

# The Loudon Ledger

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## Made In Loudon and Historical Society Christmas Tree Lighting A Success

By Liz LeBrun



The Historical Society “Made in Loudon” craft fair and Christmas tree lighting was a memorable event for folks of all ages. The craft fair started at 1 p.m. with 10 vendors selling wooden items, maple products, home sewn and knitted creations, ornaments, wreaths, cookbooks, and handbags. Liz LeBrun manned a table where the children (and even some adults) could create an ornament while their companions shopped.

The crowd was steady, refreshments were plentiful and the vendors considered the afternoon a success.

At 4:30 the crowd gathered in the Historical Society area to listen to Christmas stories read by Jace Simonds and her friend Riley. Next on the program was caroling led by Aurora York and Rachael Stevens. Voices sounded great as everyone sang some old favorites. At the conclusion of the caroling, the Christmas tree

was lit and, even though the afternoon weather had been rainy and cold, the colored lights on the tree sparkled and the Christmas spirit was evident in the smiles on every face. ■

**See Page 11 for more  
photos of “Made In  
Loudon.”**

## Economic Revitalization Zones Established

Loudon’s Economic Development Committee met with the Board of Selectmen on September 25th to propose the creation of four Economic Revitalization Zones in the Town of Loudon. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved the applications which were submitted to and approved by the NH Division of Economic Development.

The State of NH established ERZs “to stimulate economic redevelopment, expand the commercial and industrial base,

create new jobs, reduce sprawl, and increase tax revenues within the state by encouraging economic revitalization in designated areas.”

In accordance with RSA 162-N, and with the approval of the Division of Economic Development, municipalities create ERZs to encourage businesses to improve and/or expand infrastructure and create jobs.

Business infrastructure improvements add to the local tax base and local jobs are

created. In order to qualify for the tax incentives, infrastructure improvements must meet certain thresholds and the jobs must be full-time year-round.

As of December 2017, there were over 200 ERZs in 67 municipalities across NH. Attracting businesses to Loudon, and keeping and expanding those already here, is key to keeping and hopefully lowering local taxes. Competition for new

*ERZs Established — cont. on 6*

## Mission Statement...

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



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

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**Planning/Zoning Board**

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Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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**Loudon Elementary School**

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

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**Maxfield Public Library**

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Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
*The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.*

**John O. Cate Memorial Van**

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

**Loudon Food Pantry**

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon  
Intake by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Office hours and donations accepted Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Please call 724-9731 if you need to donate outside these hours. Closed Mondays. For more information or to see if you qualify for services, go to [loudonfoodpantry.org](http://loudonfoodpantry.org) or email [info@loudonfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@loudonfoodpantry.org) or call Sue at 724-9731.

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**Loudon Ledger Submission Policy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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July 2019 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/17

August 2019 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/12 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/15

September 2019 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/19

October 2019 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/16

November 2019 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/18

December 2019 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/18

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

## Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Patrick Testerman, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
Office Hours: Tues. & Weds. 9-4, Thurs. 11:30-4

Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Junior Church held at both services.)  
(Childcare provided.)

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30.

Youth Group for Grades 6-12 Sunday evenings at 6:00.

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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## Family Bible Church

"Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope"

Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 or 267-8066  
www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org

Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9-9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.

Fellowship time provided following the morning service.

Monday Evening: Men's Fellowship and Prayer Time 7-8:45 p.m.

Tuesday Morning: Ladies' Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group

Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings: call or email for details

FREE Monthly Community Dinners: 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of every month, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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## Landmark Baptist Church

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Pastor Paul J. Clow

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info

Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!

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## 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.

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## Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier

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

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

Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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## New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. David Shaw, Pastor • Rev. Lynn Shaw, Pastor

Rev. Isabel Gillespie, Missional Outreach Pastor

Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9-2, Tues. & Thurs. / 9-4:30, Weds. & 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)

11 a.m. Discipleship Hour for All Ages.

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

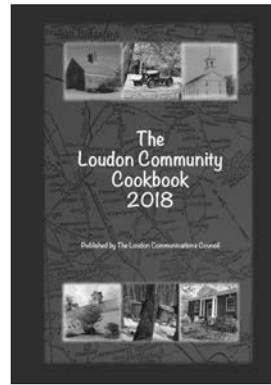
Wednesdays: Family Discipleship Night 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Youth Hangout 7:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays: Community Bible Study: an independent international group, meets at New Beginnings  
10 a.m.-12 Noon. Classes available for children, teens, and women through May 2019.

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perfect gift!

*The Loudon Communications  
Council's "Loudon Community  
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*Loudon Historical Society  
2019 Calendar On Sale*

*Now*

Please support the Loudon  
Historical Society 2019 Calendar Fundraiser!

This hanging wall calendar has thirteen amazing black and white historic pictures of Loudon. Proceeds will go toward the production of the Town of Loudon History Book. Please see any member of the Historical Society during our open hours of the first and third Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 at the Historical Society at 29 South Village Road, or send a check for \$10 to: Loudon Historical Society c/o Town of Loudon 55 South Village Rd. — Suite 1, Loudon, NH 03307

Faith Community Bible Church  
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COMMUNITY  
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Wednesday Evenings  
February: 13th, 20th, 27th  
March: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

*All are welcome! Invite neighbors for fellowship & song!*

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
For more information, please contact  
Denise Leclerc at 603.545.9745



# Loudon Fire Department News

By Chief Rick Wright



## Make 2019 a Fire and Life Safe Year

With a New Year comes the opportunity to start things off right. 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 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.

## Heating Safety Tips

1. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
2. Have a three-foot "kid free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
3. Never use your oven to heat the home.
4. Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
5. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
6. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
7. Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
8. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

## Portable Generator Safety

Portable generators are useful during power outages; however, the improper use of them can be risky. The most common dangers associated with portable generators are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards.

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snowfall, can all lead to power outages.

9. Generators should only be operated in well-ventilated locations outdoors away from all doors, windows, and vent openings as far from the house as possible, but a minimum of five feet away.
10. Never use a generator in an attached garage or barn, even with the door open.
11. Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building.
12. Turn off the main power switch in your home before operating the generator.
13. Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is running.
14. Store the proper fuel for the generator in a container that is properly labeled as such. Store the container outside of living areas.
15. Keep all children and pets away from the generator at all times.
16. All equipment and appliances being powered by the generator should be turned off before the generator is shut down.
17. Your generator should always be turned off while sleeping and when you are away from home.

## Candle Safety

Use of candles is very common this time of year. Remember a candle is an open flame, which means it can ignite anything that burns.

18. Blow out all candles when leaving a room or when you go to bed.
19. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
20. Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't turn tip over easily, and locate on a sturdy uncluttered surface.
21. Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
22. Don't burn the candle all the way down, put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
23. Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
24. Never leave a child alone in a room with a candle.
25. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of the reach of children. ■

# Loudon Boys Help Light Up The Night at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

## After more than a month in ICU, eight-year-old Garrett Gilman was a special guest at the annual Yule Light Up The Night run/walk with his brother Wyatt at NHMS on Sunday, December 9.

The sun was disappearing. The air was chilly. More than two million Christmas lights were beginning to twinkle around "The Magic Mile."

It may have seemed like an ordinary night at the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane and Oil, but it was not. It was a special night; it was Yule Light Up The Night. This annual event every December is a family fun run through the traditional drive-thru light show. For two young brothers from Loudon, Garrett and Wyatt Gilman, it was a very special night.

As a couple thousand participants were stretching and layering on warm clothing in preparation for their 2.1-mile trek through the Gift of Lights at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Garrett and Wyatt were patiently waiting for their important roles.

"Ready...set...GO" yelled nine-year-old Wyatt right before the starting gun shot signaling the runners to take off through the speedway's main entrance, down the hill towards the infield tunnel.

Dressed in holiday gear, the runners headed out and the race had begun.

At the other end of the route, eight-year-old Garrett was waiting patiently with Miss Greater Derry, Amanda Ledoux, holding the banner across the finish line for the winner of the race to run through.

What the participants didn't know was that this day was a significant milestone for the Gilman family. It was

the start to a healthy future and the end of a heartbreaking illness.

Garrett spent 39 days at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) this fall after coming down with a case of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (Staph MRSA), which is an infection caused by staph bacteria.

"Typically this happens from a small wound, and they put a band aid on it and give you an antibiotic," said the boys' mother, Heidi. "He just had an unlucky case of it."

During his stay at CHaD, Garrett spent 26 days in the intensive care unit visiting the operating room 16 times. After enduring 12 surgeries on his leg, he came home in a wheelchair, but is now feeling good and walking around.

"He doesn't remember quite a bit of it, which is a blessing," said Heidi. "We have to do some physical therapy to rebuild and make sure he uses his leg and gets it as strong as he can."

Garrett has recently returned to school on a part-time basis, so he can transition back slowly while continuing to gain strength.

"We have a really cool school, Loudon Elementary," said Heidi. "It was really nice on his first day back, everyone was so excited. We're really lucky to be part of this community."

When asked if he was happy to be back in school, Garrett had a typical eight-year-old's response of "Yes, but not for the homework."

The boys, who are 20 months apart, said they enjoyed being a special part of the Yule Light Up The Night run/walk. They liked watching the people go by, and said they'd like to be involved with the race again next year.

A portion of the proceeds from the Yule Light Up The Night and the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane and Oil benefits Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter. Since its inception in 2009, New Hampshire Motor Speedway and SCC have distributed more than \$1.7 million, supporting more than 749,000 children in the local community.

While the fastest runner reached the finish line first on that Sunday night in December, the real winner of the race was Garrett, Wyatt and their family. The boys truly "lit up the night" at New Hampshire Motor Speedway making this the most memorable and special Yule Light Up The Night that the speedway has ever had. Thank you for being our special guests.

## About Speedway Children's Charities (SCC)

The mission of Speedway Children's Charities is to care for children with educational, financial, social and medical needs to help them lead productive lives. Founded by Bruton Smith in 1982, Speedway Children's Charities is a non-profit 501c (3) organization providing funding for hundreds of non-profit organizations that meet the direct needs of children. The New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities was officially established in 2009. Since then, the New Hampshire Motor Speedway Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities has raised more than \$1.7 million. The goal is to ensure that every child in need be given the tools to build a better, brighter and healthier future. For more information, visit [www.SpeedwayCharities.org](http://www.SpeedwayCharities.org). For more information about other upcoming events for Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter, call Hillarie Scott at (603) 513-5738 or visit [SpeedwayCharities.org/NewHampshire/](http://SpeedwayCharities.org/NewHampshire/). ■





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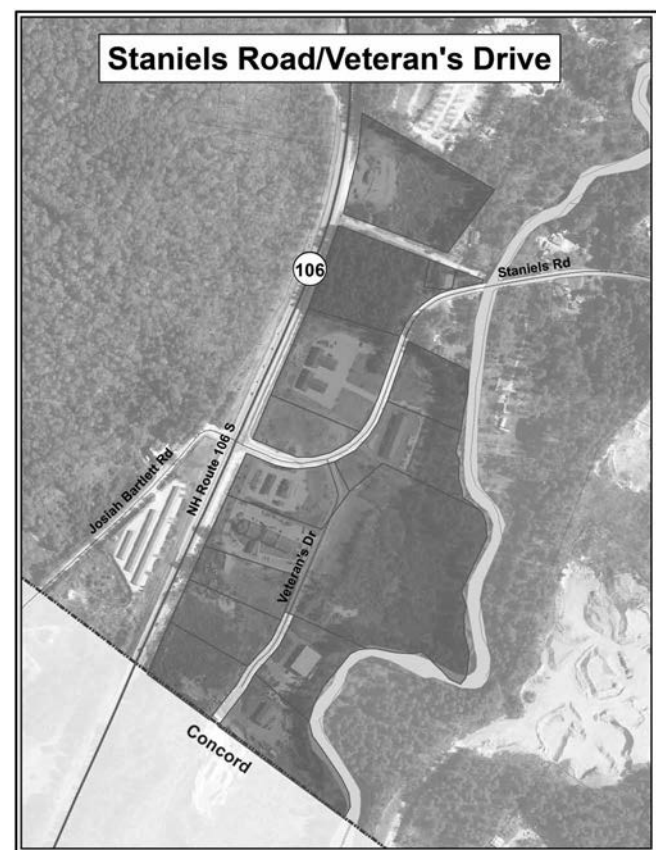
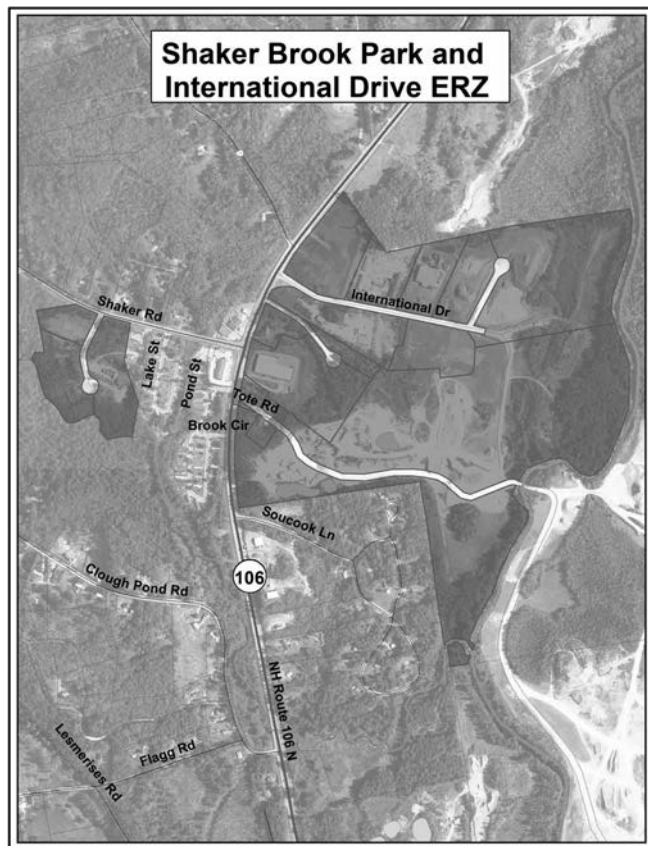
businesses is tough and the establishment of these four ERZs will help Loudon level the playing field.

The Economic Development Committee worked closely with Mike Tardiff from Central NH Regional Planning Commission to identify areas of Loudon that met the criteria set forth in RSA 162-N:8 and took advantage of the Rt. 106 corridor. The four ERZs include (1) 15 acres on the east side of the Rt. 106/129 intersection; (2) 157 acres on the east side of Rt. 106 at Shaker Rd; (3) 54 acres on the east side of Rt. 106 around Staniels Rd; and (4) 15 acres at Shaker Brook Industrial Park. You can see a map of all four zones on the Loudon Economic Development Committee page at LoudonNH.org.

Each of the four zones had or soon will have development which could qualify for a tax incentive under RSA 162-N. While increasing the local tax base and providing for new full-time jobs, the tax incentives are provided by the State through a credit to the companies Business Enterprise Tax (BET) or the Business Profits Tax (BPT).

The State also maintains the website SelectNH.com. Properties in approved ERZs can be listed on SelectNH.com at no charge increasing the exposure they get. SelectNH.com also allows companies or individuals searching for property to view comprehensive information about Loudon's labor force, demographics, wages and housing.

The designation of these initial four ERZs is win-win for Loudon! **For more information about the Economic Revitalization Zones, see article below.** ■



## Loudon Economic Development Committee Update

As you may know, the Loudon Economic Development Committee (EDC) was formed in late 2017 and held its initial meeting this past January. The EDC has been working on the recent successful application to establish four Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZs) in Loudon. The ERZ program is enabled in the State of New Hampshire through NH RSA 162-N, and allows a community to establish certain zones where a business can then seek a credit on its New Hampshire Business Profits Tax. The newly-established ERZs are: (1) Shaker Brook Park, (2) International Drive, (3) Village/NH 129, and (4) Staniels Road/Veterans Drive.

In addition to the ERZs, numerous Loudon residents are currently taking advantage of NH RSA 79-D which exists to “encourage the preservation of historic agricultural structures which are potentially subject to decay or demolition, thus maintaining the historic rural character of the state’s landscape, sustaining agricultural traditions, and providing an attractive scenic environment for work and recreation of the state’s citizens and visitors.” Qualification for the 79-D program involves an application and hearing process carried out by the Selectmen. Once approved, Loudon residents who complete work on an historic agricultural structure are granted tax relief of 25–75%, for a period of time, on the value of the structure itself.

At the 2019 Town Meeting, the EDC will be proposing the establishment of a Community Reinvestment Tax Relief Incentive zone in the Village area as enabled by NH

RSA 79-E. Similar to the 79-D program, it (1) targets specific structures and (2) involves temporary tax relief from increased value for a specific period of time. If the provisions of RSA 79-E are adopted, the Board of Selectmen would have the authority to delay any increase in taxes for property owners in the Village if they replace or substantially rehabilitate their property. Its goal is to encourage the rehabilitation and active reuse of under-utilized buildings. The EDC will hold a public information session on the Community Reinvestment Tax Relief program at the Town Offices on January 16, 2018 beginning at 7 p.m.

A little background: If the zone is approved, a property owner who wants to substantially rehabilitate a building located in the Village area may apply to the Board of Selectmen for a period of temporary tax relief of one to five years. If the application is approved, the property tax on the structure would not increase as a result of its substantial rehabilitation. In exchange for the relief, the property owner grants a covenant ensuring there is a public benefit to the rehabilitation. After the tax relief period ends, the structure would be taxed at its full market value taking into account the rehabilitation.

For more information on the ERZ and Community Reinvestment Tax Relief Incentive zone programs please visit the Loudon EDC website at <https://www.loudonnh.org/economicdevelopment-committee>. The Loudon EDC meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Town Offices. The meetings begin at 5 p.m. ■





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## News From the Richard Brown House

The cold lull between snow storms has been blessedly longer than anticipated so we have breathed a sigh of relief that there has been a break from shovels and plows! With a large car park, snow storms always present challenges to everyone!

Back in late November, Thanksgiving was celebrated at different times and in different ways depending on folks' circumstances. A few residents were treated to a Thanksgiving lunch provided by the large-hearted owner and staff of The Windmill Restaurant in Concord. We had not previously explored this kindness to the community but according to Lois' husband, Howard Moffett, who went to collect the meals, it was an amazing operation, with lines of volunteers driving meals to recipients who cannot get to the restaurant itself before the doors opened.

A few days later, Lucie and Lorraine, our manager and housekeeper respectively, put lights back on the gazebo to bring color and brightness to these dark afternoons and evenings.

We have been fortunate to have volunteers and community partners come in during past weeks. Maxfield

Library Director Jackie Heath held a small Book Group, discussing *The Winter Garden*. Stacy Fisk from Bayada Hospice has again offered a small journaling group. Jane Hummel returned to bring birthday flowers for the residents who had November birthdays, which is such a lovely surprise when it happens. MaryAnn Beachemin returned, despite the snow before Thanksgiving, to show the movie *Little Women* for the Movie Club. And, we were approached by a relative newcomer to Loudon, Sandi Noel, who has offered her considerable skills and experience of chaplaincy and outreach. Together with some residents she is planning various activities such as sending cards to veterans and next year, working on activities like knitting blankets for victims of domestic abuse living in shelters. We have received wool and knitting needles from Vicki and Mackenzie Thorpe, with gratitude that these can be put to use soon.

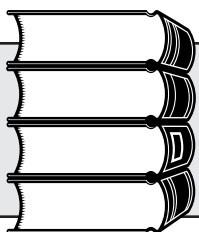
Residents also received musical treats for the holiday season. The first was a lovely evening of Bells and Carols provided by Sue Chamberlain, Rebekah Allen, and others from the Faith Community Bible Church congregation. Residents prepared snacks and punch and there

was much audience participation with the carols and fellowship shared and appreciated. Two years ago the Bells had been scheduled to come, but snow intervened, so the lack of real weather on this occasion was fortunate. The second musical treat was the return of The Solutions, one player short, but performing a mix of their Christmas and regular numbers for a loyal and enthusiastic audience. Residents appreciate that the guys come straight from work at Home Depot in Concord, and so the tradition was established of laying on a simple supper for them.

We are currently looking for volunteers who might be able to work one on one or in a small group with residents who have technical questions regarding smart phones, internet use, and devices. We are also hoping there might be someone, a youth maybe, but not necessarily, who loves dogs and would be willing to walk a small friendly dog a few times a week for a resident who is unable to safely walk the dog herself at present. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please be in touch. Contact either manager Lucie Bilodeau on 798 3190 or service coordinator Lois Scribner at [lois.scribner@voanne.org](mailto:lois.scribner@voanne.org) ■







## Maxfield Public Library News

### Story Time

Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for stories, crafts, songs, and more. On January 3, listen to *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson and *Be Brave Little One* by Marianne Richmond. The children will paint an arctic scene showing a polar bear in its natural habitat.

On January 8 and 10, we'll read *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner, *Winter Bees* by Joyce Sidman, and *Snow* by Manya Stojic. In the craft time to follow, the children will construct an eager beaver who's ready to work.

On January 15 and 17, the children will hear *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Jooisse, *Habitats of the World* by Sindy McKay, and *Look Inside an Igloo* by Mari Schuh. We will create an igloos from cubes that are sure to stay frozen.

On January 22 and 24, the children will listen to *This Moose Belongs to Me* by Oliver Jeffers, *Sand, Leaf, or Coral Reef: A Book About Animal Habitats* by Patricia M. Stockland, and *Looking for a Moose* by Phyllis Root. Each child will leave the craft hour after being turned into a moose.

On January 29 and 31, listen to *Stop, Go, Yes, No!* by Mike Twohy, *Exactly the Opposite* by Tana Hoban, and *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. Going along with the opposite theme, the children will make a craft using black and white paper.

### Snow Policy

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

The Library will close if it is stormy and there are Weather Advisories in effect.

You can check for delays or cancellations on Channel 9, the WMUR website, Maxfield Public Library's facebook page, [www.maxfieldlibrary.com](http://www.maxfieldlibrary.com), or you can call the library at 798-5153. Be safe and don't take chances!!

### Book Discussions

A book discussion gives participants the opportunity to read books they might not have chosen, but will enjoy, and then to discuss and share thoughts about the book with a group. A new Afternoon Book Group has formed and will meet on the second Thursday of each month. Check our webpage and Facebook page for details. The Evening Book Group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month (usually!). The January selection is *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard. We will meet on January 24th at 6:30 p.m.

### Looking Up!

Beginning on January 1st, the Library's Orion StarBlast Telescope will be ready to be checked out. Anyone who wishes to borrow it must be 18 years of age or older, and be a Library borrower in good standing. A lending agreement must be signed. The telescope may be borrowed for 3 days. There will be an overdue fine charged if it is not returned on time. Also, it must be returned in person and be checked in. Further details of the policy may be read at the Library. On clear winter nights, the telescope will show wonderful views of the stars, planets, and moon! Many thanks to Curtiss Rude and the NH Astronomical Society for providing this valuable gift to the community!

### Stitch 'n Chat

Join other hand crafters in the Children's Room on Wednesdays from 2:30–4:30 p.m. This is a good place to work on that project (projects?!!) you've been meaning to finish, while chatting with others.

Can't make it during the day? Come in and enjoy our Tuesday evening knitting group from 5:45–7 in the Children's Room on Tuesdays.

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closing at 4 on December 31st (New Year's Eve) and will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. The Library will also be closed on Monday, January 21 for Civil Rights Day.

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## Honor Student Cassidy Considine Nominated for The Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA

Cassidy Considine, a Junior at Merrimack Valley High School of Loudon will be a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Lowell, MA on June 23-25, 2019.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.



Cassidy's nomination letter was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Merrimack Valley High School based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

During the three-day Congress, Cassidy Considine will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, Executive Director, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. "Focused, bright and determined students like Cassidy Considine are our future and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her."

The Academy offers free services and programs to students who want to be physicians or go into medical science. Some of the services and programs the Academy offers are online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career. Based in Washington, D.C. and with offices in Boston, MA, the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists. For more information visit [www.FutureDocs.com](http://www.FutureDocs.com) or call 617-307-7425. ■

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## Boston Brinks Robbery — They Almost Got Away With It!

The November 7 meeting of the Historical Society was a public presentation by Mark Stevens, a surveyor from Canterbury entitled "The Boston Brinks Robbery—Crime of the Century". The slide presentation recounted how eleven men planned every minute detail to rob the Boston Brinks Armored Car Building back in the 1950's and how they were only days from getting away with it.

Mark first became interested in the project when he was surveying a property in Canterbury and noticed some things that were "not quite right" as he read through the deeds on that property. In Mark's experience, the transfer of deed did not jive with what should have looked normal. Mark began more extensive research and found that it was one of the robbers who had purchased the Canterbury property. The deed of the property was transferred several times between the robber and another individual who turned out to be his alias. The robber thought at the time that he was purchasing an isolated farm. In the end, the property was not as isolated as the robber originally thought because some suspicious activity could be viewed by inmates at the county jail in Boscawen across the river from the property. One thing that caught their attention was smoke coming continually from the barn. The inmates alerted the authorities who eventually made the arrest just days before the statute of limitations ran out. It seems amazing that Mark was able to start with some small details on a deed in Canterbury, NH and after many years of research, tie it all back to the Crime of the Century in Boston, MA.

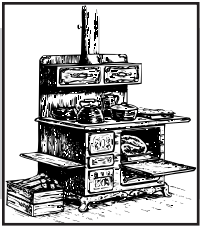
At the conclusion of the evening, the public discussed how incredible the story was as they enjoyed refreshments. Some attendees also expressed interest in becoming members of the Historical Society. Mark donated his fee back to the Historical Society to go toward the production of Loudon's written history. The Historical Society would like to thank Mark for sharing his presentation as well as for his generosity. ■



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## What's Cookin'? Lighten Up For The New Year!

By Deb Foss

It's that time of year: Resolution Time! And the standard New Year's Resolution for many people is to lose weight. So we're going to help by offering some low calorie recipes this month. Diet food doesn't have to be boring, tasteless food!

### Cheesy Low-Calorie Biscuits

- 1 Cup self-rising flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup plain Greek yogurt
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Tsp. garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup Old Bay Seasoning
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup fat free cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Combine flour, yogurt, spices, and cheese. Mix together to form a ball. Roll out to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and cut out 6 biscuits. Bake on greased cookie sheet 18–20 minutes at 400 degrees.

### Light Cheeseburger Bites

- 1 Lb. 90 percent ground beef
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup egg whites (about 4 eggs)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup fat free cheddar cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup bread crumbs
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup ketchup
- 3 Tbs. yellow mustard
- 5 small dill pickles diced or you can use dill pickle relish

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 24 mini-muffin cup pan with cooking spray. Brown ground beef over medium high heat. While cooking, add all remaining ingredients to mixing bowl and mix well. Cool meat and add to ingredients in the bowl and mix well. Spoon evenly into muffin cups. Bake 23–25 minutes at 400 degrees.



## A Glimpse Into the Historical Society

By Liz LeBrun

Sometimes you look at something and have to use your imagination to figure out what it could be. The wooden piece featured this month falls into that category. It is not a newly-acquired piece and it has only minimal monetary value. However, it is something the average person probably cannot identify. The item is a harness maker's vise, donated by the West family. Freeman A. West worked at a home shop in Andover, New Hampshire in the early 1900s. The harness maker would stand the vise on the floor between his knees and by moving the lever up, he would open the jaws enough to put in the harness straps. When the stitching was done, he once again moved the lever up to release the straps. A shoemaker or cordwainer, also used this vise in making shoes. The shoemaker called it a "clam" and used his knees to apply the pressure to close it.

Please think about visiting the Historical Society on the first or third Wednesday of the month between 1 and 3 p.m. or attend a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For questions or to arrange a tax-deductible donation, call the Historical Society at (603) 798-4541 or e-mail us at Loudonhistory@gmail.com. ■



### Light Chicken Taco Casserole

- 2 Cups rotisserie chicken diced
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Diced onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Diced green pepper
- 1 Packet low sodium taco seasoning
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup water
- 1 Cup low fat tortilla chips, crushed
- 1 Cup fat free sour cream
- 1 Cup salsa
- 1 Cup Light Mexican shredded cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup black beans rinsed and drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 13" x 9" casserole with cooking spray. Line the bottom of casserole with  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the crushed tortilla chips. In frying pan, sauté vegetables, beans chicken, taco mix, and water. Add salsa and stir to mix. Put half of the mix on top of the tortilla chips. Top with the rest of the tortilla chip and then the rest of the vegetable mix so you have two layers. Top with sour cream spread evenly over whole casserole. Then top with cheese. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

### Light Crack Chicken

- 2½ Lbs. boneless skinless chicken breast
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup chicken broth
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Frank's Hot Sauce
- 8 oz. block of fat free cream cheese
- 1 Packet Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix
- 5 Slices chopped cooked bacon
- 2 Cups light cheddar cheese
- 5 Diced scallions

In slow cooker spray bottom with cooking spray. Put ingredients in the following order, chicken broth, chicken, cream cheese, ranch mix, and hot sauce. Do not stir. Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6 hours. Shred chicken in crock pot with two forks and mix well. Stir in bacon and top with cheese and scallions and serve.

### Light Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup

- 2 Cups rotisserie chicken, diced
- 1 Tbs. unsalted butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup chopped onion
- 1 Cup sliced carrots
- 1 Cup sliced celery
- $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tsp. oregano
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tsp. black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tsp. Thyme
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tsp. salt
- 8 Cups Chicken broth
- 1 Can diced potatoes
- 1 Cup fat free  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$
- 3 Cups uncooked egg noodles

Melt butter in stock pot and sauté vegetables over medium heat until soft. Add flour and spices, stir and cook 3 minutes. Add broth and potatoes and stir. Turn up heat and bring to boil for 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and add noodles,  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and chicken. Cook 10 minutes or until noodles are cooked.

### Low Calorie Southwestern Chicken Soup

- 4 Cups Rotisserie Chicken shredded
- 1 Tbs. Minced garlic
- 1 Tsp. Chili Powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tsp. Cumin
- 4 Cups Chicken Broth
- 1 15 oz. can Pure pumpkin
- 1 15 oz. cab Black Bean rinsed & drained
- 1 Cup Frozen corn
- 1 Cup Salsa

Mix Garlic and spices with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup broth over medium heat. Add rest of broth and bring to simmer. Add pumpkin and mix well. Add remaining ingredients and bring to boil. Reduce to simmer for 10 minutes.

Optional Toppings: Shredded cheese, sour cream, jalapeno slices, and tortilla chips.

### No Fat Brownies

- 1 Box Sugar free brownie mix
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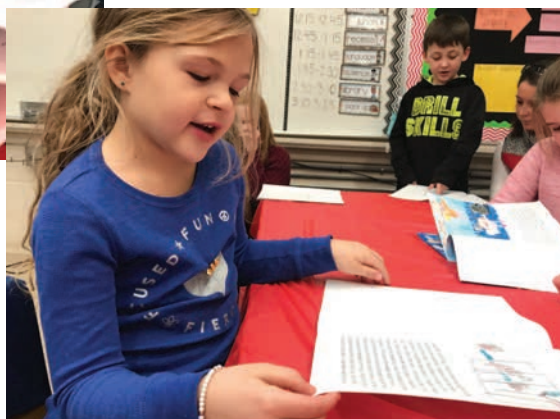
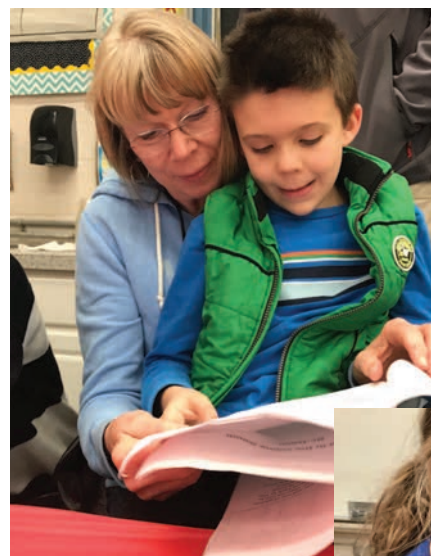
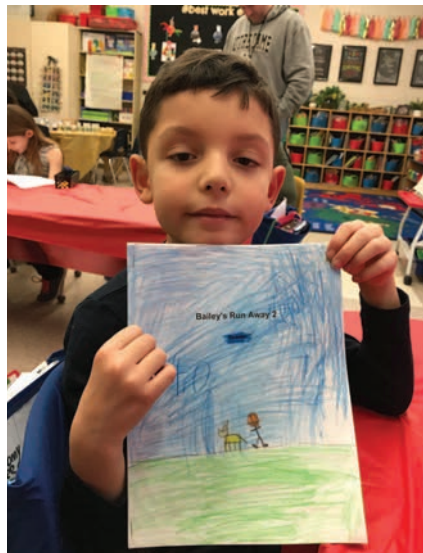
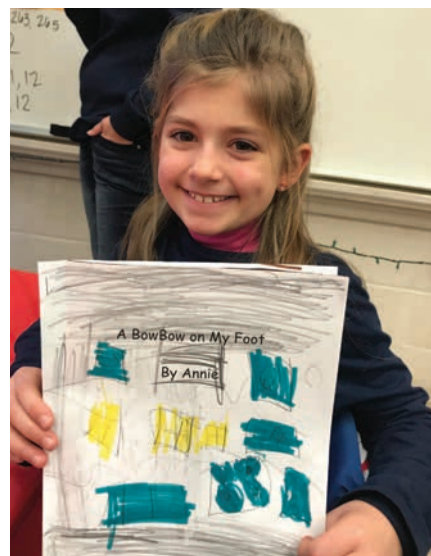
# Good News From Loudon Elementary School

## Upcoming Events

- 1/1 No School, New Year's Day
- 1/3 PTA at 6:30
- 1/14 MVSD School Board at MVHS, 7:15 p.m.
- 1/18 Preschool Screening at PES by appointment
- 1/21 No School — MLK Jr. Holiday
- 1/25 Second Grade Field Trip

## Second Grade Authors

In December, second grade students celebrated the completion of their narratives with family and friends! Our young authors were proud to share their efforts and are already hard at work on their next publication!



## Hour of Code

LES students participated in the international event *Hour of Code*, during the week of December 3. Students worldwide participated in this annual event designed to introduce students to the world of Computer Science. This activity is designed to help encourage problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and creativity.

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

## Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten at LES next year (children who will be 5 years old by September 30th are eligible), please call Diana Muzzey at 783-4400 to begin the registratio process.

## Santa's Breakfast

On Saturday, December 1, the LES PTA hosted the annual Santa's Breakfast with the help of volunteers — including several members of the LPD!

The LES Chorus performed in celebration of the season. The chorus is comprised of students in grades 3–5 and directed by Mrs. Jennifer Keaton.

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





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## Loudon Food Pantry News

### 12 Months of Giving

**12** Months of Giving is a new initiative where you can give monthly, weekly, or yearly via credit card (we are looking into a direct debit solution as well). Many donors find it easier on their budget to spread their donations out throughout the year instead of one lump sum annually. But, they don't do it because their lives are too busy to remember to make that payment monthly.

Just sign up below and you'll be able to control how and when you give. Also, if your circumstances change and you need to adjust your donations accordingly, you can do so.

How does this initiative help the food pantry? Well, we receive most of our funds in December. Like for-profit businesses, we need a consistency in income to survive. Having to spread all our funds from December out over the course of the next year makes it difficult to purchase items as they are needed. Additionally, the economic climate has been changing rapidly and as a result the pantry's needs and donations have been fluctuating wildly. Our slim times are becoming unpredictable so it's extremely difficult to say how we should be adjusting our month-to-month budgets to make things work.

With your recurring donation, you give us the tools we need to fight food insecurity all year long. Go to [tinyurl.com/y8d96dvb](http://tinyurl.com/y8d96dvb) to find out more.

### Closed Dates

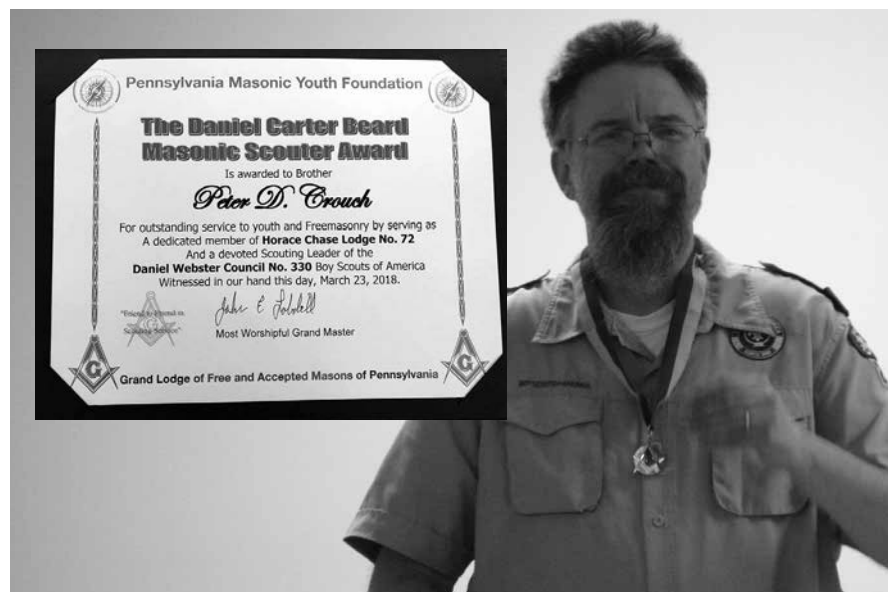
This year we will be closed for inventory from January 1st and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 22nd.

Volunteers are needed to help to finish processing food and with inventory. Volunteer hours during inventory are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering could stop in during "volunteer" hours noted above or call 724-9731.

### November Meal Numbers

In November we gave out enough food to create 9,532 meals to 438 individuals. 111 of those were age 60 and older, 148 were age 18 or under and 179 were in between those ages.

## Loudon Resident Peter Crouch Recognized for His Service to the Boy Scouts



Peter Crouch was recognized with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. This award is presented to members of the Masonic Lodge who "act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the recipient who is honored by receiving the award."

Crouch was nominated for the award by members of Horace Chase Lodge No. 72 in Penacook. He currently serves on the leadership team of Loudon Boy Scout Troop 247. At the Troop's most recent Court of Honor, Mr. Crouch pledged to stay active in Scouts even though his son Thomas is poised to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

The parents and boys of Troop 247 offer their congratulations and thanks to Peter Crouch for his continued commitment to the boys of Loudon. ■

### 50-50 Holiday Fundraiser Raffle Results

Our total ticket sales were \$195. That means the winner Sissy P. receives \$97.50. Congratulations Sissy! Thank you everyone for playing and making this a successful fundraiser!

### Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil

So far, we have received about 3,679 pounds of food. This generous donation allows us to have a wide variety of food on our shelves. We'll have more on this next month after the completion of Gift of Lights.

For more information go to <http://www.nhms.com/events/gift-of-lights/> ■



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### January Walk-In Immunization Clinic

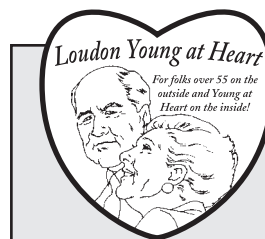
Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer its monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic on Monday, January 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Clinic is for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Immunization Clinics are 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.

For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

### VNA Announces January Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional VNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic on January 8 at the Richard Brown House from 9 a.m. until noon. 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. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203. ■



Loudon Young  
at Heart

By Maureen Prescott

With a touch of snow on the ground here and there, 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 12th, 2018 meeting. Fifty-two 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 in Loudon 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.

Two beautiful poinsettias donated by Ledgeview Greenhouses were this year's door prizes. The recipients of these door prizes were: Ron Scovil and Leigh Mullen. The table center pieces, made by Liz LeBrun, were received by: Janet Morten, Beverly Rafferty, Lynn Preve, Patty Mulkhey, Diane Burr, Karen Swango, Barbara Follansbee, Pat Shibles, and Judy Johnson. The fleece blanket made by Michaela Warren was raffled off and the winner was Connie Raney. The two cross stitch pieces made by Barbara Follansbee were received by Marilyn Dubuc.

Congratulations to you all!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Roger Maxfield will be giving a presentation on "School Houses."

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

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!**





## Why Winter Is Still A Good Time (And Maybe The Best Time) To Buy Your Home

Jack Prendiville  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

The weather's turned colder and there probably is snow on the ground. Yes winter is here and you've said goodbye to your weather pursuits. But have you said goodbye to your chances of buying a home? Are you planning to wait to spring? You shouldn't wait and here are four reasons why.

### Sellers are serious.

Everyone knows that spring is the peak of the home buying season, so you find a home you like listed in the winter, chances are the seller simply couldn't wait for spring. That's good news for you, as they may be more apt to sell quickly at your desired price.

### Less chance of a bidding war.

While many buyers wait till spring to start their house hunting, your pursuit now means less competition for the best homes on the market. This can streamline negotiations and protect you from having to bid against other buyers.

### More personalized time.

You should always look for a realtor who will give you the personalized attention you need throughout the process, and that will be easier to find in the winter. A slower winter market will allow your Realtor to focus more on you and help you find the perfect home.

### It can benefit you at tax time.

Yes, buy a home and you'll be able to apply for some federal tax deductions. ■

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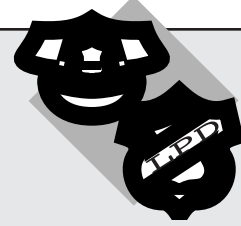


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## Loudon Police Department News

By Kristoffer Burgess, Chief of Police

### Happy New Year!

The Loudon Police Department was one of the collection sites in town for the annual Recycled Percussion Toy Drive. With four days left to collect toys, there were eight boxes full of toys that were donated by our very own generous residents! The volunteers at Recycled Percussion were in awe of the community support and spirit and stated we were one of the top collection sites in this region! Kudos to our residents! We're sure there were many happy children in New Hampshire at Christmas!

In addition, for the last several years, we have had a few, confidential Secret Santa's who have helped some families in need. This year we had three confidential donors who helped three families who were struggling in need this Christmas. The generosity is greatly appreciated by all!!

From everyone at the Loudon Police Department, Happy New Year!! ■



## OBITUARIES

### SAMUEL BENTON

Samuel Benton, age 91, left his family on December 2, 2018 to be with his wife Lily Ahern Benton and his dog Snoopy. They had said in life we loved together in death may we rest in peace together.

He was born in Charleston, SC on July 20, 1927 son of the late John T. and Janie Lee (Brinson) Benton. While he was living in South Carolina he worked on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad for 6 years. Sam worked for the NH State Hospital for 33 years. He worked a 2nd job during those 33 years at NH Savings bank for 31 years. After retiring from both of those jobs he worked part time at Continental Cable for 10 years.

In addition to his parents Sam was predeceased by his lovely wife Lily; his siblings, Leroy, Matthew, John, Minnie, Doris, Esther and Patrick; and his son in law Dan Shedd.

He leaves behind his daughters, Gail Kirouac, and her husband Jim, Cindy Gelinac and her husband Robert, and Roxanne Shedd; his sons, Samuel J. Benton and his wife Kim, and Matthew Lee Benton and his wife Edie; many grandchildren, many great grandchildren; and several great great grandchildren; his brother in law Bill Ahern who was like a brother to him; many nieces and nephews. ■

### DONALD W. BARKER, JR.

Buzz (Donald) W. Barker, Jr., 50, passed away on 12/7/18 after a brief illness. He was born on 9/14/68 in Concord, the son of Donald and Diane (LaBrecque) Barker. He grew up in Boscawen and graduated from Merrimack Valley High School — Class of 1986.

Buzz married Julie (Green) and they enjoyed 20 wonderful years together in Loudon. They enjoyed spending time together and with their boys, at York Beach/Old Orchard Beach, watching Patriots and Bruins games and much more.

Buzz was survived by two sons, Jakob Barker and Daniel Barker of Loudon; a sister Dawn (Marie) Pearl and fiancé David Silcock of Boscawen, niece Jackie Pearl, Argenis Pena and Roman of Randolph MA, a nephew Charlie Pearl, Raven and Ella of Loudon, many aunts, uncles and cousins. Buzz also had a large group of friends that meant so much to him.

Over the years Buzz worked at Southworth-Milton, Nortrax and currently the Parts Manager at Chadwick Baross in Concord. He also worked in the summers at New Hampshire Motor Sports and Meadowbrook. ■



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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 6, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Fiske, Selectman Miller and Selectman Prescott.

### Also present:

Road Agent Russ Pearl.

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

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said he had a request to move the fuel tank at the Police Station. The Board

agreed that it should not be moved at this time.

Mr. Pearl asked the Board if he can look into hiring a part-time on-call plow driver. He explained that he still has an employee out on medical leave and isn't sure when he'll be back. Selectman Miller said he thinks it's a good idea. Selectman Prescott agreed that Mr. Pearl can talk to someone about it and then come back with to them with more information.

Mr. Pearl said they will be replacing the planks on the Currier Road bridge tomorrow. He said they will do it so that traffic is not held up.

The Board spoke with three residents that were onsite for voting. They all voiced their opinion about the location of the election; preferring that it be held at the Fire Station rather than at Town Hall.

The Board received reviewed timesheets and bills and signed manifests.

*Chairman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Robert N. Fiske, Chairman*

*Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman*

*Stanley H. Prescott II, Selectman*

## The Deadline for the February 2019 Loudon Ledger is Friday, January 18, 2019

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 13, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Fiske, Selectman Miller and Selectman Prescott.

### Also present:

Fire Chief Rick Wright, Road Agent Russ Pearl, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Ned Lizotte, Zoning Board Chairman, Henry Huntington Planning Board Member.

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

*Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for October 30, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for November 6, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Fiske opened Board of Permit.

Chief Wright handed out a Letter of Intent for Ledgerview Greenhouses. He explained that it is for an open house to be held December 8th and 9th; there will be approximately 40 craft vendors with both edible and non-edible items as well as wine tasting and a craft beer vendor possibly. He said this event will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., all vendors will be indoors, all parking will be onsite. Chief Wright said he was told last month that a hawkers and peddlers permit would be required. Chairman Fiske asked Caroline Carr who approves the alcohol. Ms. Carr explained that she spoke to the liquor commission who told her that she needs to get a farmer's market permit from the state and that she needs to find out from the town if they are okay with the tasting and/or the resale. She explained that she can do either under the farmers market. Chairman Fiske asked what type of vendors there will be. Ms. Carr said there will be things like knick-knacks and soap and under the farmers market she will have things like maple syrup vendors, items from Miles Smith Farm, Gilmanton winery, and maybe a local craft brewer. Selectman Miller asked if the

Planning Board or Zoning Board members had anything to add. Mr. Huntington asked if there will be a separate Hawker and Peddler for food. Chairman Fiske said there would. Mr. Lizotte said he has no problem with this as long as she gets all the other permits. Chairman Fiske asked if everyone is in favor of signing the Hawker and Peddler. All said yes, permit was signed.

Chairman Fiske closed Board of Permit.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said he met with Jack Shaver for his quarterly inspection. He said no recycling is taking place on the property; everything looks status quo. Chief Wright said the next quarterly inspection is in January. He said Mr. Shaver asked if the quarterly inspections could stop and go back to annual inspections. Chairman Fiske said he's okay with that as long as Chief Wright does drive-bys periodically to keep his eye on things. Selectman Miller said he would like to see the quarterly inspections continue to keep things going in the right direction. Selectman Prescott asked if he's all cleaned up. Chief Wright said he stopped the recycling and is cleaning the other things up little by little, he said his intention is good. Chief Wright said he would like to continue with the quarterly inspection so he doesn't fall back into his old ways. Chairman Fiske said quarterly is fine with him. Chief Burgess agreed that continuing with quarterly is a good idea. Chairman Fiske said they will continue with quarterly inspections.

Chief Wright said the Homeland Security Grant for the Emergency Operations Center in the amount of \$143,380 has received final approval from the Governor and Council. He said the contractors for the project have been notified that they can begin anytime. Chief Wright said Harry-O will make major upgrades to the electrical system, Leonard Plumbing and Heating will be doing the HVAC system. Chief Wright explained that this is part one of the upgrades, part two will

be next year. Selectman Miller asked if there is an end date for phase one. Chief Wright said it is September 30, 2019. Chief Wright said phase two will be about \$100,000 and is mostly office equipment and radios.

Chief Wright said 12 members of the fire department completed a 16-hour fire department certificate class Saturday. He said this was a very beneficial class.

Chief Wright the 3-year appointments for the Health Officer and Deputy Officer need to be renewed. The Selectman signed the reenrollment form.

Chairman Fiske recognized Ted Gatsas from the audience. Mr. Gatsas explained that he is the newly-elected Executive Councilor for the area that includes Loudon. He said he is visiting each town, introducing himself and telling the Selectmen that if they need anything to contact him. He gave each Board member a card with his contact information and said they can call him anytime.

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said he is waiting for sealed bids for the tree removal on Flagg Road. He said

the bids will be dropped off at the Selectmens office.

Mr. Pearl said they are grading when the weather permits.

Mr. Pearl said they redid the deck on the Currier Road bridge.

Mr. Pearl said they cleaned out one of the old sheds at the transfer station and put the bags of magnesium from the salt shed into that shed so they can mix more sand/salt.

Mr. Pearl said they've had a couple of small breakdowns.

Mr. Pearl said depending on the weather they will be ditching.

Mr. Pearl they will be doing some brush cutting.

Mr. Pearl said things are going very good.

Chairman Fiske gave Mr. Pearl a card for a tree cutter. Mr. Pearl said he will contact him.

Selectman Prescott said the Currier Road bridge looks excellent.

Selectman Miller asked if the storage box has been moved yet. Mr. Pearl said not yet. He said he did confirm that J & D is willing to

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move it. Mr. Pearl said they definitely need the storage so they will be moving it.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess gave the Board a week's worth of statistics for Lesmerises Road. Chief Burgess said they are having issues with the speed trailer; it doesn't record data so they are doing more directed patrols. Selectman Miller said they will look at this information and the information they received previously. Chief Burgess asked if they want more directed patrols. Chairman Fiske said at this point the information they have will suffice. Selectman Miller asked if Chief Burgess has crash statistics for Lesmerises road. Chief Burgess will get that for the Board.

Chief Burgess said all the radars have been calibrated.

Chief Burgess said all his officers have been certified with firearms.

Chief Burgess said they posted the ad for the position that will be available. He said they have received about 50 applications so far.

Chairman Fiske recognized Barbara Chellis and Beth Hayward from the Community Action Program. Ms. Chellis explained that she is the area center director for the Community Action Program. Ms. Chellis introduced Ms. Hayward who is the new community services director. Ms. Chellis said they wanted to come in and thank the town for the support and helping them help the residents of the town. Selectman Miller asked what kind of services they provide. Ms. Chellis said fuel assistance, electric assistance, they have a food pantry, they have an emergency assistance program which primarily is used for eviction help up to \$600, they have a security deposit program up to \$600. She said those are loans and have to be paid back. Ms. Chellis said they have weatherization programs, WIC program, Head Start, USDA food program and many other programs. Chairman Fiske expressed his appreciation for the work they do. Ms. Hayward said without the support from the towns they wouldn't be able to do the work they do. She explained they try to make this a one-stop location for those needing help; if they can't help, they find out who can. Ms. Chellis said they serve seven towns. She explained that the money the town gives them helps run the area center so they have the staff to provide services to the town's residents.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Chief Wright regarding the 106/Chichester Road intersection.

The Board received the Economic Revitalization Zone application approvals from the State.

The Board received the ESMI 3rd quarter 2018 Host Community Fee report and check in the amount of \$19,972.25.

The Board received a letter from Police Standards saying that Chief Burgess passed his fitness test.

The Board received the John O. Cate Van September 27th meeting minutes.

Selectman Miller read the following: *TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to*

*collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Six Million One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Five Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$6,163,105.24) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 18, 2018 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer; or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Thirteenth day of November in 2018. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire.*

Chairman Fiske said they received a letter from someone that was at the elections that would like to speak to a selectman about the polling place not being well lit and unsafe. Selectman Miller said a couple of people have spoken to him about that same thing. Selectman Miller said he isn't sure what the resolve to this is. He said they can't predict the weather and to pull everything out of the fire station can be a problem, he isn't sure if the school is an option. Chief Wright said he spoke to the principal and was told that the school is a possibility but they would have to know well in advance so they can fit into their schedule. Chief Wright said it would be nice to have elections at the same place; he had a lot of people show up at the fire station that weren't happy that the election was someplace else. Chairman Fiske suggested that the school be

contacted to find out if it's a possibility. Selectman Prescott said if it is changed it needs to be consistently at the same place. He said he heard from many people that the parking and the lighting was terrible.

Selectman Prescott said Mr. Labonte was going out the back door of the Town Hall after voting to lock the door and fell off the edge of the ramp/walkway. He said it needs to be taken care of. Mr. Pearl said he spoke to Mr. Labonte about it and they will get it fixed; he explained that it wasn't loomed up to the edge. Selectman Miller said he received many complaints about the railing out front. Mr. Pearl said they tightened as much as they could. He explained that it has to be removed for funerals and so it doesn't stay tight. Mr. Pearl said they will look at it.

The Board received an authorized user certification from HealthTrust. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize Chairman Fiske to sign the form on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a notice of leaving from Boutin Law Office. *Selectman Prescott made a motion to authorize Chairman Fiske to sign the paperwork, on behalf of the town, authorizing the town files to be retained by Boutin Law PLLC.*

The Board signed two Community Building rental forms.

Chairman Fiske recognized Willie Hammond from 74 S Village Road. Mr. Hammond explained that he still has a water problem at his property. He showed the Board pictures.

Mr. Hammond said the water comes down the edge of his property and washes out the driveway. He suggested that a culvert be installed at the driveway. The Road Agent and Selectman Prescott will take a look at it.

Chairman Fiske said he received a phone call from ESMI. They asked if the town needs any fill. The Board doesn't at this time but will keep it in mind.

Selectman Miller asked what they are doing with Lesmerises Road. He suggested the Board review the information supplied by the police department and have an answer next Tuesday. Chairman Fiske agreed.

Selectman Prescott suggested the Office Manager to write a letter to the architect asking for the as-built plans for the town office.

Selectman Miller asked about the sidewalks that were supposed to be done by the developer of the Villages off Foster Road. Selectman Prescott said the project is almost complete and the people in the development are concerned that it will be left for them to take care of. He explained that the money for the sidewalk portion can be put in escrow until the town is ready to complete the project. Mr. Pearl said there is a major drainage issue in that area that will need to be taken care of.

*Selectman Prescott moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Robert N. Fiske, Chairman*

*Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman*

*Stanley H. Prescott II, Selectman*

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 20, 2018****Present:**

Chairman Fiske, Selectman Miller and Selectman Prescott.

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

*Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for November 13, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Fiske recognized Roger Maxfield and Lucy Gordon from the Historical Society. Mr. Maxfield explained that they wanted to update the Board on the writing and printing of the Town History Book. He said they would like to have it completed by 2023. Mr. Maxfield said the Historical Society has assembled a huge volume of information for the book so they now need to get someone to write it. He said they interviewed Melissa Moore twice. Mr. Maxfield explained that Melissa lives in town, has advance work in library science and history and is excited about the project. Mr. Maxfield said they need a warrant article to withdraw money to pay her out of the Town History Capital Reserve Fund. He submitted a draft of the warrant article. Mr. Maxfield also submitted a draft contract and suggested that the town attorney write the contract. Mr. Maxfield said 2023 is the 250th anniversary of the town. He explained that to this point there has never been a town history book. Mr. Maxfield said they want to put together a fundraising packet and do significant fundraising for this project. Chairman

Fiske said the draft contract will be forwarded to the town attorney.

Chairman Fiske recognized Joan Cross from the audience. Ms. Cross said she was there to listen in case they had information regarding Lesmerises Road. The Board reviewed the information that was supplied to them from Chief Burgess regarding accidents and directed patrols. Selectman Miller made a motion to reduce the speed to 30 miles per hour to match the other roads. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Selectman Prescott asked Chairman Fiske what he thinks of it. Chairman Fiske said if they want it down to 30 so be it. Selectman Miller said he doesn't believe 25 is a good speed for the road; all the dirt roads are 25, there aren't other paved roads that are 25. Selectman Prescott said that is his thoughts as well; he thinks 25 is too low, 30 is reasonable. Selectman Prescott said there is no need for anyone to be in danger so if someone is seen speeding the police department should be called. Ms. Cross said she agrees and has done that however usually the speeding car is gone by the time someone gets there. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller said this is now an enforcement issue.

The Board received two sealed bids for tree cutting on Flagg Road.

Chairman Fiske opened a bid from Magoon Tree LLC for the removal of a maple tree on Flagg Road in the amount of \$900 and a bid for the removal of 12 trees along Flagg Road in the amount of \$1800.

Chairman Fiske opened a bid from Matthew A. Bouchard, N.E. Topnotch Landworks. Chairman Fiske said explained that there were proposals for three phases. He read phase one for the cutting of one tree in the amount of \$1200, phase two for the cutting of 7 trees in the amount of \$3800 and phase three which includes all the trees in phases one and two for \$4500.00.

Selectman Prescott said the one big tree across from 109 Flagg Road is dead and is a hazard. He explained that when a tree is cut down the wood should be left for the property owner.

Chairman Fiske asked if there are leaves on these other trees in the spring. He suggested that they be looked at by an arborist before they are taken down. Selectman Prescott said they can wait until spring to see if leaves come out.

*Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the bid for removal of the dangerous maple one tree near 109 Flagg Road from Magoon Tree LLC in the amount of \$900.00. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Selectman Miller said the bid for the other trees will be tabled until spring to see if they are dead. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an invoice from W. Wilson for cemetery maintenance. The Board

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 27, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Fiske, Selectman Miller and Selectman Prescott.

### Also, present was:

Fire Chief Rick Wright, Police Chief Kris Burgess and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

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will ask Mr. Wilson to attend next week's meeting to discuss the invoice.

The Board received an invoice from Best Septic Service. Best Septic cleaned the system at the highway garage at no charge. Chairman Fiske said Best Septic has been very good to the town.

The Board received a letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding *PSNH v Loudon*. The Board agreed that they do not want to settle with PSNH at this time.

The Board received a letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding J. Johnston.

The Board received the Agricultural Commission Sept. 6th meeting minutes.

The Board received abutter notifications from the Loudon Zoning Board.

The reviewed and signed a letter to Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding the status of the Chichester Road/ route 106 intersection on the State of NH ten-year plan.

The Board signed the Greene Deed.

The Board signed a supplemental warrant for the Jewell and Lavalley property.

The Board signed a supplemental warrant for the Perron property.

The Board signed a supplemental warrant for the Crabtree property.

The Board signed a supplemental warrant for the Belanger property.

The Board signed a Land Use Change Tax warrant for Map 58, Lot 141.

The Board signed a Land Use Change Tax warrant for Map 58, Lot 142.

The Board signed an Intent to Cut for Map 16, Lot 3.

The Board signed a contract with Sanders Searches.

The Board signed and approved the 2019 Paid Holiday Schedule.

The Board reviewed and approved the holiday office schedule. The Selectmen discussed their meeting schedule; due to Christmas and New Years Day being on Tuesdays they will hold those meetings at 6:00 p.m. on December 26th and January 2nd.

The Board reviewed and signed employee time-off request forms.

*Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert N. Fiske, Chairman

Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

Stanley H. Prescott II, Selectman

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

*Selectman Prescott made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for November 20, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Fiske recognized Phil Nadeau, Joan Cross and Terry Hammond all from Lesmerises Road. Mr. Nadeau said they wanted to take just a minute to publicly thank the Board for lowering the speed limit on Lesmerises Road. He also thanked Chief Burgess and Janice Morin for their support. Mr. Nadeau said they are very grateful for the decision.

Chairman Fiske recognized George Saunderson, Michele York, Dennis Jakubowski, and Harry MacLauchlan; all from the Energy Committee. Mr. Saunderson explained that they brought a warrant article for the board to review and consider for town meeting. Mr. Jakubowski explained that the town would come up with 25% of their share which would be \$5,288 to begin this project, when the work is complete the town would pay the additional 75% which would be \$15,865.62. He said that Eversource will take care of the other half of the project which is \$21,153.62. Mr. Saunderson said they would like to take the town's portion out of the \$30,000 that was approved last year. Mr. MacLauchlan said this isn't just about energy it is also about safety. He explained that some of these things need to be taken care of anyway so if it can be done with Eversource helping to pay for it, it makes sense. Mrs. York said if they are going to be looking at solar and other alternative energy sources this is step one to getting them to the next goal. Mr. MacLauchlan said the infrastructure needs to be taken care of. Mr. Jakubowski explained that Eversource chooses the subcontractor to do the work not the committee so they don't have to go through a bidding process. Selectman Prescott asked what the committee is going to do to educate the townspeople. Mr. Jakubowski said they are going to come up with a couple page simple explanation of what they are doing and how much they will save, trying to anticipate the questions. Selectman Prescott suggested that they put something in the *Ledger*. Mr. Saunderson said that is a good idea.

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said they've been busy; the crew is working well.

Mr. Pearl thanked Dennis Moore for stepping in and plowing part-time a couple of times.

Mr. Pearl said they moved sand yesterday to refill the shed.

Selectman Prescott said he is pleased with everything he has been doing. Selectman Miller said everything he has seen on Facebook is good, that's a plus.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that the 2009 ambulance is due for replacement in 2019. He will have a warrant article to go before town meeting. Chief Wright said they currently have a ten-year replacement plan. He

explained that they requested quotes from four vendors, they have received three and he will be meeting with those three to go over the quotes. Chief Wright said the Capital Reserve money they have saved should be enough to cover the cost of it.

Chief Wright said they have received two invoices for the Emergency Operations Center grant. Those invoices have been forwarded to the homeland security people for prepayment, once he has received the money the subcontractors will start the work.

Chief Wright thanked the road agent and his crew for the quick response to Bumfagon Road during a recent storm to get the road cleared so the ambulance can pass.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said he started updating some policies. He gave the Board copies of the new FTO policy as well as the old so they can review them.

Chief Burgess said the module for the speed trailer has been ordered and they should have it shortly.

Chief Burgess said that Officer Beck recently finished background investigation school.

Chief Burgess thanked Rob Imad and Charles Morley for the donations of turkeys to the Police Department.

Chief Burgess submitted an annual evaluation for the Boards review.

Chief Burgess said the hiring process is going well, they received about 60 applications. He said he has scheduled a PT test for December 8th for 16 of the applicants. Chairman Fiske asked if any are certified. Chief Burgess said some are part-time certified but not full-time.

Chief Burgess said they did the annual taser training recently.

Chief Burgess said they did an evidence destruction recently.

Chief Burgess said he needed to talk to them about a salary line. *Selectman Miller moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:21 PM.; seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Fiske – yes; Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to come out of non-public session at 6:36 PM; seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Fiske – yes; Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes for five years. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Fiske – yes; Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller said this meeting was to discuss an issue with a budget.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from NHDES regarding the Landfill and Septage Lagoon Periodic Summary Report and Groundwater Management & Discharge Permit Monitoring. The Road Agent will be asked to look at the report.

The Board received an invoice to be sent to VOANNE for the PILOT agreement.

The Board received the Maxfield Library October 1, 2018 meeting minutes.

The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Office regarding the 2nd Zoning Amendment Workshop that will be held Thursday, November 29th at 6 p.m.

The Board received a note from Recycled Percussion Foundation regarding placing toy donation box in the office lobby. It was brought to the Board's attention that there are donation boxes at the police station, Loudon Mart, the Village Store, and NHMS. The Board decided that if there are already those all over town there doesn't need to be one at the office.

The Board received a thank you letter from the Community Action Program for the 3rd quarter installment of \$1,650.00.

Selectman Prescott said there was a discussion at last night's Economic Development Committee meeting about the EDC's budget. He explained to the Committee Chairman Tommy Blanchette that he looked into their budget and it appears they only have \$200. Mr. Blanchette said the committee has made pretty good progress but to keep going they need money. He explained that with the approval of the Economic Revitalization Zones they need to purchase signage and would like to do that as soon as possible. Mr. Blanchette said the signs and the posts will cost more than \$200. He said they will get the signs as cheaply as possible probably through NH Corrections Industries. Mr. Blanchette proposed that their budget be increased to \$1800. The Board approved Mr. Blanchette moving forward with getting the signage quotes.

The Board discussed the notification of the decreased speed limit on Lesmerises Road. The Board were in agreement that the notice will be posted around town, put it in the *Ledger* and on the town website. *Selectman Miller made a motion that the effective date of the decrease in the speed limit on Lesmerises Road be Tuesday, December 4th. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Prescott moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 4, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Fiske, Selectman Miller and Selectman Prescott.

Chairman Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Board met with the Office Manager to review the budgets of the Selectmens office, town buildings, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Library and Committees.

*Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for November 27, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Fiske recognized Wayne Wilson from the audience. Chairman Fiske asked Mr. Wilson about the bill he submitted for work in the cemeteries. Mr. Wilson said the bill was for the amounts that are in the agreement. Selectman Prescott said it isn't the amounts, it's the fact that he was supposed to wait until instructed to do the clean-up and additional mowing. Mr. Wilson said he misunderstood; he thought he was supposed to go ahead with the fall clean-up and wait to do mowing. Chairman Fiske said the pricing was is not the problem at all, it's the timing. Mr. Wilson said he took over 100 bags of stuff out of the cemeteries, he has pictures and he had people stop at the cemeteries to tell him they haven't looked this good in a long time. The Selectmen agreed. Mr. Wilson said he will wait until he hears from them in the spring to do more work. Selectman Prescott agreed, he added that Mr. Wilson has done good work. *Selectman Prescott made a motion that they pay Wayne Wilson the bill for the work in the cemeteries for the amount of \$4,650. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said he received a call from the owner of 1052 Loudon Ridge Road. The resident is concerned with coming out of his driveway; there is a blind corner. He is asking for a mirror to be put across the street so he can safely pull out of his driveway. Chairman Fiske asked if this would be at his cost. Mr. Pearl said no. Selectman Miller said that driveway has been there for a long time, the town wouldn't want to take the liability of putting a mirror up. Chairman Fiske said there are a few mirrors around town but they were put up by the residents.

Mr. Pearl said there are two driveways that have water going into the road. He said the owners don't have the means to take care of the problem. Mr. Pearl said its extra maintenance for the town; they have to continually sand the spots, he would like to spend a couple of hours and take care of the problem. Chairman Fiske said he has no problem with that. Selectman Prescott said he understands that if the town has to fix an issue like this, they can send a bill to the property owner. Selectman Miller said this is causing a public safety issue. He suggested that the Board send the two property owners a letter saying that they are responsible for fixing the issues.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an email from a resident of 10 Clearview Drive regarding the logging operation on Piper Hill Road. He has concerns with the early start time. Chairman Fiske will contact the logger to discuss the concerns.

The Board received an email from Trinity Patrick-Bond regarding a perennial garden that she would like to do as a community project. The Board suggested the garden be planted at Fire Station 2.

The Board received a memo from the Planning Board Office regarding the Zoning Workshop to be held December 13th at 6 p.m.

The Board received a memo from the Fire Department regarding their Annual Employee Holiday Breakfast.

The Board received a letter from NHMA regarding the towns continued membership.

The Board received a letter from NHDES regarding an incomplete application from ESMI.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Zoning Board regarding a variance for J. Stylianos.

The Board reviewed bills and timesheets

The Board received an email from Ledgeview Greenhouses; they requested that the Board send the liquor commission a letter allowing them to have a farmer's market and allowing tasting and retail sales of wine and/or beer. Chairman Fiske explained that he spoke to Chief Wright today and was told that the liquor commission doesn't give out permits, the town would send the liquor commission a letter of permission. Chairman Fiske said he is totally against writing an approval that includes alcohol. Selectman Prescott and

Selectman Miller agreed that they are not willing to take the liability. *Selectman Miller made a motion that they deny sending a letter to the liquor commission in regards to the wine tasting at the Ledgeview Greenhouse as requested. He thinks it is too much liability to take on for the town. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Miller recommended that Officer Posada not be kept on part-time after his full-time status ends on January 31st. He said his opinion is that they don't need to keep boosting up the part-time employees when they have an adequate amount as it is. Chairman Fiske concurred. Selectman Prescott said he agrees. *Selectman Miller made a motion that effective on Officer Posada's date of resignation of January 31, 2019 he will not be retained as a part-time police officer in Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Miller explained that he was approached by the town clerk about the possibility of exempting POW and Purple Heart recipients from paying the town's portion of their license plates. He read the following:

261:157-a Exemption for Prisoners of Wars. — The legislative body of a city or town may adopt an ordinance waiving the fee to be charged for a permit to register one motor vehicle owned by any person who was captured and incarcerated for 30 days or more while serving in a qualifying war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28, V, and who was honorably discharged, provided the person has provided the city or town clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances. Selectman Miller said it has to be voted on at town meeting, he will continue researching this. Chairman Fiske said he would agree to take this under advisement until a little more homework is done on it. Janice Morin asked if the state portion is currently waived. Selectman Miller said he believes it is.

*Selectman Prescott moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert N. Fiske, Chairman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman  
Stanley H. Prescott II, Selectman

## Planning Board Minutes — November 15, 2018

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

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Moore, Vice Chairman Alice Tuson, Henry Huntington, Ex-Officio Jeffrey Miller, John Storrs and alternate Dustin Bowles.

Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission was present in the audience.

Chairman Moore appointed Mr. Bowles a voting member in the absence of Mr. Cole.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

*October 18, 2018 Regular Meeting — Mr. Storrs made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Bowles: all in favor; Approved.*

*October 18, 2018 Master Plan Meeting — Mr. Storrs made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Bowles: all in favor; Approved.*

### Discussion:

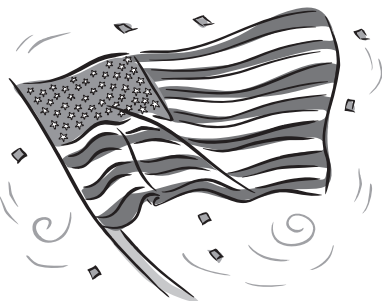
Jeff Burd and Thomas Berkley came in to discuss the road bond on the recently approved Subdivision on School Street. The Board received both an estimate from the applicant as well as the Town Engineer. The Board discussed a very large price difference between the two estimates. The Board agreed to have Nobis look at the estimate again to determine if this price is correct. Mr. Berkeley stated he wanted to start the road prior to putting the bond in because most of the road wouldn't be completed until spring. Chairman Moore said the Subdivision isn't valid until

the plans are recorded so at this time, he has one house lot and could build a house. Mr. Huntington said until the bond is in place no inspections would take place by the Town Engineer. Mr. Burd said he would like a schedule of when Nobis will do inspections. Mrs. Bosco will reach out again to get a timeline.

### Old Business:

*Application #18-14 John & Barbara Parent (continued from October); Subdivision, Map 30 Lot 4, R/R District* — Surveyor Jeffery Green presented the application again this month after receiving a reduced setback from the Zoning Board. Owner Barbara Parent and her son Patrick Parent were present in the audience. Mrs. Tuson said that the road frontage is not labeled on the lot 4-1. Mr. Green will add those. Mr. Green said note 10 will be the DES approval number when that is approved. Mr. Bowles questioned if the pool was in the 12-foot setback. Mr. Green said it is more than 12 feet from the boundary line and a 12-foot setback was granted. Chairman Moore said the application is presented that the cistern will not be in place until the fourth house is built. Mr. Bowles expressed concern for having the Cistern built after the first 3 houses. Mrs. Bosco presented a letter from the Fire Department stating they are good with the Cistern requirement. Mr. Green said that the Fire Department had agreed that 3 houses

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could be built prior to the Cistern. Chairman Moore said that the Cistern is a requirement of the Subdivision and should be done before any homes receive a C/O. Mr. Bowles said this is a requirement of Zoning and Planning cannot waive the requirement. Mrs. Tuson asked if a waiver for the SiteSpecific Soils has been done. Mr. Green presented a written waiver. Mr. Bowles asked if permission has been granted for the Cistern to be in the Town's right of way, this needs to be brought to Selectmen. Mr. Green said they can move the Cistern back. Mr. Bowles said he would like to see a plan. Mr. Miller said the Road Agent needs to approve the drainage along North Village Road. Mr. Bowles said they need to have a written letter for the file from the Road Agent and a plan for the Cistern. *Mr. Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move forward with a public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Bowles. All were in favor; Accepted. Mr. Bowles made a motion to accept the waiver. Seconded by Mr. Huntington. All were in favor; Granted.* The Board came up with several conditions, remove note 12, show frontage on lot 4-1, move cistern, provide Cistern plan with included easement, witten Road Agent approval of drainage along North Village Road, show 25-foot wetland setbacks, subject to DES approval, all corrections to legend- stone wall swall, 25-foot setback for wetlands, setback lines for lots, greater than 25% slope. *Mr. Bowles made a motion to approve the application with the conditions set by the Board. Seconded by Mr. Storrs. All were in favor; Approved.*

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

Mr. Huntington said there was a request for Vendors at an open house at Ledgeview Greenhouse. Mr. Huntington said 2 of those vendors will have beer/wine. Mr. Huntington said that the open house is approved but any beer or wine will have to receive approval from the liquor commission.

**Board Discussion:**

Chairman Moore said Impact fees need to be discussed again. Chairman Moore also said several meetings are coming up for Zoning Amendment Workshops and CIP.

**Report of ZBA:**

*Z18-14 Kim Pilote: Special Exception reduced setback — Map 21 Lot 41, RR District.*

*Z18-15 Jennifer Stylianos: Special Exception reduced setback — Map 15 Lot 1, RR District.*

*Z18-18 Jennifer Stylianos: Special Exception for driveway within the wetland buffer — Map 15 Lot 1, RR District.*

*Z18-19 Jennifer Stylianos: Variance to build a single-family home on a non-conforming lot with less than 50 feet of road frontage — Map 15 Lot 1, RR District.*

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Bowles. All were in favor.*

Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco  
Administrative Assistant

**Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — November 29, 2018****Present:**

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

**Minutes:**

*Regular Hearing October 25, 2018:* Mr. Pearl made a correction to the minutes to correct mute to moot. *Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion; All in favor. APPROVED.*

*Site Walk 10-30-2018 Stylianos:* Mr. Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Aznive seconded the motion; All in favor. *APPROVED.*

*Site Walk 11-8-2018 Pilote:* Mr. Tuson made a correction to the minutes to add the ending time 4:40 p.m. Mr. Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Mr. Pearl seconded the motion; All in favor. *APPROVED.*

**Discussions:**

None

**Public Hearings:**

*Application #Z18-14 Kim Pilote: Special Exception for reduced driveway setback, Map 21 Lot 41, R/R District —* Attorney Daniel Muller from Cronin, Bisson & Zalinsky represented Kim Pilote also present. Mr. Muller wanted to clarify the record by stating the meeting between the Pilote's and the Little's was to discuss releasing the drainage easement on the Little's property. Mr. Muller said the Pilote's declined releasing the easement and since that time the relationship hasn't been great between the residents. Mr. Muller also wanted to state the Littles purchased the abutting property after the driveway was turned from dirt to gravel. Mr. Muller said the reduced setback is allowed by special exception and it is not a prohibited use. Mr. Muller also stated a Variance is much harder to get and this is a special exception that is permitted if conditions are met. Mr. Muller said at the Site Walk the Board made an indication that the Board only grants certain amounts of relief. Mr. Muller said the Supreme Court has set no such limits. Mr. Muller also said on the Site Walk it was stated that because the driveway was improved, they were required to apply for the Special Exception and if they hadn't improved the driveway no application would be required. Mr. Muller said the Ordinance doesn't decipher between dirt or other material. Mr. Muller said the restriction on gravel and not on dirt doesn't make sense because the use is the same. Mr. Muller showed a map showing a 2.5-foot setback on the Little's property. Mr. Muller said a property could be landscaped or a path to walk on the only difference in this case is cars drive on it. Mr. Muller said there was concern that car lights could shine on the abutter's property; a fence has been put up along the Little's property. Chairman Lizotte questioned how tall the fence was. Mr. Muller said it is 6 feet tall and 200 feet long. Chairman Lizotte said when this driveway was put in the 30-foot setback was in the Ordinance. Mr. Muller said the difference between dirt and gravel must be a classification that furthers an

important governmental interest in order to justify the difference in treatment. Chairman Lizotte said he was looking for the applicant to present a solution and the application itself doesn't show an amount of relief of the setback. Chairman Lizotte brought up another issue on the opposite side setback. Mr. Muller said when Code Enforcement raised the setback issue, they only brought up the setback of the driveway. The Board read the letter from Code Enforcement that states the driveway is in violation. Chairman Lizotte brought up the section of the Ordinance that talks about upgrading any structure. Mr. Tuson brought up the point that you can use your property to drive on as you may need but driving on the property for a use doesn't make it become a driveway. Chairman Lizotte said when the driveway was created the 30-foot setback was in place and only now having the home occupation she needs to utilize the driveway in the setback. Mrs. Pilote said before she had her home occupation, they used that driveway to access the basement. Mr. Aznive said the driveway with a gravel way is different then accessing your garage. Mr. Tuson said you can drive across your property to access what you need. Mr. Tuson said this driveway was presented as dirt and now has been upgraded to gravel. Mr. Muller said a driveway is a driveway weather it is dirt or gravel and argued a constitutional issue by reinforcing this. Mr. Muller said it was pointed out that the driveway can be moved but there is an issue of ledge and trees. Mr. Muller said since the Board has an issue with the other side setback, they would like to withdraw the application and present a new one. Mr. Pearl questioned Mr. Muller's thought on structures not being a driveway. Mr. Muller said in the Ordinance it includes driveways and that makes it separate from structure. Chairman Lizotte raised the issue again that this should have been done when the driveway was put in back in 2005. Chairman Lizotte said that the Board does work with people on the side setbacks and this application offers nothing. Chairman Lizotte brought up that the applicant can move the driveway on the property by removing a tree. Mr. Muller said that the ledge is the real issue why the driveway can't be moved. Mr. Muller said that he understands the Board's issues and will check that an inspection was done when the driveway was built also. Mr. Tuson said an assumption was made that the Board a set rule on what they allow for setback relief. Mr. Tuson said different setback requests are looked at differently. Mr. Merrill said a driveway permit had to be signed off on and it is a little late for the Board to be deciding if this is not in compliance. Mr. Muller said the State statue grants the Planning Board the right to determine where the driveway should go. Mr. Muller withdrew his application.

Mr. Aznive recused himself.

Chairman Lizotte appointed Mr. Jakubowski a voting member.

*Application #Z18-19 Jennifer Stylianos: Variance for single family home on a non-conforming lot, Map 15 Lot 1, R/R District —* Property owner Jennifer Stylianos and attorney Ethan Wood presented the application. Mr. Wood presented a plan from Holden Engineer-

ing that shows 34 feet of frontage and 21.4 acres. Mr. Wood said the parcel has remained the same configuration since 1948 when it was purchased well before Zoning. Mr. Wood said the parcel has a logging road they are purposing to have the driveway to a single-family home that is within the character of the neighborhood. Mr. Wood said where the driveway is proposed there is a clear line of sight. Mr. Wood said there is no significance to the Town to enforce this and there is only 16 feet less of road frontage than what is required. Mr. Wood said that this will not diminish other properties because it is in line with other developments in the area. Mr. Wood explained that this property is land locked and could potentially create an easement by necessity but that would be a lawsuit and a Variance would be the preferred option. Mr. Wood also said that the Town owns a parcel adjacent to the parcel so even granting an easement to access from that direction would be cost prohibited because it is very large. Mr. Wood said the purpose of the Ordinance is to promote safety and welfare of the general public and that permitting a logging road to be used as a driveway doesn't implicate that. Mr. Merrill said that when he measured the frontage it was about 26 feet of road frontage. Chairman Lizotte said the plan presented says not an exact survey. Mr. Wood showed an actual survey from the application. Mr. Wood said they are waiting for DES approval and suggested that the approval is conditional upon DES approval. Julie Robinson said DES approval is basically saying yes there was a logging road and a culvert in place and now is the Town's turn to weigh in. Mrs. Robinson said she visited the parcel and expressed concern of crossing the wetland and stated she believes it needs a larger culvert. Chuck Braxton said they are aware they need a special exception approval for the wetlands. Chairman Lizotte asked what the benefit to granting this would be. Mrs. Robinson said there is no benefit, and this will affect the wetlands. Chairman Lizotte asked if the wetlands would be flagged by a Wetland's Scientist. Mrs. Stylianos explained that during the Site Walk they were flagged. Chairman Lizotte said that it was wet outside of those wetlands. Mrs. Stylianos said the Wetlands Scientist had explained that there is a difference between wet land and wetlands. Chairman Lizotte said that the logging operation tore up so much of the surface. Mrs. Stylianos said that was on the Millican property and her family has always been conscientious on how they have handled logging. Mrs. Stylianos explained that she worked with the UNH cooperative board and help selectively pick the trees and logging operations. Mrs. Stylianos said she retained large trees on the property. Mr. Braxton said the Town just repaved the road and put in a 15-inch culvert which has the same stream flow through it to this parcel's 18-inch culvert, so it seems to be adequate. Mr. Merrill said just because the road was paved over doesn't mean the Town changed the culvert. Mrs. Robinson in her opinion this is a year-round stream. Mrs. Robinson said the driveway will impact the

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**Zoning Board — cont. from 22**

wetlands for quite a long way and this driveway has many issues. Mr. Saunderson questioned if DES put limits on the permits. Mr. Merrill believes that it is a winter permit. Mr. Lake said that when a temporary driveway is allowed, they have to remove the culvert and put it back to its original state. Chairman Lizotte questioned if this culvert had intentions of staying in place. Mr. Braxton said that they were leaving this up to DES, Conservation and Planning Board. Mr. Tuson said that S102 talks about the appropriate use of the land. Abutter Charlie Aznive said that he believes that this has always been a woodlot and believes it was separated off from two abutting farms since it is wet it wasn't good for cattle. Mr. Aznive said that both abutting properties drain onto the property. Abutter Ken Michael owner of Millican Nurseries brought up his concerns. Mr. Michael said that he was told the parcel in question would always be a woodlot. Mr. Michael said that they didn't want the access road to their property to be directly across from a residential home and chose to move the driveway away from neighbors which is in close vicinity to the parcel in question. Mr. Michael has concerns about noise and heavy equipment if the owners that build a home have small children. Mr. Michael said putting the driveway in this location costs more money, but they were trying to be better neighbors. Mr. Tuson questioned how far back their operation goes. Morgan McCarthy said about 600 feet. Mr. Braxton said the house will be built roughly 1200 feet back. Attorney Mark Puffer was representing Charlie and Pearl Aznive. Mr. Puffer presented documents to the Board. Mr. Puffer explained that the Ordinance states a lot must have 200 feet of road frontage and non-conforming lots must have at least 50 feet. Mr. Puffer said that the applicant is asking for relief from the 200 feet of road frontage as well as the minimum road frontage of 50 feet. Mr. Puffer showed a deed from John Greene in 1915 that has the same description as 2013. Mr. Puffer said in 1946 when Mr. Greene died the parcel is described as stump land for \$3 per acre. Mr. Puffer said that this lot has been shown this way for many years and was always a stump or woodlot. Mr. Aznive said at one time the John Green field was part of this parcel which is the field that is in front of the parcel along Pleasant Street. Mr. Aznive said that Agriculture was the root of the economy and the portion of land in front of the parcel could be put to good use where the other remaining land remained a wood lot. Mr. Puffer provided deeds that show this land was passed down as a gift in Mrs. Sylianos' family. Mr. Puffer said that Mrs. Stylianos has made the statement that if she is not allowed to develop that property with a residence the Town will be committing an act of Municipal taking of her property rights requiring a compensation from the Town. Mr. Puffer said she has an avenue to pursue those rights because she can appeal to Superior Court. Mr. Puffer said for there to be a taking of property rights there must be a violation of investment backed expectations. Mr. Puffer said this lot was a gift and has been passed on as a woodlot for decades. Mr. Puffer said the applicant indicated that the use of the property as a woodlot doesn't pay the real estate taxes. Mr. Puffer said that is incorrect because it is in current use and the taxes on it is about \$22 per year. Mr. Puffer said when the parcel was logged in 2015

she made enough money to pay for the taxes for many years. Mr. Puffer argued the applicant's indication that this would be a benefit to the public due to the taxes from a single-family house. Mr. Puffer said that the Board should be looking at land use issues not financial issues when determining if this would impact the Town. Mr. Puffer brought up Municipal services this house will add. Mr. Merrill questioned if the survey is a legal survey. Pearl Aznive said that she was told by the Engineering company and this was a tape and compass and is the least accurate measurement they have, and it was done by an Agricultural survey. Mr. Puffer said even if the road frontage is 34 feet which they believe it is less, they are still required to get a Variance. Mr. Wood said that it was brought up that if denied Mrs. Stylianos can appeal, this would cost the Town of Loudon money in legal fees. Mr. Wood said that this can be done but is not the route they would like to take. Mr. Wood also said that Mrs. Stylianos has a purchase and sales on the property with a buyer that wants to build a single-family home. Erin and Kendra Thibeault are the buyers and were present in the audience. Mr. Puffer said legal fees are not the same as a taking.

Chairman Lizotte called for a break at 9:07 p.m.

Chairman Lizotte resumed at 9:17 p.m.

Mr. Tuson looked at the tax maps and couldn't find another lot that had less than 50 feet of road frontage besides map 44 lot 8 and believes that is due to a recent survey and has a right of way on another property. Chairman Lizotte went through the application with Mr. Wood and Mrs. Stylianos. Mr. Merrill stated he believes this is a woodlot and the public's opinion was that no lot be built on under 50 feet of road frontage. Mr. Pearl said the spirit of the Ordinance isn't observed because the lot doesn't meet the requirement. Mr. Pearl said they could look at this different if it was 48 feet, but this is a huge reduction. Mr. Pearl said that the applicant does meet substantial justice. Mr. Tuson said there is no issue with surrounding properties being diminished. Chairman Lizotte brought up that there was no hardship. Mr. Tuson said there is a minimum lot frontage, so it gives you options on where the driveway can go, and this lot doesn't have that. Chairman Lizotte said the wetlands cause too many issues on this lot. Chairman Lizotte also stated this will still can be a woodlot going forward. Mr. Tuson brought up that currently the fair market value is based on history give or take \$100. Mr. Pearl said there is no hardship. *Mr. Pearl made a motion to deny the application because it doesn't meet question 1, 2, and 5 of the application. Mr. Jakubowski seconded; A roll call was taken. Mr. Jakubowski – yes, Mr. Tuson – yes, Mr. Lizotte – yes, Mr. Pearl – yes, Mr. Merrill – yes. Unanimous – DENIED.*

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Pitman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Aznive; All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco  
Administrative Assistant*

# January in Loudon

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

**1st Tuesday of the month**

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

**1st Wednesday of the month**

1–3pm•Loudon Historical Society Open  
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 Thursday of the month**

6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library

**2nd Saturday of the month**

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

**3rd Tuesday of the month**

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

**3rd Wednesday of the month**

1–3pm•Loudon Historical Society Open  
6pm•Meditation @ Library  
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library  
6:30–7:30pm•Scouts @ LES  
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

**3rd Thursday of the month**

7pm•Planning Board @ Town Office

**3rd Sunday of the month**

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church  
Healing Prayer Time

**4th Monday of the month**

5pm•Economic Development Com. @ Town Office  
7pm•LYAA @ Library

**4th Tuesday of the month**

4pm•Trails Sub-committee @ CB

**4th Wednesday of the month**

6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library

**4th Thursday of the month**

6:30pm•Evening Book Group @ Library  
7pm•Zoning Board @ Town Office

**Every Monday**

3pm•Movies @ Library

**Every Tuesday**

10:30am•Story Time @ Library  
5–7:15pm•Cribbage at the Library  
5:45–7pm•Knitting Group @ Library  
6pm•Selectmen @ CB  
6:30pm•Prayer Mtg. @ Congregational Church

**Every Wednesday**

2:30–4:20•Stitch 'n Chat @ Library  
6:30pm•Wolf Pack @ LES  
Full Pack•6:30 @ LES

**Every Thursday**

10:30am•Story Time @ Library

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**Jan. 1•NEW YEAR'S DAY — FIRST DAY OF 2019**

**Jan. 3•6:30pm•PTA at LES**

**Jan. 8•9–Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House  
10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg.**

**Jan. 14•7:15pm•MVSD School Board @ MVHS**

**Jan. 16•7pm•Economic Development Committee presents "Community Reinvestment Tax Relief" @ Town Office**

**Jan. 17•2pm•Afternoon Reading Group @ Library**

**Jan. 18•DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE LOUDON LEDGER  
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