

# The Loudon Ledger

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## 2018 Warrant Articles

Following is a copy of this year's Warrant as it will appear in the Annual Town Report. **Note:** Due to printing deadlines, the text of the articles contained herein may be subject to revision or correction prior to posting of the Town Warrant.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Loudon in the County of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows.

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Time: 8:00 AM–7:00 PM

Location: Loudon Town Hall on  
Clough Hill Road, Loudon, NH

**Articles 1–2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.**

**Articles 3–18 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street.**

**Article 01: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year.

**Article 02: Increasing the Board of Selectmen**

Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?

**Article 03: Police Cruiser CRF**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of buying a cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).*

**Article 04: For reclaiming and paving Pleasant Street**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Pleasant Street and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and the balance of \$167,000 to be raised by taxes. (SB 38 funds of \$75,000 received in 2017 will complete the \$342,000 project.) *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

**Article 05: Establish a Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Solar Energy Capital Reserve

Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of installing Solar Panels on the Loudon Safety Complex, other Town facilities and/or Town Land. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in this Fund, further have the Selectmen appoint an Energy Committee to aid in the execution of this project. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

**Article 06: To purchase land on Lovejoy Road**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to purchase the fee interest in 29 acres of land located on Lovejoy Road, and identified as Tax Map 29, Lot 85, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$195,000 from the Loudon Conservation Commission Land Fund Expendable Trust and \$105,000 from the Loudon Conservation Commission Passbook Fund for this purpose. No amount to be raise by taxation. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)*

**Article 07: Chapter 79-E Tax Relief Incentive**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the provisions of Chapter 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive, which allows an owner of a qualifying

*Warrant Articles — cont. on 4*

## Important Dates To Note

**March 7**

**Meet the Candidates 7 p.m. at the Town Office**

**March 8**

**Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting  
Polls Open at 11 a.m. • Business Meeting at 7 p.m. at MVHS Auditorium**

**March 13**

**Town Elections 8 a.m.–7 p.m. at the Town Hall, Clough Hill Road**

**March 17**

**Annual Town Meeting 9 a.m. at Loudon Elementary School**

## 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 1 • 798-4541 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
*Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices.*  
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Steven R. Ives, Chairman (*term expires 2017*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
Robert N. Fiske (*term expires 2019*) [selectmanfiske@comcast.net](mailto:selectmanfiske@comcast.net)  
Jeffrey Miller (*term expires 2020*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)

Town Clerk

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 2 • 798-4542 • [townclerk@loudonnh.org](mailto: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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 4 • 798-4540 • [planning-zoning@loudonnh.org](mailto:planning-zoning@loudonnh.org)  
*The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.*  
Mon. through Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 3 • 798-4543 • [taxcollector@loudonnh.org](mailto:taxcollector@loudonnh.org)  
Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 6 • 798-5521 (Admin only) •  
24-hour Dispatch: 228-1631  
Mon.–Thur.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Building/Code Enforcement

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.  
[codeoffice@loudonfire.com](mailto:codeoffice@loudonfire.com) • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5612 • [chief@loudonfire.com](mailto: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](http://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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-0170 • [roadagent@loudonnh.org](mailto:roadagent@loudonnh.org)  
**YEAR ROUND HOURS**  
Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • 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

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-4568 • [roadagent@loudonnh.org](mailto:roadagent@loudonnh.org)  
Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Library Director: Deborah Gadway-Lambert • 798-5153 • [maxlib@comcast.net](mailto: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: Tuesday–Thursday by appointment only. Office hours and donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Closed Fridays. For more information or to see if you qualify for services, call Sue at 724-9731 or email [info@loudonfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@loudonfoodpantry.org)

Loudon Representatives  
REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan. (603) 622-2204. [www.maggiehassan.com](http://www.maggiehassan.com)  
U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. [Shaheen.senate.gov](http://Shaheen.senate.gov)  
U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter. (603) 251-9653. [info@shea-porter.com](mailto:info@shea-porter.com)  
U.S. Rep. Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. [Kuster.house.gov](http://Kuster.house.gov)

REPRESENTATIVE STATE SENATE (DISTRICT 17)

State Sen. John Reagan. (603) 463-5945. [John.reagan111@gmail.com](mailto:John.reagan111@gmail.com)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 9)

State Rep. Howard M. Moffett. (603)783-4993. [Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us)  
State Rep. Michael Moffett. (603)491-0553. [Michael.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Michael.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us)

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

State Rep. Howard Pearl. (603)231-1482. [hpearlpsf@aol.com](mailto:hpearlpsf@aol.com)

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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July 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/18

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September 2018 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/20

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

## Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Pat Testerman, Associate Pastor  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
Office Hours: Tues. 9–5, Wed. 9–5, Thurs. 11–5

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

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

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, meets at noon)  
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



## Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”  
Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.  
Fellowship time provided following the morning service.

Monday Evening: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.

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

Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group

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

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



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

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

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



## Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier  
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478  
pastor.moe@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.  
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the  
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



## New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Joshua T. Johnson, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Dallas Tharp, Intergenerational Discipleship Pastor  
Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor  
33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.  
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org

### Sundays:

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Groups (Grades 6–12): 7–8 p.m.

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



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

## LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

### Faith Community Bible Church

Faith Community Bible Church will be hosting the annual Easter Sunrise Service with other area churches at the Gazebo (Loudon Recreation Field) April 1st at 6 a.m. Questions may be directed to Alicen Twardosky by phone at (603) 783-4045 or by email at alicen.fcbc@gmail.com. ■



## Loudon Fire Department News

By Chief Rick Wright



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11, 2018. This is a good reminder to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Replace the batteries annually or sooner if needed. If the alarm makes a “chirping” sound, replace the battery immediately. Replace any smoke detectors more than 10 years old.

### March 19–25 is Poison Prevention Week.

Store all household products and cleaning solutions out of children’s sight and reach. Read product labels to find out what can be hazardous to children. Dangerous household items include: makeup, personal care products, plants, pesticides, lead, art supplies, and alcohol. Keep liquid laundry packets out of children’s reach. Make sure that all medications, including vitamins and adult medicines, are stored out of the reach and out of sight of children. Put the **Poison Control Centers help number 1-800-222-1222** in your home and cell phone. Also post it near your phone or on your refrigerator.

Help prevent pollution, poisonings, and drug abuse. Dispose of your unneeded medication. Per the NH Department of Health and Human Services, follow the 6 Steps to Safety:

1. Pour medicine into a sealable plastic bag.
2. If the medicine is a solid, add a small amount of water to dissolve it.
3. Add any undesirable substance (such as dirt, coffee grounds or kitty litter) to the liquid medicine in the plastic bag.
4. Seal the bag and immediately dispose of it in the trash.
5. Use a marker to black out any personal contact information on the empty medicine container prior to recycling or disposing of it in the trash.
6. For more information consult www.nh.gov/medsafety.

Please do not flush medication down the toilet unless the product information says it is safe to do so.

### Getting the Urge to Clean? Tips for Spring Cleaning the Healthy and Safe Way.

Spring cleaning doesn’t only spruce up your home, but also improves your health. Rid your home of dust and other allergens that accumulate during the winter months. Avoid the use of cleaners that contain chemicals that can irritate your eyes, skin, and lungs. Consider using “greener” cleaners that are reportedly better for your health and the environment. Carefully read the labels for proper use. Open the windows when using household cleaners. Replace air conditioner and furnace filters.

Outside burning permits are required to burn brush or clean wood unless the ground is completely snow covered. Permits to kindle a fire are available at the Fire Station at 8 Cooper Street or online at www.nhdf.org. With Spring on the way and as the snow disappears, outside the woods and fields will be dry until everything greens up. Please be extra careful with open flames during this time. Prevent Forest Fires. Call the Station at 798-5612 if you have a question about outside burning. Always dial 9-1-1 if you have an emergency. ■

## Currier Hill Farm

~ Weddings and Events ~

Greg & Diane Colarusso

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structure within the Loudon Village area that intends to substantially rehabilitate or replace such structure, to apply to the governing body of the municipality in which the property is located for tax relief. If approved, the property tax on a qualifying structure which has been substantially upgraded and improved at the owner's expense will not increase as a result of the substantial rehabilitation for a period of up to five years, beginning with the completion of the substantial rehabilitation. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

### Article 08: To discontinue the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund.

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Town Office Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

### Article 09: To raise and appropriate for established CRF

To see if the town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$434,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

- Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund — \$100,000
- Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund — \$50,000
- Bridge Capital Reserve Fund — \$40,000
- Recreation Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve — Fund \$2,000
- Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund — \$5,000
- Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund — \$125,000
- J.O. Cate Memorial Van Capital Reserve Fund — \$2,500
- Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund — \$40,000
- Loudon Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund — \$30,000

- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) — \$30,000
  - Town History Capital Reserve Fund — \$10,000
- The Selectmen recommend this article.*

### Article 10: To raise and appropriate for established ETF.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be placed in previously established Expendable Trust Funds.

- Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund — \$20,000
- Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund — \$10,000
- Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund — \$30,000

*The Selectmen recommend this article.*

### Article 11: Solar Energy System Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for a property tax exemption, for the added property's assessed value for a Solar Energy Installation. The exemption would apply to a primary residence only and would only apply to the Solar Energy Installation. The property tax exemption shall be at 100% and applied only to the value of the Solar Energy Installation on a primary residence. *BY PETITION.*

### Article 12: Offshore Wind

Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to form an intergovernmental task force. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential for offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy will move NH to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The building of offshore wind farms will bring a significant

number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire. *BY PETITION.*

### Article 13: Keno

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town? *BY PETITION.*

### Article 14: MVSD Withdrawal Feasibility Study

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Merrimack Valley School Board to establish a committee to study the opportunities and liabilities to the Town of Loudon to withdrawal from the Merrimack Valley School District pursuant to RSA 195:25 Procedure to Withdrawal. This study committee shall submit a feasibility report of their findings to the NH Board of Education within 180 days. *BY PETITION*

### Article 15: For general municipal operations.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,504,567 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *(Majority vote required)*

### Article 16: To transact any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this \_\_\_\_ day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Given under our hands, February \_\_, 2018

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the usual posting places, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk

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

## Request for Donations

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Treasurer, Loudon Communications Council  
PO Box 7871  
Loudon, NH 03307

We value your support, but we also value your privacy! If you do not want your name to appear as a donor in future issues of *The Ledger*, let us know. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Next Loudon Ledger

## Deadline:

## March 16, 2018

## For the April 2018

## Issue



# There's Still Time to Share Your Upcycled Project!

*Loudon Recycling Committee*

**February 1st thru April 30th, 2018**

Share some pictures (include yourself in the picture) of anything you have repurposed/upcycled. Do a brief write up of what, why and how, and share it (and the pictures) on our Facebook page or send to [loudonrecycles@comcast.net](mailto:loudonrecycles@comcast.net)

Have fun with this — your upcycled item story can be artsy, funny, decorative, useful, etc. Share any problems you encountered and how you solved any issues. Check [pinterest.com](http://pinterest.com) for ideas.

Each entry will be put in an upcycled container for a random drawing to win a fun gift certificate to a local establishment! ■



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## Good News From Loudon Elementary School



Fifth grade students participated in an interdisciplinary study of immigration. Students learned about the history of immigration in the United States and studied the reasons different groups have come to this country. In their reading and writing they learned about personal journeys and imagine what their life might have been like if they had been an immigrant. Guest speakers shared personal experiences about how and why they moved to New Hampshire from other countries. As part of this study students participated in a simulation experience. The LES gym is transformed into Ellis Island and students assumed the role of an immigrant. Community volunteers made this exciting learning activity possible.

Mrs. Herrmann, our Media Center teacher, organized the annual National Geographic Geography Bee. Students in fourth and fifth grade participated in classroom bees. Winners from these went on to compete in a school-wide bee on January 30th. Congratulations to the LES Geography Bee winner, Searra Andrews, and runner up, Carter Tetreault.

The LES Chorus performed the National Anthem at the Manchester Monarchs game on February 2nd. This is always a fun night for our students! Two LES choral students have been recognized for their talents. Abigail Sedgley and Kora Thurber-Wells were selected to participate in this year's NHMEA Elementary Honors Choir Festival.

On Tuesday, February 13th, primary students celebrated the 100th day of school in a variety of ways. Kindergarten students created displays of 100 items, while First Graders held a parade to show off their personally decorated hats!

Mark your calendars! The MVSD Annual Meeting is March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at MVHS. The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. until the meeting begins! Please join us for this important evening!

### Upcoming Events

- 3/7 39th Army Band Assembly @ 2:00 p.m.
- 3/8 MVSD Annual Meeting @ 7:00 p.m., MVHS
- 3/10 LES PTA Uno's Fundraiser 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- 3/12 MVSD School Board Meeting @ 7:15 p.m., PES
- 3/14 5th Grade Krypto Tourney @ MVMS, 5:30–7 p.m.
- 3/15 LES PTA @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3/16 No School — Professional Development
- 3/22 Lip Sync @ 6:30 p.m. ■



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## Celebrate National Reading Month

One of the most important skills for children to learn is how to read. We all know this, however, it can be a daunting task due to the complexities involved in learning to read. As a school district we research and investigate a variety of approaches, assessments, and best practices for helping all students. It is our goal to give students a strong foundation in reading. The elementary schools within the Merrimack Valley School District are all using the Lucy Calkins Readers and Writers Workshop Units of Study to provide core instruction in these areas. Lucy Calkins is the founding Director of the Teachers College: Reading and Writing project, which has influenced instruction around the world for over thirty years. This model provides MVSD students with a supportive environment in which students can take risks, build their confidence and receive direct instruction based on their own needs.

Above and beyond core instruction, students are provided with additional intervention and reading support. Elementary teachers across the District use a variety of research based strategies to stretch students to reach their personal best. One of the biggest challenges in teaching children to read is to find a “hook” that makes it engaging and fun! During the month of February, schools around the District celebrated I Love to Read Month and found many ways to “hook” students into reading! Students, staff, and community members partnered together to engage in a myriad of exciting reading events. Some of the activities included a Guest Reader Day, student and staff interactive bulletin boards, Wear Words Day, book swaps, an author visit from Marty Kelly, and books in a bottle, among many other activities. Events like these are ways in which the schools model for students the excitement, joy, and importance of reading. The students are thrilled to participate in these activities and to see parents and community members in the school.

One of the most common questions we hear from parents is “How can I help my child with reading at home?” We have all been told a multitude of times the importance of reading to our children every day, and research holds strong that this is still very important. However, above and beyond reading daily, there are some simple things that

*“Let your child see you read for pleasure.”*

we can do as parents to further support our child’s reading growth. Families are all very busy, so finding routines and ideas that work with our schedule and parenting style are key to sustaining these efforts. Just like getting in shape or changing our eating habits, we have to do what we know we can sustain long term. Set a reasonable goal to include

one or two of the ideas listed below. Together we can build a strong reading foundation for our children!

- Let your child see you read for pleasure
- Encourage your child to send letters or emails to friends and family. Have them write an “old fashioned” thank you note.
- When you’re riding in the car, tell your children a story about something you did as a child or something that happened to you that week.
- Help your child find a place in your home that is his or her very own reading spot.
- While waiting for an appointment, read to your child or hand them a magazine to read.
- Leave notes for your child around the house, in the car, in their planner or in their lunch box.
- Order your child a magazine subscription.
- When your child tells you about their day, encourage them to provide more details. Ask them questions.

## MVSD — Did You Know? Seasonal and MVSD Trivia

According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March. December was the tenth month, it was named for the number ten in Latin (decem), just like September was named for seven (septem) (source *Reader’s Digest*).

## Important Upcoming Dates and Events

- 3/18 MVSD Annual Meeting at MVHS at 7 p.m. *The polls are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.*
- 3/12 MVSD School Board Meeting at MVHS.
- 3/16 Professional Development — No School ■

## Legislative Listening Session Scheduled for Loudon

State Representatives Howard Moffett and Michael Moffett (Merrimack District 9) and Howard Pearl (Merrimack District 26) invite any and all interested Loudon residents to a “Legislative Listening Session” on Saturday morning, March 10, beginning at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Maxfield Public Library.

Topics will be up to the audience, and may include your State Reps’ reasons for their votes on bills that have already been acted on by the House, and your views and their views on pending legislation that is expected to come before the House later in the 2018 session. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. You are welcome to come for all or part of the session. ■

### Dear Taxpayers,

We have contracted with Murdough Assessing Services to do our annual and cyclical assessing for the Town. As part of the annual update, Assessor Christina Murdough will be reviewing properties throughout town that have/had building permits, and any property flagged for review/follow-up.

We encourage all taxpayers to assist by letting Ms. Murdough access your property. At your discretion, please take a few minutes to show her the interior of your home to ensure that the items listed on your tax card are correct.

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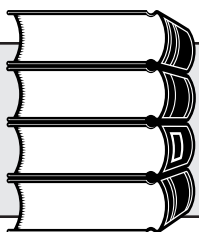
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## Maxfield Public Library News

### Children's Programs

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for Music and Movement. This program includes yoga, singing, rhythm sticks, stories, and more!

Join us Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for Story Time.

On March 8, Story Time will hear two books about friends; *Penguin Pete's New Friends* by Marcus Pfister and *Polar Opposites* by Erik Brooks. The craft to follow is a beautiful mosaic tile penguin picture made to adorn your refrigerator.

On March 15, Story Time will read Teddy Slater's *The Luckiest St. Patrick's Day Ever!* and *Where is the Green Sheep?* by Mem Fox. The children will create rainbows in search of the pot of gold.

On March 22, spring is in the air! The children will listen to *When Spring Comes* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and *Wake Up, It's Spring!* by Lisa Campbell Ernst. Story timers will paint a beautiful bouquet of hyacinths to brighten any dreary day.

On March 29, story timers will hear *Sleepover with Beatrice & Bear* by Monica Carnesi and Lily Karr's *Easter Parade*. After sewing together their own Easter chicks, the children are invited to stay after the story time hour for the annual egg hunt.

### Hot Yoga

Join Fran Nash, Wednesday March 7 at 6 p.m., for this exciting new class. Make sure you bring a water bottle and mat. This class will make you sweat. Cost per session is \$5.00.

### Yoga

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

### Spiritual Living Discussion Group

On Tuesday, March 13 at 6 pm, we continue our study through the Happiness Project with March: aim higher: work and then we'll jump ahead to April: lighten up: parenthood.

### Book Group

Book group will meet on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

### Library Closing

The library will be closed on Saturday, March 17, for TOWN MEETING.

### Library Hours

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



## Transition Services Fair Coming to Concord in April

Students with special needs and their families are invited to attend a Transition Fair being held on April 10th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bektash Center on 189 Pembroke Road in Concord. There is no charge for this event and food and beverages will be served and door prizes will be awarded! This is an opportunity for students and families of students transitioning into adulthood to explore the many post high school options, agencies and services available to them. The following have been invited and many of them will be giving short presentations, as well as sharing literature and information at tables: NH Community Bridges, Family Voices, Parent Information Center, Next Steps NH, Granite State Independent Living, NH Employment Security, Southern NH University, NHTI Concord, ABLE Savings program, NH Vocational Rehabilitation, NH Health Nurses, Job Corps, Project SEARCH and others. This fair is a cooperative effort of the members of the Capitol Area Transition Community of Practice and is being sponsored by several area businesses. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this event, please help spread the word! ■



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## News From American Legion Post 88



### American Legion High School Oratorical Competition for District 5



American Legion High School Oratorical Contest Judge Tony Rabbia presents a check for \$100 to Hana Testerman who won the American Legion District 5 High School Oratorical Competition held at Faith Community Bible Church on February 10th. Further awards are forthcoming to Hana from American Legion Post #88 in Loudon, NH for her outstanding performance at the oratorical competition. Hana will now go on to compete at the State Level of the competition at St. Anselm College in Manchester on March 10th. Hana is a home-schooled senior who resides in Chichester. She gave her oratorical speech on the US Constitution, and her oratorical topic was "Tipping The Scales." Hana has won the District 5 level of the American Legion High School Oratorical Competition each of the last three years. ■



American Legion High School Oratorical Contest Judge Tony Rabbia presents a check for \$50 to Olivia Green who won 2nd place in the American Legion District 5 High School Oratorical Competition held at Faith Community Bible Church on February 10th. Further awards are forthcoming to Olivia from American Legion Post #88 in Loudon, NH for her outstanding performance at the oratorical competition. Olivia is a home-schooled sophomore who resides in New Hampton. She gave her oratorical speech on the U.S. Constitution, and her oratorical topic was "Constitutional Misuse." This was Olivia's first time competing in this oratorical competition. ■



American Legion High School Oratorical Contest Judge Tony Rabbia presents a check for \$25 to Addison Hodge who won 3rd place in the American Legion District 5 High School Oratorical Competition held at Faith Community Bible Church on February 10th. Further awards are forthcoming to Addison from American Legion Post #88 in Loudon, NH for her outstanding performance at the oratorical competition. Addison is a sophomore at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook. She resides in Loudon, NH. She gave her oratorical speech on the US Constitution, and her oratorical topic was "Justice." This was Addison's first time competing in this oratorical competition. ■

### Meet Another Loudon American Legion Post #88 Member

Vince Giambalvo has been a member of the American Legion for 18 years. He joined in New York and transferred to American Legion Post #88 in Loudon two years ago. He is currently the Post Service Officer for Post #88. Vince joined the U.S. Navy in 1964 and was a weekend warrior until he finished his BA Degree at Hunter College in the Bronx, NY. Upon graduation he served two years at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA serving in HC-6 (Helicopter Combat Support Squadron — 6) as an avionics petty officer.

After being separated from active duty, Vince attended Northeastern University in Boston, MA where he received an MA and Ph.D. in Psychology. His professional career began in the academic world. Vince spent four years as Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science at the State University of New York. He spent the remainder of his 42-year career as an Organizational Psychologist working for several major corporations holding positions from Training Specialist to Vice President. He also spent a few years as an independent Management Consultant working with leaders at all levels from Supervisors to CEOs. During this time Vince was a Board Member of the local chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) for 26-years serving twice as a Chapter President. He also served for 15-years on the Board of the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM).

Among the honors Vince has received are an NDEA title IV Fellowship, as well as the Charles T. Morgan Award for Lifetime Excellence, an individual Achievement Award from ASTD (American Society for Training & Development) and a Telly Award



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(A national competition for the production of non-network video and film production). He is also listed in Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in America.

Vince now lives in Loudon, NH with his lovely wife RoseMarie. They have one daughter, Gina. Gina and her husband Randy live in Pin court, QC and have one son, Jeremy Ryan. This year Vince and RoseMarie will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

## Another American Legion Post #88 News Note:

The American Legion Junior Oratorical Competition for 6th through 8th Graders will be held at Faith Community Bible Church on March 3, 2018 at 9 a.m.

For information on this competition or to register to compete, call Mike Hartt at 496-2178.

Have a great weekend!

Mike Hartt  
Junior Vice Commander  
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# Richard Brown House

Late January and early February have been somewhat quieter at Richard Brown House and several residents have battled with flu type viruses and hospital admissions. The winter months are especially hard for seniors with the risk of falling sick or falling on ice outside.

That being said, residents and staff have been delighted at the excellent snow removal and care taken by Russ Pearl to ensure the driveway and car park areas are as safe as they can be during and after winter storms.

Volunteers have continued to come in and bring cheer or helpful information. Some residents are looking forward to the start of a new movie club, which has been offered by town resident MaryAnn Beauchemin and may include other activities as well. As exciting as it is to have something new offered, it is also heartening for familiar faces to return. MJ Bunyan and Kevin Leblanc came with materials for constructing cheerful Snow Man door hangers which were being made as yet another snow fall began! Jennifer Pickard also held a card making group, followed a week later with a talk on Flu Blues and Prevention Strategies, part of her mission as a Wellness Ambassador for RiteAid. Residents are planning a Valentine Pizza party for the weekend around Valentines Day.

The community was also blessed with an unexpected donation of foods, including some frozen meats and fresh fruit, from the Salvation Army in Concord.

If there are youth or adult folks who are looking for community service opportunities, or to share their personal gifts, please be in touch with manager Lucie Bilodeau or Service Coordinator Lois Scribner. It is hoped that someone can be found who can give half an hour to an hour for a gentle chair-based exercise class on a weekly basis to add a health-related component to the monthly schedules. Later in the spring there will be talks given by Master Gardeners from the UNH Cooperative Extension and work will resume on the gazebo and gardens, something nice to anticipate as the late winter blues set in. ■



*Jennifer Pickard helps residents with a card making project.*



*A representative from UNH offered a program on Seniors Living Well.*



*Showing off a home made Valentine's card.*



*MJ Bunyan and Kevin Leblanc helped us make snowman door hangers.*



*One of our snowman door hangers!*

**If you have an idea for a program you think our residents would enjoy, please contact Manager Lucie Bilodeau or Service Coordinator Lois Scribner at the Richard Brown House.**



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# Cub Scouts Hold Blue & Gold Banquet

During the month of February, the cub scouts held their annual blue and gold banquet, which is to celebrate the birthday of scouts! Families attended for an afternoon of fun and cheer including two skits by the wolf pack and a potluck dinner! The cub scouts each made and decorated cakes to celebrate the birthday of scouts, which were auctioned off with all proceeds going back to support the pack. On February 17, 2018, breakfast with the scouts was held at the American Legion and the boys made lots of breakfast delights for the community. The boys raised money for new American flags and poles for their pack! The pack went ice fishing on February 18, 2018 with local guide Ben Gelinas!

Congratulations to the three scouts: Nick Gelinas, Connor Silveria, and Jacobs Stevens, who earned their Webelos badges, which were presented at our recent Blue & Gold Banquet/Potluck. They have worked hard and will continue to work on electives and then the Arrow of Light, which is the last rank to attain before continuing on to Boy Scouts.

The wolves are working on the Howling at the Moon requirement: they are given the opportunity to become comfortable speaking in front of others. It also serves as a foundation for organizing and performing a campfire program or at camp this summer!

The lions have been meeting and two of them attended a wolf meeting, which they enjoyed. The lions are diligently working towards completing their requirements to become tiger scouts next year.

The Cub Scouts have a very busy upcoming March! The cub scouts will be presenting the colors at 2018 Town meeting as well as selling camp cards to benefit their attendance at Camp Carpenter this summer. Please visit their table! The next pack meeting will be held on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at LES. The annual pinewood derby will be held March 24th at LES from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Come watch the action and enjoy concessions!

For further information on scouting, please contact Dennis Jakubowski at pack247cubmaster@gmail.com. ■



Above and below: Two of the cakes made to celebrate the birthday of scouts!



Above: Some of the Wolves prepare to march.



Right: Some of the Webelos in attendance.

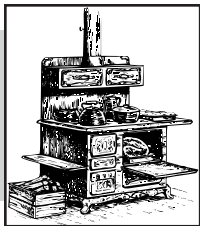
Below: Webelos.



Serving up breakfast.







## What's Cookin'?

### It's The Season: Maple Recipes

By Deb Foss

Once a year, people in New England get to enjoy fresh maple syrup. I feel sorry for those who haven't had the pleasure of smelling that sweet steam as nature's nectar is boiled down to liquid gold. To get the best syrup, buy it here in Loudon. Check out the next page for Loudon sugar houses that will be open Maple Weekend, March 24–25.

#### Maple Walnuts

- 1 c. Walnuts
- ¼ c. Pure Maple Syrup

Put nuts in a medium skillet; coat with syrup. Cook on medium heat until bubbly. Stir frequently as syrup will begin to caramelize after 5 minutes. Watch closely. When syrup sticks to nuts, remove from heat and spread on parchment paper separating the nuts so they will dry. Once dry put in airtight container.

Good as a snack or add to salad with Maple Vinaigrette dressing on field greens with sliced pear, sharp cheddar cheese, and dried cherries.

#### Pure Maple Fudge

- 2¼ c. Pure maple syrup
- 1 c. Heavy cream
- 3 Tbs. Butter

In 4-quart saucepan bring maple syrup to boil over medium heat. Simmer syrup for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes add in cream without stirring; bring mixture back to a boil. Then let simmer until 235 degrees on candy thermometer (about 20 minutes).

As soon as mixture reaches temperature remove from stove and add butter DO NOT STIR. Let cool 8 minutes.

Beat with electric mixer about 5 minutes promptly pour into lightly greased or parchment lined 8"x8" pan and spread to all corners. Put in refrigerator 2–3 hours then take out and cut with sharp knife. If desired add walnuts to top of fudge before cooling.

#### Maple Apple Pie

Made your favorite double pie crust or purchase 2 refrigerated crusts.

- 5 c. apples peeled and sliced
- ¾ c. pure maple syrup
- 3 Tbs. cornstarch
- 1 egg
- ¼ Tsp. nutmeg
- ¼ Tsp. salt
- ½ Tsp. Cinnamon

Maple Granulated sugar or regular sugar.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place apples in pie shell. Mix remaining ingredients in bowl. Pour mixture over apples. Place top crust on and cut steam vents. Sprinkle with maple sugar or regular sugar. Bake 25–30 minutes. Serve with Maple Walnut or Vanilla ice cream.

#### Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette

- ¼ c. extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ c. good quality balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbs. pure maple syrup
- ½ tsp. Dijon mustard
- Pinch of sea salt

Put all into jar with lid and shake vigorously and serve.

#### Maple Syrup Glazed Chicken

- 1–2 Tbs. olive oil
- 6 bone-in chicken breast
- Salt & pepper
- ½ c. chicken broth
- ½ c. maple syrup
- 1 Tbs. fresh thyme or rosemary
- 2 Tbs. stone ground mustard
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbs. cider vinegar

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 13"x9" pan with cooking spray. In a large skillet heat oil over medium high heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper and add to pan. Sauté both sides until brown. Remove chicken from pan and add broth, syrup, choice of thyme or rosemary and garlic. Bring to boil and stir frequently for a couple of minutes. Add vinegar and mustard. Place chicken in baking dish and pour all of the sauce over chicken and bake for 30 minutes until chicken is cooked thru.

#### Maple Walnut Cream Cheese Spread

- 1 c. cream cheese
- 4 Tbs. pure maple syrup
- 2 Tbs. chopped walnuts

Mix all ingredients in food processor until smooth. Spread on bagels, toast, English muffins or waffles.

#### Maple Syrup Roasted Brussels Sprouts

- 1½ lbs. Brussels Sprouts
- 3 Tbs. Olive oil
- ½ Tsp. Salt
- ¼ Tsp. Pepper
- 3 Tbs. Maple syrup

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Trim stems of sprouts and remove wilted leaves. Cut sprouts in half. Add all ingredients except maple syrup to bowl and mix well. Spread on single layer in roasting pan. Roast for 15 minutes stir and flip over and roast for another 10 minutes. Drizzle with maple syrup and roast 8–10 minutes more. ■



There are many sizes as well as flavors of maple syrup to choose from.

## Know Your Maple Grade

By Letty Barton

As the days become warmer and the sap in the maple trees begins to flow, many maple producers around town and across the state are gearing up for another season of producing that liquid gold we all love. Later this month on March 24 and 25, they will be opening their sugarhouses to the public.

Maple Weekend is an annual event offering folks the opportunity to see the process of syrup making and enjoy the sights, smells, and products of the sugaring process. Go to [nhmapleproducers.com](http://nhmapleproducers.com) for listings of places, times, and activities or check your local news media.

When you do visit a sugarhouse, you will undoubtedly bring home some of the aforementioned liquid gold known as maple syrup. But, do you know what flavor to buy or what flavor is best for certain situations?

A few years ago, the US Dept. of Agriculture issued new rules for grading maple syrup. This was done in cooperation with the International Maple Syrup Institute, which is comprised of maple producers from all U.S. States and the Canadian Provinces. The reasoning behind the changes was to have a universal grading system and make it easier for the consumer to understand the flavor of each grade.

The new grades refer to the color and taste of the syrup. Syrup produced earlier in the season is usually lighter in color and has a more subtle flavor. Dark robust syrup comes from the sap later in the season, which has a lower sugar content and needs to be boiled longer.

All maple syrup is now graded as Grade A. (Don't panic, you Grade B lovers. There is still that dark, robust syrup you prefer.) The new grades are as follows.

**GOLDEN** syrup has a delicate taste and is light golden in color. Some like it for table use. Maple people covet it for making sugar and crème.

**AMBER** syrup has a rich, full body maple taste. It is probably the most popular for table use. It is also good in your favorite maple recipe.

**DARK** syrup has a more robust, pronounced flavor. The dark amber color is a sign of this. This flavor is just as good for table use depending on one's preference.

**VERY DARK** syrup has a strong maple flavor and darker color. It is the equivalent of the old Grade B — excellent for cooking.

Remember maple syrup is 100% natural and a very good source of minerals and vitamins. It is especially high in manganese and riboflavin. It has a higher nutritional value than all other common sweeteners and the lowest calorie levels of common sweeteners. What could be better on your pancakes, waffles, and French toast?

As the Maple Weekend approaches and you head out to visit a sugarhouse, use this information to guide you in your purchases. Be sure to enjoy some of New Hampshire's liquid gold. ■

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# Ice Safety Awareness Urged

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Conservation Officers would like to remind outdoor enthusiasts to exercise caution when enjoying winter activities on or near the ice.

"It is imperative that you personally check the ice thickness on a waterbody as you venture out on foot or before riding out on a snowmobile or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle," said Captain Dave Walsh, who coordinates OHRV Enforcement and Safety Education for Fish and Game. "Do not assume that just because the ice is safe in one location that it will be safe 100 yards farther away. If you don't know, don't go."

Walsh adds that you should also be sure to bring along a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a float coat or conventional life preserver.

Because ice conditions can be unpredictable and lack uniformity, it is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice. Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the waterbody. See a short video of how to check ice thickness at [www.wildnh.com/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.html](http://www.wildnh.com/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.html).

Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, N.H., offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel.

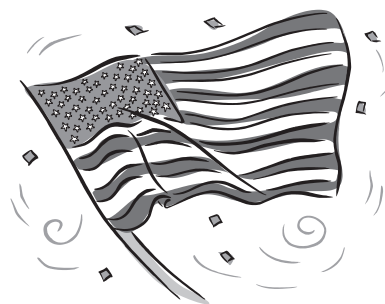
Keep in mind that thick ice does not always mean safe ice. It is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice is formed when warming trends break down ice, then the slushy surface re-freezes. Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

## Tips for staying safe on the ice include:

- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Don't go on the ice during thaws.
- Watch out for thin, clear or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.
- Don't assume a snowmobile trail is safe just because it exists; check out trail conditions at <http://www.nhstateparks.org/activities/snowmobiling/trail-information.aspx> before you go.
- Remember that small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.
- Don't gather in large groups or drive large vehicles onto the ice.
- If you do break through the ice, do not panic. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. A set of ice picks can help you pull yourself out if you do fall through the ice; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice. ■



Country Pond, Newton, NH on February 4, 2018. Photo credit: NHFG Law Enforcement.



Post 88 has a flag collection box outside their new headquarters, 45 South Village Road. Unserviceable flags will be removed and given final honors. The Loudon Transfer Station also has a drop-off box in the main office.

## 2018 DEADLINES

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



## REMINDER

**FLAT SCREEN TV'S  
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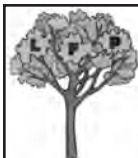
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## Loudon Food Pantry News

### January 2018 Numbers

Due to inventory, we were only open to service those in need from January 15th – January 31st.

We gave out enough food to make 5,156 meals during that time. In December 2017, we gave out extra food to compensate for closing for inventory so that our households didn't have to worry about eating during our shut down.

### Is Your Household Food Insecure?

Do you find that if you buy food, you can't pay your utility bills? Are you eating less, so you can feed others in your home? Are there times when you can't feed yourself or your family? If so, we may be able to help!

If you live in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester or Loudon NH — *we may be able to help!*

If you receive Food Stamps, WIC, SSI, Commodity Food or other services — *we may be able to help!*

If your household income is low — *we may be able to help!*

If you Social Security check can't pay for your food and utilities — *we may be able to help!*

**But, we can't help until we know who you are!** Don't wait until your cupboards are empty, or your children are crying because they're hungry, or you need to make that choice to eat or be cold! Call Sue at 603-724-9731 and let's see if you qualify so finally, we can help!

### The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Update

As of February 15th, we have received \$558 in food, \$535 in funds! That's a total of \$1,093. You can always see the current information at [loudonfoodpantry.org](http://loudonfoodpantry.org). We have our tree in the right hand column and it is updated daily.

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger is held every February, March and April. The donations from this challenge help to restock our food and funds after the holidays and during the time of the year when donations are low. The LFPC is currently running and will end on April 30, 2018.

**Our goal is to raise \$10,000 between food and funds.**

### To be part of this effort...

**Donate In-date Food** (It will be counted as \$1.00 per item).

**Donate In-date Meat or Produce** (It will be counted as \$1.00 per pound).

**Donate funds** (It will be counted dollar for dollar).

**You must note your donation "LFPC" if you want it included or just verbally let us know.** Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry!

### How can you donate?:

You can mail or drop off donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307-0734 during the following: Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

We also have drop off locations at the following:

Loudon Station, Loudon — *Food & Cash Bin*

Loudon Village Country Store, Loudon — *Cash Bin*

Elkins Library, Canterbury — *Food*

Care Pharmacy, Epsom — *Cash Bin*

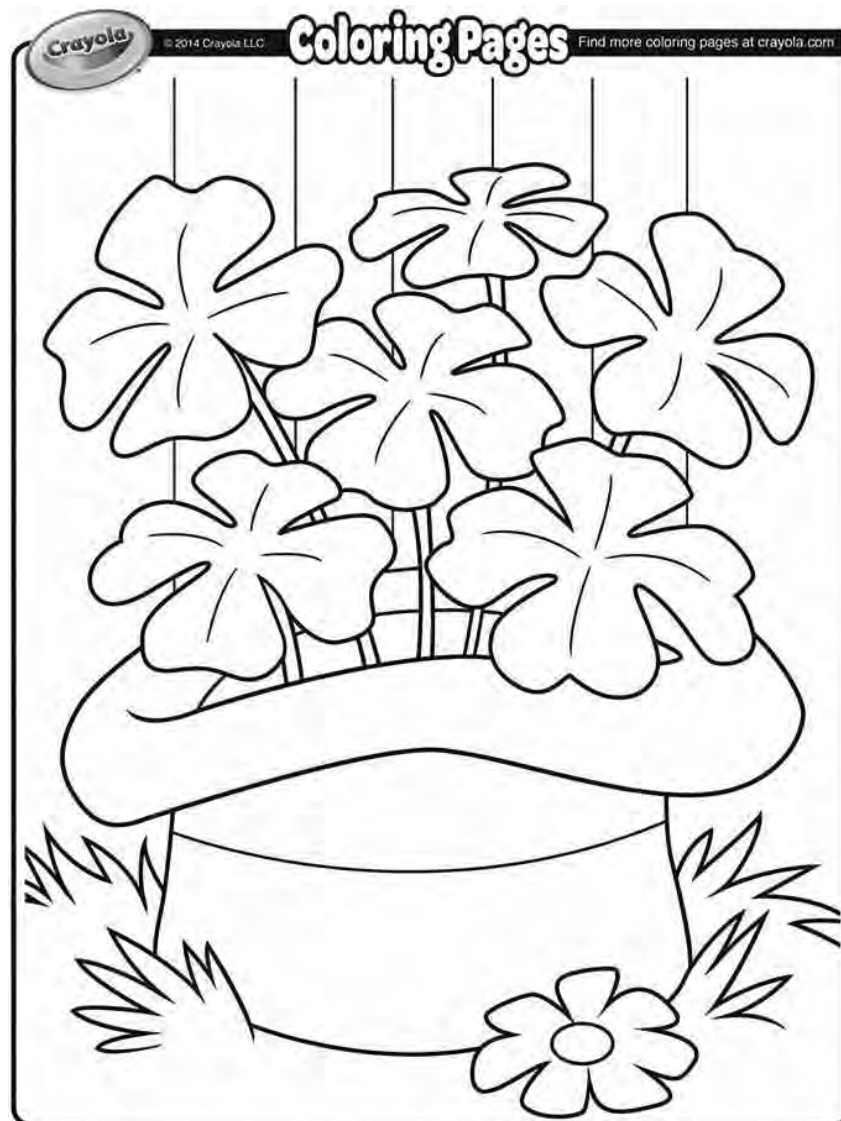
Please spread the word! With your help, we can feed households in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions please call Sue at 603-724-9731.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help us process the food that was received during the holiday season. We need to have UPS's marked out, expiration dates marked on cans, food logged in, labeled, and sorted. Help is always needed to bag and carry out food that we give out as well.

To volunteer, just drop in during any of the following: Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Even if you can come in just for an hour, it will help! Thank you! ■

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## Lions Meet on March 20

Loudon's Lion's Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 at the Maxfield Library. The club is looking for new members to help with local Lion initiatives, which include vision screenings, blood drives, ice cream socials, free breakfasts, and more. Planning is also underway for the annual Angels 5K Road Race at Merrimack Valley High School, which raises scholarship funds for local students. This year's race is slated for Friday evening, May 4. More information about the road race or other Lions events may be obtained by contacting Mike Moffett at michael.moffett@leg.state.nh.us. And interested guests are welcome at the March 20 Lion meeting. We're looking for a few good Lions! ■

*Local Lions at a recent free breakfast held at Loudon American Legion Post #88 on South Village Road.*



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**Congratulations to the North East Motor Sports Museum  
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# Award-Winning Inaugural Year: Loudon's Motor Sports Museum Adds New Features

**North East Motor Sports Museum Wins Golden Hammer Award;  
New Exhibits and Memorabilia Being Added for 2018 Season**



As it approaches the first anniversary of the North East Motor Sports Museum, the region's newest tourist attraction can already call itself an award-winning museum. Created by racers, fans, and enthusiasts, the museum caught the eye of business leaders as The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce recently awarded North East Motor Sports Museum with a Golden Hammer Award.

The team leading the museum effort has announced an expansion plan with more space and new exhibits for 2018, and a second phase of construction to begin in the near future.

"I was one of those kids in high school with a car book inside his history book. Friends of mine had been talking about some sort of museum, hall of fame, whatever, for drag racing specifically, probably for 25 years, but there was just never enough of the right people, right influence to make it happen," said Gil Coraine, operations director of the museum. "When Dick Berggren retired from FOX Sports, he decided he was going to spearhead this thing, and with his notoriety and contacts, he made it happen. You'll see a list of names on the wall of people who made major contributions of time, money, parts, services, and without them, it would still probably happen, but we wouldn't be sitting in it right now."

The museum's leadership intends to rotate through its significant inventory of memorabilia every year to guarantee a fresh visit for fans annually.

Some of the 20 new museum exhibits fans can check out include:

- 1915 Duesenberg "Benedict Special" — one of five racing cars built by the Duesenberg brothers between 1913–1915.
- Ray Boissoneau's #54 Leader Car Midget from 1947, which was driven by Joe Sostilio, who was one of the most successful drivers during the peak age of midget popularity from 1932–1950.
- Ollie Silva's Magnificent Supermodified from 1968–69, in which he won more races than in any other car.
- Joe Bolger's BLT OSSA, which reflects the state-of-the-art rear suspension that was evolving in the early 1970s motocross motorcycles.
- King and Marshall AA/Fuel Dragster, which is one of the few New England-based Fuel Dragsters to campaign throughout the country and win national events in both NHRA and AHRA competition tracks.
- The Two Winner's Trophy from 1973 — Bugs Stevens thought he had won the Coca Cola 250, and Richie Evans thought he had won it too. The track decided

Evans had won, and Bugs was scored as finishing 14th. Bugs disagreed, and strongly so.

- The restored car that Geoff Bodine drove in 1978, winning 55 feature events in 84 starts that year.
- 6,000 horsepower Funny Car engine from 1980.
- One of two remaining V-6 Supermodifieds.

Located on Route 106 North in Loudon, the building is about 10,000 square feet and is the first of what will grow to additional space as funding allows. All forms of motor sports are represented in the museum, including cars and motorcycles, drag-racing, road courses, hill climbs, soap box derby cars, and even a snowmobile on display. Racers, fans, and their families have donated countless hours of labor, skills, materials, artifacts, and, most importantly, history and personal stories that date back to 1915.

"We are thrilled by the success of the inaugural year of the museum; it has exceeded our expectations and created a destination site for visitors to the capitol region of New Hampshire," says NHMS Executive Vice President and General Manager, David McGrath. "We have room to grow and more items than we ever dreamed we could collect to display for race fans and visitors."

Currently, the museum is open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$7 for seniors 65 and over, and free for seniors 75 and over, children under 12, active military, and first responders. Charter members and exhibitors are free with one guest. ■


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Cutting back on plastic really isn't difficult to do. Get into the recycling habit and we all will save money in the long run, and your recycling efforts will help save wildlife and the environment too.

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**Loudon Young at Heart**  
By Maureen Prescott

On Tuesday, February 13th forty-three members of the Young at Heart met at Charlie's Barn for their monthly meeting. The topic for this month's meeting was the Sanborn Mills Farm. Brian Grimaldi from Sanborn Mills Farm, Infrastructure IT and SMI Support, gave an excellent presentation on the Farm's history, current renovations, and their vision into the future.

The Sanborn Mills Farm is a traditional New Hampshire working farm dedicated to teaching traditional folk life and agricultural practices. This farm dates back to the mid-1800s and is surrounded by agricultural fields and managed forests. The farmhouse, timber-framed barns, and outbuildings have been carefully restored. There are two water-powered mills — a sawmill and a gristmill — and a blacksmith shop, all dating from the 1830s and still in use.

Today, there is a group of craftspeople, farmers, historians, and instructors dedicated to teaching the traditional skills that were commonplace back then. The farm has provided opportunities for people to learn old fashioned ways and explore how they can be integrated into modern life. Sanborn Mills Farm currently offers workshops in blacksmithing, draft animal power, and fiber arts. The farm is a working farm and group tours are available by appointment only. Anyone wishing to visit or learn more about the Sanborn Mills Farm can find additional information on the web at: [info@sanbornmills.org](mailto:info@sanbornmills.org) or call 603-435-7314. There will be an open house at the farm on July 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

#### Future Meetings:

**March 13th:** Roger Maxfield will give a presentation on "Old School Houses."

**April 13th (Friday):** Luncheon at the Shaker Table. It will be an Italian menu.

**May 8th:** Speaker from Canterbury on "Monarch Butterflies."

**June 12th:** Spring trip to "Fuller Gardens"

\*Just a reminder, donations to the Food Pantry are accepted at all meetings. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

See you all next month!! ■

**CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

#### March Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional VNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic on Tuesday, March 13 at the Richard Brown House, 9 a.m. until noon. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10; however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

#### Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. The January clinic will be held on Monday, March 5, 1–4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you.

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



## Six Tips When Considering a Home Equity Line of Credit for Home Renovations

Jack Prendiville  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Homeowners looking to undertake home renovations can often use a home equity line of credit or HELOC to finance their projects. Here are six quick tips on how to shop for and manage a HELOC:

#### Shop around.

Comparison shop to get the best rate.

#### Ask about the margin.

If you are offered a rate that's lower than the competition, it's probably just an introductory rate, so ask about the lender's margin. For example, if the introductory rate is 3.5 percent and your lender's margin is two percent, your final interest rate will be 3.5 percent.

#### Consider a conversion clause.

Some HELOC's allow you to convert a variable interest rate to a fixed rate, usually during the draw period (5 to 10 years).

#### Watch out for balloon payments.

Balloon payments mean that you must pay the balance in full when the draw period is up. Do not choose this option unless you have the final means to handle it.

#### Create a family plan.

Decide what the money will be used for and who will handle the funds. Keep in mind you can lose your home if the HELOC is not handled properly. Create a pay-back plan. Come up with a reasonable plan for how the loan will be paid back. ■

## Emily Stearns Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stearns are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Emily Stearns from Johnson State College in December of 2017. She graduated *magna cum laude* and was named to the presidents list two out of her three semesters there, the third semester she made the deans list. Emily earned a bachelor's degree in Wellness and Alternative Medicine and looks forward to continuing her education on the path to becoming a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine. ■

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## OBITUARIES

### HELEN M. FLANDERS

Helen M. Flanders of Loudon Road, Pittsfield passed away peacefully at Merrimack County Nursing Home on Sun., Jan. 21, 2018.

Born in Pittsfield, the daughter of the late John L. and Delena M. (Picard) Miller.

Helen worked for the Department of Safety for the State of NH for over 15 years before retiring in 1995. She was a parishioner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church where she volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister and was a member of the choir. She also volunteered at Concord Hospital helping out with Spiritual Care. She was a member of Consolers of Two Hearts at Sacred Heart Church in Manchester, and sang country music for many years.

She is survived by her son, Floyd Flanders, Jr. of Concord; her daughters, Delena Leonard of Loudon and Barbara Leduc of LeHigh Acres, Fla.; nine grandchildren, many great grandchildren; two great-great grandsons; her sister, Ethel Cochran of Pittsfield, and brother Leon Miller and his wife, Corine of Pittsfield.

She was predeceased by two great grandchildren, Mason and Macie Leonard; her sister, Edith Pelillo; and two brothers, John L. Miller, Jr., and Norman Miller.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Merrimack County Nursing Home Activity Fund, 325 DW Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303 or to a charity of one's choice. ■

### SCOTT BENJAMIN LAHAR

Scott Benjamin Lahar, 67, of Loudon, passed away in his home Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

Scott was born in Burlington, VT on Oct. 30, 1950, to Donald and Shirley (Andrews) Lahar. He was raised in Concord and graduated from Concord High School. Scott was a skilled sheet metal fabricator and woodworker. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Patriots fan. He loved spending time with his family, often taking day trips to the Polar Caves, the mountains, or the lake, and he was never one to pass up a quiet moment outdoors, a ride on a motorcycle, or a hot cup of coffee.

Scott is survived by his three beloved children, Michael Lahar and fiancée, Katherine Bushey, Jennifer Lique, and Samuel Lahar; his sister, Linda Prusia and husband, Denny; his brother, Aaron Lahar and wife, Karen; and several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

To view an online memorial or leave a message of condolence please go to ph-neuf.net. ■

### WILSON K. SMITH

Wilson K. Smith, 81, a lifelong Loudon resident, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at his residence following a period of declining health.

Born on Sept. 1, 1936, at the Farmhouse in Loudon, he was the son of Gerald and Marjorie (Lowe) Smith. Wilson was educated in the local schools and during high school, started working at the family farm. He also served his country in the United States Army National Guard.

Wilson was known as the "Eggman." He owned and operated Smith's Egg & Dairy Farm with his late wife, Sandra, on Clough Hill Road for over 60 years. He loved antique cars and his dog, Sadie, who went everywhere he went. He was a hard worker, who showed his family how to be strong and what it meant to work hard.

Besides his parents, Wilson was predeceased by his wife, Sandra (Curtis) Smith in 2010; a brother, Archer Smith; and a son Paul Gardner.

He is survived by his daughters, Marjorie Smith-Schofield of Loudon and Evelyn Smith of Loudon; grandchildren, Jessika Martin and her husband, Nicholas, and Tyler Smith; three great-grandchildren, Troy, Alayah, and Scarlett Martin; aunts, Rita Swain and Clara Volpe; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pauline Smith, Linda, and Rolfe Swain, Sharon and Kerry O'Dougherty; two nieces, Roberta Coffey and Donna Forst and her husband Brian.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301. ■

### CHARLES L. BYRNE

Charles L. Byrne, 78, of Loudon, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

He was born in Concord, a son of Leo J. and Mary (Cate) Byrne and attended area schools.

A proud Army veteran, he was a 40 year member of the NH Army National Guard, a 30 year member of the Pembroke Fire Department, a 21 year member of the Loudon Fire Department.

Following his retirement, Mr. Byrne was a school bus driver.

Mr. Byrne is survived by his wife of 54 years, Peta Byrne; four children, Lisa Blodgett of Keene, Justin Byrne of Pembroke, Jessica Byrne of Loudon, and Kendra Laframbois of Waynesboro, VA; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Loudon Fire Department. ■

### JACK HARRISON RICE, SR.

Jack Harrison Rice, Sr., born August 10, 1992 to Janice E. (Plummer) and John H. Rice III of Loudon, died February 11, 2018. In addition to his parents, Jack leaves his toddler son, Jack Harrison Rice, Jr. and his older brothers, who were also his best friends, Brian J. Rice (and partner Patrick Fisher) of Gaithersburg, MD and Andrew J. Rice (and wife Meagan Knight) of Loudon. He also leaves his maternal grandparents John G. Plummer of Franklin and C. Ann Plummer of Boscawen, several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. Jack was predeceased by an infant cousin, Lewis John Lull Plummer and his paternal grandparents, Margaret E. (Parker) and John H. Rice, Jr.

As a child, Jack participated in Loudon Youth Athletic team sports and was a member of Loudon Cub Scout Pack 247 and Loudon Boy Scout Troop 247 where he reached the rank of First Class Scout. He attended Merrimack Valley Schools and received his GED in 2012. Jack was a self-employed contractor, specializing in finish carpentry and enjoyed vehicle mechanics. ■

### LOURENE B. STEARNS

Lourene B. Stearns, 81, passed away Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, in Myrtle Beach, SC. She was a resident of Loudon for 38 years.

Lourene was born in Logan, Cache County, UT on Dec. 7, 1936, to parents Richard Brigham Binggeli and Mable Vera James Binggeli.

Lourene and her husband lived in many different areas of the United States before relocating to New Hampshire. She started her career as a phone operator for AT&T in Utah when it was THE phone company and upon moving to Washington, DC worked in a special division that handled calls to the White House. After moving to Loudon she worked as a nurse's aide doing in home care, and worked for Pleasant View Gardens, as well as Bear Brook State Park.

Lourene is survived by her children, Dal W. Stearns of Somerville, MA, Dane A. Stearns of New Orleans, Paul J. Stearns of Loudon, and Jennifer L. Dawes of Myrtle Beach, SC; and her grandchildren, Emily Stearns, Timothy J. Stearns, Catherine Dawes, Dexter D. Stearns, and Kristopher Audell. Her siblings, Robert "Bob" Bingley of Washington, LaRon Binggeli of Utah, and Suzanne Harrison of Utah, Joyce Parish of Utah, and Aldon Binggeli also of Utah. She is predeceased by her husband, Charley J. Stearns, and two siblings, Delray Bingley and Paul Bingley.

Lourene loved her family, going to church, taking care of her children and grandchildren, reading the Book of Mormon, and dogs. ■



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## Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes — December 7, 2017

### Members:

Doug Towle: *President*  
Chris Koufos: *Vice-President*  
Bruce Dawson: *Secretary*  
Cindy Shea: *Treasurer*

### Attendees:

Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Carole Soule,  
Doug Towle  
Called to order at 7:04 p.m.

### Old Business

1. The minutes from the Nov. 2, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report: There was no financial activity this past month.
3. Workshops for 2018
  - a. All workshop activities will be deferred to January 2018.
4. Grants and Fund Raising
  - a. Reviewed the NH Ag Development Grant report and it will be submitted by Carole.
5. Websites and Social Media
  - a. Things were significantly quieter this past month.
6. Newsletter
  - a. Carole asked about sending out a note about "Websites for Farmers and Small Businesses" meeting at the Chichester Library. We agreed she could. Carole indicated we might be interested in a series of Farmer Geek workshops.
  - b. Cindy suggested we post an article about a one-time Farmer Market on Dec. 14, sponsored by MCCD.
7. The Master Plan / Planning Board — No report. This will be dropped from

the agenda in future meetings since there has been no activity in a year.

8. The *Loudon Ledger*/Farm Map — the new one is in the current *Loudon Ledger*.
9. Filing
  - a. Doug purchased a filing cabinet at an estate sale for \$20.
  - b. Its now in Charlie's Barn.
  - c. The President and Secretary will have the keys to it.
  - d. Doug will send an invoice for his expense to Cindy.
  - e. Bruce will create the following folders and fill them: Minutes, Grants, Mail/E-Mail, others as needed.

### 10. Other Old Business — None

### New Business

1. Discussed Paul Branscombe's request to present a group insurance idea for farmers at a meeting. We don't think there will be enough people to be worth his while, so Cindy will send him a note. We can let our people know about his presentation.
2. We discussed additional meeting venues: Maxwell Library and Sanborn Farms.
3. Elect new officers:
  - a. President: Doug Towle
  - b. Vice-President: Carole Soule
  - c. Treasurer: Cindy Shea
  - d. Secretary: Bruce Dawson
4. Carole will write up the annual Town Report for the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

## Historical Society Meeting Minutes — January 3, 2018

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held January 03 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Michele York, Stan Prescott, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Andrew Parrella, Ashley Simonds, and Lucy Gordon

The minutes from the December meeting were read. *Roger made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written and Dustin seconded the motion.*

We had a long discussion about Town meeting. The H.S. would like to make a presentation to the town about using the "old" town office as part of the Historical Society museum. Lot of other towns have storage and a climate-controlled room. Plus other towns change their museums around to rotate items that have been stored away so the public can see the items. We have been given the approval to use two rooms at the old town office for storage, but we would like to use the whole stone structure. We will send a letter to the Select Board to see what they would be interested in for a presentation.

The H.S. has made a list of items and/or ideas that could be used in the Town History book. We are always looking for pictures, documents, stories, and memorabilia to be copied or added to our collections.

We are currently getting our existing laptop upgraded to include Microsoft Office. Michele will ask about getting a second laptop. That laptop would also have "Office" installed on it.

Stan has written the Historical Society report to be included in the Town Report. It was e-mailed to H.S. members. Stan reviewed all the feedback and updated the letter.

Roger contacted Bob Scarponi from Canterbury. They have recently published a Town History. Canterbury has gone through the "growing-pains" and knows what it takes to get this monumental task completed. We are currently waiting for information from Bob before we make future decisions.

On all future Sundays when the museum is open H.S. members will be at the museum. This will now be considered a time for everyone to work to get some of our projects completed. For example, work on inventory, getting items out of the loft, and into storage at the old town office.

Our next meeting will be February 7, 2018 at 7:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Gordon*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 9, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also present, Chief Kris Burgess, Road Agent Lance Houle and Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 2, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said Officer Battye started the academy on January 2nd.

Chief Burgess explained that his department will be holding a training that is required by the Attorney General's office on photo arrays January 24th. Chief Burgess said he sent an officer to be trained so that he can come back and train the others in the department. He explained that also on that day will be a training on flagging.

Chief Burgess explained that due to the conversation last week regarding Lesmerises Road he set up a directed patrol. He said he put together a graph that indicates the day and time, how many vehicles passed, the max speed and if any citations were given. Chief Burgess said he will continue the graph and

update the Selectmen in a week or two. Chairman Ives asked when this went into effect. Chief Burgess said last Wednesday. Selectman Fiske asked if the trailer could be utilized. Chief Burgess said absolutely.

Chief Burgess said he had a couple questions about the evaluation forms that are due February 1st. He asked if this is going to be an annual evaluation. Selectman Miller explained that this one is to get a clear idea of what's going on now and then they should be done annually on the date of hire. Chief Burgess mentioned that Officer Battye will be at the academy when her probation period ends. Selectman Miller suggested that Chief Burgess contact the academy for an update.

Chief Burgess said he forwarded a letter to the Selectmen regarding an officer.

Chief Burgess explained that there was an incident with cruiser number five and a deer. The insurance adjuster will be out tomorrow to take a look at it. Chairman Ives asked where it happened. Chief Burgess said it was just north of Lanes Garage on Route 106.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said when he walked in he was handed a quote from Dustin for the Transfer Station. He said the locks and motor for the

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**Selectmen** — cont. from 26

big overhead door are getting tired so it needs to be replaced. Mr. Houle said they've had to leave the door up lately. Chairman Ives said it looks like the office also needs some work. He said the doors need to be replaced; there is money in the maintenance fund. Chairman Ives said they should also look into getting the floor replaced. Selectman Fiske asked if this needs to go to bid. Selectman Miller said he would constitute this an emergency Chairman Ives agreed and said he doesn't think this needs to go to bid, he signed the contract.

Mr. Houle said a few months ago he was asked about bridges. He said he got in touch with GM2 out of Concord; they looked at the bridges and gave Mr. Houle an estimate for reviewing and giving a report of the condition of the towns bridges. Chairman Ives said he'd like Mr. Houle to get another quote. Selectman Fiske asked what it means when the state marks a bridge something like E2. Mr. Houle said that is the weight class. Chairman Ives said for the record the town does not have any red listed bridges.

Mr. Houle said they had a huge fuel problem due to the cold. He said it was hard to keep the machines going so he cut it with kerosene to keep things running. Mr. Houle explained that they are working on getting the banks pushed back. Mr. Houle said he started treating the roads when the weather started to warm up so they are starting to clean up. Chairman Ives said a lady on Berry Road gave Mr. Houle high marks for keeping the area near the boat launch widened out.

Selectman Fiske asked how Mr. Houle is making out with prices for welding the trash trailer. Mr. Houle said Russ McKenzie is coming in this week to look at it and he is trying to get a hold of another guy. Chairman Ives said the price of a new trailer is \$50–\$52,000 so depending on what the prices come in for to fix the old one they might want to buy the new one. Mr. Houle said once he gets the price for repairing it they can decide if its worth fixing it.

Selectman Miller asked about the compressor on the tractor truck at the dump. He said there has been an ongoing issue with it; it barely gets to 100 lbs. Mr. Houle said this is the first he's heard of the compressor not keeping up. He said he does know that he has to keep on them constantly to drain the air tanks. Selectman Miller asked Mr. Houle to take a look at it.

Selectman Miller said he texted Mr. Houle about some concerns during the storms. He'd like him to let people know what's happening. Mr. Houle said it was windy so snow was blowing in; he spent hours in the grader.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said the trucking company called today about picking up the tanker to take it to Wisconsin. They will be coming soon. Chief Wright asked if the Selectmen all received the emails regarding it; they did. Chief Wright said a representative from the Fire Department will need to go to Wisconsin to inspect it and then possibly drive it back. Chairman Ives thanked Chief Wright for getting this done. Chief Wright said it's been a battle but its coming together.

Chief Wright said the state crew will be back tomorrow to work on cleaning the post

and beams in the community building. Chairman Ives asked if they will need staging again. Chief Wright said he has contacted Capital Fire and they can use theirs again. He will take the crew and a trailer and pick it up. Chief Wright said he checked with the office to see when the building is booked.

Chief Wright the fire department calls for 2017 was 1116; up 3% from 2016 which was 1083.

Chairman Ives recognized Stan Prescott and George Saunderson to discuss solar on the town buildings. Mr. Prescott asked if they need a petition with 25 signatures or if the Selectmen will support it and add the warrant article. The Board said they will support it. Mr. Saunderson said they will draft an article for the Selectmen to review. Selectman Fiske asked if this will be on the building or beside it. Mr. Saunderson said it's very complicated because all the proposals have different options. He said they are talking about this building as well as the fire/police building. Selectman Fiske said they're usually on a slope; he asked how that effects especially the fire department because there is no slope there. Mr. Prescott said the flat roof does present some challenges. He said part of his request is to give them options for on the roof and on the ground. Mr. Prescott said there are many different options. Mr. Saunderson said some towns have energy committees. He said he'd like to see one for Loudon with 5–6 people including one Selectman. Mr. Saunderson said this is a big job. Chairman Ives asked if they have looked at the cost of this yet. Mr. Saunderson said they had five people that they hoped were going to give them ballpark estimates; they received four. He said the top was \$250,000 and went down from there; it needs to be refined. Mr. Saunderson said the town would spend that in ten years and then there is free energy for fifteen years. Selectman Fiske asked if the people that have Eversource will have a bill that will continue to go up as there is more solar. Mr. Saunderson said he doesn't think so because every time a panel goes on line there is less energy that needs to be generated so there is less money needed for more energy plants. Selectman Fiske asked about the taxable aspect about solar panels. Mr. Saunderson said there will be two warrant articles; one will be to give the Selectmen the right to solarize three town buildings and the other will be to see if people that invest in solar get that added to their tax bill. Chief Wright asked if one set of panels could be put up to feed all of the town buildings. Mr. Prescott said they probably can but it cost more than having stand alone for each building. Chairman Ives thanked Mr. Prescott and Mr. Saunderson for their hard work.

Chairman Ives read the following: *The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon are requesting bids for the printing of the Annual Town Report. Specifications may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office, 55 S. Village Road STE 1, Loudon, NH 03307 or by email to selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org. Sealed bids, clearly marked "Town Report Bid" are due at the Selectmen's Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday January 9, 2018. Bids will be opened during the next regular Selectmen's Meeting.* Chairman Ives said the first bid is from Evans Printing for the printing of 800 copies, 100 pages plus cover in the amount of

\$2,119.55. The second bid is from Debbie K Graphics for the layout and design of the town report for the fee of \$1,100. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to accept Debbie K Graphics bid in the amount of \$1,100 and Evans for the printing of the 800 copies for \$2,119.55. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives stated that next week the Selectmen will be meeting with Pleasant View Gardens in a nonpublic session to discuss a property tax abatement and court case. He explained that he will be recusing himself from the discussions because he has a family member that does business with Pleasant View Gardens and he doesn't want any public perception of favoritism.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of a check in the amount of \$5,02.13 from Primex for dam-

age to the Fire Engine for a mishap on Range Road.

The Board received an abatement request from M. Harris. Chairman Ives said the request will be forwarded to the assessor.

The Board received a copy of information from the Historical Society about their presentation at Town Meeting. Chairman Ives explained that the Historical Society is interested in using the old town office.

Chairman Ives said the first budget public hearing will be next Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 16, 2018

**Present:**

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 9, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

Chairman Ives recognized Recreation Committee members Alicia Grimaldi and Laurie Jacquith. Ms. Grimaldi said the committee met Sunday to discuss what they had discussed with the Selectmen a couple of weeks ago. She explained that they have a few things they'd like to do at the rec field, sort of a beautification project. Ms. Grimaldi said they will be tabling the graffiti wall for now but would like to proceed with the memorial mural for Alec White. She explained that this would be a community event where they would bring people in; there would be food, music, skaters, etc. She said this would cost about \$3,000 and they would like to take it out of the special events line. Ms. Jacquith said their goal is to bring people back to the recreation area. She said the White family is not the first family to be affected by suicide in town so they would like to get the message out that there are resources and this is a safe place in addition to honoring families. Ms. Jacquith submitted a picture of the mural that they are considering. She explained that the NH Institute of Art has a program and they would be able to create the artwork for the mural; the committee would pay for the materials. They explained that the mural would then be on panels that would be affixed to the garage that is by the skate board park in a way that the garage can still be maintained. Ms. Jacquith said sometime in the summer they would have a dedication where they would advertise it in the Ledger and around town. She said maybe this would be a way to get people interested in the recreation

committee. Chairman Ives said this looks like a great idea. He asked what would prevent people from doing graffiti on this mural. Ms. Grimaldi said one of the things they talked about was cameras. Chairman Ives said they received a cost estimate of about \$4,200 for three cameras out there; one at the skateboard park. Ms. Grimaldi said that she thinks having a camera, a message, and cleaning things up are really important so that people become proud of the area. Ms. Jacquith said they are looking for donations in materials and labor and expect that this won't cost \$3,000. Chairman Ives said he thinks it is a great idea and he is 100% behind it. Selectmen Fiske and Miller agreed. Chairman Ives said they will pursue the cameras and agreed that the committee can move forward with the mural.

Chairman Ives said they have an appointment paper to sign. He recognized Julie Robinson in the audience. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to appoint Julie Robinson to the Conservation Commission as Chairperson. This appointment expires March 31, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a Solar Energy System Exemption petition to go before Town Meeting. Chairman Ives read the following: *To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for a property tax exemption, for the added property's assessed value for a Solar Energy Installation. The exemption would apply to a primary residence only and would only apply to the Solar Energy Installation. The property tax exemption shall be at 100% and applied only to the value of the Solar Energy Installation on a primary residence. By Petition.* Chairman Ives said there

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are thirty-one signatures; all will have to be verified as Loudon residents.

The Board received a summons: *J. Green v Town of Loudon* (217-2017-CV-00652).

The Board received information from the Road Agent regarding either replacing or fixing the pressure washer. The Board agreed that since the pressure washer is 17 years old; it should be replaced not fixed.

The Board receive information regarding the purchase of flags for the meeting room; they agreed to the purchase.

Chairman Ives explained that they have a hearing for the budget at 6:30. He said copies of the proposed budget, revenues, and warrant are available if anyone would like one.

Chairman Ives said they'll start with the budget; he will read through each line and if anyone has questions they can ask. He explained that they have decided on a 2% Cost of Living raise (COLA) to all employees. Annmarie Gilligan asked why some of the salary lines such as the Town Clerks are 5%. Chairman Ives said that line includes a \$1,000 increase. Ms. Gilligan asked if the Selectmen salaries have to be voted on, can they just give themselves a raise or is it a separate warrant article. Chairman Ives said it will be voted on at town Meeting; it is the 2% COLA. Ms. Gilligan asked about the differences in the Selectmen's PT help line. Chairman Ives explained that there have been personnel changes in the office causing fluctuations in the wage line. Mary Ann Steele asked where the maintenance fee of \$1,500 for the town's website is included. Chairman Ives said he will make a note to check on that. Ms. Steele asked if due to the mid-term elections they should be expecting such a decrease in the postage. Chairman Ives said they have the postage needed. Alisha Kingsbury asked what is included in the election expenses line. Chairman Ives said its for things such as food for election officials when they work at the polls. Ms. Kingsbury asked how many people work. Ms. Steele explained that there are quite a few people, moderator, assistant moderator, ballot clerks, police officers, and selectmen for a prolonged amount of time. Chairman Ives said it's not just for food, it's for other expenses such as office expenses as well. Ms. Steele asked if its safe to assume that the amount spent in the legal line for the Planning Board is due to the track. Chairman Ives said that is correct; he explained that there is also an increase in the Zoning line for the same reason. Jim Straw asked how it is determined that new computers are needed. Chairman Ives said most of the computers are old, the IT company gives them suggestions as to when they get outdated and should be replaced. Stan Prescott said he noticed that there are six street lights out on S. Village Road. Selectman Fiske said the police department have always supplied the pole numbers for the lights that are out because they are around at night. This will be looked into. Mr. Prescott asked if the cemetery mowing has been put out to bid yet. Chairman Ives said not yet, he explained that Mr. Prescott is the cemetery superintendent. Chairman Ives and Mr. Prescott suggested that they might want to increase the cemetery maintenance line. Mr. Prescott said he noticed that the safety building uses propane but the town office and barn have natural gas. He wonders what the savings would be to switch over to natural gas; he understands it less expensive than propane. Selectman Fiske said he was lead to believe that the pipes are at capacity. Mr. Prescott said there used to be a moratorium but he doesn't believe there is now. The Board agreed that it should be looked into. Ms. Gilligan said there must have been an increase in health/dental insurance. Chairman Ives said there was a 0.6% increase. Ms. Gilligan asked if there is a capital reserve fund for police cruisers. Chairman Ives said there is not; he explained that they removed the cruiser from the line items and there will be a warrant article for a cruiser CRF. Mary Ann Steele asked if they could get a breakdown for the Police Departments outside service line. Chairman

Ives said they will get it. Paul Branscombe asked if the town has ever broken out the Road Agents salary. Chairman Ives said they have not. David Steele asked who gets the Forest Fire Wages. Chairman Ives said Chief Wright does. Mr. Steele said it seems strange that this is separate. Chairman Ives said it always has been; it might be due to the fact that the state is involved. Ms. Gilligan asked how many full-time highway employees there are. Selectman Miller said they have six slots; one is vacant and they hired two new guys this year at lower rates. Ms. Gilligan asked what the road agent makes. Selectman Miller said he makes \$27.05 per hour. Ms. Gilligan asked why the telephone line is increased for cameras; why isn't it broken out to a separate line. Selectman Fiske explained that the cameras are included in the telephone bill. Mary Ann Steele asked if the cameras are strictly to monitor the metal pile. Selectman Miller said for security there will be one in the office and one pointed down towards the metal pile. Ms. Steele asked if these cameras will be monitored. Chairman Ives explained that they won't be monitored they will be video evidence if something happens. Chairman Ives read the remainder of the budget line items.

Selectman Fiske read the following draft warrant articles:

**Article 01: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year.**

**Article 02: Police Cruiser CRF**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of buying a cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required). Mary Ann Steele suggested the wording be looked at regarding whether this is a Capital Reserve Fund or Expendable Trust Fund. Selectman Fiske said these have not been looked at by the town attorney yet and will be before they are finalized.

**Article 03: For reclaiming and paving Pleasant Street**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$342,000.00 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Pleasant Street and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$242,000.00 to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. The Selectmen recommend this article. Alisha Kingsbury asked if this had been put out to bid yet. Selectman Fiske said the road agent got a verbal price from one contractor, this will go out to bid. Stan Prescott asked what the length of the road is. Selectman Fiske said it's the entire length of the road; he doesn't have the length.

**Article 04: Solar Energy System Exemption**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for a property tax exemption, for the added property's assessed value for a Solar Energy Installation. The exemption would apply to a primary residence only and would only apply to the Solar Energy Installation. The property tax exemption shall be at 100% and applied only to the value of the Solar Energy Installation on a primary residence. BY PETITION. Mary Ann Steele said when this came up at town meeting last year the question asked was how much money is involved and how many households are involved. Chairman Ives said this is by petition so they won't be speaking about this article. Shed said someone is going to ask that question. Stan Prescott said they have the number of people that have equipment and for town meeting they will have a map that shows where they are located. Selectman Fiske said he spoke to the assessor and none are being assessed right now.

**Article 05: To add Solar Energy to Town Buildings**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the

installation of Solar Energy to Town Buildings.

The Selectmen recommend this article. Selectman Fiske said Mr. Saunderson and Mr. Prescott are working on this article. Mary Ann Steele said she would want to know the cost benefit ratio for this, at what point do we recoup the money because they are not cheap. David Steele asked if the Capital Reserve Fund for the new office has been closed. He said he recalls at the end of last year's meeting it was discussed. Mary Ann Steele asked how much is left in the fund. Chairman Ives said \$62-65,000. Ms. Steele said the year before last Mr. Krieger said that account will be closed, money shouldn't be going into this account anymore. Chairman Ives explained that there is not any appropriation going into the CRF this year. He explained that they were going to disburse the \$60,000 into other funds but then the idea of the solar panels came up and his thought was to use that \$60,000 for that purpose if the town votes for the solar. Chairman Ives said this just recently came up and they haven't fully discussed it yet. Ms. Steele suggested closing down the Town Office CRF and starting a new Solar Fund. Ms. Gilligan said she was thinking along the same line as Ms. Steele.

**Article 06: Chapter 79-E Tax Relief Incentive**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the provisions of Chapter 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive, which allows an owner of a qualifying structure within the Loudon Village area that intends to substantially rehabilitate or replace such structure, to apply to the governing body of the municipality in which the property is located for tax relief. If approved, the property tax on a qualifying structure which has been substantially upgraded and improved at the owner's expense will not increase as a result of the substantial rehabilitation for a period of up to five years, beginning with the completion of the substantial rehabilitation. The Selectmen recommend this article. Selectman Fiske explained that they worked with Mike Tardiff from Central NH Regional Planning Commission on this article. Stan Prescott asked if this is for the Village District or if another District will be created. Selectman Fiske said there is a map that designates the area to be included. David Steele asked how many houses are in this. Selectman Fiske said it a substantial amount of the Village. Ms. Steele asked if someone were to tear down an apartment house in the Village and build a brand new nice one would they not pay taxes for five years. Chairman Ives said they would have to get approval for the project. He said that CNHRPC came to them with the idea so the Village area could be revitalized. Alisha Kingsbury clarified that they would pay their original taxes but would not get an increase for up to five years. Ms. Kingsbury asked if this would be transferrable; if she has a property, rehabilitates it, and then sells the property. Selectman Fiske said it says owner so he would say yes.

**Article 07: To purchase Land on Lovejoy Road**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to purchase the fee interest in 29 acres of land located on Lovejoy Road, and identified as Tax Map 29,

Lot 85, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw said sum from the Loudon Conservation Commission Land Fund Expendable Trust which was established by the 2002 Annual Meeting for the purpose of conserving valuable farm and forest land. This would not increase the tax rate.

The Selectmen recommend this article. Selectman Fiske said this article was presented to them by Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Robinson said this will need a majority vote. She explained that it is a nice piece of land; they have been working on it for about thirty years since Art Monty was involved in the Commission.

**Article 08: To raise and appropriate for established CRF**

To see if the Town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$399,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Recreation Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund \$2,000

Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$5,000

Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

J.O. Cate Memorial Van Capital Reserve Fund \$2,500

Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000

Loudon Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) \$30,000

Town History Capital Reserve Fund \$10,000

The Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article 09: To raise and appropriate for established ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be placed in previously established Expendable Trust Funds.

Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000

Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund \$30,000

The Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article 10: For general municipal operations**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,525,295 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

**Article 11: To transact any other business**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Mary Ann Steele asked when the deadline for petitioned warrant articles is. The date is February 6th. She asked if an article is drafted

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 23, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

Chairman Ives recognized LeeAnn Childress from the Recycling Committee. Ms. Childress said working with Lance has been great, everything they have brought before him he has given his stamp of approval. She explained that they are doing really great with their social media, they are getting more and more followers that are asking questions, offering suggestions, she appreciates that. Ms. Childress explained that they are doing an upcycling project where they are going to encourage people to upcycle an item that they would normally throw away. She explained that as an incentive everybody that submits something will be entered into a drawing. Ms. Childress said she would like \$40 to buy a gift certificate from a local establishment for a prize. She explained that they also have a new member and would like to get that person a t-shirt. Chairman Ives asked how the winner will be determined for the gift certificate. Ms. Childress explained that it will be a simple draw a name out of the hat. Chairman Ives said he has no problem with it. Selectman Miller agreed saying he thinks it is a good program. Chairman Ives said Ms. Childress has the approval for both the \$40 gift certificate and the t-shirt.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess explained that a couple weeks ago he was asked to do a directed patrol on Lesmerises Road. He submitted a graph to the Board with the results of that patrol. Chief Burgess said he doesn't see an issue with speeding but with the speed limit; he thinks it is high. Chief Burgess said if they lower it they will probably be asked to lower speed limits all over town. He suggested that they table it for now and pick it up in the spring. He said there was minimal traffic and the fastest speed they had was 35 which is the speed limit. Selectman Fiske said that due to the

weather, snowbanks, and potholes they probably should do it again in the spring. Chief Burgess said they could put the speed trailer there in the spring.

Chief Burgess said they got the pole numbers for the street light that are out and submitted those to the office.

Chief Burgess said Asplundh is in town. He was told by them that they will have at least six crews in town. Chief Wright said they will be in town for 2-3 months. Chief Wright asked if the Board has had a chance to review the policy regarding outside details. He explained that Asplundh will be going to Canterbury next and he expects they will be reaching out to Loudon. Selectman Miller explained that they had a couple of words that they wanted added in the first paragraph of the policy but other than that he was okay with it. Chairman Ives said he likes the way it is setup especially the section about the part-timers. Selectman Miller said he will get it to Chief Burgess.

Chief Burgess said Officer Battye is in her fourth week at the academy and doing exceptionally well. Selectman Miller asked how long the academy is now. Chief Burgess said it is sixteen weeks and they have to stay there the entire time.

Chief Burgess said that he, Sergeant Akerstrom, Officer Posada, and Officer Beck attended a sexual assault training at Primex. He explained that February 16th he'll be sending four more officers.

Selectman Fiske asked about the radio and lights on the truck that was sold. Chief Burgess said the gentlemen is supposed to be removing and returning them. He said he will check on that.

Chairman Ives recognized Sandy Blanchard from the Conservation Commission. Ms. Blanchard said they have a waiver/release for a person to sign that is working on the trail. She explained that she used Concord's as template for Loudon's. Ms. Blanchard said Ms. Sims made a diagram of the bridge to take to get estimates on cost and found that some places were willing to donate materials. She explained that these places want a letter stating who they are and that they really are from the town. Chairman Ives asked who drew the bridge diagram. Ms. Blanchard said Sandy

Sims did but it was looked at by the Forester for the City of Concord who built the trails in Concord. She said she ran it by two other engineers as well. Ms. Blanchard said everyone told her it is overbuilt but they were given two I-beams for it. She explained that the area is not supposed to have motorized vehicles. Selectman Fiske asked if the Conservation Commission and Julie Robinson are aware of this. Ms. Blanchard said they are, the trails committee is part of the Conservation Commission, all of their meeting minutes are given to the Commission. Chairman Ives said his biggest concern was for the liability of the town. He said it is covered by her having engineers looks at the plan. He explained that the town insurance will not cover the bridge if something happens to it but will cover liability. Selectman Miller asked if they can get a letter from someone saying that they reviewed the plan. Ms. Blanchard said she will get that. Chairman Ives said they will get the letter written for donations. Chairman Ives clarified that some of the trail is on Harry's property. Ms. Blanchard said that is correct; the entrance is on his property but the bridge and most of the trail is on town property. She is working with the scouts to see if they can get their help.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a check from Primex for damage to a cruiser caused by deer. Chair-

man Ives said importantly no one was hurt in this accident.

The Board received an invoice from Best Septic for cleaning of septic on Dump Road. Chairman Ives pointed out that there was no charge for this; Best Septic usually donates septic cleanings for the town. He said they appreciate it.

The Board received an appearance filing for Case No: 217-2017-CV-0649.

The Board received a new quote from the Road Agent regarding the bridge review.

The Board received a job application from the Road Agent.

The Board received the Rhoades Scholar Directory from UNH. Chairman Ives read that Mike Pickering and George Cooper are Rhoades Scholars 1 and Lance Houle the Road Agent is Rhoades Scholar 2.

The Board received a draft warrant for the Boards review.

The Board received a memo from the Office Manager regarding permanent part-time employees. The Board will take this under advisement.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 30, 2018

### Present:

Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller.

Also, present:

Road Agent Lance Houle, Police Chief Kris Burgess and Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

*Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 23, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor.*

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said they got truck five back together; he said that is the truck they lost the belt on. Mike and George welded the floor and rewelded all the braces and supports on the sander. He said they redid everything to make it work saving the town a lot of money.

Mr. Houle said truck four is leaking power steering fluid, he's ordered a new seal and will have Steve Bennett install it.

Mr. Houle said they picked up a tree on the side of Piper Hill Road that people have been complaining about.

Mr. Houle said they had water running in the road in a few spots, they diverted the water to ditches and cleaned up the ice in the road the best they can.

Mr. Houle said that Mr. LeRoy left and is no longer with them; he left on his own.

Mr. Houle explained that he got some prices for repairing the trash trailer. Kit Thorstensen gave him a price of \$15,000 and Russell McKenzie gave him a price of \$12,000. Chairman Ives said he should go ahead and have Mr. McKenzie fix it. Mr. Houle said he will paint it and oil underneath it after its fixed to try and preserve it.

Chairman Ives explained that they need to decide how to pay for Pleasant Street. He said the warrant article is for \$342,000. He said \$100,000 will come from the road capital

reserve fund. Chairman Ives said they have they money they received from the state that could go toward it. Mr. Houle said he would like to see \$100,000 go towards it with the remaining \$50,000 going towards shimming other roads. Chairman Ives said he's thinking it would be better to put \$50,000 toward Pleasant Street and using the rest throughout the town. Selectman Fiske said he'd like to see \$75,000 going to Pleasant Street. Chairman Ives explained that the town received a one-time amount of \$150,000 to be used towards roads and they are considering using some to reduce the amount that will have to be raised at town meeting.

Chairman Ives said they will take the money out of the town's contingency fund to pay for the bridge review.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said he spoke to Mr. Mancini about the lights on the truck he purchased; he will be returning them.

Chief Burgess said Officer Battye is starting week number five of the academy. They'll be doing fire arms training.

Chief Burgess said last week they had flagging training and recertification.

Chief Burgess said they also had a photo array training.

Chief Burgess said their prosecutor came in and talked to them about new laws and summons.

Chief Burgess said the new floors at the station are completed.

Chief Burgess said Chief Wright said they can utilize the prison crew for painting the inside of the police station. He explained that they will also replace the ceiling tiles that need to be replaced if he gets them. Chief Burgess explained that labor is free they just have to pay for materials and the crew is available February 20th.

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asking the town to support teleconferencing for the School Districts annual meeting would the Board get behind it. Ms. Steele said she would absolutely drive to the elementary school for a video conference. Selectman Miller asked what type of equipment they would need. Ms. Steele said they already have half of what they need in the library. Chairman Ives said the problem is they need all the towns to do it or it won't be done. Ms. Steele said it needs to start somewhere. Chairman Ives said he would support it. Ms. Steele said she will get a petition if she needs to but would like the Selectmen to include it.

Chairman Ives said they have the estimated revenues. He said they are down slightly, these are done based on past experience, the economy, et cetera.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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Chief Burgess said the cruiser that met the deer should be repaired and be back this week.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted the most recent ambulance report for the Board to review.

Chief Wright submitted a Deputy Warden appointment paper for Eric Perry, their EMS Captain. He explained that Captain Perry works a lot of Saturdays and should be able to sign permits.

Chief Wright said that he and Chief Burgess met with Jack Shaver last week for his quarterly inspection. He said everything looked pretty much the same; he recommends continuing with the quarterly inspections. Chief Burgess said all the unregistered vehicles have been removed.

Chief Wright submitted a couple of pictures of the tanker that is being repaired in Wisconsin. Chief Wright said he asked two capable members of the fire department if they would be interested in going to Wisconsin to inspect, test, and drive the truck back to Loudon. Chief Wright said Paul Sanborn and Ben Carter would fly out and drive the truck back.

Chief Wright said engine two is away for repairs due to a small accident on Range Road.

Chief Wright said the state crew has finished cleaning and restoring the beams in the Community Building as well as touching up some paint. Chief Wright said he has an

extra chair rack that he will bring down so the chairs don't mark up the walls. He said the crew also refinished a bench and changed out light bulbs while the staging was there. Chief Wright explained that the crew has been helping the last couple days to clean out the mezzanine at Station Two. There was a lot of old exercise equipment and donated items.

Chief Wright said he, Chief Burgess and Gary Sleeper and their Homeland Security representative have had several meetings to discuss the FEMA Grant money available to upgrade the Emergency Operations Center. He explained that this is a 50/50 soft match grant. He said they are looking at significant upgrades to Station Two; upgrading the heating and cooling system, generator, radio, and antenna's, and office equipment. Chief Wright said this will be done in phases. He explained that because of the track they can get a larger grant than towns of a similar size. Chief Wright also explained that the special details payroll for the Fire and Police for a NASCAR race will count toward the match. He said that two races should cover their half of the match. Chief Wright said the amount that will be received has not been finalized but that it should be well over \$100,000. Chief Wright said they asked if the town requires more than one bid for work. He said FEMA is ultimately paying for the work; getting more bids could cause delays. Chairman Ives said they usually like to get more than one but he doesn't want to hold things up. Chief Burgess asked if the

bid policy can be waived for this project. Selectman Fiske said that it could be waived for this. Chairman Ives said he agrees that for this project so that things don't get held up the requirement for more than one bid will be waived.

Chief Wright said he sent a letter to Best Septic thanking them for helping with the frozen drain at the safety complex.

*Selectman Miller moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:32 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to come out of non-public session at 6:50 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives said the non-public session was to discuss personnel issues with within the fire department with Chief Wright.*

Chairman Ives recognized Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles.

Mr. Bowles said he is working on getting a Household Hazardous Waste Day lined up. He said he called two places but isn't getting response from Clean Harbors. Mr. Bowles said he spoke to a few people that uses the other company and they were happy with them. He said dates are filling up for the spring. Chairman Ives asked if the \$10,000 will be enough money. Mr. Bowles said he believes it will he thinks last year was around \$6,800. The Board agreed that Mr. Bowles can move forward. Chairman Ives suggested that

he go with the May date; people will be doing more spring cleaning.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a Detail Policy and Procedures from Chief Burgess. Chairman Ives explained that this is for outside police details. The Board signed the agreement.

The Board received a correction to the revised assessment for the Merrimack Valley School District. Chairman Ives said the assessment was increased bringing the monthly payment for the next five months to \$682,469.65 from \$551,741.82.

The Board received an invoice from Best Septic for the safety complex; there was no charge for the service.

The Board received a Trail Agreement from the Conservation Commission; this is signed by Harry MacLauchlan which allows the trail to cross his property.

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for November and December 2017.

The Board received an abutter notice for a Cell Tower in Hooksett.

The Board received the Xfinity Municipal Emergency Reporting Procedure.

The Board received copies of the articles for the Town Report for their review.

The Board received employee performance reviews for the Highway Department and Transfer Station employees.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

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

**Present:**

Chairman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

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

*Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 30, 2018 as written. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor.*

Chairman Ives stated that the budget hearing scheduled for tomorrow evening is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. due to the anticipated snowstorm tomorrow.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a petitioned warrant article for Offshore Wind power. This will be voted on at Town Meeting.

The Board received a petitioned warrant article saying shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town. This will be voted on at Town Meeting.

The Board received a petitioned warrant article saying are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. Chairman Ives said this will be on the ballot for voting on election day.

The Board received information from Upton & Hatfield regarding *Alpert, Elliott & Snyder v. NHMS and Loudon*.

The Board received information from NH Charitable Foundation.

*Selectman Fiske moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:10 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to come out of non-public session at 6:22 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives said the nonpublic session was to discuss a payroll issues with a town employee.*

Chairman Ives said the Travis Arel is leaving employment with the Town of Loudon. He said Travis has been a good firefighter/EMT; he is sorry to see him go. Chairman Ives explained that Travis is moving on to another department in southern NH.

Chairman Ives said that when the Chichester Building Inspector goes on vacation our building inspector covers for him. Chichester pays Loudon for the time our inspector spends there. Chairman Ives said this is another way the towns work cooperatively.

*Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 18, 2018

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

**Attendance:**

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

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

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

*December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting — Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson; All in favor; approved.*

**Discussion:**

**NeuroRestorative** — Lori Winslow spoke on behalf of NeuroRestorative. Abutters Clint Dupere and Charles & Janet Rend were present in the audience. Mrs. Winslow explained the company is looking to buy a home on Lower Ridge Road to build a six bedroom home for patients with traumatic brain injuries. Mrs. Winslow said this will be a 24 hour staffed home. Mrs. Winslow explained the home will look like any home in the community and the inside will be handicapped accessible. Mr.

Saunderson asked how many staff members and patients will be at the location. Mrs. Winslow said if all beds are full there will be six patients and 2-4 staff members. Chairman Dow said currently Loudon has Hemlock Hill which is located in town and is the same kind of home. Chairman Dow said he had some concerns about the location of this facility being so close to the track. Chairman Dow said the track is busy and for some of these brain patients the noise that the track produces may cause issues. Chairman Dow said many people move into this area in town and within years are writing letters with noise complaints and asking how to get rid of the track. Jesse Lindland from About Outside Construction said they will be building the home with upgraded windows and add insulation to the walls to help with the noise. Mrs. Winslow said they have a home on Old Orchard Beach that is a very busy neighborhood so they are familiar with working in noisy places. Mrs. Winslow said if they had a patient that had issues with the noise they would put them in a home somewhere else. Mrs. Winslow said they often take

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patients to the track for races and they enjoy it. Mrs. Winslow said at this time they house only men but this is not to say there won't be a woman at some point but 90% of patients with traumatic brain injuries are men. Mrs. Winslow said that NHMS has been in Loudon long before they planned to move here and they will never be a neighbor that will complain about the noise. Mrs. Winslow said they probably won't have many veterans that choose to live in this area due to PTSD and the noise being so loud. Mr. Saunderson questioned how big the property is. Mr. Lindand said it is 3.5 acres. Mr. Huntington asked how long residents live in the home. Mrs. Winslow said they may have patients that live in the home for six months but they do have patients that have to live with them forever. Mr. Miller asked what kind of security they have for the building. Mrs. Winslow said there is a law that prevents them from using securable doors but they will have chimes on the doors and at night the staff members are awake. Mrs. Winslow said when they have had issues with people walking away from the facility they have had a staff with them. Mrs. Winslow said if a patient is a flight risk they would have a designated staff member for them. Mrs. Tuson asked what the staff to patient ratio was. Mrs. Winslow said it depends on the shift and the people living in the home. Mrs. Winslow said that if they have a home that has six high functioning people they may only have two staff members on at a time and if they have patients that need more assistance they may need up to four staff members on during the day. Mrs. Winslow said they have two or three staff members at night that are awake. Chairman Dow asked Mrs. Winslow to explain the RSA that the company follows that allows them to not follow the Zoning rules. Mrs. Winslow said they support people with disabilities and they are allowed to live within the community and have staff to help them do that. Mrs. Winslow said the employees for this program must pass a background check as well as drug test. Mr. Moore asked if this was a nonprofit program. Mrs. Winslow said this is a for profit company. Chairman Dow asked if the property would have a dumpster and if so could they enclosed it with a fence. Mrs. Winslow said they will have a dumpster and can enclose it. Charles Rend asked what the outside of the building will look like. Mr. Lindland said this will be a ranch house and will have professionally landscaped grounds. Mrs. Winslow said the only difference you might see from any other home is that it has a handicapped vehicle in the driveway. Mrs. Bosco will send a letter stating the Planning Board is accepting of this project.

Old Business:

*Application #17-21: James Howell — Subdivision, Map 2 Lot 8, R/R district (Continued)* — Surveyor Jeff Green presented the application again this month, no abutters were present. Mr. Green said this now has state approval. *Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete; Seconded by Mr. Cole; all in favor; Accepted.* Mr. Green said he spoke with the fire department about the shared driveway and they have approved it.

Mr. Green has tried to subdivide the land differently but with the house in the middle of the lot he has to go around it. Mr. Huntington asked what the average width of the lot is and if it fit the 3:1 length to width ratio. Mr. Green said it does fit the configuration. Mr. Green said it is 150 feet at its smallest width. Mr. Bowles said by creating this lot will this cause the future home to need a reduced setback. Mr. Green said he doesn't see this being a problem as there is other space on the lot. Mr. Bowles said they could make part of the conditions that whoever builds on this lot cannot request Zoning relief. Mr. Green agreed to this stipulation. Mr. Moore said there is a rule in the regulations about gerrymandering lots. Mr. Green said he has done everything that was asked of him and this is the only way to subdivide the lot. Mrs. Tuson questioned a Site Walk of the property. Mr. Huntington said with the way the house is located and the lot configuration he doesn't believe the intent of the original subdivision was to subdivide again. Mr. Huntington said unless the Board was to look at the Gerrymandering rule there is no reason not to move forward with this approval. Mr. Huntington said it's too bad that we are subdividing lots like this because it makes us have to tighten up regulations. Vice Chairman Prescott agreed that this lot was not intended to be subdivided again. Chairman Dow said that this type of subdivision will come up again because there isn't much land left to subdivide. Chairman Dow said Mr. Green has done everything he can to follow regulations to subdivide this land with the layout it has. *Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the application; Seconded by Mr. Miller; Mr. Cole-yes, Mr. Miller-yea, Mr. Saunderson-yes, Mr. Huntington-yes, Vice Chairman Prescott-no, Mr. Moore-no; Majority rules Accepted.*

New Business:

None

Report of the Board of Permit:

None

Report of ZBA:

There will be no meeting for the month of January due to no applications being submitted.

Board Discussion:

Chairman Dow said after the Board spoke with Peter Dumont last month he reviewed his file and what he is proposing to be done fits within his current Site Plan so a letter was sent for approval.

After some minor changes to the bid for the sound study the attorney has approved it. *Mr. Huntington made a motion to approve the bid for the sound study; Seconded by Mr. Prescott; all in favor; Approved.*

Mr. Moore and Mr. Prescott updated the Board on the Impact fees and are close to completing the process.

Adjournment:

*Vice Chairman Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Huntington. All were in favor.*

*Submitted by,  
Danielle Bosco  
Administrative Assistant*

March in Loudon

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2nd Sunday of the month

2-4pm•Loudon Historical Society  
Museum Open

1st Monday of the month

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

1st Tuesday of the month

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

1st Wednesday of the month

7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

1st Thursday of the month

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

2nd Monday of the month

7:15pm•MVSD School Board

2nd Wednesday of the month

6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library

2nd Saturday of the month

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

3rd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library

3rd Tuesday of the month

7pm•Lions Club @ Library

3rd Wednesday of the month

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

3rd Thursday of the month

7pm•Planning Board @ CB

3rd Sunday of the month

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church  
Healing Prayer Time

4th Tuesday of the month

7pm•LYAA @ Library

4th Wednesday of the month

6:30pm•Recreation Committee @  
Library

4th Thursday of the month

7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Full Pack•6:30 @ LES

Every Thursday

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

EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES

March 3•9am•American Legion Junior Oratorical Contest @ Faith Community Bible Church

March 7•2pm•39th Army Band Assembly @ LES  
6pm•Hot Yoga & Library  
7pm•Meet the Candidates @ Town Offices

March 8•11am•MVSD Annual Meeting/Polls open  
7pm•MVSD Annual Meeting begins @ MVHS

March 10•10am•Legislative Listening Session @ Library  
11-5•LES Fundraiser @ Pizzeria Uno, Concord

March 11•DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS — SPRING AHEAD

March 12•7:15pm•MVSD School Board Meeting @ Penacook Elem.

March 13•8am-7pm•Town Elections @ Town Hall, Clough Hill Road  
9am•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House  
6pm•Spiritual Discussion Group @ Library

March 14•7:15pm•5th Grade Krypto Tournament @ Penacook Elem.

March 15•6:30pm•PTA @ LES

March 16•NO SCHOOL LEDGER DEADLINE

March 17•9am•TOWN MEETING @ LES LIBRARY CLOSED ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 19•6pm•Communications Council Mtg. @ Com. Bldg.

March 20•SPRING BEGINS 7pm•Lions Club @ Library

March 21•6:30pm•Pack 247 @ LES

March 22•6:30pm•Lip Sync @ LES 7pm•Book Group @ Library

March 24•8pm•Pinewood Derby @ LES

March 25•PALM SUNDAY

March 30•GOOD FRIDAY

March 31•FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

April 1•EASTER SUNDAY

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