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Steve Bennett Received The "Sami Izzo Recycler of the Year" Award!



The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) was proud to present the "Sami Izzo Recycler of the Year" award to Steve Bennett at their 34th Annual Northeast Recycling Conference and Expo held on June 8th & 9th in Manchester, NH.

This Award is given annually to an individual who combines the qualities of commitment, creativity, leadership, enthusiasm and flexibility in developing and sustaining an environmentally and financially sound solid waste management program.

Congratulations Steve! ■



Traffic Update: 2015 Sprint Cup Races (July 19 and Sept. 27)

Dear NH 106 Abutters and Neighbors:

I am writing to update you on the two major events this year at NHMS. As in the past, a Traffic Control Committee comprised of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, your local officials, the NH State Police, and NHMS has been working on traffic management on NH 106 for the fans expected to attend these major events. Traffic control plans will be implemented to relieve the amount and duration of traffic congestion and inconvenience on NH 106 after the races. To accomplish this goal, two segments of Route 106 will be restricted to one-way traffic on race day:

Traffic — cont. on 4

More Beautiful Photos Taken Around Loudon



If you're thinking that your copy of the Loudon Ledger is late this month, you're right. Unfortunately, because of a family emergency, layout and printing of the Ledger were delayed, resulting in late delivery of this issue. It simply could not have been avoided. We appreciate your understanding and patience.

Lisbon, NH has nothing on Loudon when it comes to lupines. These pictures were taken early in June at the home of Bob and Lorraine Anderson on Thistle Hill Road. Their Lupine and Daisy Hill was started four years ago from a bag of mixed flower seeds purchased from one of the flower houses. Each year, after they bloom, they dig up plants that need thinning and move them to different location. It gets more beautiful each year. ■

Editor's Note: All photos submitted should be taken at 300 dpi. Please check your camera's settings for resolution/size. Larger file sizes are better. Cell phone photos seldom are high enough quality to use.

Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours
Selectmen’s Office

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

Town Clerk

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

Planning/Zoning Board

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

Tax Collector

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

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

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: www.loudonnh.org→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.

Loudon Elementary School

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

Transfer Station

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

Highway Department

783-4568 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: 2–7:30 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Wed.: 2–7:30 p.m.
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 Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only. Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays. For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives
REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte. (603) 622-7979. Ayotte.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. Shaheen.senate.gov
U.S. Representative Frank C. Guinta. (603) 641-9536. Guinta.house.gov
U.S. Representative Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. Kuster.house.gov

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john.reagan111@gmail.com

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Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
State Representative George L. Saunderson. (603)783-4750. George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

State Representative Jason R. Parent. (603)387-4626.
Jason.Parent@leg.state.nh.us

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY AND PAYMENT IS DUE WHEN PICKED UP. COLOR ADS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS AND ARE SUBJECT TO UP-CHARGES. ADS NOT CAMERA READY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 10% SURCHARGE.

“The Loudon Ledger” 2015 Schedule

January 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 12/23

February 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 1/20

March 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/13 Council Meeting: Tues. 2/17

April 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/20 Council Meeting: Tues. 3/24

May 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 4/21

June 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/15 Council Meeting: Tues. 5/19

July 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/19 Council Meeting: Tues. 6/23

August 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/17 Council Meeting: Tues. 7/21

September 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/14 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/18

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

November 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/16 Council Meeting: Tues. 10/20

December 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/20 Council Meeting: Tues. 11/24

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TO ADVERTISE, CONTACT: Samantha French/738-0232

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1/2 Page	9¾"W x 6"H — or — 4½"W x 11¾"H	\$115.00/issue
Full Page	9¾"W x 11¾"H	\$230.00/issue

Purchase an advertising contract for the entire year and SAVE 10% plus your ad will appear on the web site!

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

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Web Site and Article Submissions: Kathy Pitman — Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net

Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbenh.org
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Children’s Worship: Bible Explorers for ages 3 up to 5th Grade (First service only.)
Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



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: 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



Landmark Baptist Church

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



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John M. Young, Pastor
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Proud member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.
For information on scheduled events, call Gayle Doyle at 435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For general church information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 608-5833 (days) or 435-6510 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

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



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

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



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

LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene on Staniels Road will host a summer kids’ event called **Thailand Trek**. Cross culture Thailand Trek is like taking a trip to Thailand! Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy Thai-inspired treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Makers, and explore what daily life is like for kids in Thailand.

Kids at Thailand Trek VBS will join an international mission effort to share God’s Word by providing kid-friendly Thai-language New Testaments for children in Thailand.

This event is for children ages 3 (toilet trained) to age 12 and will be held July 27–July 30, 6–8 p.m. To pre-register, call the church office, (603) 224-1311 or download the registration form at the church website: LNBnazarene.org and mail to VBS Director, 33 Staniels Rd., Loudon NH 03307.

We look forward to seeing you in July. ■

Faith Community Bible Church

It’s almost time for Vacation Bible School! Get ready for a blast at Vacation Bible School July 27–31 at Faith Community Bible Church, 334 N. Village Road. You may preregister by calling 783-4045 or 738-9270.

Join us for **Son Spark Labs** on Monday, July 27 at 8:15 (registration) until 11:30 and Tuesday through Friday 8:40 until 11:30. Moms and others can take this time to join others in fellowship, relaxation, and recharging at our Grace Place Cafe. Take a break from your daily routine while your children enjoy Son Spark Labs!

Community Service

Our church community took some time to do community service at a resident’s home here in town. Afterward, everyone biked from the Staniels Road home to Fat Dans in the Village for ice cream. Loudon Police Officer Nye provided an escort to approximately forty teens and youth leaders, helping them safely cross Route 106 at Chichester Road. The photo below was taken by Wendy Heath. ■



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

Serving dinner at 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

Bring your friends. • Bring your family.
Bring your appetite

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU

Call Cindy at 393-4384 for information
or directions. Leave a message.

Association Watches Over Beautiful Clough Pond



The Clough Pond Association is busy this summer promoting and protecting one of NH's "gems" for swimming, fishing, boating, and fun.

Clough Pond welcomes Jessica Ingerson (L), Sandy Decato (R), and Megan Bobola (absent from picture) as "Lake Hosts" at the boat ramp this summer! The Lake Host Program is a courtesy boat inspection offered to help prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, plants, and animals from water body to water body. Many thanks to Sandy Decato, our coordinator, who schedules the numerous hours of Lake Hosts and Volunteers!

Of interest is the new courtesy e-coli monitoring at the Town Beach that will be conducted by the Clough Pond Association as part of their summer water testing program. This testing will establish a baseline of what our e-coli levels are beginning this year. The public is invited to check out the results of the Town Beach e-coli testing, as well as learn other facts about e-coli at www.cloughpondnh.org/ecoli.

Congratulations to Tom Edwards, president, of the Clough Pond Association, for receiving the "Secchi Disk" award presented by the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program! This award recognizes a VLAP volunteer who has contributed, hours of water testing and data collection, promoted new initiatives, developed web pages and participated in statewide VLAP committees.

The Clough Pond Association extends sincere thanks to the Loudon Conservation Commission and the NH Lakes Association for their sponsorship. The Association is also thrilled to welcome Brookside Pizza to our family of sponsors who value our local gem, Clough Pond. ■

Annual Rock 'N Race Exceeds Expectations!

The Merrimack County Savings Bank Rock 'N Race benefiting Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care took over downtown Concord on Thursday, May 21 with 6,200 registered participants. More than \$400,000 was raised at this year's event. Since the Rock 'N Race began in 2003, it has raised more than four million dollars to support Payson Center for Cancer Care patients.

All donations to the thirteenth annual Rock 'N Race 5K run/walk help ensure that Payson Center support services, programs, and financial assistance are available to all in our community.

According to Rock 'N Race Co-Chair Emeritus and Concord Hospital Trust Board Chair Claudia Walker, "This event is a wonderful celebration of community for a remarkable cause. Even though we were in the middle of our big dig, officials from the City of Concord, State of New Hampshire, and Severino Construction Company came together and said the Rock 'N Race will go on and they made it happen. For that we are grateful."

Along the race route, participants enjoyed snacks and cool beverages from one of the many event sponsors including New Hampshire Distributors; Courtyard by Marriott and Margaritas Mexican Restaurant.

Race participants listened to live music courtesy of Pat and the Hats while enjoying a delicious post-race dinner donated by Alan's of Boscawen, Inc.; O Steaks and Seafood; and Associated Grocers.

The top overall finishers included:

Males

- Colton Ham 16:07
- Connor Jennings 16:17
- Ryan Kelly 16:26

Females

- Jennifer Mortimer 18:05
- Smita Boesch-Dining 20:01
- Rachel York 20:07

A complete list of race results can be found at millenniumrunning.com. ■

Traffic — cont. from 1

North of NHMS

Between 4:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., NH 106 will be converted to a one-way northbound two-lane roadway in Belmont between Concord Street and NH 140. Southbound NH 106 traffic will temporarily detour along NH 140 westbound to Main Street, then south on Concord Street to rejoin NH 106 at the Concord Street/NH 106 intersection. Left turns from NH 106 northbound to Concord Street would be restricted.

South of NHMS

Between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., NH 106 will be converted to a one-way southbound three-lane roadway. Northbound traffic will be excluded from NH 106 between I-393 in Concord and NHMS for that 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. time frame.

In the interest of public safety, the following intersections will be closed on NH 106 while the one-way traffic flow is in effect: South Road, Hollow Route Road, Gues Meadow Road, Mudgett Hill Road, Clough Pond Road, Currier Road, Sheep Rock Road, South Village Road, Wales Bridge Road, and Josiah Bartlett Road. Traffic will not be allowed to enter or exit NH 106 at these intersections. Police officers will be stationed at each closed roadway to assist the public and discourage unsafe entry.

We strongly recommend that all commercial establishments and private parking areas inform patrons of any particular entering and/or exiting restrictions due to the one-way operations. Advice and assistance can be provided.

For more information regarding these and other race weekend traffic control measures, please view our internet page at http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/nhms_traffic_control/index.htm.

It is important to mention again that the goal is to reduce the overall amount of congestion after these major events.

Please note, in the unlikely (we hope!) event of inclement weather on the Sunday race day, a makeup date is scheduled for the following Monday with an 11:00 a.m. start time. A reduced traffic control plan would be employed on Monday. The one-way northbound roadway in Belmont would be in effect from approximately 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. However, the one-way southbound plan would not be implemented on the Monday rain date because of conflicts with the normal northbound afternoon commuter traffic on NH 106.

You are reminded that all normal emergency phone numbers will be in effect. Residents with special needs (health problems, Sunday weddings, etc.) should bring this to my attention as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,
William J. Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

Please check your ad carefully. If there is a problem with your ad, you must contact the Communications Council prior to the next deadline. If there is an error solely attributable to the Council, your corrected ad will be run in the next issue for free.

New Hampshire's Hands Free Law will take effect July 1, 2015

What does this mean?

- No use of **hand held electronic** devices capable of providing voice or data communication while driving or temporarily halted in traffic for a stop sign or traffic signal or other momentary delays
- This includes cell phones, GPS, tablets, iPods, iPads or other devices that require data entry
- Emergency calls to 911 or other public safety agencies will be allowed
- Bluetooth or other **hands-free** electronic devices will be allowed
- **One hand** non-cellular 2-way radio use will be allowed
- Teen drivers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to use **any** electronic devices except to report an emergency
- If your vehicle is not equipped with Bluetooth functionality, auto service centers can install after-market systems or over the ear devices can be purchased at retailers such as Staples, Best Buy or your cell phone carrier.

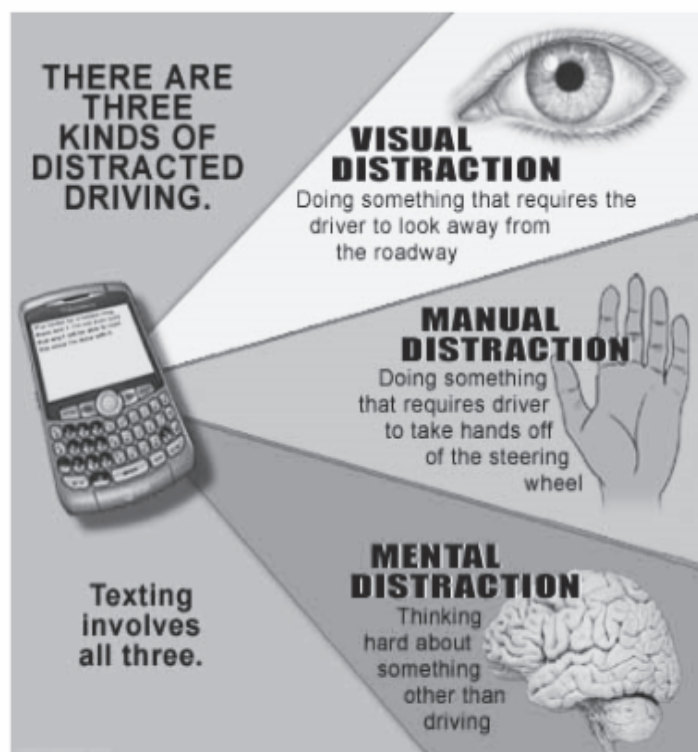
Penalties for Violations

1 st Offense	\$100 fine
2 nd offense	\$250 fine
3 rd Offense within 2 years	\$500 fine

Penalty assessments will be added to the fines

Why is this law important?

- During the past 4 years, **116 fatal crashes** in New Hampshire were caused by distraction
- The increasing use of electronic devices is fast becoming the primary distraction
- While texting a driver is **23 times** more likely to crash
- Sending or receiving a text, distracts the driver for **almost 5 seconds**
- At **50 miles per hour**, we travel longer than the length of a football field during that 5 seconds





American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Commander

To my Legion Family,

At our May meeting we had 14 members in attendance.

We discussed the upcoming Memorial Day parade. Members had the chance to check out our new portable public address system (P.A.) that was used the day of the parade. If there is an organization out there, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H or Lions for example, who can use such a system for events, please contact me to borrow it.

I advised the members that I had lined up Amanda Letendre from Epsom to come and sing at our Memorial Day Parade because Kathy Lofaro was unable to attend this year. I made an announcement that the John O. Cate Memorial Van was in need of volunteers and, since most of our members are retired, they may be able to assist. One member who was present did express an interest in becoming a volunteer and was advised to contact Barbara Cameron.

Myself and Michael Hartt were voted in as delegates to the upcoming 97th Annual Convention where we will be represent Post 88 for the three-day convention, voting for new department officers and potential changes to the Legion Constitution. Lastly we discussed bidding on the property located at 45 S. Village Rd. Members voted to move forward and bid on this property. We put a cap on bidding of \$75,000 and I would be the one bidding on the property. I asked all members to please come out on auction day and support our post.

At our June meeting, we had 16 members in attendance.

We first discussed the Memorial Day Parade and the need to make some changes to the line-up of parade participants. Sr. V-Cmdr. Gary Tasker and I will hammer out some changes and bring these before the membership to discuss. We also discussed putting in a separate ad in the May Ledger announcing the date and time of the 2016 parade. All members felt the parade was well attended and was well executed. Everyone we heard from enjoyed the wonderful singing voice of Amanda and her choice of songs. We thank her for helping us out this year. A bill for \$795.00 was sent to the Selectman's office to help pay for flags and the Merrimack Valley High School Band. We also want to thank all the groups that come out year after year and march in the parade with us. They include the Loudon PD, Loudon FD, Boy Scout Troop 247, Cub Scout Pack 247, Girl Scouts, Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW), Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and the MVHS Band who did a wonderful job again this year lead by Music Direct Margaret Oswald.

Next we discussed our newly-acquired post home that is located at 45 S. Village St. across the street from the Loudon Village Store. It was explained to the member-

ship that upon arriving on auction day June 2nd, we realized from the number of interested bidders that the Legion was going to need to up its cap on bidding to \$100,000 maximum. We took a voice vote that morning to authorize the higher max bid amount of \$75,000 to \$100,000. We successfully came in below that amount with a winning bid of \$97,000. We put a deposit down that morning and the next step is for me to meet with an attorney handling the closing of the property to pay the balance and acquire the deed to the building so we may begin the process of renovations. We will be forming a building committee to evaluate our needs and come up with an interior and exterior design for the building. We'll be looking for people to help us with our new building construction and will be looking for donations of time, money, and building material. Gary Tasker of Tasker Landscaping LLC has already said his company will donate the time and material to landscape the property as well as maintain it in the future. Long-time member and Past Commander Jim Dymment was present with his daughter and granddaughter. Jim and his wife Sandy made a generous donation to our building fund in the amount of \$10,000. I was overwhelmed with their generosity and this money will go a long way to refurbishing the property.

Post 88 wants to thank BS Troop 257 for the work they did on our new flag collection box that can be found outside of Charlie's Barn. I will periodically be checking this and removing unserviceable flags for final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop off box in the main office.

Our Commander's Fund Raffle winners for May were: \$50/C. Ouellette; \$25/K. Allen, \$10/A. Hight; \$10/J. Leduc, and \$5/C. Riccio.

June's winners were: \$50/S. Hargreaves; \$25/B. Broadman; \$10/R. Denis; \$10/D. Lowe; and \$5/C. Ives. Congratulations to all of our winners.

We've had a few members renew late this year and our current membership is at 90.79%. Have a happy and safe Independence Day on July 4th. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer. ■



Left: Cmdr Jones and singer Amanda Letendre after the Memorial Day Parade.

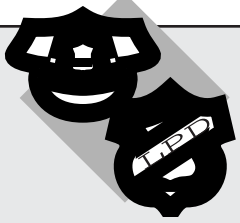
Below: BS Troop 257 with the new Legion flag collection box. Pictured from left to right. Dave Zarges (Navy uniform), Leader John Decato, Shawn Jones and Mike Moffett (Marine uniform)



Above: From left to right: Jennifer Pfeifer, Bob Ordway, Gary Tasker, and Alex Pfeifer relaxing before the parade starts.



Left: Jim Dymment presents Post Commander Jones with a check for \$10,000 to help with building renovations.



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

With summer finally arriving, there will be lots of children out and about on their bicycles, skateboards, etc. Please use extra caution on the roadways.

Vacation time is here — remember to put a hold on your mail/newspapers or have a trusty neighbor or relative pick them up daily. We also recommend timers for lights in different areas of your home and to secure any vehicles left at the residence. Feel free to contact us to do extra checks of your residence while you are away.

Many thanks to Jon Huntington and Pleasant View Gardens! The walkway to the police station has beautiful flowers planted once again. We receive many compliments and the Huntington's generosity is appreciated!

Finally, the race season is upon us. The major events will be:

July 19 NASCAR (New Hampshire 301)

September 27 NASCAR (Sylvania 300)

The traffic control plans appear on page 1 and have been posted online. You can review them at http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/nhms_traffic_control/index.htm. Race traffic will become increasingly busy the week prior to the race itself. Please plan accordingly and remember road closures for the NASCAR races will be on Sunday only.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me weekdays at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or chieffiske@loudonpolice.com. ■

Recycling "Must Haves" for the Summer and Beyond

Join the Growing Recycling Trend and Get America to 100% Recycling

An interesting report from Cones Communications April 2014 stated that "Nearly three-quarters (72%) of consumers consistently recycle in the home, but despite a genuine concern for the environment, only about half do so in rooms beyond the kitchen."

Whether you're one of the 72% who already makes some level of recycling part of your routine or you're ready to start recycling, we all can use a hand to make it as easy and efficient as possible. Help is on the way with some affordable "MUST HAVE" recycling tools and totes currently available from the Loudon Transfer Station.

You can save yourself time at the Transfer Station by pre-sorting all your non-food recyclables — cardboard, mixed paper, glass, aluminum cans, tin cans, and #1 and #2 plastics!

With the right equipment, you also can turn your veggie and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, leaves, and yard vegetation into compost gold — your plants will love you for it.

Stop by and visit the Recycling Committee's booth at the Old Home Day on August 8th! We'll have the following items on hand for purchase:

Compost Bin and Turner	\$70
Rain Barrel	\$65
Kitchen Compost Pail	\$10
Tote	\$ 6 ■

Sanborn Mills Farm Open House

By Janice-Ann Sinclair

I would like to take a few moments to share what a great time I had on June 14, 2015 with my Dad at the Sanborn Mills Farm Open House. I could not get over how beautiful the grounds were up there, the beautiful iris that were in bloom, not to mention the other flowers in the different perennial gardens. I was just simply amazed and taken by all the beautiful restoration work they have done on the buildings they have up there.

I saw an old piece of Loudon Village when we were walking up to see the Red House, Turkey Palace, Corn Crib, and Oxen Barn, which is before you get to Joe Merrill's place. Off to the side was the old sign for American Legion Hall Post 88 and two storage containers, which contain the remnants of the American Legion Hall (which was originally called the Loudon Grange). We were also shown where the resting place for the Legion Hall was going to be. I am glad to see the Legion Hall being restored on a piece of property such as Sanborn Mills Farm. At least people can come to see it, along with all the other buildings they have restored over the years.

I recommend the school district think about taking class trips up there if possible. It is very educational, with the many volunteers they have talking about anything from gardening, blacksmithing, how they cut wood, and the grist mill where they grind up corn for the animals. I am 49 years old and I found this very educational — especially the garden area and how they grow their own straw grass and talk about the different kinds of herbs and flowers you can plant in your garden to ward off the tomato worms, squash beetles, the deer, and groundhogs.

If you have never been to see Sanborn Mills Farm, I suggest making a trip. It is worth your time. Pack a lunch and have a picnic there. ■



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Moffett–Boardman Wedding

Michael Moffett of Loudon and Beth Anne Boardman of San Clemente, CA, were married on May 15 in a double ring ceremony held in Bennington, VT.

A graduate of Groveton High School, Michael attended the University of New Hampshire and Plymouth State College, earning Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education degrees. A retired Marine Corps officer, Michael is a professor of sports management for Plymouth State University and for NHTI-Concord.

Beth Anne grew up in Littleton, CO, and graduated from Columbine High School. She earned a B.S. in nursing from the University of Colorado. She later received a graduate degree in English from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. After moving to California, Beth Anne earned a Ph.D. in mythological studies and depth psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute. She is an author and lecturer. ■

Endicott Announces Dean's List Students

Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean's List students for spring, 2015. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following Loudon student has met those requirements: Kimberly Wright, daughter of Craig Wright of Loudon, NH and Karen Colby of Hillsboro, NH. Kimberly is a Senior majoring in Nursing. ■



Warren Bartlett Wins Awards

Warren Bartlett, a recent graduate of Bishop Brady High School in Concord was the recipient of three senior awards. He recently received a scholarship from the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund. He was awarded the 2015 10th Mountain Division Descendant Finn-Thornton Scholarship and he won the 2015 Tefft Prize for Track and Field. Bartlett is pictured here at the 2015 NH State Decathlon Championships with the 24th place plaque. It was his fourth year at the decathlon and he won the 1500m event in 4:24. He will attend and run for Plymouth State University in the fall. ■

Fire Permits Required

A Fire Permit is REQUIRED for ALL outside fires, including family campfires, chimineas, fireplaces, etc.

To obtain a Fire Permit, please stop at the Fire Station on Cooper Street between the hours of 6 a.m.–6 p.m., 7 days a week or go online to www.loudonnh.org→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit

Buy Your Hike Safe Card Before Hitting The Trails This Summer

As the Fourth of July weekend and summer vacation getaways draw visitors to hike, bike and paddle New Hampshire's scenic countryside and waterways, the N.H. Fish and Game Department reminds outdoor enthusiasts to buy their voluntary Hike Safe Cards before heading out.

The annual cards can be purchased online at <http://m1e.net/c?64016747-KHoA9JzsOJhb2%40317010490-HUHoIJBk53ktU>. Proceeds help support Fish and Game search and rescue efforts and exempt the holder from certain liability for repaying search and rescue costs, should a rescue be needed.

Hike Safe Cards are \$25 for an individual or \$35 for a family (parents and minor children). They are good through the end of the calendar year.

"Whether you're walking, backpacking, climbing, biking, kayaking or enjoying other outdoor recreation in the Granite State, our Hike Safe Card is your back-up plan for the great outdoors," said Fish and Game Director Glenn Normandeau. "Buying a card is an important way to help support Fish and Game's search and rescue activities and ensure that personnel trained in wilderness rescue are there to coordinate search efforts if the unexpected happens and you are lost or hurt in the backcountry."

Under the law that established the new card, available for the first time in 2015, those who possess a valid New Hampshire hunting or fishing license, or a current registration for an off-highway recreational vehicle, snowmobile or boat, are already exempt from repaying rescue costs due to negligence. "Buying a fishing or hunting license gives you the same protection and a chance to enjoy that activity, as well," said Normandeau.

In recent years (2011–2013), Fish and Game has conducted an average of about 180 search and rescue missions each year. Under state law, the Fish and Game Department can pursue reimbursement for rescue costs if the person rescued is deemed to have acted negligently.

In addition to Hike Safe Card sales, Fish and Game's search and rescue activities are supported by a \$1 fee collected for each boat, snowmobile, and OHRV registered in New Hampshire. Over the last several years, annual search and rescue expenditures have exceeded revenues brought in through registrations, adding to the N.H. Fish and Game Department's growing deficit.

Learn more about the Hike Safe Card and see Frequently Asked Questions about the card at <http://m1e.net/c?64016747-sof5Rt7X9p0rM%40317010491-Uxq6WmfxYtuME>.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. ■

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Loudon Lions Club News

The Loudon Lions Club presented two \$1,000 scholarships to Kelly Pedersen and Noah Seltzer in recognition of their distinguished contributions to scholarship and community service so valued by the Lions Club. Funds for the scholarships are raised through the Angels 5K Road Race/Fitness Walk held each May at Merrimack Valley High School. The event started in 2004 as a memorial walk, remembering two MVHS students, Amy Gilbert and Kristin Wagner. The event has now grown into an official sanctioned road race/fitness walk honoring loved ones. The event, held last month on May 1st, had over 85 participants. We thank our valued sponsors, participants and volunteers. Check out our Facebook page at "MVHS Angels 5K & Fitness Walk." We are looking forward to working on next year's race and partnering with any MV student that would like to join us for their senior project. Please contact Lee & Laura Smith (798-5838) to learn more. What a great way to give back to your community and raise funds for high school scholarships! Again, congratulations to Kelly and Noah! Our best to all of the 2015 Merrimack Valley Graduates and their families. Thanks to Merrimack Valley High School for their support throughout the years. Thank you. ■

Bret Michaels to Headline July Pre-Race Concert

It's going to be "Nothing but a Good Time" at New Hampshire Motor Speedway when Bret Michaels hits the concert stage prior to the New Hampshire 301 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on July 19. Speedway officials announced the multi-platinum global superstar will play on the Magic Mile frontstretch pre-race.

Michaels, best known as the front man of Poison, winning the most viewed season of Donald Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" in 2010, and starring on the multi-season reality TV show Rock of Love, will visit as part of his True Grit Tour. Michaels will take the stage at 10:45 a.m., prior to driver introductions. The free concert is included for all fans who have purchased a ticket to the New Hampshire 301, which will drop the green flag at 1:30 p.m. Stage-front access on the Magic Mile frontstretch will be available with the purchase of a pre-race pit pass.

"I can't wait to hang out with all the awesome NASCAR fans, like me, at the pre-race super-concert and mega-party at New Hampshire Motor Speedway," said Michaels. "We're ready to have a great time, rock out and then watch an awesome race after. It's going to be a good time."

Michaels's popular hits include "Every Rose," "Nothin' but a Good Time," "Something to Believe In," and "A Beautiful Soul," which was released in 2014. This April, Michaels released his newest single, "Girls On Bars."

Michaels has turned his passion for music into a multi-faceted brand that encompasses record-breaking touring sales, reality TV stardom, legendary songs that have sold over 32 million records, product endorsements as well as being a devoted philanthropist, all supported and followed by three generations of loyal fans.

Michaels was born in the small town of Butler, PA. Rising to fame as the front man of Poison, one of rock's most iconic and enduring bands, he helped define the rock-n-roll scene.

When Michaels isn't touring, he can be found both in front of and behind the camera as a director, producer and a reality TV superstar. His first foray into reality TV brought the record-breaking "Rock of Love with Bret Michaels" franchise to VH1, one of the most successful shows in the network's history, shattering weekly rating records during its run. Following three successful seasons of the show, he teamed up with VH1 for the docu-series "Life As I Know It," setting even more records.

Michaels, personally and through his Life Rocks Foundation, has helped raise tens of millions of dollars for charity and makes donations to not only diabetes awareness and research but to such causes as childhood cancer, wounded warriors, St. Jude Children's Hospital, PetSmart Charities and more. Having been diagnosed with Type I diabetes at the age of 6, Michaels is passionately devoted to raise awareness of the debilitating disease in hopes of finding a cure. ■



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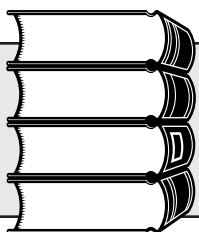
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Maxfield Public Library News

New Library Hours — Now Open Mondays!

Since not many people, besides meeting room users, stop by after 7:30 p.m., the library has shifted some of those hours to offer an additional day for borrowers to come in. The meeting room will still be available to scheduled groups while the rest of the building is closed. New hours are:

Mondays and Wednesdays	2–7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays	10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Loudon Village Arts Show

It was great to see everyone having fun shopping or just looking at the colorful artwork at the LVA's Spring Art Show! The success of the show's format has convinced artists to offer a large assortment of miniatures at their next show also. The library wishes to thank the group for using some of its proceeds to buy the Walker display system. This hardware will allow more ease in hanging artworks for the various six-week exhibitions within the library as well as for the LVA's own shows.

Congratulations to the lucky door prize winners Anthony Williams and Joanne Como! Thanks to the generosity of Manchester artist Frank Moulin; the prizes for each day were original watercolor paintings.

Communicating With Sign Language

Have you ever wondered how to express yourself with the visual language of signing? Christina Stockin, a nationally-certified interpreter from Candia, NH, will teach basic signing skills on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in advance with Fran.

Summer Reading Program

If you haven't joined the Summer Reading Program, there's still time. The library offers programs for all ages, so come on in and be sure to check it out.

Children's Weekly Activities

There's something for everyone during the Summer Reading Program!



Join us for a movie every Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. — popcorn and juice will be provided.

There will be two story times to choose from, Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. or Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Story time will include two books and a take-home craft that goes with the theme of the week.

If you'd prefer to do just the craft of the week, there will be a drop-in craft time following the Thursday story time from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LEGO Club will continue every Thursday throughout the summer, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Each week participants will have a LEGO challenge and completed projects will be displayed until the following week.

Please pick up an activity sheet at the circulation desk to see what the library has in store this summer.

Teen Program

The teen program has started, too! If you haven't signed up yet, check out the display in the YA section.

There are a lot of Monday night activities planned for the teens. Please sign up for each event you plan to attend so Mrs. Ingerson can purchase materials (and snacks!).

Adult Program

If a busy summer stretches ahead of you, you might be happy to know that the Adult Summer Reading Program activities keep it simple this year. Pick up an activity sheet and choose for yourself which tasks to accomplish. As always, your reading choices are your own. Talk with Fran for more details.

Special Summer Performance

On Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. the library will be hosting a special event by the Hampstead Stage Company — *Hercules and Heroes*.

Let Epictitus, the mask-maker, and Ovid, the poet, take you on a journey of the imagination, as you explore the ancient Greek heroes! Follow Greece's greatest hero, Hercules, on his many adventures, as he battles mythological creatures and warriors. Through mask work, poetry, and swordplay, your students will discover the early stories of Greece. This play is designed to bring students closer to early civilizations by appreciating the similarities that we all share. This play stands alone and is the second in our Greek Mythology for Kids series.

****Seating is limited so you must sign up for this event****

Superhero Teddy Bear Sleepover

This year the library will be hosting its first teddy bear sleepover. Join us Friday, July 24, at 6:00 p.m. for a special story time and craft. Only the stuffed animals will be invited to stay for the night, so please don't bring your child's favorite (or it might be a long night...).

Saturday morning, July 25, at 10:30 a.m., the teddy bears will be hosting a brunch where you can pick them up and see what they were up to when the library was closed.

Superhero Yoga

We battle daily and we must find our super powers to transform into the hero within us. Join us for Superhero Yoga with Fran Nash, hatha certified instructor, and find your super power. Low-impact chair yoga takes place on Thursdays, at 11 a.m., and hatha yoga is offered Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. The cost per session is \$5.00.

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Having enjoyed *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline, the book group decided to delve once again into historical fiction. A.B. Guthrie's *The Way West*



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

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

suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

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

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

WRIGHT MUSEUM

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

brings to life a wagon train trip in the 1840s. Winner of the 1950 Pulitzer Prize, this beautifully detailed novel has well-developed characters and evocative descriptions of the unspoiled western landscape. Book group will meet for discussion on July 16 at 7 p.m.

Classic Book Group

Please contact the library for information about the July meeting.

New Books

Fiction

Bowen, Rhys	<i>City of Darkness and Light</i>
Delinsky, Barbara	<i>Blueprints</i>
Frank, Dorothea Benton	<i>All the Single Ladies</i>
Finder, Joseph	<i>The Fixer</i>
King, Stephen	<i>Finders Keepers</i>
Laurain, Antoine	<i>The Red Notebook</i>
Shaara, Jeff	<i>The Fateful Lightning</i>
Walbert, Kate	<i>The Sunken Cathedral</i>
Watson, S. J.	<i>Second Life</i>
Wright, Kim	<i>The Canterbury Sisters</i>

Nonfiction

Ellis, Joseph	<i>The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783–1789</i>
Lane, Ruth	<i>The Complete Photo Guide to Felting</i>
Most, Doug	<i>The Race Underground: Boston, New York, and the Incredible Rivalry That Built America's First Subway</i>
Neiwert, David	<i>Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us</i>
Nelson, Willie	<i>It's a Long Story</i>

New DVDs

Against the Sun, Black or White, D2: The Mighty Ducks, Dancing at Lughnasa, Finding Nemo, Jupiter Ascending, Kingsman: Secret Service, Miss Julie, A Shine of Rainbows, Tracers, Seventh Son, The Wedding Ring

We have also had a generous donation of gently used children’s DVDs. Look for these titles on the shelves: *Bob the Builder: X-treme Adventures!*, *Bob the Builder: A Christmas to Remember*, *Chicken Run*, *FernGully: The Last Rainforest*, *The Great Day for Flyers*, *The Great Muppet Caper*, *Hoodwinked*, *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!*, *Super Sleuth: Christmas Movie*, *The Wisdom of Friends*

Book Sale

The next book will be on July 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Saturday, July 4, for Independence Day. ■



New Hampshire’s Adam Sandler to be Grand Marshal for July Cup Race

Star of this summer’s action-comedy “Pixels” returns to Granite State to give the starting command for NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race

Mega movie star Adam Sandler will return home on July 19 when he serves as the special 25th Anniversary Grand Marshal for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Sandler, a native of Manchester, N.H., will star in this summer’s action comedy “Pixels,” which will hit theaters July 24.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway officials made the Sandler announcement on Wednesday night in front of fans and media at the speedway’s 25th anniversary event with New Englander and Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano. Sandler will participate in driver introductions on the Magic Mile frontstretch and attend the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series drivers meeting prior to giving the command for drivers to start their engines, moments before the running of the New Hampshire 301.

Commenting on the announcement, Sandler said, “When I was a little kid in New Hampshire, I used to watch NASCAR with my dad and brother and we looooved it. I know my dad would be baffled that I’m getting this honor and I’ll be thinking of him when I’m saying those words! Great to be home! Always!”

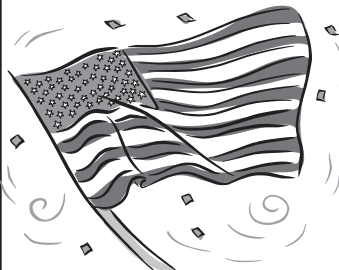
Adam Sandler, who hails from Manchester and graduated from Central High School, has enjoyed phenomenal success as an actor, writer, producer and musician.

This year, Sandler will star in and produce two films for Sony Pictures: “Pixels,” for director Chris Columbus, starring alongside Peter Dinklage, Josh Gad and Kevin James, and “Hotel Transylvania 2,” where he will once again lend his voice to Dracula.


The New Hampshire 301 will be live on NBC Sports starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 19.

About “Pixels”

As kids in the 1980s, Sam Brenner (Adam Sandler), Will Cooper (Kevin James), Ludlow Lamonsoff (Josh Gad), and Eddie “The Fire Blaster” Plant (Peter Dinklage) saved the world thousands of times — at 25 cents a game in the video arcades. Now, they’re going to have to do it for real. In *Pixels*, when intergalactic aliens discover video feeds of classic arcade games and misinterpret them as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth, using the video games as the models for their assaults — and now-U.S. President Cooper must call on his old-school arcade friends to save the world from being destroyed by PAC-MAN, Donkey Kong, Galaga, Centipede, and Space Invaders. Joining them is Lt. Col. Violet Van Patten (Michelle Monaghan), a specialist supplying the arcaders with unique weapons to fight the aliens. *Pixels* is directed by Chris Columbus. The screenplay is by Tim Herlihy and Timothy Dowling with a screen story by Tim Herlihy, based on the short film by Patrick Jean. The film is produced by Adam Sandler, Chris Columbus, Mark Radcliffe, and Allen Covert. ■



Post 88 has a new flag collection box outside of Charlie’s Barn. It will be checked periodically and unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.



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Seen Any Wild Turkey Broods? Report Your Sightings To NH Fish and Game

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is asking for the public's help in tracking wild turkey broods in New Hampshire this spring and summer. It's easy to take part. If you observe groups of turkeys with young between now through August 31, 2015, report your sightings to Fish and Game at its web-based turkey brood survey at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/surveys/turkeybrood.html>.

"People enjoy participating, and by doing so, they are helping us monitor the turkey population," said Kent A. Gustafson, Fish and Game Wildlife Programs Supervisor. "We get reports from all over the state through this survey, adding to the important information biologists gather on turkey productivity, distribution, abundance, turkey brood survival and the timing of nesting and hatching."

Last year (2014), summer brood survey participants reported seeing 724 broods totaling 4,646 turkeys. The average hatch date in 2014 was June 19. Biologists are

especially interested in getting more reports of turkey broods in the three northernmost New Hampshire counties (Coos, Carroll, and Grafton).

The term "brood" refers to a family group of young turkeys accompanied by a hen. New Hampshire hens generally begin laying eggs sometime from mid-April to early May and complete their clutch of about 12 eggs in early to mid-May. Incubation lasts for 28 days, and most eggs hatch from late May to mid-June. If incubating turkey eggs are destroyed or consumed by predators, hens often lay a replacement clutch of eggs that hatch late June through late July. Reports of adult male turkeys are not being requested at this time.

Many factors can affect turkey productivity in any given year. Young turkeys are extremely sensitive to cool temperatures and rain, both because it can impact their health, and because these conditions adversely impact insect populations that are a critical source of nutrition for young turkeys. Since spring weather is highly variable, survival of the annual hatch of wild turkeys is also highly variable.

Turkey populations depend on a large annual influx of young turkeys to sustain themselves over time, so the number of young turkeys that survive to be "recruited" into the fall population is of great interest to turkey managers. A large sample of turkey brood observations collected throughout the summer can provide turkey managers with insight into the size of the "graduating class" of turkeys that will become adults.

Wildlife research and management in New Hampshire is funded in part by Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sport Restoration, a user-pay, user-benefit program supported by your purchase of fishing tackle, firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and motorboat fuels. ■



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(You may hand it out though!)

Our theme this year is: **"Fired up"** Celebrating our own Loudon fire Department's anniversary!

*** Forms must be returned by August 2, 2015 ***

Please send to:

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/We further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town of Loudon, NH, the Loudon Old Home Day Committee, and its employees or agents against loss or expense, including attorney's fees, except in the cases of the sole negligence of the Town of Loudon, NH or the Loudon Old Home Day Committee for the loss or expense because of bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by any person or persons. It is further agreed that I/ We, as participants, will maintain general liability and auto insurance for the parade entry.

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Maybe enter the special Cornbread category to go with the Chili Cook-Off!



Cook up your favorite ***Fired Up!*** themed recipe for Old Home Day and enter to win some great prizes: (get creative and give it a fire-related name!)

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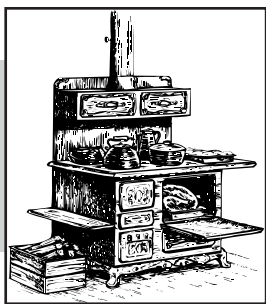
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What's Cookin'! Burger Time!!!

By Jenn Pfeifer

Burger Time!!! It is summer and we can't get enough of big, juicy barbecued burgers. Although beef is a number one choice of meat for a burger there are lots of other tasty options to try grilling up this summer.

I'm starting off with the burger my son Alex loves. It may sound strange but trust me it is delicious.

ALEX'S BLUE CHEESE STUFFED TURKEY BACON BURGERS WITH PEANUT BUTTER — By Jenn and Alex Pfeifer

- 2 pounds ground Turkey
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons Onion Powder
- 2 tablespoons of steak seasoning
- 6–12 tablespoons blue cheese (it depends on how much blue cheese you prefer)
- 6 strips of cooked bacon
- 6 slices of American or Cheddar Cheese
- 6 tablespoons of Peanut Butter
- 6 ciabatta rolls

Combine meat, worcestershire sauce and dry ingredients in a large bowl. Shape mixture into 12 very thin meat patties.

Place 1–2 tablespoons of blue cheese onto six of the meat patties, top with remaining patties and then, with the cheese inside the patties, seal the edges with your fingers. Place the hamburger patties onto the preheated grill and cook for 6 minutes per side until done. Top with american cheese and bacon. Toast the buns and spread the peanut butter on them and serve. (We also like to top with sriracha instead of ketchup.)

LAMB AND FETA BURGERS WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE — By Kudos Kitchen by Renee

(This is one of our favorite burgers if the Pfeifer house)

To make the sauce:

- 1½ cups Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup diced red onion (or to taste)
- ½ cup chopped cucumber, peeled and seeded
- 2 tablespoons chopped mint
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

Mix all ingredients in a medium sized bowl and chill until ready to serve with the burgers.

To make the burgers:

- 1½ pound ground lamb
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- ½ cup diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1½ teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- tomato slices, optional
- lettuce, optional
- Pretzel buns (or buns of your favorite variety)

In a large bowl mix all the ingredients. Form the mixture into 5" patties. Cook the patties in a skillet or on a grill until your desired doneness.

Serve the burger on a bun topped with chilled tzatziki, tomato slices and lettuce (if desired)

TACO BURGERS — By Alida Fischbach

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 3 tablespoons taco seasoning
- ½ cup crushed tortilla chips
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 hamburger buns

In a large bowl, combine taco seasoning, chips, cheese and beef, gently mixing until combined.

Form into 4 patties. Grill over medium heat until cooked through (about 5 to 8 minutes per side).

Put patties on buns. Serve with taco-inspired toppings, such as salsa, cheese, guacamole, etc.

BUFFALO CHICKEN BURGER — By Lyuba Brooke

Chicken Burger:

- 1 lb. of ground chicken
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves of garlic, pressed
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup plain bread crumbs
- Salt
- Fresh cracked pepper
- 1 tsp minced fresh dill weed
- 1 tsp minced fresh parsley
- 2 tbs oil for cooking

Sandwich:

- Burger buns
- Chicken Burgers
- Buffalo sauce
- Ranch Dressing
- Blue cheese crumbles
- Tomato slices
- Chopped green onion
- Sliced Mozzarella cheese

Preheat the pan and the oil on medium heat. Combine the ingredients for the chicken burgers in a mixing bowl and mix well. Scoop out the meat mixture (as big as you want the burgers) and form patties with your hands. Cook the chicken burgers, on medium heat, for about 10 minutes of each side. When the chicken burgers are fully cooked, pour some buffalo sauce in the pan and and cook the burgers in the sauce for about a minute on each side.

To assemble the sandwiches: spread some ranch dressing on the bottom bun, add some blue cheese crumbles and tomato slices. Add the buffalo chicken burger and top it off with some green onion and Mozzarella cheese slices.

THAI SALMON BURGERS WITH SLAW + SRIRACHA MAYO — By Lauren Gaskill

- 1 pound fresh, raw salmon
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- ¼ cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- ⅔ cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 egg



- Salt and pepper to taste
 4 hamburger buns (whole wheat, white, or your preference)
 1 large carrot, shredded
 ¼ cup brussel sprouts, shredded
 ¼ cup greek yogurt
 2 tablespoons mayo
 1 tablespoon Sriracha
 1 teaspoon garlic powder

In the bowl of a food processor, pulse the salmon until it is somewhat ground. In a large bowl, combine the ground salmon with the onion, red bell pepper, garlic, brown sugar, red curry paste, parsley, bread crumbs and eggs and mix until just combined.

Form the mixture into patties and set on a parchment lined baking sheet. (This can be difficult because they are so wet, but they will stay together on the stove!)

Heat a tablespoon of sesame oil over medium-high heat and cook the patties for 3-4 minutes, until you can see the edges brown and the salmon becoming opaque. Flip carefully and cook for another 3-4 minutes or until the burgers are cooked through.

To make the slaw, quickly throw together the brussel sprouts and carrots, tossing well. Next, make the Sriracha mayo by combining the last four ingredients. Place each burger on a mayo slathered bun and top the slaw.

SPINACH "BURGERS" — By Michelle Keith

- 1 bag of thawed and well drained chopped spinach
 2 egg whites
 1 whole egg
 ¼ cup diced onion
 ½ cup shredded cheese
 ½ cup bread crumbs
 1 tsp. red pepper flakes
 1 tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. garlic powder

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Shape into patties and cook over medium high heat in a non stick skillet with a small amount of cooking spray. Patties are done when they are golden and firm. (These are great on toasted tortillas)

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

Concord Hospital Implements Monitoring System To Help Keep Patients Safe

Concord Hospital is introducing a new, high-tech video monitoring system to enhance its patient safety plan of care. Beginning in June, the Hospital will implement the AvaSys® Video Monitoring System for patients who may need closer observation to protect them from falls or potential harm, such as removing life-saving devices. The system allows a single, trained observer to monitor up to 10 patients at once via video monitoring camera from a central monitoring station. When patients need help, the observer can speak to them by two-way audio, while sending a staff member to the patient's bedside.

Concord Hospital currently utilizes a comprehensive adult patient safety plan of care which includes a variety of interventions for caregivers to implement with patients depending on each patient's individual needs.

"Concord Hospital is very attentive to patient safety, including the risk of falls," said Jennifer Dongarra, RN, BSN, MM, Director, Concord Hospital Medical Specialties/Oncology Patient Care Units. "The AvaSys System will enhance our patient safety efforts, which includes using specialty beds and alarms; and having staff check on patients regularly to attend to a patient's pain, positioning and to promote patient safety."

The Hospital also uses other techniques such as therapeutic activities, diversional activities, bed/door/chair alarms, and reverie harps to help reduce patient anxiety.

The AvaSys equipment can be rolled into a patient's room, instantly providing a wireless video and audio connection. The device is used only to allow Hospital staff to see and speak with patients. It does not record and an electronic privacy screen can be used when a doctor or nurse is providing care in the patient's room.

"We expect the AvaSys Video Monitoring System will provide an even higher level of safety for our patients," said Dongarra. "Our vigilance toward safety helps reassure patients and their families, and prevents injuries that hinder recovery and increase healthcare costs." ■

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Wed July 8th	Ice Cream Social, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides-StoneBoat Farm, Pete Cluett-Acoustic Entertainment
Wed July 15th	Lucky Bob —Magician/Juggler
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Wed July 29th	Wildlife Encounters
Wed Aug 5th	John Higby —Yoyo Guy
Wed Aug 12th	Bryson Lang — Comedy/Juggling
Wed Aug 19th	Loudon Community Talent Show
Thurs Aug 20th	39th Army Band

From **6-7pm** Prior to the Community Summer Fun Night events,
come on down with your tennis rackets and basketballs for some pick up games, exercise and fun!

All shows begin at 7pm and run until 8pm.
All events are held at the Loudon Recreation Field
and Arthur McNeil Memorial Gazebo in the village.

*** Rain Cancels ***



Between the Covers: Raising a Reader

By Kate Dockham

As parents, we are our children's first — and often most influential — teacher. We are knee-deep in summer and this is a great time for parents to flex their teacher muscles and work on creating lifelong readers. Research tells us that being a lifelong reader produces problem solvers, creative, and critical thinkers. The more kids read, or are read to, the more their vocabulary grows. The less they read, the greater the gap becomes between a child and his peers intellectually. Teachers know how to nurture lifelong readers and, as a child's primary teacher, parents should also know how to nurture this habit. Kids become lifelong readers for all kinds of reasons. Sometimes there is a key book that captures a kid's imagination and opens him or her up to the exciting world of fiction. Other times, a teacher assigns great books in class and sparks a hunger for more big ideas and fine writing. Often, parents influence kids' appreciation of books by sharing their own love of literature and modeling reader behavior — always having a book to read, taking books on vacation, reading before bedtime, making regular trips to the library and bookstore, etc.

Here are some tips for nurturing a love of reading that can last a lifetime:

Read aloud:

This comes naturally to lots of new parents, but it's important to keep it up. Kids will enjoy it longer than you think. When reading to babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and kids in early grade school, it's wonderful to have a kid on your lap, snuggled next to you on the couch or drifting off to sleep in bed as you enjoy picture books together. We read *Go Dogs Go* more times than you can imagine. It created great memories for our family and helped to instill a love of books in our son. My husband and I also know more about sharks than most people want to, but it was a passion of our son's, so we found and shared every nonfiction book about sharks we could. Many parents think that as soon as their kids learn to read on their own, they no longer need to be read to. But kids still love it and benefit from it as they hear the rhythm of the language, learn correct pronunciation, and get to relax and just take it all in. Kids will get the idea that there's something worthwhile in books and there's something special about time spent with a parent. I will admit to getting out of the habit of the bedtime story as our son hit second grade. On the other hand, my nephew remembers listening to *Treasure Island* every night during fourth and fifth grade. For these second through fifth graders, those rich and meaty classics that might be missed otherwise are a great read aloud choice.

Find a good series: Many kids become book lovers for life after getting hooked on a series. There are lots of good ones that keep kids hungry for the next installment. Some reliable prospects for beginning readers are *Ivy and Bean*, *Judy Moody*, and *The Magic Tree House* series. *Harry Potter*, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, and *The Percy Jackson* series are good choices for middle graders. Older kids will enjoy *Hunger Games*, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, and *The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod*. Don't get hung up on whether it's considered great literature, although many series are. Be happy that your kid is devouring books one after the other.

Grab onto a genre/subject:

Kids go through phases of genres or subjects they're passionate about, be it vampires, war, best friend stories or the plethora of subjects out there. This year at school, I had a fourth grader obsessed with the *Titanic*. His mom and I jumped on it and found everything we could — below, at, and above his reading level — about the *Titanic*. And he read continuously! Find your child's current passion and feed it. Maybe your child wants to read mysteries or stories about school or even sharks. Whatever it is, make the type of books your child is interested in available and they will eat it up!

Feed the favorite-author addiction:

Once your kids finds a writer they love, they may want to read all of his or her books — a great excuse for a trip to the library or an opportunity for book swapping among friends and classmates. Here are some good bets for favorites.

Younger kids: Dav Pilkey (*The Adventures of Captain Underpants*), Beverly Cleary (*Beezus and Ramona*).

Middle grade: Kate DiCamillo (*Because of Winn-Dixie*), Neil Gaiman (*The Graveyard Book*).

Tweens and teens: Judy Blume (*Are You There God, It's Me Margaret*) and Sarah Dessen (*Just Listen*).

Count on the Classics:

Books are called classics because they continue to engage readers generation after generation. There are no guarantees, but you could try introducing your kids to books you loved as a kid and see which ones click. If you read this column with any regularity, you know I think the best gift is to share a book you love. This can be a great bond between parent and child and give you a good starting point for conversations. Some good ones to try are the Dr. Seuss and Narnia books, *Charlotte's Web*,

and *The Secret Garden*. Check out www.commonssensemedia.org for a great list of classic titles to share.

Funny Is Fine:

Some parents wrestle with letting their kids read *Captain Underpants*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and other edgy humor books about kids getting in trouble. Talk to your kids about the content, but keep in mind that kids like these books not because they want to imitate the characters' actions but because they can live vicariously through their bad behavior. Humor is a great pathway to book loving. These are also quick reads, making them accessible to many young readers. A good title to add to this group is *The Terrible Two*, a story of two pranksters trying to outdo each other.

Comics Are OK:

Graphic novels are among the hottest trends in children's publishing and they can get kids hooked on reading. Kids may start with *Squish and Babymouse* and *The Lunch Lady* series. But these series can also lead to more sophisticated fare such as *Cardboard* and *American Born Chinese*. While a first look at graphic novels can make a parent think their child won't actually be reading, comic books and graphic novels are a perfect way to get a reluctant reader to begin reading.

Engage with e-books:

Kids can cuddle up with a Kindle, Nook or iPad before naptime or bedtime. Some recent studies say more than half of U.S. kids are reading digital books at least once a week. The electronic format has proved to be especially engaging for boys and reluctant readers, and you can download or access many books on an e-reader, which make it a great choice for air travel and car rides. But note that some studies show that book apps and interactive enhanced e-books, while fun, can be distracting and inhibit reading comprehension. So to promote reading skills and encourage your kid to be a frequent reader, you might want to stick with e-books that have the look of a bound paper book. Some even have animation that mimics turning the pages. As a reader who has gone electronic, I enjoy the portability and ease of my e-books, but nothing beats the pages of an actual book. I often go back and forth between the two — electronic books for travel and print books for special titles and times I need some comfort and familiarity.

Make Reading a Family Value:

Actions speak louder than words. Take your kids to the library once a week or once a month to get new books, make regular outings to your local bookstore, hunt for low-cost books at used bookstores or second-hand shops, and show kids that finding a good book is like a treasure hunt. The most important thing you can do to turn your child into a lifelong reader is to fit reading into your family lifestyle! Set aside time for reading only — turning off the TV, computer, and cell phone. Encourage focused reading time, either for independent reading or reading aloud. Take preschoolers to story time hours at libraries and bookstores. For older kids, a parent-kid book club can be fun. Read to kids at bedtime. Provide time and space for your kids to read for pleasure in the car (if they don't get car sick!), on vacation, after homework is done, on their own before bed. Let them see you reading books, magazines and newspapers. Warning: It could be habit-forming! Until next time, keep turning those pages. ■

OBITUARY

BETTY A. (DOW) DICKINSON

Betty A. (Dow) Dickinson, 78, a longtime Loudon resident, died Monday, June 29, 2015, at the Concord Hospital.

Born in Concord on June 12, 1937, Betty was the daughter of Levi and Frances (Roach) Dow. She spent most of her life in Loudon, retiring to Florida in 2005.

Betty was a homemaker and enjoyed a variety of activities. She liked to play card games, cribbage, BINGO, and go bowling. She also enjoyed going on trips, shopping and eating out.

Betty is survived by her husband of 57 years, Leonard Dickinson; two daughters and their husbands, Louann Lowe and Robert of Epsom and Tracy Gourley and Dale of Pittsfield; three brothers, Richard Dow of Boscawen, Paul Dow and Wayne Dow, both of Concord; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by several siblings, Gary Dow, Joyce Kokoszka, Robert Dow and Nancy Beaudoin.

A celebration of Betty's life will be scheduled for a later date. ■

What Is A Farm?

By Cindy Shea, Loudon Agriculture Commission

We all have that idyllic vision of a farm. You know, the happy farm animals frolicking across rolling green meadows surrounded by white picket fences, rows of neatly weeded fruits and vegetables and pleasantly displayed flowers and plants. Many farms keep up appearances when their business requires the public to visit in order to make a purchase, but not all farms have this luxury.

There are many types of farms throughout the country — and right here in New Hampshire — and some that even match this ideal. There are small backyard farms, medium-sized pick-your-own family farms, and large-scale commercial farms, all who manage their businesses differently.

Depending on what the farmer is growing, raising, and selling, farms can appear very different from each other. Here are just a few examples of what you can expect living next to a farm.

Smell:

The first thing people learn when they head out to the country is what a farm smells like. Let's face it...animals poo and when you become a farmer it's all about the poo. Poo is good, it's important, and if you have a garden, it can be very beneficial. But poo smells and on a farm there can be a lot of poo! Regardless of the manure management practices a farm may have in place, on a hot summer day the ripe smell of a farm can be enjoyed for several yards away and even miles if the wind blows the right way.

Some farmers use composted manure to fertilize their gardens and hay fields. This is a great practice and much better than using commercial fertilizers, but it also means that even if you don't live near a place that has animals, you still may get to enjoy the aroma during planting season.

Take heart. What this means is that in a few months farm stands and farmers' markets will be brimming with fresh, ripe produce and if you garden, you can always ask your local farmer if he has any poo to spare. Quite likely he will and will be happy to share.

Sights:

There is a lot to see on a farm. Quite likely you will see many buildings for housing food, supplies, and animals. There may be lots of vehicles, trucks, trailers, tractors...and, possibly, duplicates. Farmers are great for recycling and farm equipment is ridiculously expensive. Having a few "parts" vehicles is always a possibility. Not all farmers have time to make their property look "pretty." Instead they shoot for

practicality. After all, they aren't in the beauty business; they are in the farming business.

Then there are the animals. Not all farms allow their animals to frolic in the fields. Many farmers keep their livestock in close quarters and utilize rotational grazing methods in order to maximize land. They may also be keeping some of those fields for hay to feed during the winter. Don't worry if they don't seem to be frolicking. In the summer, it's really too hot for shenanigans anyway.

Animals are dirty. Don't feel bad. Animals often intentionally roll in dirt and mud to help protect them from the bugs. It's a sort of natural bug repellent. Clean animals can be found at the fairs where they are being shown and judged. But animals on a farm are happy being dirty.

Promiscuity. Okay, I know this is a family newspaper, so I will keep this as clean as possible. Animals can be exhibitionists. They don't mind doing their "thing" right out there for the world to see. It doesn't matter how old or young, how big or how small. It's what they do. They don't seem to mind.

Sounds:

Every morning a rooster crows, cows moo, and sheep and goats bray. They are either welcoming the morning, need to be milked or are just plain hungry and they know it's feeding time. They will also chat during the day, though there are often quiet times, too. Expect the noise. Though sound is usually one of the lesser complaints you hear about farms, if there are animals, there will be noise.

It would be great if all farms were what we envision; however, reality is that many farms are "working" farms, which means there is lots of work to do, lots of things going on, and lots of smells. It can be quite a shock for those who have never been to a real working farm before and people who don't farm often don't understand.

We are lucky that here in New Hampshire we have access to so many farms who grow and produce wonderful foods. Just think about how buying local reduces the overall carbon footprint of your food. Instead of having to be transported across the country or even around the world, you have access to some of the best, freshest foods available all within a short drive.

So, before you start complaining about your neighbors chickens, or cows, or pigs, or whatever, remember, local farming is good for the environment, the economy and for you. ■

Agriculture Commission Hosts Chicken Processing Demo

By Cindy Shea, Loudon Agriculture Commission



There is a growing trend among people to want to know where their food comes from and how it was raised before it became dinner. As we learn more about food factories and how they process our food, plus the huge carbon footprint to get that food to our local grocery store, many people are looking to buy food closer to home or grow it themselves.

Because of this, there is a growing interest in raising and processing chickens and an increase in the number of people who want to learn the process.

On June 7th the Loudon Agriculture Commission hosted a watch and learn demonstration on how to process meat chickens. Chris Koufos, one of our board members, graciously hosted this event with his cousin, Red.

Chris demonstrated his process for processing his Cornish White chickens. He showed us his flock and how he uses rotational grazing. At six weeks of age, the chickens are big enough to be processed. His first chicken weighed in at eight pounds.

Chris uses a hand-fashioned cone in which the chicken is placed upside down. The throat is slit and the chicken quickly dies. Once the chicken "bleeds out" the bird is then placed in hot (140 degree) water for just a few seconds. This helps with the plucking. The birds are then plucked and cleaned and put in ice water.

Plucking by hand takes a while, however, plucking machines can be cost prohibitive. Both Chris and his cousin were planning on processing about 30 birds for that

day. They had quite a system down and, while I didn't time it, I would say each bird took about twenty minutes or so from start to finish.

There are local processing facilities that will take birds, but they charge from \$5 to \$6 per bird. That is on top of purchasing and raising the birds. Chris estimates it roughly costs him about eight dollars a bird when processing himself. That's about a dollar per pound if all his birds are about the same eight-pound size.

On top of supplying his family fresh, healthy meat, he has significantly reduced his carbon footprint while paying below retail for some of the best chicken I've seen.

Chris was a great host, easily answering questions while processing his birds. He explained the intricate details of cleaning the birds and expressed the need to ensure sanitation by bleaching his cutting boards to having equipment that is only used for this process.

Chris has also offered to provide us with the plans he used to make his own processing cone. We will post that on our web page when it is available.

Over all, it was a great day with participants gaining practical knowledge of the processing procedure.

The Loudon Agriculture Commission hopes to present more workshops in the coming months so stay tuned. If you would like to join our E-newsletter, please send your email information to Cindy Shea at cindy_shea@comcast.net or visit our website at www.loudonag.org. ■

Saying Goodbye to Cocoa

By Carole Soule

Hand me another tissue, please, Susan. They're back there somewhere," I pointed with my right hand to the back seat of the truck. Susan and I had just dropped a cow named Cocoa off at The Local Butcher and I was stressing out. I don't usually stress out this much when dropping off an animal at the butcher, but it does happen from time to time. After all these are animals I cared for, bonded with and sometimes became friendly with. Yet whether the animal is a friend or not, how much better to process an animal that lived a good, full life than an anonymous critter that was subjected to who knows what lifestyle?

Farm life is enchanting. I often ask myself if I would ever return to my corporate job with its liberating salary at HP. And while it would be nice not to wonder each month if I'll be able to pay the mortgage I know I won't go back. The animals make me laugh, sometimes they make me swear but always they enchant me. Pebbles, Cocoa's last baby, loves to lick my hair and Topper, one of my working steers will watch me until I give in to scratch his neck.

The other side of enchantment is financing. With a \$20,000+ yearly hay bill, insurance, payroll and equipment costs I can't afford to keep "pets." Every animal on Miles Smith Farm has a job and each animal lets me know what he or she wants to do. Some cattle like people so they become "ambassadors" which means riding cows or working steers. Others make great moms so they produce babies. Occasionally a great bull is born here on the farm and he becomes a breeding bull for cows he's not related to. Then some go into the beef program.

So many folks say to me, "I don't know how you do it? How can you ship an animal you've raised to the butcher?" Well, believe it or not, every package of beef was once a cute little baby and loved at least by its mother and most likely by a farmer as well. The question is do you want to know that animal was respected and honored? Can you honor that animal? Wouldn't you rather share the life of an animal you knew, knowing that it lived a full life and was respected?

If a beef critter is handled throughout its life it is far less likely to be stressed when time comes to be processed than an animal which was never handled. When done correctly the soul of the cow is here one minute, then it is gone. It's just those of us left behind that grieve, not the cow.

I still miss Cocoa. It was her time to go. Her life would have been miserable if we had kept her. Her udders were dragging and cracked. At some point she would have stepped on them causing great injury and pain. As a farmer, it's my duty to my charges to make sure they don't suffer. I said, "Goodbye," to Cocoa in the holding pen before I left her for the drive home. Dear Cocoa looked at me as if to say, "It's alright, I trust you to do the right thing." Then I left.

Ninety five percent of the decisions I make as a farmer are joyous and fun. It's that 5% that makes farming hard. But those decisions have to be made so the world can eat and I can pay my hay bill. So thank you, dear Cocoa, and all your sisters and brothers. We all cared about your life and we thank you for your gift of life.

Maple Lemonade

I have lots of beef recipes to share but today I'd like to tell you about a delicious summer drink, Maple Lemonade. No need to buy a bottled drink from "away." You can make your own delicious, refreshing beverage from mostly local ingredients. Here's how:

- Mix equal parts lemon juice and NH maple syrup (has to be from NH for the best flavor!) in a glass (2 tablespoons maple and 2 tablespoons lemon) or 2 quart container. (1/4 cup maple syrup, 1/4 cup lemon juice).
- Add ice and water to top off the glass or container.
- Stir well as the maple syrup will want to sink to the bottom.
- Drink and enjoy.

Because the syrup will settle to the bottom of your glass you are in for a big treat in your last sips.

Have a mooovelous maple lemonade and as you relax this summer maybe take a moment to thank all of the animals who have supplied you with sustenance. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News

50-50 Raffle Fundraiser Update

Runs June 1st – June 30th at 5:00 p.m. As of June 18, 2015 we have sold \$60 in raffle tickets. Ticket Prices: 1 Ticket for \$1.00; 3 Tickets for \$2.00; 7 Tickets for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased online at LoudonFoodPantry.org or Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. Our office hours are Mon. – Thur. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. then we reopen from 3–6 p.m. The winner need not be present to win. Need more info? Call Sue at 724-9731. Please buy your tickets today! To check for up to date information, go to LoudonFoodPantry.org.

Macy's "Shop For A Cause"

We are proud to join with Macy's this year for "Shop For A Cause." We sell "Shop For A Cause" booklets for \$5 each. Loudon Food Pantry keeps the \$5 and you get to enjoy the savings.

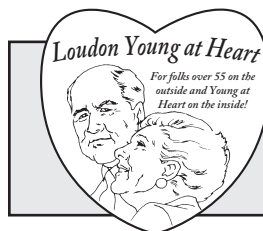
With this booklet, you save 25% all day on Saturday, August 29th. This savings is just in time for school shopping, works on full price items and can be used as many times as you would like all day long. Just remember that it can only be used for in-store shopping (not online).

So please stop by the pantry and get your "Shop For A Cause" booklet today!

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, July 25th – Canterbury Fair
- Saturday, August 8th – Loudon Old Home Day

We will have a table set up at the Canterbury Fair and Loudon Old Home Day this year. Please stop by and join us. It's always great to see all the familiar faces and new ones as well. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

On Tuesday, June 16th, forty members of Young at Heart ended the year with a trip to Squam Lake in Ashland, NH. Once everyone boarded the bus and started traveling to the lake we were entertained with the movie "On Golden Pond." Upon arrival at our destination our first stop was at Walter's Basin Restaurant on the lake where we had lunch. The food and deserts were delicious and the view was lovely. Once lunch was over everyone boarded a boat to take a ninety-minute tour of the lake. Our tour guide was very informative. He showed us where eagles had nested, explained about the loons, and shared some history of the lake. He also brought us to the location of the filming of the movie "On Golden Pond," where he gave us some facts on the making of the movie. Even though the weather was overcast and misty it did not take away the excitement of the day and the rain held off until our tour was complete. As our adventure ended we again boarded the bus to head home, where we had treats of brownies and cookies and finished watching the movie. It was an amazing time enjoyed by everyone.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th and will be our annual picnic. Members will be called before the meeting.

Until then, enjoy the summer months and stay safe and healthy!

See you all in September!! ■



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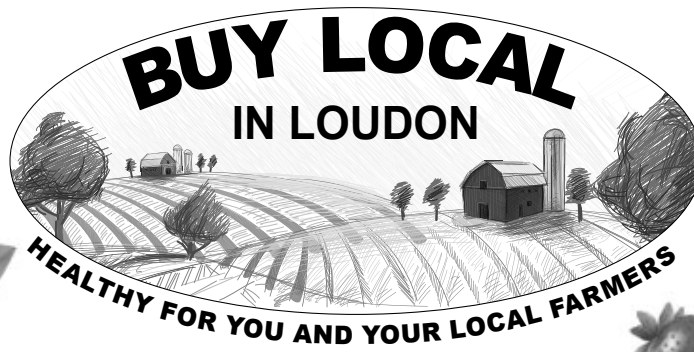
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OBITUARIES

IRENE L. DOW

Irene L. Dow, 81, of Loudon, passed away from a sudden illness Monday, June 15, 2015, at Concord Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Irene graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1952. She married Roger Dow on April 30, 1955, and the two settled down in Loudon, where they raised their family and have lived throughout their lives. Irene worked as an operator for New England Telephone, and later dedicated her life to raising her four children. Once her children entered school, she worked as a hostess for The Inland Lobster Pool and later the Makris Lobster Steak House in Concord.

Irene was very active in her community organizations, including Loudon Young at Heart, Eastern Star, PTO, and the Old Home Day planning and fundraising committee. For years, she served as a volunteer for the John O. Cate Memorial Van and was a longtime member of the Loudon Young at Heart Group and the New Hampshire Sno-Shakers. Irene was a devoted Christian and a faithful attendant at Faith Community Bible Church in Loudon. She was active as a volunteer in many ministries and will be greatly missed by her church family and other organizations throughout Loudon. Whenever she saw someone in need, Irene would always help, and she will always be remembered for her kind and generous spirit. Above all, Irene loved her family, and cherished every moment spent with them.

Irene was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Issa Dickerson; sisters, Mary Lamprey and Alta Hammett; and brother, Dana Dickerson.

Irene is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Roger Dow; her four sons, six grandchildren, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. Her sons include, Michael, his wife, Evelyn and their children, Jordan and Parker of Sudbury, Mass., Thomas, his wife, Tracy and their children, Abigail and Ashley of Loudon, Peter and his wife, Dori of North Anson, Maine and Bruce, his wife, Carmella and their children, Reece and Angela of Candia. Surviving sisters include, Ruth Norman and Arlene Stover, both of Florida.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Irene's memory to either the John O Cate Memorial Van Association in Loudon; the Loudon Young at Heart Group in Loudon; or Faith Community Bible Church in Loudon. ■

MARGARET (PEG) E. RICE

Margaret (Peg) E. Rice died Friday, June 19, 2015, at the Laconia Center.

Peg was born April 22, 1929, in Henniker. She was the wife of the late John H. Rice Jr.

She is survived by their children, David J. Rice and wife, Cheryl, Diane R. Hersey and husband, John and John H. Rice III and wife, Jan; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. ■



Six Easy Tips For Improving Your Home's Curb Appeal

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

First impressions are everything to potential home buyers, and in many cases the decision to consider the purchase is initially based on your curb appeal. Take advantage of this by presenting your home in its best light. Here are a few easy and inexpensive things you can do quickly shape up your home's exterior.

- 1. Tidy up:** Rake the leaves, sweep your walkways and clean your front steps.
- 2. Do some gardening:** Weed and plant seasonal flowers to brighten your landscape.
- 3. Fix the yard:** Mow the lawn and edge the sidewalks.
- 4. Get rid of the clutter:** Remove unnecessary items from the front of the house and store garbage cans and gardening supplies neatly in your garage.
- 5. Freshen up:** Clean the windows, paint the front door and replace worn door-mats and screens.
- 6. Make sure it works:** Replace broken door bells, outdoor lighting and wobbly rails. ■

Six Tips for Saving for Your Down Payment

In recognition of American Housing Month, Bank of New Hampshire is offering tips to help consumers prepare for one of the first steps in the home buying process — saving for a down payment. Before transitioning from renter to home owner, potential buyers must typically save between 5 to 20 percent of the home's value for the down payment.

"Saving money for a down payment can be a challenge. Organizing your finances is the first step on the journey to owning your dream home," said Thomas Drouin, SVP – Chief Retail Lending & Operations Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. Bank of New Hampshire suggests the following tips to help save for a down payment:

- 1. Develop a budget & timeline.** Start by determining how much you'll need for a down payment. Create a budget and calculate how much you can realistically save each month — that will help you gauge when you'll be ready to transition from renter to homeowner.
- 2. Establish a separate savings account.** Set up a separate savings account exclusively for your down payment and make your monthly contributions automatic. By keeping this money separate, you'll be less likely to tap into it when you're tight on cash.
- 3. Shop around to reduce major monthly expenses.** It's a good idea to check rates for your car insurance, renter's insurance, health insurance, cable, internet or cell phone plan. There may be deals or promotions available that allow you to save hundreds of dollars by adjusting your contracts.
- 4. Monitor your spending.** With online banking, keeping an eye on your spending is easier than ever. Track where most of your discretionary income is going. Identify areas where you could cut back (e.g. nice meals out, vacations, etc.) and instead put that money into savings.
- 5. Look into state and local home-buying programs.** Many states, counties and local governments operate programs for first-time homebuyers. Some programs offer housing discounts, while others provide down payment loans or grants.
- 6. Celebrate savings milestones.** Saving enough for a down payment can be daunting. To avoid getting discouraged, break it up into smaller goals and reward yourself when you reach each one. If you need to save \$30,000 total, consider treating yourself to a nice meal every \$5,000 saved. This will help you stay motivated throughout the process. ■



CONCORD REGIONAL
VISITING NURSE
ASSOCIATION

July Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold a Senior Health Clinics on July 28, 9 a.m.–Noon at the VOANNE Senior Housing. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

July Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. The June clinics will be held Monday, July 6, 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, July 21, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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. ■

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Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes — June 1, 2015

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

In attendance:

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

Acceptance of minutes:

The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the April 6, 2015 meeting. *Molly moved to*

accept the minutes as proposed; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.

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

- News releases went out to six area newspapers at the beginning of last week for the Loudon Village Arts Show and Sale, which will take place on June 13 and 14. The LVA also placed a classified ad in the *Concord Monitor*.

- Our state representatives will be here to answer constituents' questions on June 20 in the meeting room.
- To hear about the Summer Reading Program, classes from the Loudon Elementary School will begin their annual visits on June 5. The library will also offer programs for teens and adults. Email outreach is being done to reach homeschooled children.
- There was a book sale on May 30. The next sale is set for June 27.

The Trustees reviewed the profit and loss statement. The Trustees anticipate coming under budget for the fiscal year. They will contact the Selectmen to set up a meeting to ask about encumbering funds from the general fund for projects that have not yet been completed.

The Trustees received a letter of retirement from Nancy Hendy. Her last day will be June 30, 2015. The Trustees reviewed the job description for Library Director that Alice wrote and will post on various online job sites. She also set up an email account for applicants to send resumes to. Fran Nash will act as interim director, if needed, and would be given a weekly stipend until the new Director is hired. This will compensate her for the extra work and responsibility.

Due to the low number of library users between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m., it was proposed that the library close at 7:30 and use those extra hours to be open on Mon-

days. The total hours that the library would be open would remain the same. The new hours would be:

Mondays 2–7:30 p. m.
Tuesdays 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 2–7:30 p. m.
Thursdays 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Meeting room users will still need to be in the building until 9 p.m., but the library staff would lock the front door and inner doors to keep people from going downstairs or into the main part of the library. The elevator, door to Children's Room, and foyer door to main library are all already equipped with locks. Meeting room contact people will need to be kept aware that they should turn down the thermostat and exit by the side door. *Ken moved to accept the new hours as proposed. Molly seconded. All were in favor. The hours will take effect on June 15, 2015.*

The Trustees decided to have an additional meeting scheduled for June 15 at 5 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment:

Molly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.; seconded by Ken. All were in favor.

Submitted by:
Ken Krzewick
Molly Ashland

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — June 4, 2105 (Draft)

Members present:

Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Chris Koufos

Absent:

Larry Stone (alternate)

Officers:

Cindy Shea — 2016 President
Chris D Koufos — 2016 Vice President
Carole Soule — 2017 Secretary
Larry Stone — Alternate, 2016
Bruce Dawson — 2017

Old Business

1. Minutes from May 7, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected
2. Website: www.loudonag.org
Bruce will correct the minutes on the Website from the May 7th meeting.

We should have links on the website to the farms that are listed on Loudon Map. Carole to follow up on Loudon Town Wikipedia page and to create an Instagram account for the Commission. Our hashtag is #loudonag. Do we want to provide free advertising on the website? Bruce to let Cindy know about ads.

Mother Earth News is accepting blogs for farming.

3. NEGFF: The grant from NEGFF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) final report was submitted.

Carole is continuing to research grants for the Commission.

4. The NH Agriculture Department approved \$350 to match funds we currently have.

Cindy has completed the paper work and will submit it to the NH Dept of Ag.

These workshops under consideration for this funding:

Grant writing for farmers — Carole has contacted USDA for dates. She will follow up.

Bee Keeping — Capital Area Bee Keepers declined, Cindy will continue to search including Merrimack County Bee Keepers

Chicken Processing — Free workshop scheduled for June 7, 2015. It was approved to spend \$10 on advertising.

Vegetable Gardening

Chicken Processing is a "Look and Learn" opportunity. Cindy will bring coffee, Carole will bring cider donuts.

5. Shaker Village was holding a free workshop on Friday, June 5th about flowers bees prefer.

6. We would like to get a draft copy of the Loudon Master Plan. Carole will ask the Planning Board for a copy to see if there are any agricultural references we should know about.

7. Cindy will submit an article about the chicken processing workshop to the *Loudon Ledger* for July. Carole will submit her farming column that was previously published in the *Concord Monitor*.

New Business

Participating in Old Home Days was discussed but was tabled until the July meeting.

The board asked that the agenda be sent out ahead of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on July 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — May 12, 2105

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

Also, present for Board of Permit: Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Rick Wright, Julie Robinson from Conservation Commission, Stan Prescott from the Planning Board, and Dave Powelson from the Zoning Board and Lance Houle Road Agent.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit and acknowledged Andy Nadeau from Horizons Engineering.

a. Mr. Nadeau explained that he is representing Liberty Utilities for a proposed gas line expansion project. He discussed three possible routes that are being considered for this project starting at the Josiah Bartlett Road intersection to Shaker Road. In discussing the location options, the following areas were referenced as areas that might be included in gas line project: the connection near Freedom Hill Cooperative to Riverview Lane, to the upslope of the Soucook River State Forrest, to Oak Hill Drive, to Oak Hill Road, to Shaker Brook, and Shaker Road; or to use the same general starting point and utilize Lesmerises Road, or to use a route along NH Route 106. Mr. Nadeau said that he is looking for input from the town boards to help determine the best possible option for all involved. Wetlands impact was discussed as well as the Soucook River State Forrest lands and the difficulty in permitting requirements. Mr.

Nadeau stated he felt that this would be a minor temporary impact project. He said that the field impacts and ditch line impacts are going to be reviewed next week. Julie Robinson asked what the depth of the riverbed at the Soucook River was and Mr. Nadeau indicated he did not have that information with him this evening but it would be researched. Stanley Prescott asked about utilizing the existing line that goes under Wales Bridge. Mr. Nadeau said that would also be a possibility and it was stated that the existing line is a distribution line not a transmission which is a high-pressure line. Bob Fiske asked about the maintenance work done on School Street, and asked if the new project gas lines were going to look like the gas lines on School Street as he did not like the way they looked. He also asked about the results of the last test done on the lines. Mr. Nadeau said he would need to research that information. Rick Wright asked about suspending the gas line and not using the riverbed. Mr. Nadeau said they are trying to go away from suspending the lines under bridges nowadays. Selectman Ives asked if this would be a transmission line and not a distribution line. He also inquired about the current customers keeping connected to this service during construction. Mr. Nadeau said they did not think Liberty Utilities planned to decommission the existing line until the project was complete. Mr. Prescott said he thought there should be a presentation at the Planning Board meeting to give other board members information as well as give an opportunity for residents to express their concerns and ideas. Chairman

Selectmen — cont. on 24

New Library Hours! Make a Note

Mondays 2–7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 2–7:30 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.



Selectmen — cont. from 23

Bowles asked if there would be a public hearing for residents before the route was selected. Mr. Nadeau said once the route is selected the plan goes to the Public Utilities Commission then they may have public hearings. He said that he is before the board members tonight as a courtesy. Mr. Nadeau went on to say that when permits are completed for this project, the town would be notified as they are a “stakeholder” in this project. Mike Harris of Lower Ridge Road was acknowledged from the audience and asked if there was any actual advantage for the Town of Loudon to move forward with this project. Mr. Nadeau stated that this is a distribution line and it serves many residents and businesses in Loudon. Mr. Harris went on to ask if there could be a partnership in all the parties involved in this project to create a bike and walking path along NH Route 106. Mr. Nadeau said he could ask.

It was discussed that it would be beneficial for Mr. Nadeau to meet with the Planning Board and agreed that the May meeting would not allow sufficient time to post notices and therefore Mr. Nadeau should attend the June meeting. Chairman Bowles stated that this would give time to post notices around and to be included in the advertisement. It was stated that the board members wanted the residents to be able to have input before the actual route was decided on.

b. Bob Fiske presented three hawker and peddler applications for review and approval. The first one is for the Ivory Rose and is the same as last year. All requirements are in place. The second is for Dudley’s Ice Cream and is the same as last year with all required documents. The third is for Loudon Food Pantry. All agreed they were ok for approval.

c. Chairman Bowles stated that Michael Harris wanted to speak to the Board of Permit. Members were polled to see if they wished to hear Mr. Harris. The consensus is that Mr. Harris can speak but needs to keep it to 3 minutes. Mr. Harris discussed his concerns with general permitting within the Town of Loudon. He referenced the approval for the Boy Scout Jamboree to be held at the Track in October. Mr. Harris stated that with each approval the track is given to hold an event, it is allowing them to become a multi-event multi-season business and a burden to Loudon residents. Chairman Bowles thanked Mr. Harris and stated that the Board will take his comments under advisement at this time.

The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske presented the Board with a letter from Ossippe Mountain Electronics regarding the work on the camera system.

Chief Fiske presented a copy of the Building Permit list.

Chief Fiske presented a copy of a letter received to go in to Officer Martel’s personnel file.

Mr. Fiske congratulated Selectman Krieger on his promotion at the Sheriff’s Office.

Chief Fiske asked the Board if the cemetery would be taken care of by the Memorial Day Parade. The Board stated that it would be cleaned up.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle advised the Board that the culvert on Village Road has been replaced and the one on Lower Ridge Road would be completed on Wednesday. He also advised the Board of the Youngs Hill Road culvert being plugged by the beavers.

Mr. Houle advised the Board that one truck was brought to Winnepesaukee Truck Service for work and the transmission did not need to be pulled as originally thought.

Mr. Houle advised the Board that he has obtained a cost of \$2,600.00 for the replacement of two basins and to extend the culvert on Lovejoy Road. He also stated that the sweeper would be in town on Wednesday.

Selectman Ives suggested that the fire department might be able to blow out culverts if needed.

Selectman Bowles stated that he had spoken with Mac at North Country Tractor and the mower should be here by Friday.

Selectman Ives stated that Mr. Houle was doing a good job

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright discussed the work being done at Station 1 due to the water damage. He acknowledged that the insurance adjuster has contacted the insurance company to process the claim.

Chief Wright stated that the eyebrow work at Station 2 has been completed by Bob Mallat.

Chief Wright advised the Board that he has contacted Union Flag Company to order the replacement lock latch for the flag at the War Memorial. Roger Maxfield was able to provide the contact information for this process.

Chief Wright advised the Board that the new Aerial Ladder Tower truck was in service as of Monday. The truck still needs a few items but is available if needed. He said the drivers of the truck have attended the training and continue to train. Chief Wright stated that he would be setting up a meeting with Franklin Fire Chief to do set up training as they are familiar with this truck and are a great resource for Loudon.

Chief Wright stated that Rich Maltais has started fulltime and is doing a good job.

Chief Wright advised the Board that the department had held a joint CPR/AED class with employees of Harry O Electric and Sandborn Mill Farm. He said many people received their certification. He went on to state that they held Fire Extinguisher trainings for Penny Press, NHMS, Meadow Ledge Greenhouse, and Sanborn Mill Farm in late April and wanted to let other businesses know that this training is available if needed.

Chief Wright advised the Board that Loudon had assisted with eight mutual aid

calls last week. He also stated that the Forestry Truck broke down on the way to Northfield and J & D Towing towed it back with no charge to the Town. Chief Wright said the radiator and thermostat needed to be replaced and the vehicle was back in service by Thursday.

Chief Wright stated that Station 1 has new yellow lines for assistance with parking the vehicles as well as turn points marked in the parking lot.

Chief Wright stated that Bonnie Theriault started last Friday at the Fire Department on Friday and it went well. It was discussed that there is plenty to keep her busy.

Chief Wright advised the Board that he had a personnel issue to discuss.

Selectman Krieger moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:58 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Krieger moved to come out of non-public session at 7:12 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years due to the discussion pertaining to the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Ken Roketenetz, President and Linda Nelson, Treasurer of Presidential Pines Cooperative Mobile Home Park.

Mr. Roketenetz explained that the park has received two abandoned units and they are looking to remove the units out of the park as soon as possible. They stated that there are past due taxes on these properties and wanted to ask if the Board would consider abating or reducing the taxes. The Board discussed the two units that are Town owned in this mobile home park in regards to possibly combining the removal of these two units with the two units that the park owns. As soon as there is more information available, someone from Presidential Pines will contact Office Manager Brenda Pearl with contact information for the company considering to remove the units. The Board stated that they will look into the request to reduce or abate the taxes but want to research the current status before making a decision.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from the American Legion Post 88 regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2015 beginning at 9:00 AM. This parade will begin at the parking lot of the former American Legion property on South Village Road and will proceed to the Cemetery behind the Loudon Congregational Church on Church Street. The Merrimack Valley High School Band will be in attendance and there will be golf carts for those with walking issues. The American Legion Post requested assistance from the Loudon Police and Fire Departments with closing down South Village Road and also for the presence of the Loudon Rescue for any possible medical issues. This memo also requested the attendance of the Selectmen to be included in the parade if possible. The Board agreed that all of the requests in this memo were granted. The Board stated that they had approved the payment of the \$500.00 fee to obtain the Merrimack Valley High School Band a while back for this purpose.

The Board received a reminder of the MVSD May 2015 invoice in the amount of \$662,830.23.

The Board received a copy of letter from Flynn, Riedel & Young, Inc. regarding Insurance Claim at Station 1 and stated that this is the insurance issue that was addressed with Chief Wright earlier.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Brenda Pearl regarding three Tax Deeded properties. The Board received an inquiry from one of the former property owners as to what the last possible date would be for them to repurchase their property. The Board stated that Town Counsel advised the Board that she would need to go to the auction at this point. It was stated that a police detail will be part of the auction. The auction is scheduled for June 6, 2015.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske regarding Tax Map 032, Lot 004 — Brown Revoc. Trust property for review.

The Board received the April 2015 Property Transfer list for review.

The Board received the Agricultural Commission meeting minutes of April 2, 2015 for review.

The Board received the Library Trustees meeting minutes of April 6, 2015 for review.

The Board received notification from UNH Cooperative Extension — Tree and Shrub Pruning Demo on May 23, 2015.

Chairman Bowles stated that the Freewill Baptist Church submitted a letter requesting permission to place a banner at the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church for their Church Fair. The Board agreed it the banner could be displayed.

Chairman Bowles read the following into the record: We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon, NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.

Selectman Krieger read the Tax Collector’s Warrant into the record and moved 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 Five Million Five Hundred Forty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$5,540,291.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from July 2, 2015 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer’s designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Twelfth day of May in 2015. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles thanked the Police and Fire Departments for handling an issue on Monday in a very professional manner on Ring Road. The family asked that Chairman Bowles forward their appreciation for the assistance they received from those present.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — May 19, 2105

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

Also present: Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske and Corporal Kristoffer Burgess.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 12, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

Chief Fiske introduced Tom Hebert to the Board. Chief Fiske explained that Mr. Hebert has been through the hiring process and an extensive background check. Chief Fiske asked that Mr. Hebert be appointed to the department as a fulltime police officer. Chief Fiske said that he is certified and requested that he start at \$20.80 per hour. *Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Thomas Hebert as a fulltime patrolman for the town of Loudon effective May 19, 2015 at a pay rate of \$20.80 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Ives made motions to appoint special police officers according to a list submitted by the Police Chief Robert Fiske effective June 19–21, 2015, July 11–20, 2015 and September 19–28, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Fiske explained that he expects a building permit application for a lot on Kenney road that has a special exception to put a driveway in the 47' right of way. He asked if it was all set. Chairman Bowles said yes.

Chief Fiske brought to the Board's attention information from Miles Smith Farm regarding three events. Chairman Bowles said he doesn't want to discourage it because it's good for the community but it used to be only once a year. Selectman Ives suggested that it might be time to send them to the Planning Board; this might be more than just farm use. Chairman Bowles said with vendors it might be a hawker and peddler issue. Selectman Krieger read that they expect 300 cars with 800–1,000 people at each of the three events and they'll have music. Selectman Krieger said he thinks they have gone beyond just being a farm; it would be in their best interest and the town's as well for them to see someone. Chairman Bowles agreed that they should see the Planning Board. Selectman Krieger said the people that live on the road should be taken into consideration when it comes to the traffic being brought onto the road.

Chief Fiske will contact the farm and ask them to get in touch with the Planning Board.

The Board met with Loudon Resident George Page.

Mr. Page said he lives at 140 Berry Road, Loudon. He said he wanted to discuss the turnaround at the end of Berry Road. Mr. Page said a police officer showed up at his door the other day telling him to keep off the property. Mr. Page explained that he uses the turnaround about twice a year. Mr. Page said it's been trenched off so nobody can use it; including fuel trucks and people coming in with their trailers next weekend. He said the town has maintained it, upgraded it, and put drainage in it for the last 40 years. Mr. Page said he wants this clarified because he doesn't want a police officer knocking on his door again. Selectman Krieger said he would have to look into it more. Selectman Ives said he knows they have done work to it and they use it when plowing. Mr. Page explained that the landowner hasn't changed but there is a new tenant. Selectman Ives suggested that a letter be written to the landowner clarifying the use. Mr. Page said they don't need people backing down the road because they can't turn around; it's a safety issue. The Board will get a letter to the landowner and contact Mr. Page when they have clarification.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Flynn, Riedel & Young, Inc. regarding an insurance claim at Fire Station 1 for the ice and water damage from the winter.

The Board received a request from the Clough Pond Association, for reimbursement of funds spent on the sign project at Clough Pond.

The Board received an abutter notice for the three tax deeded properties that are going to auction on June 6, 2015.

The Board received an invitation from Betsy Bosiak to the next meeting of the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association. The meeting is to be held Thursday, May 28, 2015.

The Board received an email regarding the Happy Trail Dog Park of the Lakes Region.

The Board received notice from NHMA on a Right-to-Know Law seminar on June 11, 2015 to be held in Salisbury.

The Board received a propane quote from Huckleberry Propane & Oil, LLC. The Board discussed the quote and decided to be

fair they will put the propane out for additional bids.

The Board received the following reminders.

Thursday, May 21, 2015, the Highway crew will be attending Mountain of Demo's.

Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. is the Planning Board meeting.

Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. is the Memorial Day Parade.

Selectman Krieger said he has Crimeline signs. He asked the Board if they would consider donating \$100.00 to the Crimeline Golf Tournament. Selectman Ives asked where the tournament is. Selectman Krieger said it is at Beaver Meadow in Concord. Selectman Ives said the Crimeline gives

money for crime tips. Selectman Krieger explained that it is self-funded. He explained that they raise most of their money through this golf tournament. Selectman Krieger said Loudon has benefited from the Crimeline. Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives agreed that \$100.00 will be donated to Crimeline.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — May 26, 2105

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

Also present: Library Trustee Alice Tuson

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

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 19, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a MVSD School Board vacancy notice, Loudon resident Troy Cowen is stepping down. They are looking for a Loudon resident to fill a spot until the next election. Selectman Ives asked that the notice be posted on the town website and in the town office.

The Board received the draft Lovejoy Road paving proposal information for

review and comment. The Board agreed that the proposal will go out as written to three paving companies they have worked with in the past.

The Board received the draft request for propane proposals for review and comment. The Board approved the notice as written and agreed that it will go in the *Concord Monitor*.

The Board received the ESMI 1st Quarter 2015 Host Community Fee report.

The Board received an email from Kathy Whedon of Greenview Drive regarding an update on the status of Comcast installation for Greenview Drive residents. She explained that she is still working with Comcast and they believe they have enough households to meet the minimum. They still

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are trying to find out if the road was built with conduit.

The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

The Board received the following reminder.

Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. is the Zoning Board meeting.

Chairman Bowles extended his thanks to the participants and those that attended the Memorial Day parade. He said it went very well.

Selectman Krieger moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:18 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Krieger moved to come out of non-public session at 6:22 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Krieger made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Ives — yes; Krieger — yes; Bowles — yes. Motion carries.

The Board met with Library Trustees Alice Tuson and Molly Ashland.

Ms. Ashland explained that Nancy Hendy is retiring effective June 30, 2015. Selectman Ives asked how long Mrs. Hendy has been at the library. Ms. Tuson said Mrs. Hendy has been there since 1986 and has been a great asset to the library.

Ms. Ashland said they are just starting the process of hiring a new librarian. She said they are working on the job description to get it online. Ms. Tuson said ideally they would have someone hired to start July 1st but if not Fran will act as interim director. Selectman Ives asked if Mrs. Hendy will still be in the area, it would be nice if she is available to answer any questions that the new director might have. Ms. Ashland said she will still be around and is very willing to come in or take a phone call if there are questions.

Chairman Bowles said the Board appreciates the Trustee's keeping them informed as to what is going on.

Ms. Tuson explained that they have a quote from an electrician to fix the outside light at the library. The work should be completed this week.

Selectman Ives asked if the library will be forming a committee to hire the new director. Ms. Ashland said it will be the trustee's and the alternate that interview and hire the new director.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — June 2, 2105

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

Also present: Road Agent Lance Houle.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle stated that he had met with representatives of both Pike Industries, and Advanced Paving regarding the paving bid for Lovejoy Road. He has not met with Continental Paving yet but they have until June 12, 2015 for the deadline. Mr. Houle went on to say that he had also done site visits to Piper Hill Road and looked at the area for the patching project and feels that it would cost more in the long run to spend the \$13,000.00 to patch the section of road, than it would to do the project properly. Mr. Houle discussed the Impact Fee money for District A, as Piper Hill Road is part of District A and there is \$76,054.90 available for road improvements. The Board discussed with Mr. Houle the options and costs associated with grinding, adding stone, removing large rocks, compacting, putting down a binder, and waiting a few years to place the topcoat. The Board agreed that the best option for Piper Hill Road was to do this section properly and in a few years, the topcoat could be placed with hopes that the entire paved section of road could be upgraded. Mr. Houle will check to see if the winter binder would add to the cost for the project. It was also discussed, if the entire cost of this current project should be withdrawn from the Impact Fee funds for District A or if the \$13,000.00 currently allotted for the patching project for Piper Hill Road should be used as well. Mr. Houle stated the cost figures he has are estimates and he expects the upgrade to cost approximately \$42,450.00. The Board agreed that Mr. Houle would need to keep the invoices for this project and they agreed to this project at a cost up to \$45,000.00 with the funds to come from District A Impact Fees. Steve Jakubowski was recognized from the audience. He asked when this project would start. Mr. Houle stated he wanted to be adding gravel by the end of this month. Mr. Houle asked the Board if they wanted him to find out if the contractor that will be awarded the Lovejoy Road paving bid would consider the Piper Hill Road project. It was stated that past road projects have come with a per ton price for other small paving projects done each year. Mr. Houle will talk with the paving companies.

Mr. Houle advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been out grading and adding magnesium to the dirt roads.

Selectman Ives stated that Mr. Houle was doing a good job. The Board agreed.

The Board met with Eagle Scout James Dunbar regarding his Eagle Scout Project.

Mr. Dunbar updated the Board on his proposed cemetery clean-up project. He showed the Selectmen his project book showing scaled drawings and information pages to outline the projects schedule. Mr. Dunbar advised the Board that he needed an authorized representative from the Town of Loudon to sign his project documents giving Mr. Dunbar permission to hold fundraisers to earn money to purchase supplies for the cemetery project and needed to have someone listed as the Beneficiary Representative. Mr. Dunbar advised the Board that he would be meeting with the Eagle Project Review Board for project approval on June 14, 2015. If everything is approved, Mr. Dunbar felt he would be able to start this project in September and it should be finished by mid October. He said he would be talking with Arthur Colby regarding the placement of the kiosk that will be installed inside the fence. The Board thanked Mr. Dunbar for his efforts.

The Board met with Maxfield Public Library Trustees Alice Tuson, Molly Ashland, and Herb Huckins.

Mrs. Tuson stated that the Library Trustees have reviewed their financial statements and they feel that the library may be under budget at the end of this fiscal year. She stated that the Trustees were here to see if the Board would agree to allow the Trustees to encumber funds. Selectman Krieger asked the reason for encumbering funds. Mr. Huckins stated that there have been a few projects that have not been completed at the library, and the Trustees may hire Nancy Hendy to work with the new Library Director on a part-time basis for training. The Board stated that payroll and salary funds could not be encumbered; however, funds for projects like the painting contract and such could be encumbered. Chairman Bowles advised the Trustees that the process to encumber funds is to provide the written information to the Selectmen's Office as soon as possible, or before the end of the fiscal year, for any projects they are looking to encumber funds. Selectman Ives recommended that the Trustees contact Office Manager Brenda Pearl to discuss the specifics of encumbering funds. Selectman Krieger cautioned the Trustees to try to stay within the appropriated wage lines. Mrs. Tuson stated that there are still funds within their budget for part-time wages. She said that since the fiscal year ends on June 30th and Mrs. Hendy's last day is June 30th, the Trustees are going to need to have Mrs. Hendy generate the fiscal year end reports that are due. This will mean that they will have to pay Mrs. Hendy out of part-time

wages for the time she spends on finishing up the reports. Mrs. Ashland discussed the repairs that have been put off until now. Selectman Ives stated that the request to encumber funds would be needed within the next few weeks but that does not mean that the work has to be completed by then. Mrs. Tuson stated that she has posted the job description for the Library Director in a few places. The Board thanked the Trustees for their efforts.

The Board recognized David Steele from the audience.

Mr. Steele stated that he heard rumors so he came to the source of who the rumors concern. He said he heard Steve Bennett will be retiring sometime this summer and Selectman Bowles would be replacing him. He asked if the Board has discussed this. Chairman Bowles stated they have nothing official at this point, he believes they will be contacted within the next month. Mr. Steele said he assumes they have discussed it. Chairman Bowles said they are aware of it. Selectman Ives stated he has never talked with him about retiring. Mr. Steele said the rumor is that Chairman Bowles will take the position to replace Mr. Bennett. Selectman Ives said he does not want to comment on rumors. Mr. Steele stated that Mr. Bennett told Mrs. Steele that Chairman Bowles would be replacing him when he retired. Mr. Steele said he's heard it around town and it's frustrating to hear stuff like this and it doesn't look appropriate. Selectman Ives said that is why he doesn't want to comment on a rumor. Mr. Steele asked what their plan is to post Mr. Bennett's position. Chairman Bowles stated that they can't post anything until they have an official resignation from Mr. Bennett; they certainly aren't going to put something out before that. He said at that time they will make a decision as a Board how they will move forward with it. The question was asked if the town has a standard operation procedure as to how to fill these positions. Selectman Krieger said the town has relied on them to hire and fire. Mr. Steele asked if the position will be full-time. Chairman Bowles said it has been for many years. Selectman Ives pointed out that there are actually two fulltime employees at the Transfer Station now.

Mr. Steele inquired about the status of the trash haulers going in to the Transfer Station on days that it is closed. The Board stated that this issue has been resolved and locks have been changed.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Steele where these rumors are coming from. Mr. Steele said people in general conversations, and he spoke to someone on the road crew. Select-

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man Ives suggested that people with basically no knowledge are spreading rumors. Selectman Krieger said that when and if they receive a resignation from Mr. Bennett the position will be posted and may the best person win. Mr. Steele said if hypothetically that person is Chairman Bowles then the other two Selectmen would have to make the decision to appoint another Selectman. Selectman Ives said if Chairman Bowles name is in the mix he would not be involved in any of it. Selectman Ives stated that if this happens none of it would be behind closed doors it will be done straightforward and above board. Mr. Steele said this has been going around for awhile now he's just trying to quell rumors. Selectman Krieger said that he doesn't like to talk about it too much yet because Mr. Bennett hasn't come to him and talked about it.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of Expenditure Reports for review.

The Board received information from George Sansoucy regarding the 2014 abatement applications for Eversource Energy and Fairpoint.

The Board received information from the Library Trustees regarding the Library Director Job description.

The Board received a copy of the 2015–2017 NH Retirement System employer contribution rates.

The Board received information regarding the 2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and a check for fire suppression equipment in the amount of \$2,000.00.

The Board received a check from Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recycling Center in the amount of \$54,843.00 as payment for 2014 Phase II PMC.

The Board received a request from Old Home Day Committee for the \$2,500.00 allocated for fireworks.

The Board received a request from Old Home Day Committee to put the Chili

Cook-off notice up in the lobby at the Town Office.

The Board received a copy of the April 23, 2015 ZBA minutes.

The Board received the following reminders.

Thursday, June 4, 2015–7:15 pm is a Scholarship Committee Meeting.

Saturday, June 6, 2015 is the tax deeded property auction starting at 9:00 a.m. Selectman Krieger stated that he would be attending the auction. *Selectman Ives moved to appoint Selectman Robert Krieger to be the representative of the Board of Selectmen in the decision making process in the sale of tax deeded properties on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

Monday, June 8, 2015 is the MVSD reception at 6:00 p.m. and awards at 7:00 p.m. Selectman Krieger stated that he and Jim McNeil would be presenting the 2015 High School Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships this year.

Mr. Steve Jakubowski asked the Board if there were procedures in place for the hiring process. He explained the benefits of having a written procedure. The Board thanked Mr. Jakubowski for his input.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Next Loudon Ledger**Deadline:****July 17, 2015****For the August****2015 Issue****Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — June 9, 2105**

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

Present for Board of permit: Fire Chief Wright, Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Zoning Board member Ned Lizotte, and Planning Board member Stanley Prescott.

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

Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 2, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened Board of Permit.

Mr. Fiske provided the Board with a copy of the July schedule of events for NHMS. The Board discussed having sent a letter to the Track in the past, indicating that the live band performances must end at 10:00 p.m. The schedule provided indicates 11:00 p.m. ending for band performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. Mr. Fiske stated that he is concerned for the neighbors. The Board agreed a letter would be sent to the Track. Selectman Krieger stated that he felt the last line of the letter referencing handling the policing of the events should be addressed with NHMS; the Police Chief should be the one to set the police presence.

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with the letter of intent for the motorcycle demo ride event this year during motorcycle week. It was stated that the route would be NH Route 106, right on to Loudon Ridge Road to Lower Ridge Road back on to NH Route

106 and back to the track property. Mr. Fiske indicated that the event would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 18–20, 2015. Chairman Bowles stated he has had people inquire if the route would be utilizing Lower Ridge Road again. Mr. Fiske stated that they had an officer on the Ridge as much as possible last year keeping an eye on the riders. He stated that the organization is responsible for having their own spotters. Chairman Bowles stated that there hadn't been any major catastrophes in the past. Mr. Fiske stated that was correct. It was stated, there are some neighbors that are not happy with this event. It was agreed that this was the safest route for this event.

Mr. Fiske stated that the Cystic Fibrosis Ride would be this weekend, June 12–14. He stated that the NH Fish and Game license is all set. Mr. Fiske discussed the Class VI Road near Sanborn Road and the gate that is now there. There was discussion regarding gates and bars and what the RSA states. Mr. Fiske will research the RSA regarding gates and bars and will let the Board know his findings.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that he had been to court today regarding Jack Shaver and his trash hauling and recycling business not following the requirements of a hauler. He said that this had been a court issue for the past three years and Mr. Shaver is not following any of the restrictions set forth. Mr. Fiske asked if the Board would be in agreement with requiring Mr. Shaver to go back to the Planning Board for review of his business approval. Mr. Prescott said Mr.

Fiske could have Mr. Shaver come before the Planning Board but that he thought it was a code enforcement issue. He stated that if Mr. Shaver was permitted for "A and B" but was doing "A, B, and C," Mr. Fiske should issue a cease and desist to Mr. Shaver and the Board would look into this issue.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit.

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that the Loudon Police Association gave out three Scholarships at the MV Senior Awards night on Monday, June 8, 2015.

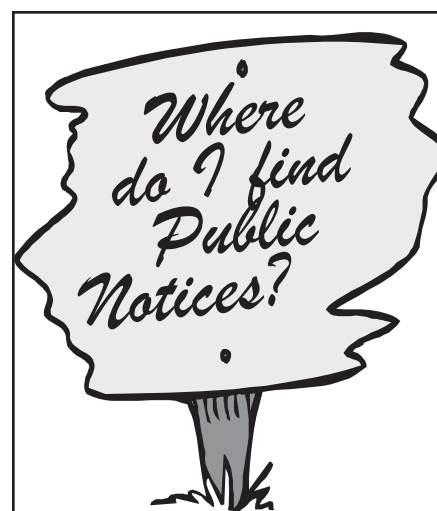
Mr. Fiske stated that Mrs. Masterson of Loudon Elementary School had sent a nice Email regarding the LPD and Dispatcher Janice Morin's social media announcements during the Thanksgiving 2014 storm.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, and part-time Code Enforcement Secretary Donna White.

Mr. Fiske stated that Mrs. White and Ms. Morin discussed adjusting the hours that Mrs. White would be working in the Code Enforcement Office to Monday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Thursday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mrs. White stated that originally, Ms. Morin wanted coverage in the Code Enforcement Office from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, however those hours would take too much time out of Mrs. White's hours in the Planning/Zoning Office. Mrs. White said that Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow stated that the construction business is starting to pick up and

he feels that not only will the Planning/Zoning Office get busier but that the Code Enforcement Office will as well. Mrs. White went on to say that due to deadlines within her Planning /Zoning Office, she has agreed to more hours on Tuesday at Code Enforcement because she has deadlines for Planning/Zoning on Wednesday's and the current hours have already created an issue for the deadline. Mrs. White went on to say that Mr. Dow also indicated that he would like to see that if the hours are changed, that they become set hours and do not keep changing as it will add to the confusion. Mrs. White indicated that the time that she is at the Code Enforcement Office she finds that she is doing more police related duties than she is doing code enforcement. She said that while she is ok with doing what needs to be done, she wasn't sure if the whole plan needed to be revisited regarding the hours needed for code enforcement duties again. Selectman Krieger asked Mrs. White if she was comfortable with handling the duties on the Police Department side. Mrs. White stated that she has not learned the police side and currently is not comfortable with the police related duties of that office. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. Fiske if the employees previously in the position Mrs. White is currently in helped with both the code enforcement and police side. Mr. Fiske stated that previous employees did help with both sides on occasion. Selectman Ives stated that he had an issue with the fact that Mrs. White was placed over in the Code Enforcement Office, not the Police Department. Mrs. White stated that she had no problem with helping with the administra-

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tive duties of the Police Department but not comfortable with getting more involved in police duties. Mr. Fiske stated that Mrs. White is very efficient with copying, filing, etc., and that there is a lot of down time in the Code Enforcement Office. He said that she is asked to help with both offices as needed. Mr. Fiske stated that with the race coming up and the three weeks of vacation time available for the fulltime position, the part-time secretary has helped with covering the police side duties in the past. Selectman Krieger stated that Mrs. White has always been willing to jump in where needed to help. Selectman Ives stated that he did not have a problem with the new hours as long as Planning/Zoning Offices are not having a problem with these new hours. He went on to say as long as Mrs. White's duties are copying, filing, etc. and she is comfortable with the job, he is ok with her helping out with the police office duties as long as the position does not become more about the police side than the code side. Mrs. White stated that she was not comfortable answering the police phone but had no problem with helping with the non-emergency duties. Mr. Fiske stated that any help Mrs. White gives in the police side is a great help. Selectman Krieger said the worst thing the Board could do would be to ask Mrs. White to do the police duties if she were not comfortable doing it and asked if having Mrs. White in the position was working out. Mr. Fiske stated that he and Ms. Morin were agreeable to having Mrs. White in the position. Selectman Krieger stated his concern about the possibility of the Planning/Zoning offices getting busier and Mrs. White having to cut back on code/police hours. He said that maybe it would make sense to train someone else for that position if there's a chance Mrs. White might have to cut back on those hours in the future. Mrs. White said that she wasn't trying to talk herself out of a job but that she was wondering if she was the right fit for the position. Selectman Krieger said that Mrs. Theriault is helping the Fire Chief one day per week, and understands that there's enough work to keep her busy more than one day per week. He said that the Highway Department has an increase in paperwork, and he doesn't feel there is an issue with a lack of work available to keep Mrs. White on fulltime. He went on to say that maybe people are not in the right spot currently. Alicia Kingsbury was acknowledged from the audience. She asked if it were decided that the second position for police/code duties was not needed. Selectman Krieger said the Board is trying to utilize personnel to keep from laying anyone off. Chairman Bowles said originally, that position was presented as a code enforcement position and now we are seeing the need for the police side. Selectman Ives stated that the current plan is for Mrs. White to start working the agreed upon hours, and in 6 months if there are changes that need to be addressed, then the Board

will review the situation at that time. He stated that he would rather see the utilization of current employees than to create a new position to help keep the burden off the taxpayers. It was agreed that the new hours would be effective starting on Monday, June 15, 2015. Chairman Bowles stated if anything needed to change, the Board would need to be notified.

The Board met with Fire Chief Wright.

Chief Wright advised the Board that the rooms at Station 1 with winter flooding damage have been 95% repaired and they will be moving the offices back in a day or two. He stated that Kim Bean has donated all of the work at a cost of \$1,450.00.

Chief Wright thanked the Road Agent and Highway Crew for the installation of the Knox-Box at the Transfer Station.

Chief Wright advised the Board of the special operator driver training for the new Arial Truck with the Deputy Chief of Franklin and members of the Franklin Fire Department. Selectman Ives said he heard the training was well attended. Chief Wright discussed some of the training events that took place.

Chief Wright advised the Board that all but one of the sixteen dry hydrants are now set with the 6" fitting needed for connection to the trucks. He said the one dry hydrant not updated is on Oak Hill Road and this one will be done next. Selectman Ives asked if cisterns were included in this figure. Chief Wright stated that it did not include the seven cisterns in Loudon.

Chief Wright stated that if the Road Agent wanted the dump body off the 1-ton truck, now would be a good time to get it.

Selectman Krieger moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:52 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 7:10 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Motion carries.

The Board met with Ken Roketenetz of Presidential Pines Co-Op regarding the removal of the mobile home units in their park. Mr. Roketenetz will forward some additional information via email to the Selectmen's Office regarding other quotes he has received. The Board discussed possibly moving the outbuilding at one of the town owned mobile homes and bringing it to the Transfer Station for storing batteries. Discussion began regarding obtaining additional information and moving forward. The Board will take this under advisement until they receive the additional information to review. Selectman Krieger inquired about the reducing or stopping the monthly lot

rent being charged. Mr. Roketenetz will bring up this request at the next Co-op meeting.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a revised contract with Higgins for the photo ID machine in the amount of \$250.00 for the year. *Selectman Krieger moved to enter into the contract with Higgins on proposal #P104881 in the amount of \$275.00 for the maintenance of the ID printer. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a letter (forward from Chief Wright) from NH DOT inquiring if Loudon would be doing any projects in the area of Pittsfield Road that might affect DOT's paving schedule. The Board will check with Road Agent Lance Houle to be sure there are no projects in this area.

The Board received an estimate for lighting at the Transfer Station from Powerbuilt to put florescent lights in the storage area built last fall. Selectman Krieger stated he would like to see more than one estimate for this project. Chairman Bowles will have Steve Bennett obtain other quotes.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District 2015–2016 assessment for Loudon for review. Selectman Krieger stated that the payment would be \$40,000.00 more per month for Loudon's portion. Chairman Bowles stated the full monthly assessment amount is \$722,040.64.

The Board received information from Upton & Hatfield regarding Fairpoint Tax Abatement Representation for review and comment. The Board will contact Attorney Mayer for input prior to making any decisions.

The Board received an estimate from Central NH Trailers for review and approval. Chairman Bowles stated this is for the mower that was approved at Town Meeting. Discussion began regarding the dimensions and space constraints.

The Board received new driver certification information from the J.O. Cate Van for review.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for April and May 2015.

The Board received the Agricultural Commission Minutes of May 7, 2015.

The Board received a copy of the Comcast Connections newsletter.

The Board received a copy of the 2015 Knowing the Territory.

The Board received the following reminders.

Thursday, June 11th at 1:15 p.m. is a TCP Meeting.

Thursday, June 11th at 4:00 p.m.; Propane Bids are due.

Friday, June 12th; College Scholarship Applications are due.

Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. is the Merrimack Valley High School Graduation.

Selectman Ives asked if the Merrimack Valley School Board had indicated if they have chosen a candidate for the Loudon School Board representative. Chairman Bowles said there were five people that notified the School Board that they were interested in the vacant position. He said he thought that the School Board members were going to review the information at their next meeting.

A member of the audience advised the Board that the RSA relative to gates and bars is RSA 231:121-a and read the overview for those present.

Selectman Krieger congratulated all the Merrimack Valley High School Seniors graduating this weekend. He stated he hoped that they all prosper in their future endeavors. Chairman Bowles stated he hoped that they all stay safe.

Selectman Ives thanked Jim McNeil and Selectman Krieger for presenting the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships at the MV Awards Ceremony. Chairman Bowles agreed. The Board thanked the Scholarship Committee Members for their efforts. Roger Maxfield inquired about the amount of scholarships awarded. It was stated that there were 16 MV students and 1 from Bishop Brady, 1 from Trinity Christian School, and 1 from Concord Christian School. Selectman Ives indicated that the amount awarded was \$63,500.00.

Alicia Kingsbury was acknowledged from the audience regarding the closing date for the homes that were sold at auction. The Board advised Ms. Kingsbury that the process is moving forward and they hope to have the closing as quickly as possible.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — May 21, 2105

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

Attendance:

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

Rob Buzzell represented the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

April 16, 2015 Meeting with CNHRPC — Bob Cole made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunderson. Alice Tuson noted a typographical error in the 4th bullet; Donna will correct. All were in favor.

April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting — Henry Huntington made a motion to accept

the minutes as written; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Dick Berggren, New England Motor Sports Museum — Mr. Berggren handed out copies of a book recently published by the group, A History of Auto Racing in New England, and a packet of information on the proposed museum project. He explained that they have twenty-five on the Board of Directors and approximately four hundred members. Mr. Berggren explained that the group also looked at NE Dragway who wanted the museum there, but it was agreed that Loudon was the best location. He said they have a ninety year lease, \$1 per year, with NHMS. He feels the museum will be good for the town and surrounding area. Mr.

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Berggren said there is a lot of great history, and they want to invite school children to the museum to learn more about racing. Mr. Berggren said the Board of Directors is not taking any compensation for their time; some have received reimbursement for related expenses. The group, which has received its 501(c)3 status, has raised approximately \$600,000 so far. They have an architect; the land has been surveyed; they have paid liability insurance on it, and they would like to break ground in September during the race weekend. He said they will not build until they can do the entire project. Mr. Berggren explained that the lease is for 2.66 acres of a larger parcel owned by NHMS; the building would be 10,000 sf to start, with the possibility of an additional 10,000 sf in the future. He said he would like the Planning Board to allow them to go ahead without doing a subdivision of that section.

George Saunderson asked if the group was planning to enter into a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program with the town since it is a non-profit organization and would be exempt from property taxes. Mr. Berggren explained that a museum like this will not generate a profit as they depend on donations and admissions. He said they could consider such a program if they find themselves in a position to do so. Alice Tuson asked about hours of operation. Mr. Berggren said it would be principally weekends. They would probably be open more during the Gift of Lights and major race events at NHMS.

Chairman Dow stated that the town attorney was contacted for his opinion relative to the question of subdividing so the Board would know how best to proceed. There was discussion of the subdivision and site plan process; it was agreed that the area being leased should be subdivided.

Rich Poirier, Del Gilbert site — Mr. Poirier explained that he currently owns Laconia Oil and is looking at the site on Shaker Road as a potential bulk plant. Mr. Buzzell, through his employer, is working with Mr. Poirier during the planning process. Mr. Poirier said the lot is vacant but the three tanks approved for the Gilbert project are in place. Mr. Poirier stated that he has five trucks; he also sells pellets and does service, providing customer service which bigger companies might not offer. He said he felt it is important to get information before pursuing the proposal with the current owners. Mr. Poirier said he spoke with the fire chief today, the Board this evening, and will meet with the fire marshal for specific details for his project. He said he would like to have an office and truck space on site so he would be able to be there and maintain the property. It was noted that the Gilbert project was approved for Monday through Saturday with hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mr. Poirier said that would work; it could be after 6 p.m. when the trucks return to the site in colder months.

The Board reviewed the Zoning Ordinance with regard to Commercial and Industrial definitions and uses. Mr. Buzzell spoke about the previous approval for the Gilbert project, noting setbacks, the shape of the lot, coverage percentages, etc. There was discussion about the use; it was agreed that it is a commercial use and would be considered a distribution center based on previous similar requests. A special exception would be required for the use. There was also discussion about mixed use, distribution and retail. It was noted that a definition needs to be drafted for fuel distribution.

New Business:

Application #15-01, D S Cole Growers — Major Site Development, Map 39, Lot 13, RR District. Mr. Cole was present, as was Jeff Burd of Burd Engineering. There were no abutters present. It was explained that they were here last month for discussion and there was concern of the coverage percentages; they went to the ZBA for discussion and have now applied to the ZBA for relief, hoping it will be granted on hardship. A full plan has been submitted to this board. Mr. Burd went over the plans with the Board. He stated that the addition of 41,462sf is being built over a portion of the existing gravel parking area; the parking area will be expanded. Mr. Burd said they are hoping the Board will grant a conditional approval based on ZBA approval as Mr. Cole would like to proceed with ordering the building, etc.

Tom Dow asked about the wetland setbacks as he did not see them noted on the plan. Rob Buzzell said he had the same question. George Saunderson stated that he went by to look at the area a couple of weeks ago. He said the greenhouse system is a continuous loop and works well with this plan. *Bob Cole made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* Henry Huntington asked about the parking area. He said the plan makes sense; it seems like a pretty straight-forward plan and the parcel is a great piece for this. Stan Prescott asked about the wetland buffer lines. Jeff Burd said he believes a special exception was granted at the time of the last expansion (2001). He said the question is how to show the lines and if it would be based on the original wetlands permit. It was agreed that the lines approved on the 2001 plan should be shown on this plan and there should be a reference to the previous approval. It was noted that the wetland scientist's stamp is missing from the plan.

Chairman Dow read the following waiver requests:

Section 12.4.7 — Henry Huntington moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Section 12.4.10 — Bob Cole made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Section 13.4.4 — Stan Prescott made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Bob Cole made a motion to grant approval with the following conditions: 1) wetland documentation to be shown; 2) wetland scientist's stamp to be on plan; 3) subject to ZBA approval on May 28, 2015; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC — Mike reported that Joanne and Katie continue to work on updates; they are struggling with excavation best practices. They plan to bring in Carol Ogilvie to assist with this section and will meet with Board members in a couple of weeks. Mike handed out a Land Use chart for the Board's review; he asked Board members to get back to Donna with comments before the next meeting in two weeks. Mike said they are trying to connect the different topics and should have a list of questions for the Board next month. He said a mid to late afternoon meeting would work best for Carol Ogilvie; he is thinking maybe the first week of June. There was a discussion of trails, to list, not to list, liability, landowners not always willing to grant permission, etc. Mike said this should be discussed in earnest next month.

Stan Prescott stated Liberty Utilities is planning to put in a 12" line from Josiah Bartlett Road to Shaker/Old Shaker area. He said they are looking at several routes, and

he thinks they should go up Route 106. Stan said this would allow people on the east side of Route 106 to connect in the future. He said he thinks the Planning Board should recommend that the project go up Route 106. After brief discussion, it was agreed that Route 106 would be the preferred route. *Stan Prescott made a motion to have Donna write a letter to Andrew Nadeau of Horizon Engineering, stating that the Planning Board feels it would be in the best interest of the town to have the line go up Route 106; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* Henry noted that the Energy chapter of the Master Plan should include gas.

Report of the ZBA:

There is an application for a reduced side setback due to a wetland crossing, an application for a reduced side setback for a shed, and an application for a variance for area coverage on this month's agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there were three Hawker and Peddler permits: Dudley's, Brookside Mall, and the food pantry. He said Mike Harris spoke about his concerns about a Boy Scout Jamboree scheduled for this fall at NHMS and approved by the Board of Permit.

There was brief discussion on a letter of intent received from Miles Smith Farm by Bob Fiske. Multiple dates and events are planned and questions have been raised about permitting, review process, etc.

Adjournment:

Henry Huntington made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — May 28, 2105

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — *George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2015 as presented; seconded by Charlie Aznive. All were in favor.*

DISCUSSIONS


Greg Colarusso, Currier Hill Farm — Mr. Colarusso received a letter from Code Enforcement about the wedding/event venue operated at the farm; he was told to speak with the ZBA about the use. The chairman stated that Miranda Milano was in last month for the same thing, noting that she had her own wedding at her farm and now wants to do this as a side business. Mr. Colarusso stated that his daughter's wedding was at their farm and it is a great setting for such events. Mr. Powelson said the Board could not find where it fits in the Zoning Ordinance. He spoke about a business of this sort needing rainy weather provisions for parking, sanitary facilities, etc., and he is not sure they have a clear answer. He explained that the Ordinance is a permissive ordinance; if it is not in the Ordinance, it is not allowed. Mr. Colarusso again spoke about the farm being the perfect spot for rural country weddings that so many are hoping to do recently. Charlie Aznive noted that it could be changed with an amendment. Mr. Powelson told Mr. Colarusso that he could speak with Planning Board members to see if they would sponsor the change

as an amendment to be put on the ballot in March. He spoke about a variance, noting that a hardship is needed for that to be granted. Mr. Colarusso asked about permits, similar to those issued to residents for race parking. Mr. Powelson said Mr. Colarusso could talk with the Board of Selectmen to see if they would see these functions as special events. Mr. Colarusso said the event would not be seen from the road, and they have plenty of off-road parking. Charlie Aznive said he feels they have to find a way to make changes. Howard Pearl referred to a section of the Ordinance relative to non-commercial, non-residential uses and suggested this might apply in these situations. Some thought it would definitely be a commercial use. Roy Merrill said it needs to be looked at for next year's amendments. Mr. Colarusso asked if the best option would be to see the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Powelson said he thought that was the best avenue and see what they have to say. Howard Pearl suggested it could apply under Section 205.3A of the Zoning Ordinance. There was discussion about the application process and the possibility of being discussed at the Board of Permit meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application #Z15-05, Edward Heaney — *Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 20, Lot 8.* There were no abutters present. Charlie Aznive and George Saunderson were appointed as voting members in the absence of Earl Tuson and Ned Lizotte. Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Mr. Heaney. Mr. Heaney explained that he has recently planted sixty trees in the yard. He showed on the plan where he would like to place the

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shed versus where it would be without the special exception. George Saunderson noted that the Board routinely is willing to go with a 50% setback reduction; he asked the applicant if 7' would do almost as well as the requested 4'. Mr. Heaney said he would like to keep the back yard as open as possible, noting that it is a very narrow lot, and he would like to keep the shed out of the way. Howard Pearl asked him if he would be comfortable with a 7' setback, thinking that it may not always be Mr. Heaney and the current neighbor dealing with the location. Mr. Heaney said he has talked with the abutter and it was agreed that the 4' location would help block light from the VOA parking lot. The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board or public; there were none. He asked if the Board was ok without a field review. Howard Pearl said the aerial picture shows a clear picture. *Howard Pearl moved to approve the application as presented with the southern side setback reduced to 4'; seconded by George Saunderson. A roll vote was taken: Charlie Aznive — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Howard Pearl — yes; George Saunderson — yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

Application #Z15-06, Richard Emmons, Kim Stevenson — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 44, Lot 8. Abutter Kathy Thibodeau was present. Mr. Emmons explained that they were in last month for a special exception for a wetland crossing, which was granted. During that review it was realized that the driveway will fall within the side setback. Board members reviewed the plan with regard to the setbacks and the 75' wetland setback. Mr. Emmons talked with Ms. Thibodeau about the plan, the driveway location, and wanting to access the buildable area to build their home. Ms. Thibodeau said her concern is of cars that are in and out on the Sanborn side of her property, traffic on Kenney Road, and now cars in and out on this side. Mr. Emmons said it would be just him and Ms. Stevenson living there so there will not be a lot of traffic.

Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application with Kim Steven-

son. He pointed out that they are asking to crowd the side setbacks on points six and seven as a means of better protecting the wetland area. All agreed. Kathy Thibodeau asked why they did not make a shared driveway with Joanne Sanborn. It was explained that Mrs. Sanborn does not own the property at the beginning of her driveway; she has the right to pass over Mr. Epp's property. Ms. Thibodeau said she feels the special exception will have an adverse effect on her property. Howard Pearl stated that the Board has to consider the least impact when reviewing the application. Dave Powelson noted that Joanne Sanborn's driveway is closer to the applicants' lot line than this request.

(Ned Lizotte arrived at this point in the meeting.)

The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. Ned Lizotte asked how close they want to be to the line. Mr. Powelson said it varies from 11' at the corner pin to 15' at the rear of the Thibodeau property to 20' at the wetland crossing. Howard Pearl stated that this has been a challenging property from the beginning. He said changes have been made over the years in trying to make the best of the situation. Dave Powelson asked Ms. Thibodeau if she would want more trees planted as a buffer. Ms. Thibodeau said that would not be necessary, unless maybe some up by her house where the driveway passes. Mr. Emmons said he would work with Ms. Thibodeau to help buffer her from the driveway.

Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the application to allow a 10' setback at the area of the corner pin and to follow according to the Wetland Impact Plan dated March 9, 2015; seconded by Charlie Aznive. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — yes; Howard Pearl — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Charlie Aznive — yes. Unanimous — PASSED

Application #Z15-07, DS Cole Growers — Variance for Coverage Area, Map 39, Lot 13. There were no abutters present. Ned Lizotte was appointed to be a voting member; Charlie Aznive returned to an alternate position. Applicant Doug Cole and Mark Sargent of Richard Bartlett & Associates were present. Mr. Sargent reviewed the

existing conditions plan with the Board. He stated the proposal is to construct a 41,462 sf addition on an area that was gravel parking and storage area. He pointed out that they would push the parking over some to make up for what is lost with the addition. Mr. Sargent said the building coverage is now 12.9% and would go to 16.4% with the addition. He said the impervious coverage is now 24.5% and would go to 31.8% of the lot. Mr. Sargent noted that functionality is key to the operation, comparing it to an assembly line. He said this addition would continue the loop and is a better solution than having to relocate the entire business.

There was discussion of leaving some of another Cole parcel permeable, encumbering that portion. It was noted that a 50' strip leading to a parcel owned by another party is between this piece and the next piece in DS Cole ownership. Ned Lizotte spoke of his site visit. He said the 50' strip creates difficulty and this plan works best for the operation. The chairman went through the points of the application with Mark Sargent. It was agreed that an encumbrance of another area could be done until not needed or the Zoning Ordinance is changed. The chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. Howard Pearl stated that Mr. Cole runs a top-notch business and after visiting, he has a good understanding of the process. George Saunderson agreed. Mr. Pearl said he wants to see the business be successful and grow in town. Charlie Aznive said there is no point in zoning squeezing someone out of town.

Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the application with the understanding that the applicant will make provisions to encumber sufficient land to bring the coverage to 12.9% building and 24.5% impervious; seconded by Ned Lizotte. Dave Powelson asked why he would not go with the required 10% and 20%. Roy Merrill said

he feels there is sufficient land to encumber enough to make the coverage 10% and 20% so it complies. Mr. Pearl said the existing plan shows coverage of 12.9% and 24.5%, and he does not feel they should go back beyond that approval, particularly not knowing what the requirements might have been at that time. *A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — yes; Howard Pearl — yes; Roy Merrill — no; Dave Powelson — no; Ned Lizotte — yes. Yes - 3; No - 2. PASSED* It was agreed that the Board would like to see stakes in the ground and/or a plan with the encumbered area.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Inquiry re: Map 51, Lot 16 — A realtor has inquired about this parcel, explaining that the owners want to list it for sale. The tax card has a note that states the lot is not buildable. The realtor would like the Board's opinion, based on the possibility of getting a septic system approved by the state. It was noted that the lot has a cemetery easement on it and that there is some runoff across the parcel. The owners at one time worked with the Town when the Town wanted to straighten the section of Lower Ridge. Also included with the realtor's email was a letter from the Town's assessors granting the owners an abatement which was based upon the limitations of the lot, making it non-buildable. Dave Powelson referred to Section 601 of the Zoning Ordinance at one point. It was then agreed that the owners had applied for an abatement due to the restrictions and being non-buildable, receiving a reduced assessment based on those restrictions since 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Donna White, Administrative Assistant*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR TO CONFIRM MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS. IF YOUR INFO IS WRONG, PLEASE CONTACT US SO WE CAN FIX IT!	IF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO GET ITS MEETINGS AND EVENTS ON THIS CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND THEM TO DEBBIE@DEBBIEKGRAPHICS.COM. LET US KNOW IF IT IS A RECURRING EVENT SO IT WILL GO IN EACH MONTH.		1 2-4pm•Creative Wednesdays @ Library 3pm•Story Time @ Library 6:30pm•LFD Auxiliary 7pm•Sit 'n Knit @ Library 7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library 7pm•Historical Society 7pm•Two Blocks a Month @ Library	2 10:30pm•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30-5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga @ Library 7pm•Agricultural Com. @ Com. Bldg.	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 
5	6 5 pm•Library Trustees 6pm•Yoga @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:45pm•Victory Workers 4H Club, Pittsfield Community Center	7 3pm•Movie Time @ Library 6pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	8 2-4pm•Creative Wednesdays @ Library 3pm•Story Time @ Library 6:30pm•Signing Class @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Knit @ Library	9 10:30pm•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30-5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga @ Library	10	11 10am•Hercules & Heroes @ Library 4:30-6:30pm•Free dinner @ Family Bible Church
12	13 6pm•Yoga @ Library 7:15pm•MVSD School Board @ Loudon Elem. School	14 3pm•Movie Time @ Library 6pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	15 2-4pm•Creative Wednesdays @ Library 3pm•Story Time @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Knit @ Library 7pm•American Legion @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Two Blocks a Month @ Library	16 10:30pm•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30-5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Fiction/Non Fiction Book Group @ Library	17 DEADLINE FOR AUGUST LOUDON LEDGER.	18 9-1•Book Sale @ Library
19 NASCAR RACE	20 6pm•Yoga @ Library 6pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ Com. Bldg.	21 3pm•Movie Time @ Library 6pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Communications Council Meeting	22 2-4pm•Creative Wednesdays @ Library 3pm•Story Time @ Library 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library 7pm•Sit 'n Knit @ Library	23 10:30pm•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30-5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga @ Library 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	24 6:30pm•Teddy Bear Sleepover	25 10:30am•Teddy Bear Brunch
26	27 6pm•Yoga @ Library	28 9-12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ VOANNE 3pm•Movie Time @ Library 6pm•Selectmen's Meeting/ Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	29 2-4pm•Creative Wednesdays @ Library 3pm•Story Time @ Library 6:30pm•LFD Auxiliary 7pm•Sit 'n Knit @ Library 7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library 7pm•Historical Society 7pm•Two Blocks a Month @ Library	30 10:30pm•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30-5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga @ Library	31	August 1

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