventory

We will be closed from December 29, 2017–January 15, 2018 for inventory and will reopen on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. ■



## Loudon Young at Heart

By Maureen Prescott

With snow on the ground and a crisp bite in the air, it was surely merry and bright at Charlie's Barn when Loudon Young at Heart met for their December 13th, 2017 meeting. Forty-eight members dressed in their holiday attire joined in a sing-a-long with Bill Parker for the season's Christmas carols. What a fun time it was!!

The potluck lunch again brought out the best cooks with delicious casseroles, salads, and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and conversation with their friends. There was definitely a festive spirit in the air and no one went away hungry.

There were three door prizes, which were beautiful poinsettias donated by Ledgeview Greenhouses. The recipients of this year's door prizes were: Barbara Follansbee, Michaela Warren, and Mike Smith. Congratulations to all of you!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Author, Mark Okrant will give a presentation on the "Writing Process."

Just a reminder: Donations to the Food Pantry are accepted at all meetings. Also now with the winter months upon us there is no Young at Heart meeting if the Merrimack Valley School District is closed.

In closing a big thank you to all who participated in making the Young at Heart Christmas party a huge success. See you all next month and until then stay warm and safe!!

*Happy New Year!*

## 2017 Budget Hearings

### Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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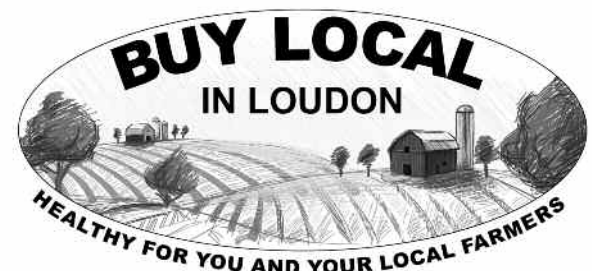
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## Questions to Ask Before Buying A Flipped House

Jack Prendiville  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Americans have caught the house flipping fever. All around the country, people and companies are buying beat-up homes that need some love and transforming them into modern, stylish homes with beautiful fixtures and top of the line appliances. Those who are looking to buy a home will most likely come across a home that has been flipped. The initial expression is usually that of “wow.” After you’ve taken in the open floor plan and granite countertops be sure to ask these questions.

### What was done?

Too often, someone will renovate a home and focus only on the wow factor, such as in the kitchens and bathrooms. Keep an eye out for less impressive features: windows, roof, HVAC, and so forth. They might not be as flashy as a marble tub, but might be more important!

### Who is the seller?

Make sure that whoever flipped the home, be it an individual, an LLC or company, has a track record and can provide references.

### Are all the permits on file?

If the flipper did any plumbing, electrical or structural work without the necessary permits, be on guard. This could mean they did shoddy work, and it’s possible that when you go to sell, an inspector might be required to tear open walls so they can verify the work.

### What’s the history of the house?

Consider contacting the previous owners to learn about any quirks or problems with the house, and then check to see if these were resolved.

A flipped house may look great, but before you make an offer, be sure that underneath the beautiful exterior is an equally solid home. ■

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## OBITUARIES

### LEONARD E. DEANE

Leonard E. Deane of Loudon, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, at home surrounded by his family after a sudden illness. He was 79 years old, born Feb. 26, 1938, in North Hampton, MA.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Lois (French) Deane of Loudon; three sons and one daughter, Lenny Deane II of Pittsfield, Lawrence Deane and companion, Roxanne Danforth of Andover, Lonnie Deane and wife, Tracy of Allenstown and Laurie and Ed Vien of Pittsfield; a brother, Carlton Deane of Florida; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Also his dog Jo-Jo.

He was brought up in Wilmington, MA and later moved to NH. Some of his hobbies were fishing, making gem-stone jewelry and clocks, and printing on tee shirts. He also liked to garden and working with his tractor. He worked for N.H. DOT and later at Pittsfield Elementary as a custodian. He also served four years in the Army Reserves.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Hospice House of Concord. ■

### DAKOTA “KOTY” LABRECQUE

Dakota “Koty” LaBrecque, 23, of Loudon, died unexpectedly while at work Monday, Nov. 27, in Springfield. Koty was born in the winter of 1994 in Concord to Kelley LaBrecque Smith. He grew up in Loudon and attended the Merrimack Valley School System and was a graduate of Merrimack Valley High School with the class of 2013.

After high school Koty joined the work force and earned himself a reputation as a motivated hard worker in his desired field of Landscaping, he had worked for Northeast Landscaping for several years and had most recently been working as a laborer at the Springfield Power Company. In his free time Koty loved to be outdoors. When he was younger it was being involved in youth sports and in most recent years it would be outdoors farming, hunting or fishing, or riding dirt bikes and mudding with friends. He was also a self taught musician and he loved to play his guitar.

Dakota is survived by his mother, Kelley LaBrecque Smith and his step-father, Alan Smith both of Loudon; a brother, Luke Ladd of Concord; two step-sisters, Haley Seidensticker of Manchester and Adrienne Seidensticker of Canterbury; his aunt and uncle, Terry Mullen and William Mullen of Loudon; his uncle, Arthur LaBrecque of Webster; his maternal grandmother and grandfather, Hazel and Charles Varnum of Loudon; and many, many cousins and friends. He has touched the lives of many people and will be deeply missed by those who knew him. ■

## Historical Society Meeting Minutes — November 8, 2017

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held November 08, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

### Attendees:

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

The minutes from the October meeting were read. *Stan made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written and Michele seconded the motion.*

The H.S. will be hosting the 2nd annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. It will be on Sunday December 3rd from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for everyone.

Matthew Cate from Rhode Island sent an e-mail to the H.S. Mr. Cate was asking about who was responsible for the repair and clean-up of Loudon cemeteries. Stan Prescott is the town custodian of the cemeteries. Stan and the Select Board, are looking into this issue.

The Historical Society is interested in a room at the “old” Town office. This room would be used for storage of some of the H.S. items. Our current storage is located above the

museum. It is not easy or safe climbing up and down a ladder with old documents or artifacts.

The workshop for the Association of Historical Societies in Concord was not attended by any of our members. We had sent in a request to become a member of the Association, but as of the meeting date, it was not granted. We hope to attend next year.

Stan has been in contact with Liz LeBron. She has a pamphlet that was handed out to returning World War II veterans. She also has a booklet from the 100 year anniversary of the Maxfield Library. Both of these items are a wonderful addition to Loudon’s museum.

The Historical Society would like to say a HUGE Thank you to Jim Cotton. Jim produced the DVD the H.S. is selling as a fund raiser. The H.S. very much appreciates the time and effort Jim put into making this DVD.

Our next meeting will be December 06, 2017 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Gordon

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 14, 2017

### Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

### Also present:

Fire Chief Rick Wright, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Historical Society Members; Roger Maxfield, Stan Prescott, and Michele York.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 7, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with the Historical Society. Mr. Maxfield said the Community Building (barn) looks good both inside and out. Chairman Ives said Chief Wright was responsible for getting it done.

Mr. Maxfield said the 250th Anniversary of the town is 2023. He suggested that the Historical Society take the lead on the big celebration for that.

Mr. Maxfield said several months ago the Selectmen asked the Historical Society to come up with a plan for using the old town office. Mr. Maxfield said they would like to use the old tax collector's office for cold storage because it has locks on the doors.

Mr. Maxfield said Canterbury built a beautiful climate controlled room and has rooms for offices. He explained that a lot of Historical Societies have temporary or rotating displays that change every few months. Mr. Maxfield said if they could have that building they could set up displays in some rooms and use some for administrative things. Mr. Maxfield said the long-term plan would be to tear down the two-story wooden part of the building and build a one-story climate controlled, fire proofed structure. He explained that people would be more inclined to give them

things if they knew they were being protected. Mr. Prescott said he understands that the Board would like this brought before the town meeting. He said if the historical society needs to pitch something at town meeting they will. Chairman Ives said that would be a good idea. He would like the entire town involved before any decisions are made for a permanent use. Chairman Ives said he agrees they are on target; the wood part isn't safe for public use and the stone part needs to be preserved. Mr. Maxfield said they will be prepared with a plan at town meeting. Mrs. York asked if they should be working on a warrant article. Chairman Ives said he doesn't think so at this point; they won't have enough specifics for a warrant article. He said this is a multi-year project. Chairman Ives asked them to come in before town meeting to share their presentation with the Selectmen so they are all on the same page at town meeting.

Mr. Maxfield said they are doing fundraisers, such as the sale of the DVDs, to help them out so the town isn't paying for everything.

Mrs. York said that they toured the Canterbury Historical Society and it opened their eyes to the possibilities. They then looked at the old town office and realized that the wood-en part just wouldn't work.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said the state work crew is making good progress painting the inside of the Community Building. He said they finished the big room and one bathroom, they still have the other bathroom, the corridor and the tall lobby area. Chief Wright said there is a leak in the lady's room by the ceiling. He believes it is from the pipes that go through the metal roof they will get up and take a look at it soon.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess

Chief Burgess said he received an email from Mike Harris. He said he addressed both items with Mr. Harris.

Chief Burgess said Sergeant Akerstrom started supervisor school today and will go through Thursday. Officer Beck is going to an interview and interrogation training this week.

Chairman Ives said they discussed the proposal for the raise that Chief Burgess submitted for Sergeant Akerstrom; he said it is a pretty hefty raise. Chairman Ives said they feel that Sergeant Akerstrom has the time in, a comparison chart was submitted with the proposal comparing other towns officers in the same position so they think \$1 is a fair raise.

Selectman Miller said a 10-hour schedule for the police department was given to him for review, Selectman Fiske also reviewed it. He said it was very well done, there will be good coverage and once Officer Battye is out of the academy there will be versatility for overlapping shifts. Selectman Fiske mentioned that if an officer has military duty the schedule might have to temporarily go to 8-hour day. Chief Burgess acknowledged that it might happen when Officer Battye is in school. Chairman Ives said if this works out well he would see no reason to change it except due to the military or academy.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District November invoice for \$765,500.82.

The Board received notice that the Public Employee Labor Relations Board Hearing has been rescheduled from November 21st to December 14th at 8:30 a.m.

The Board received a letter from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Chairman Ives read that last year they were paying 4.2% this year it will be down to 4.0%

The Board received a LULA Key Estimate. Chairman Ives explained that this is so someone would have to have a key to run the elevator to the basement. Selectman Miller said this is a security issue and should be done. The Board agreed to the estimate in the amount of \$304.

The Board received the following reminders.

Thursday, November 16th at 6 p.m. — Collaborative Board / Selectmen Meeting in the Merrimack Valley High School Library.

Thursday, November 16th at 7 p.m., Planning Board meeting at the Elementary School.

Friday, November 17th, 6–7 p.m., Suicide Prevention Event at the rec field.

Tuesday, November 21st, 2–7 p.m., Police Blood Drive at the Safety Building

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 21, 2017

### Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

### Also present:

Road Agent Lance Houle.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 14, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said he did some ditching and grading on Berry Road.

Mr. Houle said they still have been cleaning up trees.

Mr. Houle said they put a culvert in on Youngs Hill Road where it washing out a driveway. He explained they still have a problem at the bottom of the hill.

Mr. Houle explained that the Browns Corner by Blake Road washed out so they cleaned it up and put down some hot top.

Mr. Houle said there was an electric problem at the transfer station last week; a couple of fuses blew.

Selectman Fiske asked Mr. Houle if he has had an opportunity to check out the sealer that Concord has. He said it's a compressor, tank, and wand for sealing. Mr. Houle said he hasn't had a chance to look into it but thinks it would be expensive.

Selectman Miller asked about the catch basin at 161 S. Village, he said after the storm it looked like it packed right in with dirt. Mr. Houle said he will look at it.

The Board met with LeeAnn Childress and Barbara Parent from the recycling committee.

Mrs. Parent explained that they wanted clarification regarding the line of communication with the Selectmen, Lance or Dusty for various issues. She said for example she noticed the last chance cardboard box is not out anymore, who would they discuss that with? Mrs. Childress said when Steve was running the Transfer Station they always talked to him but that changed and she was surprised to learn that Lance oversees the Transfer Station. Chairman Ives explained that the Transfer Station falls under the Highway Department in the hierarchy, Lance is

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## Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — November 6, 2017

Alice Tuson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

### In attendance:

Trustees: Alice Tuson, Diane Miller; Library Director: Deborah Dutcher

The Trustees reviewed the Director's Report, which consisted of the following:

- The toilet in the men's room has been repaired. The pump needed to be replaced.
- The walkway from the Fire Department parking lot to the Library is complete. Tasker Landscaping has done a wonderful job! Handrails will be added to the walk. Hopefully this will be completed before the ground freezes.
- The Library participated in Trick or Trunk this year and had a great turnout.

- There will be a special story time on November 14, as meteorologist Josh Judge from WMUR will be reading his new book to the children and answer questions from the audience.

The Trustees reviewed the Director's income and expenses report. The Trustees reviewed the 2018–19 Budget Proposal.

The next Library Trustees' meeting will be on December 4th, at 5 p.m.

### Adjournment:

*Alice Tuson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.; seconded by Diane Miller. All were in favor.*

Submitted by:  
Alice Tuson  
Diane Miller

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Dusty's supervisor, so it would be up Lance as to whether they go through Lance or directly to Dusty. Mr. Houle said they have had quite a few meetings at the Transfer Station and he was never notified about them. Mr. Houle said the last chance cardboard was brought up to him by one of the employees he said they get more cardboard at the top than they do down below where they are supposed to leave it because if someone has a little bit of cardboard they drive right by and throw it in the box. Mr. Houle said the employee said spends a lot of time running back and forth with the box of cardboard, when people should stop and put the cardboard where it's supposed to be. Mr. Houle said it's a training process; if the box isn't there they will stop below. Mr. Houle said they did away with the last chance to save the employees work. Mrs. Childress asked if after a time if the cardboard down below doesn't increase will they reconsider bringing back the last chance box. Mr. Houle said he doesn't think it will increase or decrease because once people get used to putting it where it's supposed to go that's what they are going to leave cardboard. Mr. Houle said he asked for another sign pointing to cardboard but he hasn't seen it yet. Mrs. Childress said the Transfer Station brings money into Loudon and she believes cardboard is the biggest commodity so everyone should be encouraged to recycle. Selectman Fiske said Lance is in charge of the Transfer Station. He said he understands what the committee is saying and if the cardboard went down drastically because the box was removed maybe it could be reconsidered. Chairman Ives said to get back on track, the question is who to go to with their concerns. He asked Mr. Houle for direction on that. Mr. Houle said when it comes down to who is in charge of it, he is. Mr. Houle said is they have a question they can ask Dustin about it, if he doesn't know the answer he should ask him. Chairman Ives clarified that the Transfer Station has always fallen under the Highway Department, back when Dave Rice was Road

Agent he was in charge of the Transfer Station. Mrs. Childress said they never dealt with him they always dealt with Steve. Mrs. Parent said Steve was on their committee so he usually knew the answer to their questions. Mrs. Parent said that they were present at the Transfer Station on Earth Day weekend and a lot of people would bring their trash in a cardboard box dump the trash into the hopper and then throw the box into the last chance box; this eliminates that option. Mrs. Parent explained that she and Barbara Burr attended the NRRAL luncheon in Manchester. She said a few things brought back from that meeting is that recycling is becoming so important that whatever we do not put in the hopper saves us. She explained that there are concerns that China takes a lot of the recycling but that might not be anymore. Mrs. Parent said the bottom line was that any recycling needs to be as efficient and clean as possible she said that the committee is there to be an advocate for the town to expediate and help increase recycling in town so they are looking for a line of communication that is a two-way street so they can do their jobs as volunteers. Mrs. Parent said they are not there to be pests to anyone they just want that line of communication. Chairman Ives said they have to look at the economics of it as well. He explained that if they are running a forklift up and down the hill 6-7 times a day with cardboard, burning fuel, it might not be cost effective; he said even if it costs a little he thinks they need to recycle. Mrs. Parent said she is concerned with safety with the box on the forklift. She said she'd like to try and accomplish that same goal of increasing the recycling, but keeping safety and efficiency in the mix. Mrs. Parent clarified that if they have a question or concern they will talk to Dusty and if he can't answer they will talk to Lance. Selectman Fiske asked that if they have meetings that Lance be notified directly. Mrs. Parent agreed. Mrs. Childress invited Lance to their monthly meetings the next one being December 12th at 6:30 at the Town Office.

Chairman Ives said they need to discuss the outside bathrooms. Selectman Fiske said when it was built there was discussion about

heating them and heat was installed. Chairman Ives said there is a small heater in the hall; he thinks they should be winterized. Jeff Leonard will be asked to winterize those when he does the old office. Selectman Miller asked if they will be winterizing the old office even if the heat needs to be left at 50 for the alarm system. The Board concurred that it should be done. Selectman Miller will contact Jeff Leonard about the old office as well as the outside bathrooms.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an abatement request from the Tax Collector for Map 69, Lot 209. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board received a summons regarding *J. Green v Town of Loudon and Loudon ZBA*.

The Board received an appearance filing with the court from Upton & Hatfield for that summons.

The Board received an invoice to be forwarded to Loudon VOANNE for their review.

The Board received two quotes for document shredding. Chairman Ives explained that moving to this building they found a lot of old paperwork that does not need to be kept. Absolute Data — 25 boxes minimum \$225 and Northeast Record Retention, LLC, 25 boxes, minimum \$176.50.

The Board received an email from W. Swango regarding the NHMS Sound Study. Selectman Fiske asked if anything has been discussed regarding the decibels. Stan Prescott from the Planning Board said they are going to do a sound study. Selectman Fiske asked if it is their study. Mr. Prescott said it is our study at their cost.

The Board received an email from M. Harris regarding the NHMS music concert.

The Board received the following reminders.

Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m. is the Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Thursday, November 30th at 7 p.m. is the Zoning Board meeting

The Board recognized Paul Branscombe.

Mr. Branscombe thanked Brenda Pearl for being helpful and answering a lot of his questions regarding town government.

Mr. Branscombe explained one question was whether or not the town has a noise ordinance. He explained that while sitting at the Planning Board regarding the Speedway he thought to himself if a noise ordinance had been in place many years ago, much of the decibel discussion that Mr. Skinner made would probably have been in there and he thinks it's time for the town to have an ordinance. Selectman Fiske said that is what they have been trying to do with the Planning and Zoning Boards; to come up with something like that. Selectman Fiske said over the past few years they have gone along with state statute and disorderly conduct. Mr. Branscombe said a lot of surrounding towns have noise ordinances. Chairman Ives said years ago they did sound studies due to the tumbler noise at ESMI. He explained that over the years there has been discussion about an ordinance but a lot of people felt that a life without ordinances is better than being over dictated. Chairman Ives said being a growing town maybe it is time to look at it again.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Steven R. Ives, Chairman*

*Robert N. Fiske, Selectman*

*Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 28, 2017

**Present:**

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

**Also present:**

Fire Chief Rick Wright and Police Chief Kris Burgess.

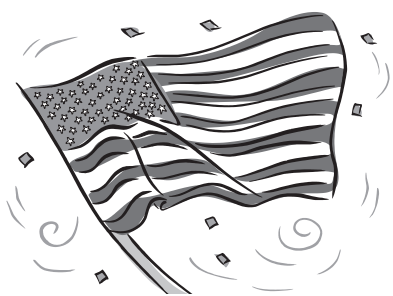
Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Ives explained that they are meeting with Mike Tardiff from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding the Economic Development Committee (EDC). Mr. Tardiff explained that they have been talking about the formation of the EDC as a step to the implementation of the master plan that they are working on with the Planning Board. He said a lot of the things came out of the economic section of the plan one being reinvigorating the EDC. Mr. Tardiff said there are tools out there such as revitalization zones, the 79-E tax revitalization, zoning changes, working with the trails committee and conservation commission. Mr. Tardiff explained that other towns, such as Epsom and Allenstown, are getting their EDC's started. Mr. Tardiff said CNHRPC would commit to staffing the EDC

with volunteers. He explained that CNHRPC received some funding through CFA for this type of thing. Mr. Tardiff explained that he would like to see a combination of representative from a couple of the boards in town, members of the business community and volunteers as well as staff from CNHRPC on the committee. Chairman Ives said there are a few business owners on the Planning and Zoning Boards; he would expect they would be interested in being on the committee. A gentleman from the audience asked if the master plan would be voted on at town meeting. Mr. Tardiff explained that it is a Planning Board document so it doesn't go before the town vote. Mr. Tardiff explained that a role of the EDC is to identify local entrepreneurs and make sure they have support; another role is to look at business expansion and retention. Chairman Ives said that years ago they had the Loudon Business Association which was a spin-off of the old EDC. He explained that they produced a catalog of businesses in town and tried to promote those. Chairman Ives asked for a brief explanation of the 79-E. Mr.

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## The Deadline for the February 2018 Loudon Ledger is Friday, January 12, 2017



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Tardiff said this has to be approved at town meeting; a certain part of town is designated and someone within that area can apply to the Selectmen for relief on the taxes between the current valuation and the valuation after the person has made an investment. Mr. Tardiff said it would have to be something exterior and of value to the downtown area. Mr. Tardiff said the Master Plan laid out a proposal for the downtown/village area. He explained that there would be an application. Chairman Ives clarified that this would be for both businesses and residences. Chairman Ives asked Mr. Tardiff if he would be willing to help draft a warrant article for the 79-E. Mr. Tardiff said he could, he said he also could give the Board examples of applications. Mr. Tardiff said the next step for the EDC is to set-up a meeting maybe the second week in January. Paul Branscombe, Jim O'Neil, Mark Okrant, and Tom Blanchette were in the audience and said they are interested in being on the committee. Chairman Ives said the Planning and Zoning Boards will be contacted and a meeting will be put together for January.

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 21, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said the fire tank and truck is scheduled to go to United Plastic Fabrication in N. Andover, Mass. next week. He explained that he asked for, in writing, all work to be done will be at no cost to the Loudon Fire Department.

Chief Wright said the crew that is painting the interior of the community building will be done this week. He said if the weather is good

the next couple of days they will paint over the maintenance shed at the recreation field.

Chief Wright said he has been keeping his eye on the outside bathrooms. Chairman Ives said Jeff Leonard will be winterizing those bathrooms when he does the old office building.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said there was blood drive on the 21st of November. He said it went very well. Chief Burgess thanked Janice Morin, the volunteers, and everyone that donated blood.

Chief Burgess said they replaced the phones at the Police Department so he has the old phones that are of no use to them. Chairman Ives clarified that it is an entire phone system. Selectman Fiske suggested checking with TDS.

Chief Burgess said the 1985 Chevy Military Truck is sitting up at the dump; he said it's of no use to them. Chief Burgess asked if it should go out to bid so the town can get something out of it. Selectman Fiske said he would say yes it should go out to bid, it doesn't run; he suggested a minimum bid of \$800. Chairman Ives and Selectman Miller agreed to a sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$800.

Chief Burgess said that Sergeant Akerstrom completed the supervisory course and Corporal Nye will be going the first week of December.

Chief Burgess said they have a training scheduled for December 4th. He explained that there are a couple of deaf people in town so someone is coming in to talk about how to communicate with them.

Chief Burgess said he will be attending training this Thursday at Primex regarding employee performance and retention.

Chief Burgess explained that he would like to have the floors redone in the booking room and Sergeant Akerstrom's office. He explained that they haven't been redone since the build-

ing was new. Chief Burgess said he will get prices, he said ADF did the rest of the floors and were the least expensive.

Chairman Ives asked if Chief Burgess wanted to discuss the outside details. Selectman Miller said his concern is the number of hours put on the cruisers. Chief Burgess said their older cruiser is designated for the part-timers but could be the detail car. The Board will take it under advisement for the week.

Chairman Ives recognized Howard Gassett from the audience.

Mr. Gassett explained that he sold a piece of land in June and had to pay a current use penalty. He said he didn't think there would be any rush on it, but when he came in to pay it there was interest due. Mr. Gassett asked if the interest could be waived. Mrs. McNeil, Tax Collector said the bill for the current use went to the new owner and was due August 1st. Mr. Gassett explained that the deal was that he would pay the current use, he came in, but couldn't pay it because the deed hadn't been recorded, he never received any notification and it sounded like there was no rush on paying it. Chairman Ives explained that the bill was due and the interest rate is right on there. Mr. Gassett said he didn't receive it, Mrs. Carbone did and probably should have given it to him. Chairman Ives said he's not inclined to give the abatement. Selectman Miller said that is between the buyer and the seller.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an abatement request from the Tax Collector for Map 69, Lot 209. Mrs. McNeil explained that the property sold, somehow the check was returned to the title company, the title company returned it to the previous owners of the property and now there is a payment due on the property and the new owners shouldn't have to pay it. Chairman Ives said they can't hold the new owners to it.

Selectman Miller said it needs to be abated. Selectman Fiske agreed.

The Board received a note regarding a phone call that Lindsay took in regards to the Cate Van. Selectman Fiske will contact Donna about it.

The Board received an employee Evaluation for review.

Chairman Ives recognized Jeff Leonard from the audience.

Mr. Leonard asked the Board what they would like him to do. Chairman Ives said they would like the old town office winterized as well as the new outside bathrooms. Mr. Leonard said he will anti-freeze the heating system at the old town office and drain the water inside as much as he can; there is no curbside for that building. Chairman Ives said they will be keeping the heat set at 50 for the alarm system. Chairman Ives asked him to drain, anti-freeze the drains and toilets in the exterior bathrooms.

Mr. Leonard submitted the water analysis for the new town office. He explained that there is hard water and semi-high iron, which causes the discoloration. The recommendation is for an in-line filter and an iron/magnesium filter. Mr. Leonard said the estimate is \$2,500. The Board agreed that they will hold off on doing the filters. Chief Wright asked if the heat in the exterior bathrooms will be turned off completely. The Board agreed that it will be turned off when it is winterized.

*Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 5, 2017****Present:**

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

**Also present:**

Road Agent Lance Houle

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 28, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said they put in a couple of drains this week; one at the old town office to take care of the water problem and one on Cooper Street where the water ran down into the fire department parking lot.

Mr. Houle said he received a price for the crack sealer. Selectman Fiske asked how much the sealer is. Mr. Houle said he doesn't know. Selectman Fiske said Mr. Houle indicated that this will last as long as a shim will so if we had the machine we could do that and save the cost of a shim coat. Mr. Houle explained that this machine only seals the

cracks, if you shim you also level the road base. He said there is a point where there is so many cracks that it doesn't make sense to seal it should be shimmed. Selectman Fiske said they use the machine all of Concord which is what brought it to his attention; he figured there must be some benefit. Mr. Houle said he has someone come in and seal that charges \$3,600 per day, roughly a mile a day. He said this would be additional work for his guys to do when they can't keep up with what they have to do.

Mr. Houle said he received two job applications. He showed the applications to the Selectmen. Mr. Houle said the first applicant has grader experience which is a huge plus as well as plowing experience. Mr. Houle said he would like to get a background check and move forward with the first one. Chairman Ives said that out of the two applications that one has the experience. Selectman Fiske read that he lives in Loudon. Mr. Houle explained that he would like to start him at \$16.50 per hour. Chairman Ives said he is okay with hiring him pending a background check and making sure his driving record is clean.

Selectmen Fiske and Miller agreed. *Selectman Miller made a motion to accept Caleb Durgin for the position of light equipment operator for the highway department pending a background investigation showing no motor vehicle violations, starting pay of \$16.50 per hour and a one-year probation. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Mr. Houle handed the Selectmen information regarding the transfer station hours. Selectman Fiske said Thursday has been an issue for a long time with the line out onto 106 sometimes in the breakdown lane waiting to come in at 11 a.m. Mr. Houle said he'd see people waiting at 9 a.m. and they didn't even open until 11 a.m. Mr. Houle said he had Bruce Lee track from 6-7 p.m. the amount of traffic that came in; he said there was minimal traffic after 6 p.m. He said now the hours will be 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mr. Houle said trash collection for Mr. Shaver is Thursday so now he can help get him in a little earlier. Chairman Ives asked if the hours that the dump is closed will be changed. Mr. Houle said there was never a set schedule they came in when they wanted to and left when they wanted to; it was hard to

keep track of what was going on. Mr. Houle said when one person comes in early to work on Tuesday and leaves early a part-time person has to come in. Mr. Houle said he has been watching this for quite a while. He explained that up top where trash comes in there has been a lot of demo; cabinets, bureaus, furniture which should be taken care of when people bring it in. He said it should be going into the demo box and people should be paying for it when they bring it in. Mr. Houle said nobody is going to take it. He explained that there are a lot of things like mattresses piled up and he feels that they should go right into the hopper. He said he has a big problem with tires, especially mounted tires, they are accumulating. Mr. Houle said Bruce was taking them apart and one day asked Mr. Houle why he was the only one doing it. He said he checked into other towns and they don't accept mounted tires. Selectman Miller asked about the cost. Mr. Houle said the rim would come into the steel pile with no cost and they would pay for the tire. Selectman Miller clari-

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fied that now they bring in the mounted tire, take the time to take it apart, throw the rim in the steel pile and get the same money for the tire. Chairman Ives said it sounds like we shouldn't be accepting mounted tires Mr. Houle said he would like the changes to go into effect January 1st. Selectman Fiske clarified that the hours are concrete and there will be two on duty. Chairman Ives stated that the new employee hours will be Monday: closed; Tuesday: employee hours 8 a.m.–5 p.m. with public hours 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wednesday: employee hours are 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m., no public hours; Thursday employee and public hours are 10 a.m.–6 p.m., year-round; Friday: employee hours are 7 a.m.–12 p.m., no public hours; Saturday: employee and public hours are 8 a.m.–5 p.m. The Selectmen agreed to the changes. Paul Branscombe stated that Primex insists whether open or not that you cannot have one person at the transfer station. The Board agreed that the change in hours will be effective January 1st. Mr. Houle said there's stuff that isn't taken care of on Saturday, he knows its busy, but there are a lot of times that things are not being taken care of during that time. Selectman Fiske asked how much steel is leaving there. Mr. Houle said he thinks it has gone right back to where it was before they discussed it. He said the metal pile is a popular place. Mr. Houle said metal is the biggest money maker followed by carboard and then plastics. Mr. Houle said he has a couple of ideas on how to slow down the removal of the metal but he hasn't gotten to it yet. Selectman Miller asked Mr. Houle whether it is a lull in people bringing it in or if people are taking it. Mr. Houle said it's hard to say but it's usually a pretty steady flow. Mr. Houle said he's looking at putting it on the other end, he'll talk to the Schnitzer driver to see if he will be able to get to it. Chairman Ives said he has no problem with someone taking a piece if they need it, as long as they aren't taking loads of it to Schnitzer themselves. Selectman Miller said they will need to get new signs made up; maybe through the prison. Mr. Houle said he can make up a hand sign because signs are expensive. Selectman Miller said the prison is pretty cheap. Mr. Houle said he doesn't believe there has been any updates as far as the cost of items since 2011. He thinks it should be looked at because he doesn't believe we are bringing in as much as we are paying out; it is costing us. He explained that we're paying for demo, to rent the container, and for pickup. Chairman Ives said it has to be balanced because we'll find stuff on the sides of the road.

Selectman Fiske thanked Mr. Houle; he explained that there was a gentleman on Kenney Road that was upset because of a bunch of potholes; Mr. Houle sent one of his guys to take care of it.

Selectman Miller asked about the drain at the end of S. Village Road, he said it was filled with about 8" of sand. Mr. Houle said that is because he pulled the sock out, it will be cleaned out. He said he thinks that basin is low. Selectman Miller asked if it can be done this fall.

Selectman Miller asked if he has the schematic, layout of S. Village Road that he was going to get to them. Mr. Houle said he

has it at the garage; he had it done before they did the road.

Chairman Ives asked about the entrance onto 106 from Dump Road. Mr. Houle said the plant closes on Friday for hot top and with the wet weather he doesn't think he'll get it done before that. He said he can cold patch it.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request from the Conservation Commission for letterhead and an ID number. Sandra Sims said she is working on the trail system with the Conservation Commission. She explained that they have done a trail through Batchelder Forest and need to cross Bumfagon Brook. Ms. Sims said somebody donated two I-beams for the base to go across. She explained that she asked Lowes and Home Depot about materials and they gave her the impression that they might give her what she needs. Ms. Sims explained that they asked for her request on letterhead with the tax ID number to prove who she is with. She said she thinks they are looking at about \$700 in materials. Chairman Ives said this is going to be a public trail; he asked what the towns liability is for this if the bridge is not stamped by an engineer and if someone gets hurt. She said it's been approved by all the other people including the Planning Board. Selectman Fiske asked what the span is, she said the river is 12–15 feet with 4' rails up. He asked if this is a walking bridge and what the chance is that the four-wheelers or dirt bikes will be on it. Ms. Sims said they hope they don't go on it, there will be signage that says no wheeled vehicles. Mr. Prescott from the Planning Board said they have endorsed the trails committee but they haven't looked at building the trail or the bridge. Chairman Ives said they will take this under advisement to determine liability.

The Board received a resignation from Rob Buzzell from the Conservation Commission. Mr. Buzzell is moving out of town.

The Board received a proposed Merrimack County budget for the 2018 calendar year.

The Board received a NHDOT letter regarding "Findings of Necessity" for highway improvements and request for meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

The Board received a Paramedic Intercept invoice to go to Town of Pittsfield.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for October 2017.

The Board received the NHDOT Public Notice regarding the Toll Increase proposal.

The Board received a memo from the Office Manger regarding a community building rental. Mr. Prescott asked if he could speak about this. He explained that they had the Tree Lighting, they knew the community room was rented, they locked their door that goes into the entry way and used the outside doors of at the front of the building. He said he wasn't aware that kids were running in and disturbing people nobody came and told them. Mr. Prescott said they tried to keep everything out by the tree. Chairman Ives asked how many people were there. Mr. Prescott said about 40 people and there were a bunch of kids. He said they were there from about 3:30 to 4:30.

The Board received a note from the Office Manager regarding M. Pickering.

The Board received the following reminder:

Friday, December 8th at 8 a.m. is a Budget Meeting with the Road Agent, Transfer Station Manager, and Fire Chief. The meeting will be held in their office unless. Selectman Fiske clarified that the meeting is open to the public. Chairman Ives said they can observe but cannot comment. He explained that this is to review the budget with department heads; there will be two public hearings for public input in the future.

Selectman Fiske said he followed on the complaint about the Cate Van with Donna Bellandi. She said she has been trying to get in touch with the women repeatedly to no avail. Selectman Fiske and Ms. Bellandi verified that they had the same number for the women.

*Selectman Miller made a motion to appoint Ashley Simonds as the Deputy Tax Collector for the Town of Loudon; this appointment shall expire on March 31, 2018, the pay shall be \$14 per hour effective December 5, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. Chairman Ives explained that Ashley will be serving as both the Deputy Tax Collector and the Deputy Town Clerk. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

## Planning Board Minutes — Nov. 16, 2017

### Meeting with CNHRPC

**Attendance:**

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Henry Huntington, Bob Cole, Tom Moore, George Saunderson, Jeffrey Miller, Dustin Bowles and Alice Tuson.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Tardiff held a meeting to present another revised copy of the implementation chapter and needs response from the board members. Mr. Tardiff has narrowed down the list and the first two pages are the Board's top choices. Mr. Tardiff asked the board to pick the top 10 items from the first two pages. Mr. Tardiff also asked if the Board feels any of the timeframes on the projects are not correct to please make suggestions.

The board set a date and time January 18, 2017 to meet with Mike Tardiff at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
Danielle Bosco

## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — November 6, 2017

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

**Attendance:**

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

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

*October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting — Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; Mr. Huntington and Mr. Cole abstained from voting. All voting members were in favor; approved.*

*October 19, 2017 CNHRPC Meeting — Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; Mr. Huntington and Mr. Cole abstained from voting. All voting members were in favor; approved.*

**Discussion:**

None

**Old Business:**

Bob Cole recused himself, Chairman Dow appointed Alice Tuson as a voting member.

*Application #17-15 — Dollar General, Site Plan, Route 106, Map 21 Lot 16-1, C/I district — Matt Smith from Bohler Engineering and Andrew Comollo from Liscotti Development presented the application. Mr. Smith provided an updated Site Plan for the Board members. Mr. Smith explained this new*

design has now been changed to grey not yellow and hopes these improvements will sit well with members. Mr. Smith said a note has been added that a cross connection must be made between this property and the bank property when the middle lot is developed. Chairman Dow asked if it was metal. Mr. Smith said yes and the front is a hardy plank that looks like wood. Mrs. Tuson pointed out the back of the building is darker. Mr. Smith said yes it is darker. Mr. Saunderson asked if they ever did a hardy plank on the sides instead of the metal. Mr. Smith said he isn't sure how visible the sides will be. Chairman Dow agreed the sides aren't very visible. *Mr. Saunderson made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Prescott; All in favor; approved.*

Bob Cole remained recused. Jeff Miller and Henry Huntington both recused themselves Chairman Dow appointed Dustin Bowles a voting member. Alice Tuson remained a voting member.

*Application #17-6 — NHMS Site Plan, 1122 Route 106 North, Map 51 Lot 18, C/R District & Application #17-6 — NHMS Change Of Use, 1122 Route 106 North, Map 51 Lot 18, C/R District — Mr. Saunderson made a motion to accept the applications as complete; seconded by Mr. Bowles; All in favor; accepted. Chairman Dow informed the*

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**Planning — cont. from 21**

public that the Board will decide the merits of the application without ruling on whether the 1989 agreement is applicable. Karyn Forbes spoke on behalf of her clients and she suggested the Board members set a decibel limit and require another sound study to be performed. Mrs. Forbes said that another facility similar to this was required by its town to come back every year for 5 years. Charlie St. Clair whom is a State Representative for District 9 spoke in favor of this music festival and said he spoke to many people and received no negative remarks. Gay Holt from Currier Road in Loudon spoke about the town survey that NHMS spoke about last meeting. Mrs. Holt said that the study shows the majority of residents wanted to see recreational concerts but the study doesn't show you that only 343 residents took part of the survey and Loudon has a population of 5473. Mrs. Holt said there is a great concern about noise and this should be brought to a vote at Town Meeting. Jim Snyder spoke to the board about information he had recently passed along about a sound study. Mr. Snyder asked the Board to vote yes or no on the sound study. Hillary Nelson questioned if the 1989 agreement would be talked about. Chairman Dow said it would not. Chairman Dow thanked everyone for coming out and providing statement. Chairman Dow said that they have taken everyone's concerns into consideration. Chairman Dow said there is a lot to take into consideration in making a decision. Chairman Dow closed the meeting to the public and opened it to the Board only. Mr. Saunderson said he believes this should be a one time trial event, there should be a sound study done over the three day period and the concert should end at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Saunderson asked if the public is allowed to bring in alcohol and if there is a limit. Mr. McGrath said people are allowed to bring in alcohol and it would be hard to set a limit. Mr. Saunderson asked if NHMS had someone on the premises to sell firewood. Mr. McGrath said they do have a company on site that sells firewood. Mr. Saunderson asked if firearms are allowed. Mr. McGrath said no firearms are allowed to be brought in. Chairman Dow questioned if the Change of Use application for tenting is for new tenting areas. Chairman Dow said they do have an approved tenting area for race weekends and this will run concurrent with concerts. Mr. McGrath said yes that is correct. Mrs. Tuson asked the applicant to describe security measures. Mr. McGrath said that NHMS works with both local and state police for NASCAR events and they will do

that for a concert as well. Mr. McGrath said they will have patrols during the overnight as well. Vice Chairman Prescott asked about quiet time with the concert ending at 10:00 p.m. will it be 11:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m. Mr. McGrath said the protocol right now is 11:00 p.m. for quiet time. Chairman Dow said what they are showing right now for camping is nothing in comparison to a NASCAR event and the back section of camping will not be open like a NASCAR event. Chairman Dow said it would be a good idea for NHMS to hire someone to do a sound abatement to help try to control the sound. Bill Glahn said it would be very hard for a sound abatement with an outdoor concert. Mr. Glahn also said there is no standard of sound set by the town to determine what is reasonable. Vice Chairman Prescott said the Board's expert will review the Acentech study and conduct its own study to show that the sound does not exceed the levels projected in the Acentech study. The new study will be done at the actual event. If the new study shows the levels exceed Acentech's study then the matter will be reviewed if and when the applicant returns to the Board to seek approval of future concerts. Mr. Saunderson spoke about an outdoor concert at Prescott Park and they took on different measures to get the complaints significantly decreased. Mrs. Tuson asked if the applicant should be given a timeframe to come back and talk to the Board. Chairman Dow said it is up to the applicant to come back for additional approval if they want to hold another concert. Mr. Saunderson made a motion to approve the application for the Site Plan under the following conditions: this is a one time trial event to be held then the applicant must come back to the Board for further approval, sound study to be paid for by applicant, quiet time 11:00 p.m., no firearms allowed to be brought onto the property; seconded by Mr. Prescott; all were in favor; approved. Mr. Saunderson made a motion to approve the application for the Change of Use under the following conditions: this is a one time trial event to be held then the applicant must come back to the Board for further approval, this only applies to Concert events; seconded by Mr. Bowles; all were in favor; approved.

Bob Cole, Jeff Miller and Henry Huntington returned to the Board. Vice Chairman Prescott recused himself.

**Application #17-18 — Warren (Continued), Lot line adjustment, 70 Riverview Lane, Map 19 Lot 15, Map 11 Lot 76, R/R district** — Surveyor Jeff Green presented the application. Abutters Dan and David Ladd were present. Last month Mr. Green asked for a continuance due to a land dispute between

the land owner and the Ladds. Mr. Green said this property has been surveyed and recorded and sold and the description shows this survey is correct. Mr. Green said if the Ladds have disagreements then they need to file with the court, the land has already been sold, recorded and the deed shows this. Mr. Ladd said a land survey from 1956 shows that part of this land is owned by them. Chairman Dow said this needs to be brought to Bart and have clarification on if the Board can vote on this application. Mr. Huntington made a motion to continue the application to the December 21st meeting; seconded by Mr. Moore; all were in favor; continued.

**New Business:**

**Application #17-19 — Russell & Jennifer Stratton, Lot line adjustment, 39 Batchelder Rd, Map 38 Lot 8-1-2 and 8-1-3, R/R district** — Surveyor Jeff Green presented the application on behalf of the applicant, no abutters were present. Mr. Green explained they are moving the lot line in between the two lots over about 50 feet to make a lot that is more buildable. Mr. Green said lot 8-1-2 has power lines that run through it and makes building a house more difficult. Chairman Dow said he would like the snowmobile trail to be shown on the plans. Mr. Moore made accept the application as complete; seconded by Mr. Huntington; all were in favor; Accepted. Mr. Huntington made a motion to approve the application under the condition the snowmo-

bile trail was added to the plan; seconded by Mr. Cole; all were in favor; Approved.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

None

**Report of ZBA:**

**Z17-19 William Cogswell & Lisa Swanson- Special Exception — Reduced front setback, Map 16 Lot 10, R/R District.**

**Z17-21 William & Stacy Palmer — Special Exception — Accessory Dwelling Unit, Map 2 Lot 23-3, R/R District.**

**Board Discussion:**

**Zoning Amendments** — At this time nothing formal has been presented.

**Hilltop Drive** — A resident questioned if these lots are buildable on Hilltop Drive, specifically Map 49 Lots 14, 15, 29 and 28. Roy Merrill was in the audience and explained that he received permission to build on his lot on Hilltop by putting down crushed stone on the road. Mr. Merrill said with permission from the Selectmen they could be buildable but these lots are very steep.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Vice Chairman Prescott. All were in favor.

Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco  
Administrative Assistant

## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — November 27, 2017

**Present:**

Chairman Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Charlie Aznive, Earl Tuson, alternates George Saunderson and Dennis Jakubowski.

**Minutes:**

Regular Hearing September 28, 2017- Mr. Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Pearl seconded the motion; All in favor. APPROVED.

**Discussions:**

**Jason Briand** — Mr. Briand approached the Board to discuss renting out a garage bay from Harry O's. Mr. Briand said he owns a cleaning business and would like to store the trailer that holds the products and equipment for cleaning. Mr. Briand said most of the

cleaning products are water based but gasoline and diesel will be stored. Mr. Briand said they do on occasion have a sealant that is stored in a five gallon container. The diesel and gasoline are stored in ten gallon containers. Mr. Tuson said there are cars stored in other bays that cumulatively hold more fuel products potentially than what he will have. Chairman Lizotte said for Mr. Briand to send in a copy to Code Enforcement what is being stored. All Board members felt he didn't need to apply for anything with Zoning.

**Public Hearings:**

**Application #Z17-19, William Cogswell and Lisa Swanson, Special Exception for**

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**Reduced Front Setback, Map 16 Lot 10, R/R District** — William Cogswell presented his application to the board, no abutters were present. Mr. Cogswell explained he is looking for a reduced setback of 35 feet. Chairman Lizotte went over the application with Mr. Cogswell. *Mr. Pearl made a motion approve the application. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive-yes, Ned Lizotte-yes, Roy Merrill-yes, Howard Pearl-yes, Earl Tuson-yes. Unanimous – Continued.*

**Application #Z17-21, William and Stacy Palmer, Special Exception for Accessory Dwelling Unit, Map 2 Lot 23-3, R/R District** — Mr. Palmer presented the application to the Board members with updated plans after being told by Code Enforcement a door cannot be added in between the living space and garage. Mr. Palmer said his new plans have the living space mainly on the second floor with some on the first. Mr. Tuson said the Board would prefer it all on the second floor. Mr. Pearl questioned the septic now that he is making this home into a five bedroom home. Mr. Palmer said he is only using three bedrooms in the home and the one bedroom of the ADU will be used. Mr. Aznive said the Ordinance says an adequate septic to cover the bedrooms must be in place. Mr. Tuson said if the tax card says four bedrooms and in the future the tax card says five bedrooms then he needs a five bedroom septic. Mr. Palmer said he was told by a contractor that his current septic is fine and he needs a plan in place for when the septic fails. Chairman Lizotte was comfortable with this. Mr. Palmer said he will provide the septic plans to the office and code as well as have them on record with the state. Mr. Pearl asked if he would be willing to remove the closet from one of the bedrooms. Mr. Palmer said he would not like to do that. Chairman Lizotte said if Code Enforcement is alright with this then he feels comfortable with approving as he is only using three bedrooms in his home currently. *Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the application under the condition that Code Enforcement approve the septic facility and provide a septic plan for a five bedroom home. Mr. Pearl seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive-yes, Ned Lizotte-yes, Roy Merrill-yes, Howard Pearl-yes, Earl Tuson-yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

## Board Discussion:

Mr. Merrill recused himself.  
Chairman Lizotte appointed Mr. Saunderson a voting member.

**Request for Rehearing NHMS** — Canterbury Planning Board submitted a request for rehearing for both applications Z17-5 NHMS Special Exception for concerts and Z17-6 NHMS Variance for camping. Mr. Pearl wanted to read a statement to clarify what he said at the September meeting.

Mr. Pearl went on to repeat his exact words from the September meeting. Mr. Pearl said these RSAs use the same language; this chapter shall not apply to recreational vehicles used in conjunction with, consistently throughout for all three listed exemptions. Mr. Pearl said we currently permit NHMS to allow tent camping under the exemption stated in 216-I:15. Mr. Pearl said the ZBA granted a Variance in 2012 to NHMS referenced the dimensions required for tent sites and accordingly I believe it's reasonable to believe that this Board has considered this an accepted practice on NHMS property under 216-I:15. Mr. Pearl said additionally the Agricultural Fairs are subject to the same language in 216-I:14 "this chapter shall not apply to recreation vehicles used in conjunction with" Agricultural fairs have published rates for tent sites. Mr. Pearl said he believes it's reasonable to again note that other interpretations support this Board in accepting tents and that it would be a consistent interpretation as an accepted exemption under RSA 216 I:13. Mr. Pearl said in Canterbury's request for rehearing letter he was not quoted correctly so he wanted that in the minutes what he said. Chairman Lizotte said they have done their job with public hearings and believes there is no reason to rehear these applications. Mr. Pearl agrees the Board has done their job and part of the complaint was in regards to a 2012 Variance. *Mr. Pearl made a motion to deny the request to rehear. Mr. Tuson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive-yes, Ned Lizotte-yes, George Saunderson-yes, Howard Pearl-yes, Earl Tuson-yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

## Adjournment:

*Mr. Pearl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco  
Administrative Assistant

## January in Loudon

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## 2nd Sunday of the month

2-4pm•Loudon Historical Society  
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## 1st Monday of the month

5pm•Library Trustees Meeting  
6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com.  
Bldg.

## 1st Tuesday of the month

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

## 1st Wednesday of the month

7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

## 1st Thursday of the month

6:30•PTA @ LES  
7pm•Agriculture Commission @ Com.  
Bldg.

## 2nd Monday of the month

7:15pm•MVSD School Board

## 2nd Wednesday of the month

6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library

## 2nd Saturday of the month

4:30-6:00pm•Family Bible Church  
Community Dinner

## 3rd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library

## 3rd Tuesday of the month

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

## 3rd Wednesday of the month

2-4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village  
Arts @ Library  
6pm•Meditation @ Library  
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library  
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

## 3rd Thursday of the month

7pm•Planning Board @ CB

## 3rd Sunday of the month

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church  
Healing Prayer Time

## 4th Tuesday of the month

7pm•LYAA @ Library

## 4th Wednesday of the month

6:30pm•Recreation Committee @  
Library

## 4th Thursday of the month

7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

## Every Monday

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

## Every Tuesday

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

## Every Wednesday

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

## Every Thursday

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

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Jan. 1•NEW YEAR'S DAY — No School

Jan. 3•6pm•Hot Yoga @ Library

Jan. 4•6:30pm•LES PTA

Jan. 8•7:15pm•MVSD School Board  
Meeting @ MVHS

Jan. 9•6pm•Spiritual Discussion Group @  
Library  
9pm-Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic  
@ Richard Brown House  
10am•Young at Heart @ Community  
Bldg.

Jan. 12•LEDGER DEADLINE

Jan. 13•10am•Integrative Approach to  
Essential Oils @ Library

Jan. 15•MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
6pm•Communications Council  
Mtg. @ Com. Bldg.

Jan. 17•5-6:30pm•Blood Pressure &  
Lifestyle Connection @ Library

Jan. 25•7pm•Book Group @ Library

Jan. 30•7pm•MV Budget Public Hearing @  
MVHS Auditorium



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