

The Loudon Ledger



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If you would like to be added to our monthly email reminder list for submissions, please email ledgerarticles@gmail.com to be added. Thank you

Town meeting update

I wanted to give all the residents of Loudon an update on what the March elections and annual business meeting will look like this year. In accordance with Emergency Order #83 the Selectmen, upon my recommendation, have moved the business meeting (the Saturday meeting) to May 15. The municipal election (the Tuesday election) will remain on Tuesday March 9 at the Safety building in the village. The Selectmen and I agreed that with the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic that we could safely hold the election, as we did in September and November, but it was prudent to move the business meeting out to May. Our belief is that by May the most at risk and many at lower risk within our community will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated if they choose. Additionally, if the community transmission rate is still at an elevated level, we will have a better opportunity to seek an outside alternative in May than we do in March. Currently we are planning to hold the May meeting at the School. If any change in location is deemed necessary, we will make sure appropriate public notice is provided. The same safety protocols we followed with the fall elections will be in place at the March 9 election.

I appreciate all the volunteers who come together as a team to make our elections flow smoothly, and most importantly I thank the voters of Loudon for the opportunity to serve as your Moderator. See you on March 9th!

Howard Pearl-Moderator



(L) Logan and Landon Simonds head out for a day of snowmobiling



(R) Keith McNulty photo of Storr's Farm from Hollow Route Rd.

The MVSD Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2021 At MVHS

Polling Hours are 11am - 7pm (for moderator and board seats)

The Annual Meeting starts at 7pm

Visit loudonnh.org to view the proposed budget, annual report and warrant.

Absentee ballots can be requested at mvsdpride.org

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 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 798-4541 * selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6PM at the Town Offices
Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM
Stanley Prescott II (term expires 2021) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Roger Maxfield (term expires 2022) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Jeffery Miller (term expires 2023) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

Town Clerk

55 S. Village Rd., Ste.2 * 798-4542 * townclerk@loudonnh.org
Mon: 8AM–2PM * Tues: 3PM-8:45PM * Wed.-Thur.: 9AM-4PM

Planning/Zoning Board

55 S. Village Rd., Ste.4 *798-4540 * planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices.
The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices
Mon.-Thurs.: 9AM-1PM

Tax Collector

55 S. Village Rd., Ste.3 * 798-4543 * taxcollector@loudonnh.org
Tues.: 3-9PM * Wed./Thurs.: 9AM-4PM

Police Department – Emergencies: 911

55 S. Village Rd. Ste.6 * 798-5521 (administrative only)
24-hour Dispatch: 228-1631
Mon.-Thur.:8AM-4PM

Building/Code Enforcement

55 S. Village Rd., Ste.5 * 798-5584 * 8 Cooper St. Fire Dept.
codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

Fire Department – Emergencies: 911

55 S. Village Rd. Ste.5 * 798-5612 * chief@loudonfire.com
To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire station at the Safety Complex on Cooper St. Permits are available between the hours of 6AM-6PM, 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 Departments ~ Fire Permit Information

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School St * 783-4400
The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15PM
Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location

Transfer Station

55 S. Village Rd. Ste.7 * 783-0170 * roadagent@loudonnh.org
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Highway Department

55 S. Village Rd. Ste.7 * 783-4568 * roadagent@loudonnh.org
Mon.-Fri.: 7AM-3:30PM

Maxfield Public Library

Library Director: Dena Norman * 798-5153 * maxlib@comcast.net
Sun./Mon.: Closed * Tues.: 10AM-7PM * Wed.: 10AM-5PM
Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM
The Library Trustees meet at 5PM on the first Monday of the month

John O. Cates 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 each month at 2PM in their facility at the transfer station

Loudon Food Pantry

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Loudon Representatives
US REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan (603) 622-2024 www.maggieshassan.com
U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (603) 647-7500 shaheen.senate.gov
U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas (603) 285-4300 info@chrispappas.org
U.S. Rep. Ann M Kuster (603) 226-1002 kusterhouse.gov

Representative State Senate (District 17)

State Sen. John Reagan (603) 463-5945 john.reagan111@gmail.com

Representatives to the General Court (District 26)

State Rep. Michael Moffett (603) 491-0553. michael.moffett@leg.state.nh.us
State Rep. Jose Cambrils. (603) 731-8287. Jose4NH@comcast.net

Representative to the General Court (District 26)

State Rep. Howard Pearl (603) 231-1482 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 educate not advocate."

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to ledgerarticles@gmail.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 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 6/18	Council Meeting	Mon 6/21
August 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 7/16	Council Meeting	Mon 7/19
September 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 8/13	Council Meeting	Mon 8/16
October 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 9/17	Council Meeting	Mon 9/20
November 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 10/15	Council Meeting	Mon 10/18
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January 2022 Ad Copy & Deadline	Fri 12/17	Council Meeting	Mon 12/20

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Youth Group for Grades 6–12 Sunday evenings at 6:00.
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Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.

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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

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

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.

(Nursery provided for all services.)

Please visit our website for more information!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Shirley Marcroft, Pastor

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307

Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

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

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478

info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org

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

Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

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

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

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Rev. Isabel Gillespie, Missional Outreach Pastor

33 Staniels Rd., Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.

office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LBNnazarene.org

Sundays:

9:30 a.m. — Worship: In Person and YouTube Live Streaming

We are unable to offer a Nursery or a Pre-School Church at this time, but our “Kids Korner” (K–5th Grade) is now being offered during the last half of the worship service.

11:00 a.m. — Discipleship Hour. Classes offered live for ages 3–93.

No livestream at this time, but Zoom for some classes.

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To have your Church's information added to this column, please email your information to ledgerarticles@gmail.com

Richard Brown House-March 2021

In February, we celebrated National Pizza Day on the 9th with a pizza lunch from Pizza Hut. Community members donated some gift cards which were used as prizes for some heart-inspired games and contests to keep the residents engaged in activities. Special thank you to an anonymous community member for donating a box of Girl Scout Cookies for each resident at Richard Brown House and to the girl scouts of Troop 60180 for creating some cute cards for the residents as well. Residents and staff received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at an on-site clinic coordinated by Volunteers of America and Walgreens.

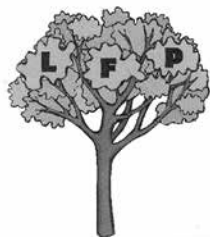
March brings us the first day of Spring and residents will be offered a game of Springo Bingo as a way to celebrate the new season. We are pleased to collaborate with a new partner, HealthDirect, a pharmacy service company in Concord, which will provide residents with mail order services for their prescriptions. We are teaming up with Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts for residents to create “Make It. Give It.” fleece throw blankets to exchange with their Richard Brown House neighbors, and residents will continue to advance their computer skills on Tech Tuesdays.

We still could use some donations of gift cards to local businesses to be used as prizes so we can offer more games and contests to the residents while they are cooped up inside. Donations of Gift Cards can be sent to: Torey Kortz, RSC Richard Brown House 142 South Village Rd. Box 2 Loudon, NH 03307.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, ideas, or support for our residents. Torey.kortz@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 202. Our Property Manager, Lucie Bilodeau, can be reached at lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 203.



Our oldest resident Marian I. at Richard Brown House gets the Covid 19 vaccination



Loudon Food Pantry

Contact Information

Address: Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307.

Phone: (603) 724-9731

Donation, Office and Volunteer times: Tue. 10 – 6, Wed. 10 – 1, Thu. 10 – 4

Service hours: By appointment only. Tue. 10 – 6, Wed. 10 – 1, Thur. 10 – 4

Website: www.loudonfoodpantry.org Facebook: LoudonFP

January 2021 Meal Numbers

In January 2021 we gave out enough food to create 7,430 meals to 228 individuals. 87 of those were age 60 and older, 62 were age 18 or under and 79 were in between those ages.

Shut Down Dates

During the last year we took no time off other than major holidays and inventory. Our volunteers have been working diligently throughout the pandemic with no breaks. We have been feeding people twice their allotment of food each week for quite some time and now that they seem to feel more secure. It's time to give our volunteers time to take a breath.

Closed and Unavailable the week of

03/15/21

06/14/21

10/11/21

Reopen Date

03/23/21

06/22/21

10/18/21

Holiday closures will be announced later.

Do you live in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester, or Loudon NH and need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!

LOUDON STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLD VIRTUAL "LISTENING SESSION" ON APRIL 10

Loudon's three state representatives -- Howard Pearl, Mike Moffett, and Jose Cambrils -- will conduct a virtual "Legislative Listening Session" on Saturday, April 10, from 9-11 a.m., or for as long as citizens have questions and want to discuss any bill or issue. The URL for the session is, if citizens want to reserve a spot is <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZErd-msrzkuE92NeON-LeEiqSXq4zoq46cK?fbclid=IwAR3nB8EIWjl7vGNanrVBopWegr6nVCZdkmx1gbi1kKCBIZrZZwMCOO13k>. Or if it is easier, just email one of the representatives and the link can be emailed to you for your convenience. Respective email addresses are howard.pearl@leg.state.nh.us, michael.moffett@leg.state.nh.us, and jose4nh@comcast.net.

Citizens can also email questions or comments in advance to be addressed during "the show."

A special guest will be Rep. Tim Lang (Sanbornton) who is a member of the Governors Reopening Task Force to share the latest regarding the COVID situation. Other special guests will be in attendance as well.

Covid or No, The Sap's Gonna Flow!

Want to know What's Sappening?

Come to our socially-distanced event
March 13, 14, 20 & 21st (10am-4pm)



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Loudon Historical Society

A Glimpse into the Historical Society

by Liz LeBrun

We've all heard that good things come in small packages. That is certainly the case when we consider the Little Comfort Improved Hand Sewing Machine. The sewing machine is miniature but it could do what the full size machines were able to do although it was especially desirable for small repairs. The box advertises the machine as practical, reliable, economical, portable, durable and complete. The machine was produced from 1896-1906 and boasts over 50,000 in use during that time. The sewing machine was made by the Smith and Egge Company that began in 1873. William Smith and Frederick Egge originally partnered to make a new lock for post boxes. The business prospered and the Smith and Egge Company began to supply all locks, keys, and chains for the postal service as well as sash pulley components, conductor's punches and sewing machine parts. Smith and Egge began manufacturing the whole sewing machines about 20 years after the business began. The miniature machine was all metal and weighed about 30 ounces. The Little Comfort was advertised as an adult machine but simple enough for a child to use so it also had a market as a toy. The machines were sold by the giant Wanamaker store in Philadelphia that at the time covered an entire block. The average selling price was \$2-\$4 which is \$62-\$124 today. Our machine comes with the operating instruction pamphlet and four extra needles which were manufactured separately by Wilcox and Gibbs. Having the original box, operating instructions and extra needles, makes our display much more interesting and valuable. Although we don't know who bought and owned the machine originally, they must have treasured it as evidenced by its remarkably good condition.

While exploring the Loudon Historical Society Museum, you might notice the miniature sewing machine and think it's cute. That doesn't seem enough to honor an item that has survived over 100 years. Please know that the Historical Society is doing its best to not only preserve the items sitting on the shelves but to preserve their stories for generations to come.



New Planning Board / Zoning Board Administrative Assistant

We would like to welcome Kelly Pedersen as the new Administrative Assistant. Kelly is a life-long resident of Loudon. Kelly has a degree in History with a minor in Dance and Justice Studies. In 2018 she applied her love for history as an interpreter at George Washington's Mount Vernon. In the Planning/Zoning Office, Kelly is responsible for interacting with you, the public, and other municipal and state agencies. The Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations are a lot to know and understand and Kelly is already proving quite adept at the task.

Ned Lizotte - Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment

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We have really enjoyed getting to visit in-person with our patrons again! Maxfield Public Library’s hours have returned to normal hours of operation and patrons may now enter the building for library services. A maximum of 5 patrons may be on the main library floor at one time to browse our materials. However, the children’s library may only be accessed by appointment. Families may reserve 30 minutes to browse the children’s library. The children’s library is closed on Wednesdays.

Face coverings **MUST BE WORN** in all areas of the library by patrons age 5 and older. The Library will provide face coverings for patrons who do not have one. Hand sanitizer will be provided in all areas within of the Library. Staff will also ensure that social distancing measures are being followed.

- Tuesday: 10-7
- Wednesday: 10-5 (children’s library is closed)
- Thursday: 10-7
- Friday: 10-5
- Saturday: 10-2

Curbside pick-up is still available!

In the event of a full closure, delayed opening, or early closing due to inclement weather, Maxfield Public Library will post an announcement on WMUR, as well as on our Facebook page and website. Please continue to follow us on Facebook, visit our website at www.maxfieldlibrary.com, or check the Town of Loudon website at www.loudonnh.org for updated Library announcements.

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

We have been so impressed with all of the voracious readers and crafters this month! Craft kits and book bundles have been flying off of the shelves. We are so happy to pick out books for you and help you get creative!

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT KITS: In February you all have been crafting up a storm! We love to see your creations! Please email us at maxfieldlibya@gmail.com and send us your completed crafts so we can share them on our Facebook page. We have also been providing young patrons with a weekly early literacy craft packet that pairs with our weekly virtual story time!

VIRTUAL STORY TIME: Our virtual story times will continue to be posted Thursdays at 10:30 am. We have been reading books about animals hibernating in the winter, using too much glue and being silly, trying to find the perfect Valentine, and how to make pancakes. You all loved our February break early literacy craft packs and we are thrilled you enjoyed them! In March we will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a holiday themed virtual story time on March 18th!

THEMED BOOK BUNDLES: Our book bundles have been very popular! We love putting them together for you. Keep letting us know what your interests are and let us put together a hand selected bundle of books just for you! Email at maxfieldlibya@gmail.com and we are happy to put a bundle together for you. Love, kindness, and friendship, historical fiction, trucks and trains are just some examples of possible bundles. We want to put together the perfect stack of books that is personalized for you!

TEEN TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS: Our first Teen Advisory Board/Crafternoon meeting was a great success! We made unicorn photo holders and chatted about the books we are reading. We were also able to get valuable suggestions from the teen advisory board about what books we should add to our collection. We love getting feedback from patrons! Email us at maxfieldlibya@gmail.com or call to find out more information about joining the Teen Advisory Board/Crafternoon Crew! We craft and talk about books!

LIBRARY NEWS

WINTER READING BINGO ENDS MARCH 19! If you love to read and you love a challenge, we encourage you to sign up for our Winter Reading Bingo challenge at Maxfield Public Library! Until March 19, adult, teen, and child readers can sign up to receive a bingo card. Each age group will receive a card with different activities on it such as: reading while drinking hot chocolate, reading to a stuffed animal, reading a memoir, or manga! When you get a bingo, submit your card for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card to Gibson’s Bookstore in Concord. Bingo cards must be returned to the Library no later than March 19 to be entered. Only one card per patron, please!

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Loudon Fire Department News

The Loudon Fire Department would like to introduce Gregory Treat, an Advanced Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician and certified Level Two Firefighter to our career staff at Loudon Fire Department. Greg has worked as a call and per-diem member of the department since April of 2017 and was promoted from within the department to career status on January 25th. Greg is married with two young girls and is expecting a third child soon. Greg and his family reside in Concord and look forward to finding a larger home in Loudon in the future. Firefighter / AEMT Treat took part in a two-week orientation program to be brought up to speed with his new responsibilities and duties as a career staff member. He was able to forego the typical field training orientation program due to his four years of previous service to the department. This is an ideal situation for the department to be able to grow and promote from within the organization when openings occur rather than the time-consuming process of finding a qualified individual from outside of the organization to recruit and then have the need for a lengthy field orientation program including learning the apparatus and the community. We look forward to the skills and knowledge that Firefighter Treat brings to the table and the service he will provide the community.

We would like to congratulate Firefighter / EMT Zachary Powell on completing his Ice Rescue Technician certification program adding to our team of qualified members which can perform that highly technical and specialized skill if needed. Last summer the department invested in its cache of ice rescue equipment and updated the equipment

carried on each of the four primary responding pieces of apparatus in the event of an ice rescue situation. We also would like to congratulate Lt Mathew LaDuke on passing his NH Emergency Services Instructor 1 class at the NH Fire Academy and he will now progress to the Instructor II program in the near future. We currently have seven members of the department in classes at the NH Fire Academy and they are progressing nicely as expected. We also have many members of the department in the final stages of their emergency medical technician recertification process. We are still conducting many of our meetings via zoom and when we have in person training meetings we will continue to organize the training to maintain small groups of 6-8 members and rotate them through the various skill stations to maintain their competencies and safety at the same time.

Currently the department is working on a plan to construct a 5000-gallon water cistern at station 2 on Clough Hill and also installing two more dry hydrants next summer. One dry Hydrant is proposed on Currier Road and the other on Staniels Road. We are working with the NH Department of Environmental Services to obtain the necessary permits to install the dry hydrants. We are trying to secure more options for fire suppression water based on the extreme drought conditions of 2020 and feel that these 2 dry hydrant projects will assist us if we see a significant drought in the future by being able to access the river directly in two additional locations. The cistern at station 2 will assist us in day-to-day operations by having a supply of water to refill trucks after incidents requiring smaller amounts of water without having to go to a draft site and refilling from a dry hydrant which can be time consuming keeping call members away from their work or families longer and more importantly the apparatus being out of service longer while it does not have a full tank of water.

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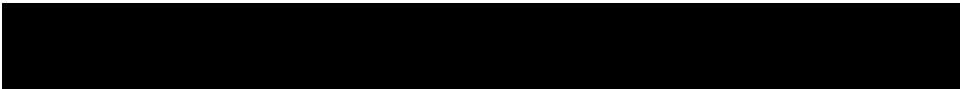
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Loudon Firefighters Association



Sudoku Puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

Answers to this month's puzzle are on page 24

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You must purchase Resident Stickers at the Transfer Station. The cost is \$5.00. See the attendant.

Additional information:

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Highway Department
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Loudon Elementary School

Upcoming Events

3/8 MVSD School Board Meeting at 7:15
 3/15 Remote student material pick up day
 3/22 No School - Teacher Workshop Day
 3/26 Report cards issued via Alma

LES Clubs Are Underway

This year, LES is offering several remote extracurricular opportunities to allow for peer connection and learning fun. These include: Environmental Kids Club, Student Council, Cooking Club, Yearbook and the Great Stone Face Book Club.

Kindergarten Registration

It's hard to believe, but it is already time to register your Kindergartener for the 21/22 school year. If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten at LES next year, please call Mrs. York at 783-4400 to begin the registration process. Children must be five years old by September 30th to be eligible



Community Partnership

During the week of February 1st, LES welcomed the Concord Dental Sealant Coalition. Services provided include fluoride treatments and dental sealants, with the goal of cavity protection. The MVSD elementary schools are grateful for this partnership and the important service it provides to our students.



Welcome Back!

The LES community was excited to welcome Ms. Staples and Physical Education back into our building!



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Easy Swaps to Help Reduce Plastic Use

Thinking of reducing the amount of plastic you use? Here are some easy swaps you can make. As we know, less trash will result in saving our tax payers dollars to dispose of it all!

Water Bottle -- There are numerous reusable water bottles on the market these days, and water bottle refilling stations are also becoming more popular.

Reusable Wrappers -- There is a growing number of flexible, reusable wrappers meant to be used in place of plastic or foil

- Cloth coated with beeswax conforms to the shape of a bowl to cover it snugly or can be folded over foods to keep them fresh. Wrappers can be wiped clean, dried, and used again and again.
- Cloth Bowl covers are also a great option and can be easily laundered

Traveling Utensils -- Keep an extra set of "traveling" utensils in your purse, backpack or car; wrap them in a cloth napkin and you'll be prepared for your next meal on the go

Portable Coffee/Tea Cup -- Think about all the people who stop for coffee/tea in the morning; help reduce the amount of "one use" cups that end up in the trash by taking your own insulated thermos or travelling cup, where applicable

Sandwich Pouch -- Instead of plastic wrap, or single use bags, perhaps use a food safe, reusable, washable sandwich bag

Grocery Bags/Totes/Produce Bags -- It may take a few trips to the store to remember to bring in your own bags, but it will eventually become a habit – just like taking your grocery list. Many of the reusable ones can also be easily laundered.

- Cloth bags are much sturdier than the flimsy plastic ones at the stores. Perhaps you can make your own from old t-shirts!
- Compressible bags, ones that fold up into themselves, are great to stash in your purse or jacket pocket
- Reusable mesh Produce Bags are becoming quite popular and come in a range of sizes

Start small and work your way up! We're all in this together!

Loudon Recycling Committee



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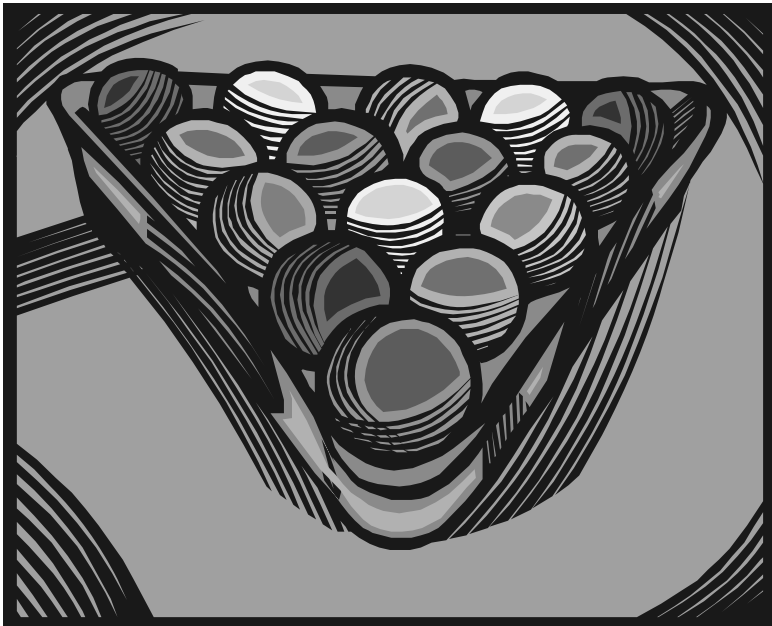


A typical cell phone contains heavy metals and toxic chemicals, so proper disposal of cell phones is essential.

Half of all collected cell phones are refurbished and re-sold overseas. Those beyond salvage are stripped of working parts, metals reclaimed and remaining parts recycled responsibly.

Take the time today to check your nooks and crannies for cell phones. Then do the smart thing; recycle your old phones! Bring them to the Transfer Station Office during regular hours.

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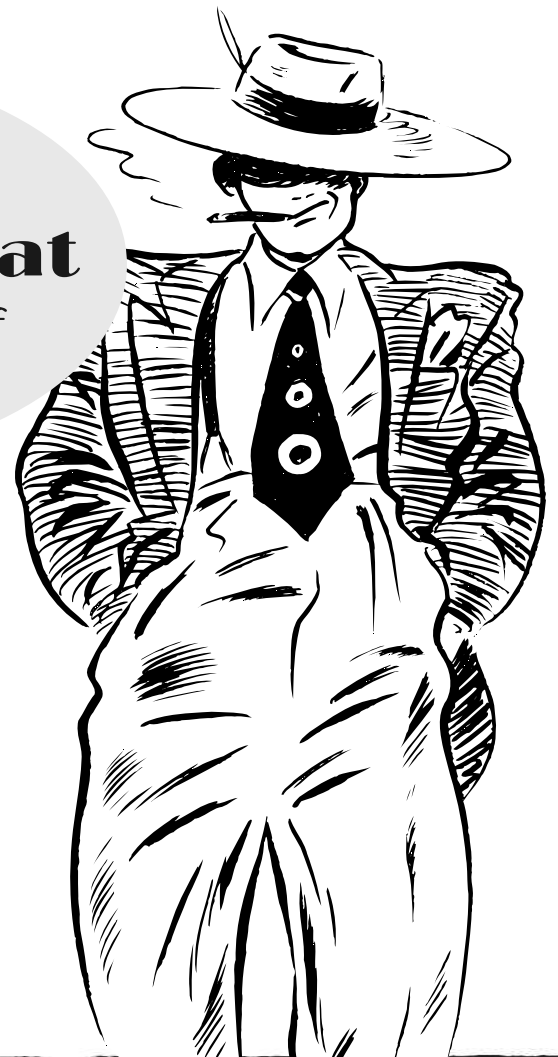
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What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton

It's that time of year again!! Can you hear the sap drip, drip, dripping into the buckets (what few are still used)? Can you smell the sweetness in the steam rising from the evaporator?

Sugaring (or sapping whichever term you prefer) is underway. Be sure to pick up some syrup at a local producer. Grade A Dark is the best for cooking unless recipes state otherwise

Maple Pudding Cake

This is an all-time family favorite in our house. It's quick and easy and great for last minute company.

1 ½ cups flour	¾ cup sugar	2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt	¾ cup milk	1 ½ cups maple syrup
¾ cup water	2 tbsp. butter	ice cream or whipped cream

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and milk. Pour into a greased 8 " square pan. Combine the maple syrup, water and butter in a small saucepan. Heat just until the butter melts. Pour the warm sauce over the batter, DO NOT STIR. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream. Note: A pudding like sauce forms and goes to the bottom.

Maple Pecan Sweet Rolls

¾ cup milk	½ cup white sugar	1 tsp. salt
½ cup butter	2 pkg. dry yeast	1/3 cup warm water
3eggs	5 ½ - 6 ½ cups flour	1 cup chopped pecans
6 tbsp. butter or margarine	½ cup brown sugar	

Maple Topping

Combine ¾ cup maple syrup, 1 ½ firmly packed brown sugar and 6 tbsp. butter in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cook for 3 min. stirring constantly. Set aside.

For sweet rolls: Scald the milk; stir in the white sugar, salt and ½ cup butter. Cool to lukewarm. In large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water stirring well. Add the lukewarm milk mixture, eggs and 3 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough additional flour to make a stiff dough. Turn the dough onto a floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, 8-10 min. Shape into a ball and place in a lightly greased bowl, turning to grease the top. Cover, let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, sprinkle the pecans into 3 ungreased 8" pans. Prepare the Maple Topping and pour over the pecans. When the dough has doubled in bulk, punch it down and divide in 3 equal portions. Roll each piece into a 7x9 rectangle and spread each with 2 tbsp. of softened butter. Sprinkle with the brown sugar. Roll up as you a jelly roll pinching the edges to seal them. Cut into 1 or 1 ½ in slices and lay them cut side down in the prepared pan of pecans. Cover and let rise, about an hour, until doubled in bulk. Bake in a preheated oven at 400 degrees for 25 min. Immediately invert the rolls onto a plate to cool.

Maple Pumpkin Bread

1 ½ cups very dark maple syrup	¾ tsp. baking powder
1 ½ cups sugar	1 ½ tsp. cinnamon
4 eggs	4 ½ cups flour
1 cup oil	1 ½ tsp. baking soda
3 cups mashed pumpkin or squash	1 ½ tsp. cloves
¾ tsp. salt	1 ½ tsp. nutmeg

Grease 3 standard loaf pans. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Beat maple syrup, sugar, eggs and oil together. Add pumpkin. Add dry ingredients. Mix well. Pour into prepared pans and bake 1 hour. Bread freezes well.

Acorn Squash with Maple Syrup, Bacon and Nuts

4 small acorn squash, washed	10 slices bacon, cooked until crisp
2 tbsp. olive oil	1 ¼ cups maple syrup
1 tsp. sea salt	½ cup heavy cream
10 sprigs of herbs, such as sage or thyme	12 oz. unsalted mixed whole nuts

Heat oven to 425 degrees. To make squash easier to cut, place on a microwave safe plate and cook until slightly soft- about 5 min. Cut squash in half; scrape out seeds and discard. Rub squash with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Place cut side down on a cookie sheet and scatter with herbs. Roast until squash is tender- about 25 min.

Break bacon into small pieces, set aside. Just before squash is done, heat syrup in a saucepan over medium heat and whisk in 2 tbsp bacon grease. Simmer until reduced and slightly thicker than honey – 10-12 min. Stir in cream and fold in nuts and bacon.

Fill cooked squash with nut mixture and drizzle with any extra maple syrup mixture. Garnish with cooked herbs and a sprinkling of sea salt. Serves 8.

Maple Bread Pudding

1 cup maple syrup

1 cup milk

2 eggs, beaten

2 cups cubed day old bread

 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt

Scald milk, add maple syrup, bread and salt. Let stand 5 min. Add beaten eggs and transfer to a well-greased (use shortening) casserole dish. Place in a pan of hot water and bake in a 325 degree oven 60 mins. Or until done. Can add $\frac{1}{2}$ chopped nuts or raisins.

Maple Peanut Butter Cookies $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter

2 cups unsifted flour

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda $\frac{1}{2}$ cup light brown sugar $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder $\frac{1}{2}$ cup maple syrup $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

1 egg

Blend well the peanut butter and shortening; beat in the brown sugar and maple syrup. Add egg and beat well. Sift flour with baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to first mixture and beat thoroughly. Turn out onto a floured board and divide in half. Shape into a roll about 2 in. in diameter. Wrap well in plastic wrap and refrigerate 3 hrs. or overnight. Cut slices about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick and place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 12 min. or until golden brown. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Maple Granola

4 cups rolled oats

1 cup Wheat germ

1 cup sesame seeds

1 cup coconut

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oil $\frac{1}{2}$ cup maple syrup $\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Combine oats, wheat germ, sesame seeds, coconut and nuts. Add oil and stir until evenly distributed. Pour in maple syrup and stir well. Add honey and mix until well moistened and mixture is crumbly and sticky. Spread in 2 shallow pans. Bake $\frac{1}{2}$ hours until mixture is golden brown and dry. Stir mixture every 20 min for even cooking. Cool and store in an air tight container.



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Obituaries

Guy E. Sherman, Sr.



Guy E. Sherman Sr, 88, a resident of Loudon, NH died at the Concord Hospice House on February 15, 2021 after a period of declining health.

He was born on April 5, 1932 in Duxbury, VT a son of the late Leonard and Abbie (Andrews) Sherman.

Guy was raised and educated in the Bristol, NH area and settled in Boscawen, NH and later Loudon, NH where he has resided for the last 18 years.

He faithfully served his country in the United States Army, serving from 1952 to 1954 when he was Honorably Discharged at the rank of Captain.

Guy had a long and varied work history which included logging, trucking and maintenance supervision for a couple of overhead door companies prior to settling in Boscawen, NH. He worked hard to build his own home in Boscawen, NH. Once his family was settled in Boscawen, he purchased multiple pieces of property, developed and maintained a couple of manufactured housing parks

and other rental properties. He retired in his late 70's to a beautiful home in Loudon, NH where his pride and joy was mowing and maintaining the plush landscape around his home and watching his wife Marie golf. His work ethic was exceptional. His determination to be independent and productive regardless of his health issues was extraordinary.

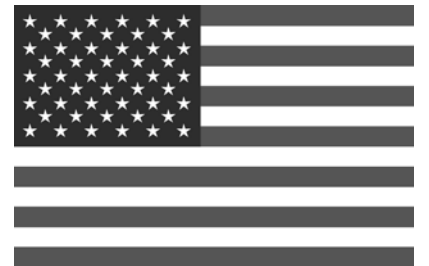
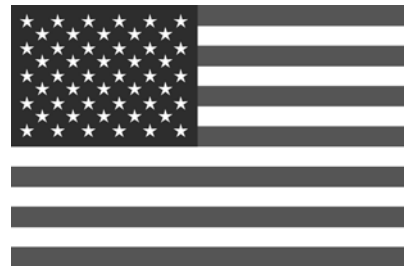
In addition to his loving wife, Marie of Loudon, NH survivors include his children; Susan Witham and her husband Kenneth Lorden of Loudon, NH, Debra Battye of Missouri and Guy Sherman Jr. of Brookeville, FL and one sister and one brother of Randolph, VT, 8 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren.

SERVICES: Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Holt - Woodbury Funeral Home, 19 Hall Ave, Henniker, NH. A private Chapel service will be held on Wednesday in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. In accordance with the CDC and the State of NH guidelines on COVID - 19 a face covering or mask and social distancing will be required at the calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Guy's memory to Concord VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE! Interlibrary loan services through the New Hampshire State Library have continued since September. Is there a book or a movie that Maxfield Public Library doesn’t have in our collection? We can borrow it from another library for you! Call 798-5153 or email maxlib@comcast.net to submit an interlibrary loan request.

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MUSEUM PASSES AVAILABLE: Please email Library Director Dena Norman at maxlib@comcast.net to reserve a pass no more than 2 weeks in advance. You must provide a specific date the pass will be used and coordinate with Library staff a time to pick up your reserved pass. Keep in mind that all museums' visiting hours may have changed due to the Covid19 pandemic. We ask that you contact the museum directly and check their website to become familiar of each museum’s required safety and health recommendations.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held Thursday, March 4th, 2021 at 4pm. Please reach out to Library Director Dena Norman at maxlib@comcast.net for information on how the meeting will be conducted. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some meetings have moved to an online format.

**Maxfield Public Library
Trustee’s meeting**
January 14, 2021

In attendance: Trustees, Naquisha Bourget, LeeAnn Childress, Diane Miller (via phone) Library Director: Dena Norman

At 4:00 pm Diane called the meeting to order.

- Dec. Meeting Minutes - LeeAnn moved to accept the Dec 3rd, 2020 meeting minutes as corrected. Diane 2nd – all approved
- Budget review – Diane reported on what the Selectmen discussed regarding our warrant article pertaining to the monies earned from faxes and copies
- Financial Report – reviewed, discussed and approved
- Library credit card
 - o Discussion on the library letterhead while we wait for the final date on the library logo.

- o Dena will use the old letterhead for the authorization of the CC.
- LeeAnn will follow up with the Historical society to verify the date.
- LeeAnn will write up a draft of the authorization letter.
- Town Meeting Report – we all agreed to meet Monday, Jan 18th to work on it.
- Budget Report – Diane reported on the warrant article regarding the monies earned from copies and faxes
- Policy Reviews – Discussion on edits/updates on the:
 - o Holiday Schedule Policy – go through it in Nov 2021
 - o Columbus day changed to Indigenous Peoples Day
 - o Mission Statement – New updated statement
 - o Snow Removal Policy – to include salting and sanding as needed and an independent contractor can be used
 - o Safety Policy – Dena created a new updated policy to reflect current times
- Reopening for indoor services - Will be returning to the scheduling of days and times that were in place before the holidays
- Staff - Discussion on the need to hire an Inter-Loan Librarian (ILL)
- Vacuum purchase – Agreed to purchase a new commercial vacuum to replace the old vacuum
- Library Trustee – Dena will write up an advertisement for a candidate for a Library Trustee member.

Next meeting will be February 11, 2021 at 4:00pm.

LeeAnn moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm. Nikki 2nd it – all approved

Submitted – LeeAnn Childress


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Tasker Landscaping LLC. By Letty Barton

You no doubt have seen many blue trucks around town – the ones belonging to Tasker Landscaping. Their fleet of 20 trucks is omnipresent. What started as a one-man business with a push mower has grown into a maintenance and landscaping enterprise.

Tasker Landscaping LLC was a dream of owner Gary Tasker from the time he was discharged from four years in the U.S. Air Force in 1978. In the service he had been assigned to ground maintenance and worked on heavy equipment which gave him a great background for what he does today.

Having grown up in Chichester, this friendly and outgoing man wanted to start a business in the same area. He found land and taxes in Loudon reasonable thus he eventually established one of his two locations on Chichester Road in Loudon.

Gary currently employs 24 people in the summer and 12 in the winter. Winter sometimes requires working 7 days a week, mainly plowing snow but also servicing maintenance trucks and equipment. He and his crew service approximately 150 customers with 75% belonging to commercial operations such as office buildings, banks and restaurants. Tasker Landscaping does all types of landscaping, hardscaping and maintenance projects ranging from small yards to 8–10-acre estates of both private homes and businesses.

Tasker Landscaping covers a wide area of central and southern New Hampshire. In the summer you might find one of the nine teams of employees working from the Lakes region to as far south as Manchester. Some crews may be mowing while others may be pruning shrubs, fertilizing, planting trees and shrubs or even constructing walls, walkways, patios, or steps. Many of Tasker Landscaping's projects are designed in house.

Gary says, "A landscaping company is only as good as its work force." The years of service for some of Gary's employees is impressive, ranging from 11 – 34 years! His daughter Jennifer has worked for Tasker Landscaping for 23 years, most currently as the office manager. This all reflects on Gary's belief in hiring young people and guiding them to become leaders.

According to Gary the best part of business is taking on a challenging job and working as a team to see it completed. Some jobs may as long as 2 ½ years, such as the complete landscaping of a 20-acre

estate on Lake Winnepesaukee. For Tasker Landscaping's work on this property, they received a Cornerstone Gold Award from the N.H. Home Builders Association in 2006. They have also been the recipient of several CAPPIE awards including first place for best landscaper in 2019.

Gary's basic business philosophy is to do quality work and treat people fairly. He has always wanted to be the best and continues to strive to do just that. He remains a hands-on owner, enjoying landscape design to help create a beautiful and functional landscape for customers.

This businessman takes particular pride in his company's role in creating the Army monument at the N.H. Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, completed in the spring of 2011. This monument is located in the Memorial Garden at the Cemetery. Tasker Landscaping provided the crucial layout of the monument including excavation and installation of concrete footings, setting of 40 tons of polished and engraved black granite blocks, as well as a bronze statue, emblems, and plantings.

The design of the Army monument incorporates pictures of 39 N.H. soldiers who served in the Army, Reserves or National Guard. A picture of Gary's grandfather, Col. Melvin Rowell, at his West Point graduation was one chosen to represent the many who served.

Involvement in the community has always been an integral part of Gary's life. He served on Loudon's Planning Board for 23 years; 19 of those as chairman. In 2012 he was voted Volunteer of the Year by Concord Area Chamber of Commerce where he was involved in the Funds for Education Golf Tournament, which he has participated in for over 20 years.

Loudon has benefited greatly over the years from Tasker Landscaping's generosity. They have supported Dare Night, Santa's Breakfast, and gardens at the Loudon Elementary School. Gary is an active member of Loudon's American Legion Post #88 and the Lions Club. His philanthropy reaches far beyond Loudon with charitable contributions too numerous to elaborate on.

Looking ahead Gary says he wants to maintain the status quo and improve on what he has created.



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LOUDON LIONS TO TAKE ON DIABETES

The Lions Club International is an organization that empowers its members to serve their local communities. The Loudon Lions Club has organized 5K charity road races and also has held food drives, ice cream socials, and provided scholarships to local high school seniors. These and other community service activities are important to Lions.

One of the signature missions of the Lions and Leos clubs throughout the world is Diabetes prevention and education. Following are some DIABETES QUICK FACTS:

- 463 million people in the world live with diabetes
- 50% of the people who have diabetes are unaware they have it
- Diabetes is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation
- Diabetes is expected to affect 629 million adults by 2045
- There are 43 million deaths attributed to diabetes every year

Lions Club International's mission for diabetes is to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed with the disease. This mission encompasses Type I, Type 11 and gestational diabetes and pertains to the physical, emotional, and social economic aspects of the disease. The Loudon Lions Club is trying to raise awareness of Diabetes, and hopes to schedule an event in the future that focuses on Diabetes education.

LOUDON LIONS TO CO-HOST CASINO NIGHTS AT THE DRAFT IN CONCORD

The Loudon Lions Club has been awarded ten April dates to co-host charitable gaming activities at The Draft, a popular Sports Bar and restaurant on South Main Street in Concord. The first Lions date

in Sunday, April 4th, and the other dates include April 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15.

"We collaborated with The Draft last year and it was very successful," observed Loudon Lions President Vince Giambalvo. "The partnership generated some club revenue to better allow us to continue our community service initiatives. It also generated some extra business for The Draft while also allowing patrons to have some fun and maybe even make some money. A win, win, win. We hope Loudoners will support us and patronize The Draft on one of our April dates. "

Supervisors of the Checklist - Town Notice

POSTED ON: FEBRUARY 18, 2021 - 12:30PM

The Supervisors of the checklist will be in session on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Loudon Community Building (Charlie's Barn 29 South Village Road). New registrations and correction to the list may be done between 11:00 am. And 11:30 am.

This is the last day for Town Clerk/Supervisors to accept voter registration applications, No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12. RSA 654:8, II


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The criteria for eligibility for this scholarship is as follows:

- 1) A graduating Loudon senior
- 2) A graduating Loudon D.A.R.E. student
- 3) A Loudon Resident
- 4) Entering an accredited post-secondary school
- 5) Student must be full-time status
- 6) Scholarship will be paid upon receipt of documentation from post-secondary school certifying student enrollment.

Include with the scholarship application:

- 1) 250 words or less essay stating: how the D.A.R.E. program has helped you make positive decisions, how you will remain a positive role model in the future, and what your future goals are.
- 2) Official copy of high school transcript
- 3) Current letters of recommendations from school representative (principal, guidance counselor, teachers).

Scholarship application deadline is April 30, 2021.

Completed application must be submitted in a **sealed envelope clearly marked SCHOLARSHIP** to:

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2021 D.A.R.E. SCHOLARSHIP

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SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION:

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the Proposed Loudon Transfer Station Rehabilitation will ONLY be received and accepted via online electronic bid service through <https://www.questcdn.com> until 3:00 pm local time on Friday, March 12, 2021 and at such time will be opened publicly online. Anyone interested in witnessing the public bid opening over the phone or internet is to contact Hoyle, Tanner for a link to the open conference call. Please contact Josif Bicja, jbicja@hoyletanner.com or Donna Akerley, dakerley@hoyletanner.com, (603) 669-5555 for meeting information at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled bid opening. The 5-day lead time is required in case the bid opening time changes.
The work consists of replacing the western deck slab with a new precast concrete slab, associated pavement reconstruction as well as minor concrete repairs, spot repairs to steel sheet piling paint system, and replacement of deteriorated exterior doors and metal siding. Two Bid Alternates are also included to waterproof the eastern deck slab and to also construct a new 40' long x 10' wide at grade concrete slab and will be awarded at the Town's discretion. The engineer's estimate for the work (including Bid Alternates) is between \$200,000 and \$225,000. The anticipated project schedule is to start construction on April 19, 2021 and complete all work no later than October 29, 2021. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. For all technical questions regarding this project should be directed by email to Josif Bicja at jbicja@hoyletanner.com. Bidders must be listed on the NHDOT "Prequalified Contractor's List" with a

classification of bridge and/or bridge rehabilitation or demonstrate similar experience for a minimum of five (5) years to the Engineer if not listed on the "Prequalified Contractor's List". Bids submitted from bidders who are not on the specified classifications of the NHDOT "Prequalified Contractor's List" or who cannot demonstrate similar experience to the Engineer prior to the time of the bid opening will not be accepted.

Complete digital Bidding Documents may be obtained on or after February 10, 2021 at the following website:

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To bid on this project and be considered a plan holder the Bidder MUST download the digital project bidding documents from QuestCDN and pay the download delivery fee. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than QuestCDN. Bidder shall submit a bid via online electronic bid service through <https://www.questcdn.com> (See Instructions to Bidders). A non-mandatory pre-bid conference using will be held at 10:00 am local time on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the project site, 42 Dump Road Loudon, NH 03307. Therefore, all interested bidders are encouraged to attend in order to prepare acceptable bid submissions.

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The Ageless Wisdom Of Adages

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My advanced age, plus staying pretty much cooped up due to the COVID pandemic, has had me reflecting on the past. And in some ways, longing for it! I've been writing down adages as they've come to mind and have developed quite a list.

An adage is a saying or proverb-like statement often denoting a basic truth, memorable over time and usually serving as good advice. However, some offer warnings of what not to do. Many come from ordinary folk-wisdom accumulated and passed down from generation to generation.

- A penny saved is a penny earned
- Money is the root of all evil
- Penny wise, pound foolish
- A stitch in time saves nine
- Many hands make light work
- An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure
- Waste not, want not
- Better late than never
- The squeaky wheel gets the grease
- Too many cooks spoil the broth
- A watched pot never boils
- Out of sight, out of mind
- Where there's a will there's a way
- April showers bring mayflowers
- Time flies when you're having fun
- Birds of a feather flock together
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

- If wishes were horses, poor beggars would ride
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away
- The apple doesn't fall far from the tree
- Spare the rod, spoil the child
- Idle hands are the devil's workshop
- A place for everything and everything in its place
- Good, better, best - never let it rest until the good is better and the better is best
- What a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive
- Two wrongs don't make a right
- Justice delayed is justice denied
- Never bite the hand that feeds you
- Take all you can eat, but eat all you take
- . . . the best thing since sliced bread
- All signs fail in a drought
- Pray for good harvest, but continue to hoe
- Rain in May, plenty hay. Rain in June, change of tune
- As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen
- Red sky at night, sailor's delight
- Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning
- Loose lips sink ships
- Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise
- Don't count your chickens before they hatch
- Don't burn your bridges
- Don't try to fix what ain't broken
- A pessimist is an optimist with experience
- It's easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission
- When you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there
- A fine beer may be judged with only one sip, but it's better to be thoroughly sure -- (Czech)
- Hasten slowly, and you will soon arrive -- (Tibet)
- A frog in a well cannot be talked to about the sea -- (Chinese)
- You cannot travel the path until you have become the path -- (Buddha)
- There are no obstacles to the path. The obstacles are the path -- (Zen saying)
- Be like the bamboo. The higher you grow, the deeper you bow -- (Chinese)
- If I keep a green bough in my heart, then the singing bird will come -- (Chinese)
- They tried to bury us. They didn't know we were seeds -- (Mexican)

Most listed are common in the Western world, and thousands are passed down from other cultures. I'm sure there are scads more than those I've recalled and some listed have slight variations in wording. Most have stood the test of time, but a few seem outdated.

- "From flowers, bees make honey and spiders poison."
- "Not quantity, but quality."
- "Physician, heal thyself."
- "Respect thyself, if thou wouldst be respected by others."
- "Knowledge equals power."
- "Love conquers all."
- Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without



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Kid's Corner

Make Your Own Easter Bunny Slime and Holding Jar

Supplies for the Bunny Slime Recipe PLEASE Do Under Adult Supervision

White Elmers Glue – 6 oz
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 2 tablespoons water or up to 1/4 cup of water if you want a stretchier slime
 1 tablespoon contact lens solution ****Note: the brand of contact solution is very important, it must contain boric acid for it to work.***
 Liquid Food Coloring

Slime Recipe for Easter Bunny Slime

1. Get a bowl to mix your slime ingredients in.
2. Pour 6 oz of Elmer's white glue into the bowl.
3. Add 2 tablespoons of water and mix. Note – if you want the slime to be more stretchy you can add another tablespoon of water or up to 1/4 cup total.
4. Add in 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda, food coloring and mix. We like this set because it comes with a vibrant pink, blue and yellow.
5. Add in 1 tablespoon of contact lens solution. Take this step as slowly as possible so you do not over-activate the slime (which makes the slime harder and not as stretchy).

We like to add 1/2 tablespoon to start and then mix. Measure out the other 1/2 tablespoon and slowly add this in. Only add in as much as you need for the slime to pull away from the bowl.

Take the slime out of the bowl and knead for 5-10 minutes. The slime will be very sticky still at this point. That's normal!

If you still find it too sticky after using the full tablespoon of contact lens solution, add some lotion to your hands and then knead some more. You can also add in another 1/2 tablespoon of contact solution but do this as a last step.

How to Make Bunny Mason Jars

Now we'll walk you through how to make the bunny mason jars. You can use these bunny mason jars to hold your slime and the

slime should last at least one week. Just make sure the jar is air tight.

Bunny Mason Jar Supplies

Small Mason Jars (we found ours at Michaels)
 Googly Eyes
 Pipe Cleaners
 Large Pom Poms
 Stiff Felt in white and other colors for the ears – we used pink, blue and yellow
 Glue Dots or Hot Glue

Steps to Make Bunny Mason Jars

- 1: First add your slime into your jars.
- 2: Then twist 3 pipe cleaners around each other in the center. Glue this to the mason jar.
- 3: Glue on googly eyes and a pom pom for the nose.
- 4: Cut out two ears and inner ear pieces from stiff felt. The stiff felt will allow the ears to stand up on their own. We used white for the outer ears and pink, blue and yellow for the inner ears.

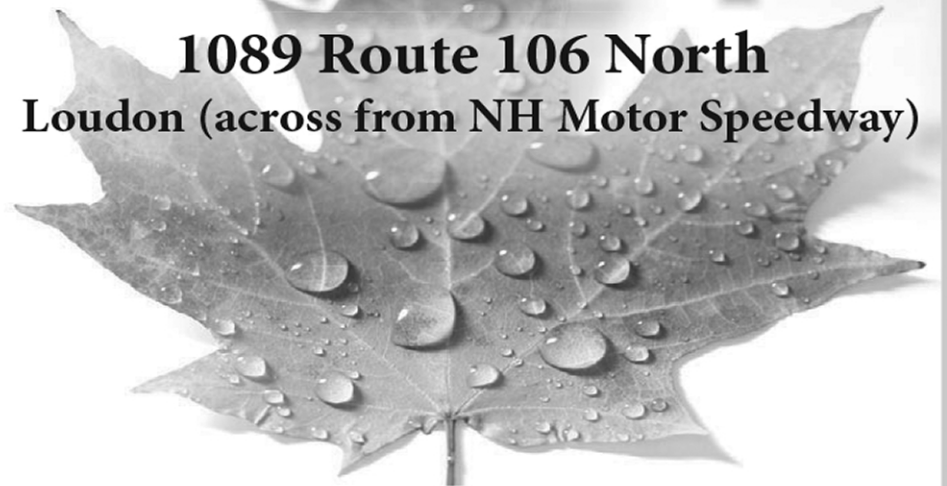
Then glue the ears to the back of the lid of the jar.

We hope you enjoy making these fun bunny slime jars!

Slime Safety & Precautions

Note: Making slime is a science experiment and safety precautions should still be made when creating slime.

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Loudon Communications Council

January, 2021

If there’s one thing we learned in 2020, it’s that the Greek philosopher Heraclitus knew what he was talking about centuries ago when he said, “change is the only constant in life.”

When the Loudon Communications Council submitted its last annual report in January 2020, we wrote that the past year had been filled with successes and the future looked bright. Members of the Council were busy planning new issues of the Ledger and discussing how best to cover results from the upcoming elections and Town Meeting in March.

We were working on preliminary plans for our two annual fundraisers and getting ready to reach out to our advertisers and local businesses to ask them, once again, for the invaluable support they have provided to us over the years. We were discussing whether or not to try our hands at building a Communications Council float for Old Home Day in August. We were blissfully unaware that everything was about to change.

News broke about a deadly virus that was spreading half a world away and heading in our direction. We had no idea then just how much all of our lives would be affected as a result. In response to the crisis, by mid-March, we had added a PSA tab (public service announcements) to our town website (www.loudonnh.org) in order to provide our community with easy access to the most up-to-date information from the State regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We also published and continually updated information about State and local government continuity of operations plans. Those updates included reports on the unprecedented postponements of our 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

In the past year, we witnessed mind-boggling changes in the way we live and work. Whether it was hybrid and

remote learning, working from home, wearing masks, social-distancing, conducting meetings by video and conference calls or shopping on-line, change appeared to be the only constant in 2020. Fortunately, that was not entirely true here in Loudon.

Throughout the past year, the Loudon Communications Council tried to ensure that whatever we published in the Ledger, and whatever appeared on the website was in keeping with our 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 understood how important it was to provide information about how our town employees, elected officials and community volunteers found new and innovative ways to continue providing the services upon which we rely. We described how library staff developed story walks for the kids and offered robust on-line programming and curbside service for the rest of us. We told you about members of the community who gave away handmade masks, and residents who reached out to neighbors to lend a hand and share resources. We showed photos of birthday parties that became parades, and community fund-raising dinners turned into drive-through, take-out feasts. We hope we helped our community celebrate its successes and remember that we’re all in this together.

Respectfully submitted,
The Members and Directors of the Communications Council

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Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.” Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”



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Obituaries

Agnes M. (Reardon) Sughrue



Agnes M. (Reardon) Sughrue, wife of Daniel F. Sughrue, of Bow NH, died January 15, 2021. She passed very peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family. A true fighter, Agnes beat the odds against a health condition she pushed back on since 2003 when she was originally diagnosed and told she had three months to live. A diagnosis that she clearly did not accept.

Agnes, (Aggie), formerly of Arlington and Lexington MA, is predeceased by her parents, Agnes Jennings Reardon and John

F. Reardon of Arlington, MA; and by her two brothers, John (Jack) Reardon of Arlington, MA, and Loudon, NH and James M. Reardon of Belmont, MA. She was a graduate of Marycliff Academy, Winchester, MA and of Regis College, Weston MA, class of '61. Agnes was a retired Private Investigator having worked with her husband, Dan, doing business as D.F. Sughrue Associates, in NH, and was one of the very first female licensed private investigators in the state of NH (if not "the" first).

A loving wife, a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, she was the perfect partner and a caring friend, above all else. She is survived by her husband (and partner-in-and-against-crime) of 36 yrs, Daniel F. Sughrue and by her children: Kerri-Maria McMenimen Phaneuf and family of NH, Kevin J. McMenimen and family of NH, and Frederick V. McMenimen III and family, of NH and MA.

Nine grandchildren also survive Agnes and two great-grandchildren.

A private, family service and burial was held on January 21, 2021 at the NH Veterans Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held at a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate you consider making a donation to one of the charities that are near and dear to Agnes and Dan: to The Vasculitis Foundation at www.vasculitisfoundation.org; to the Perkins School for the Blind at www.perkins.org; or to the Semper Fi Fund for combat wounded, ill, and injured at www.semperfifund.org.

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Turkeys crossing the road

Susan Kilby (nee Erb, Herzog)



Susan Kilby (nee Erb, Herzog), beloved wife, mother, sister, teacher and friend passed away peacefully at Golden View nursing home following a valiant battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Haverhill, NH to Frederick (Doc) and Ellen Erb. Being their daughter was a source of pride to Sue as her parents were fixtures in their North Country community of Landaff

NH, where she grew up with her siblings Doug, Mary and Tom. Sue graduated from Lisbon Regional High School and went on to receive her Bachelors in Education from the University of New Hampshire. A lifelong teacher, she never stopped pursuing her own education, eventually receiving a Masters in Education from Plymouth State University and continuing on to study administration.

She married Eric Herzog in 1988 and they raised her daughters, Elizabeth (Betsy) Kimball (nee Giguere) and Lori Giguere together. Both local teachers, some of Eric and Sue's best times were spent with their colleagues from Bethlehem Elementary School and Profile High School. When Eric became ill, Sue devoted her life to caring for him until his passing and taught her daughters strength and compassion through that process.

Sue was a prolific member of the Upstage Players and loved to perform. There was very little she wouldn't do for a laugh. She always knew the right thing to say. She gave the very best hugs. She had a laugh that seemed to come all the way up from her toes. She loved to sing, and family gatherings usually ended with her mother on the organ and Sue, Mary and her sister-in-law, Pat, gathered around singing.

She loved her girls immeasurably and was so proud of the women they became. She loved being a grandmother and gushed over her four grandchildren, Owen, Jack, Lucy & Tripp.

Sue was fortunate enough to meet Robert Kilby and the two were married in 2010. They moved to Loudon, NH where Sue found new purpose as an active member and deaconess at Family Bible Church. Robert was her constant companion and doting caretaker as her memory failed and Alzheimer's pulled her away from us. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Sue's name. A private burial for the family will take place on Monday, January 25th. A Celebration of Life will be planned for the summer when it is safe to do so. Arrangements have been entrusted to Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium. To view an online tribute, leave a message of condolence or for more information please visit www.phaneuf.net.

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Planning Board News

The Economic Development Committee along with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) approached the Loudon Planning Board in early 2020 with a suggestion that would help streamline the application and public hearing process making it more predictable. The suggestion was to implement a "Technical Review Committee" (TRC). The TRC was approved by the Planning Board at a public hearing held on January 21, 2021.

TRC's are not new and are in place in many municipalities in NH. The TRC helps reduce the time and, in some cases, the number of meetings an application takes to be approved. It also helps ensure that the necessary input from other Town departments is considered prior to the application getting to the public hearing stage.

The TRC is composed of all Town department heads as well as a representative from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. When necessary, the TRC may include outside resources such as the Town's engineer, Town counsel or the CNHRPC. The Town department heads and Conservation Commission will be able to provide important feedback prior to formal submission of the application on issues such as life safety, building codes, transportation issues, security issues, etc. The Planning Board representative will be concerned with checking that the application is complete.

The addition of the TRC will necessarily require that complete applications be submitted earlier than previously required. Completed applications will need to be in the Planning/Zoning Office no later than 28 days prior to the next Planning Board meeting. The application (including all supporting documentation) will then be distributed to the TRC members before they meet 1 week later. After the TRC meets, the applicant will then be advised of any deficiencies so they can be addressed prior to the formal submission of the application which remains unchanged at 15 days prior to the public hearing.

An important additional change involves timeliness of submitting information to the Planning/Zoning Office. Any information received in the Office less than 15 days prior to the public hearing will not be considered at the meeting. Additionally, any information submitted less than 10 days prior to subsequent meetings will not be considered. This change is necessary in order to get updated information to the Town department heads for their comment and to allow Planning Board members sufficient time to prepare for public hearings.

As we work to improve the process of application submittal and review, we are also now requiring that all submittals be in an electronic format as well as hardcopy. Therefore, all information submitted for an application and for subsequent meetings will need to be in a single PDF document. This will allow for easier sharing between the Planning/Zoning Office, department heads, and outside resources such as the Town's engineer, Town counsel or the CNHRPC.

You will find more details in the Land Development Regulations. And, if you have any questions please contact the Planning/Zoning Office for assistance.

Town of Loudon Loudon, New Hampshire Planning Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rodney Phillips

Attendance:

Present - Katie Phelps, Jeremy Minery, Chairman Rodney Phillips, Danielle Bosco, Ex-Officio Jeff Miller, Alternate Bob Phillips
Bob Phillips was appointed as a Voting Member in the absence of John Storrs
Vice Chair Alice Tuson and Alternate Dustin Bowles arrived late.

Land Development Regulations Amendments and Technical Review Committee Hearing:

Item 1: Add new text to Section 23.14: Fire Safety Requirements covering new road construction. Motion to adopt made by Katie Phelps; seconded by Jeff Miller. All in favor.

Item 2: Adding a driveway profile diagram to Appendix 1. Motion to adopt made by Jeremy Minery; seconded by Danielle Bosco. Chairman Phillips introduced an amendment to include an updated driveway profile diagram, drawn up by Selectman Prescott and tested by the Loudon Fire Department. Motion to accept the amendment made by Jeff Miller; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor. Discussion of the main motion included an explanation of the need for updated driveway grades to accommodate emergency vehicle access. Returning to the main motion, all in favor of adoption.

Item 3: Add new text to Section 23.14 2 (g) under Cisterns. Motion to adopt made by Katie Phelps; seconded by Jeff Miller. At the 2020 town meeting this exact language was voted in as a Zoning Ordinance amendment; this item will include it in the Land Development Regulations as well. All in favor.

Item 4: Replacing Section 13.4 4 (e) with updated wording concerning landscaping. Motion to adopt made by Jeremy Minery; seconded by Danielle Bosco. This item will replace the one (1) year time frame for landscaping survival with permanent landscaping requirements. Vice Chair Alice Tuson joined the board during this discussion. All in favor.

Item 5: Replacing Section 13.4 16 about Architecture with a more in-depth overview of desirable architectural elements in Loudon buildings. Motion to adopt made by Jeremy Minery; seconded by Alice Tuson. Discussion included whether to change the word "shall" throughout the text to "should" to sound less prohibitive while maintaining the meaning of the proposed section. Motion to change "shall" to "should" throughout the section made by Jeremy Minery; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor of the amendment. Alternate Dustin Bowles joined the meeting at this time. All in favor of adopting the main motion.

Item 6: Technical Review Committee discussion. Motion to adopt made by Jeff Miller; seconded by Jeremy Minery. Katie Phelps said that changing the word "shall" to the word "may" in Section I (d) would be best, inviting the applicant to attend the meeting instead of requiring them to be in attendance. Motion to amend "shall" to "may" in Section I (d) made by Katie Phelps; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor of amendment. Amendment proposed by Chairman Phillips to add article 11:1 (l) to the document and to amend the final paragraph to include the wording "and an updated complete PDF" in the first sentence. Motion to accept the amendment made by Jeff

Miller; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor of amendment. Final vote on the Technical Review Committee language to include the amendment of “shall” to “may” in Section I(d) and the amendment to the final paragraph wording; all in favor of adoption.

This concluded the Public Hearing on the Land Development Regulations Amendments and the Technical Review Committee.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 17, 2020 meeting unable to open, no minutes. Approval of minutes from November 19, 2020 meeting pushed to February 18, 2021 meeting.

Discussion:

Chris and Zach Lane – Map 50, Lot 8 (717 Rte 106 N)

In his introduction, Mr. Lane informed the Board of his hopes to further develop part of his legally permitted, mixed-use lot (Rural Residential and Commercial/Industrial). Mr. Lane is looking to build a house on the back of the lot, potentially using a shared driveway with the existing dwelling. Multiple Board members indicated that this would require a subdivision of the lot, ensuring that the new lot would include the required frontage and that the new house would need to be within the Rural Residential zone. Chairman Phillips stated that a Zoning Ordinance Amendment has been proposed to make shared driveways subject to Special Exception approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Prior to official subdivision of the lot, Chris and Zach Lane should see the Zoning Board to ensure that all driveway and frontage requirements had been met. Mr. Lane also mentioned re-developing one of his barns into one or two apartments instead; Chairman Phillips indicated that this plan would need Zoning Board input and approval as the project would move from being a two-family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling. Mr. Lane thanked the Board for their time.

Old Business:

#20-03 J Johnson: Map 2 Lot 21, Site Plan for a proposed access road in the Rural Residential District. A letter of continuance was requested from applicant representative Jeffrey Green of Jeffrey L. Green Land Surveying Services regarding the status of this application. No letter was received by the Board prior to the start of the meeting. Dustin Bowles said that a letter should be sent to Mr. Green to understand how this application has changed and how he will be moving forward. The Board discussed re-notifying abutters. Jeremy Minery made a motion to continue the application and to send a letter to the applicant; seconded by Jeff Miller. In a 4-3 vote (Bob Phillips, Danielle Bosco, Jeff Miller, and Jeremy Minery voted yes, and Katie Phelps, Alice Tuson, and Rodney Phillips voted no) the motion carried.

#20-20 Cameron Woodman: Map 11 Lot 47, Site Plan review for proposed automotive sale site in the Rural Residential District. This application has not been accepted as complete, and the applicant has not been seen at a meeting. During a phone call with the Board Administrative Assistant, the applicant stated that they will need to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment before returning to their application to the Planning Board. Chairman Phillips attributes this issue to the applicant having been directed to fill out the wrong application. A motion was made by Jeff Miller to table the application; seconded by Katie Phelps. All in favor.

New Business:

#20-21 Under His Wings Preschool: Map 21 Lot 16, Change of Use in the Commercial/Industrial District. Applicant Rebecca Mogee, owner

of Under His Wings Preschool, and General Contractor Michael Lee were present. No abutters were present. Applicant appeared before Zoning in December 2020, receiving a variance to have a preschool in the Commercial/Industrial district. Chairman Phillips questioned the applicant about whether they required a waiver for Item 12 on the checklist as there was no attached letter requesting a waiver. The applicant stated that they believed they would need a sign permit first and that they were currently in the design process. The Board reached the conclusion that the applicant did not need a waiver for this item and that it should be struck off the application. A motion was made by Alice Tuson to accept the application as complete; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor. The applicant explained that she had already met with the State Childcare Licensing Unit and the Loudon Fire Department about location suitability and had received a variance from the Loudon Zoning Board in December 2020. The applicant has received a variance from the State to use temporary snow fencing around the playground until spring when permanent “white picket” vinyl fencing can be installed. Chairman Phillips noted that the distances featured on the map should be removed, as they are not accurate. The property owner’s name and address must be featured on the map, as well as the names, addresses, and lot numbers of all abutters. A Locus map will need to be included. The Board discussed the issue of parking as the applicant has plans for future expansion of the preschool into the building basement. They requested that the word “path” be changed to the word “parking” in the area to the right of the building. Motion made by Jeff Miller to approve the application with conditions: remove distances given on the map; Add the property owner’s name and address to the map; Add the abutter’s names, addresses, and map/lot numbers in approximate location of each property; Add locus map; Change the word “path” to “parking” to the right of the building. Motion seconded by Bob Phillips; All in favor. Application conditionally approved.

#20-22 MacLauchlan Revocable Trust and Raymond & Bertha Lacasse: Map 35 Lots 1 and 4, Lot Line Adjustment in the Agriculture and Forest Preservation District. Web Stout of Canterbury, NH presented on behalf of the applicants. No abutters present. Alice Tuson noted that page 2 of the application must include a request for waivers to items eight (8) and eleven (11). A motion was made by Alice Tuson to accept the application as complete; seconded by Jeremy Minery. All in favor. Web Stout explained that for this project there was a disagreement between the property owners over the ownership of the pieces of land, and that they had finally come to an agreement. Lot 4 currently contains roughly twenty-six acres and Lot 1 contains fifty-five acres. This lot line adjustment would make Lot 4 roughly fourteen and a half acres and Lot 1 roughly sixty-seven acres. Katie Phelps asked about the spelling of the road name, as it is spelled “Kenny” on the map and “Kenney” on the application. Web Stout stated that he could fix the spelling on the map, as it is incorrect. Chairman Phillips also noted that the map needed the Agricultural/Forestry Preservation Zoning District information to be added. Chairman Phillips also asked that the setbacks be added to the map for Lot 4 and the surveyed portion of Lot 1. A motion was made by Alice Tuson to approve the waiver for Item 7; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor. A motion was made by Danielle Bosco to approve the waiver for Item 8; seconded by Jeremy Minery. All in favor. A motion was made by Jeff Miller to approve the waiver for Item 11; seconded by Katie Phelps. All in favor. A motion was made by Danielle Bosco to approve the waiver for Item 16; seconded by Alice Tuson. All in favor. A motion was made by Alice Tuson to approve the lot line adjustment with the following conditions: spelling of “Kenny” corrected to “Kenney” in all places; setbacks added to map for Lot 4 and the surveyed portion of Lot 1; add the AFP District

information/requirements. Motion seconded by Jeremy Minery; All in favor. Application conditionally approved.

#20-23 Norman and Kirsten Geoffrion: Map 13 Lots 6 and 7, Lot Line Adjustment in the Rural Residential District. Norman Geoffrion, applicant, and Jonathan Crowdes of T.F. Bernier, Inc were present. No abutters were present. A motion was made by Alice Tuson to accept the application as complete; seconded by Jeremy Minery. All in favor. Jonathan Crowdes explained that the lot line adjustment is to fix some non-conformities; adjusting to put the driveway for Lot 7 on Lot 7 and to put the barn wholly on Lot 7. This change would decrease the size of Lot 6 from 5.01 acres to 3.75 acres and increase the size of Lot 7 from 16.14 acres to 17.40 acres. Vicechair Alice Tuson asked if the driveway will need a Special Exception for the setback; the Board reached a consensus that because the driveway is pre-existing and the lot line adjustment offers an improvement, no Special Exception is needed. Jonathan Crowdes noted that if the lot line were moved farther into Lot 6 then neither driveway would conform with the side setback. Chairman Phillips asked whether they had State subdivision approval and requested that the information be added to the plan. A motion was made by Katie Phelps to approve a waiver for Item 7; seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor. A motion was made by Alice Tuson to accept the application with one condition: adding the State Subdivision approval to the map. Motion seconded by Jeremy Minery; All in favor. Application conditionally approved.

Board Discussion:

At the November 19, 2020 meeting the Board discussed several properties with issues that needed addressing. Letters concerning these issues were sent to Quality Iron Solutions and CK5 Transportation Services. Office Manager Brenda Pearl spoke with someone from Quality Iron Solutions who stated that the issue with trailers parked on their property was being addressed. CK5 Transportation Services had not yet responded to the letter sent by the Board, though two of the six reefer trailers at issue had been moved. Code Enforcement has stated that a building permit would not be issued for the CK5 property until these issues have been resolved.

Report of the ZBA:

Three applications for Accessory Dwelling Units were on the agenda for January.

Application #Z20-20 – Tim & Alicen Twardosky - Special Exception - ADU -Map 49, Lot 34

Application #Z20-24 – James Howell - Special Exception – ADU - Map 43, Lot 7

Application #Z21-01 – Chad & Shona Moore – Special Exception – ADU – Map 38, Lot 37

Report of the Board of Permit:

No Board of Permit meeting for January.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:31 p.m. by Jeff Miller; seconded by Katie Phelps. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Town of Loudon

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2021

Chairman Ned Lizotte called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Todd Phelps – Present, Chairman Ned Lizotte – Present, Vice Chair Earl Tuson – Present, Charlie Aznive – Present, Alvin See – Present. Chairman Lizotte appointed Alvin See as a voting member in the absence of Peter Pitman.

Fire Chief Tom Blanchette was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Chairman Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes. Vice Chair Earl Tuson asked for the minutes to be amended; he stated that he had advocated for the question of putting a daycare in the Commercial/Industrial District to go to the Town Meeting. He noted that the meeting minutes did not reflect this statement and would like for it to be included. Chairman Lizotte amended his motion to include Vice Chair Tuson's statement in the accepted minutes; motion seconded by Earl Tuson. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes, Charlie Aznive – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Todd Phelps – yes, Earl Tuson – yes. All in favor. December meeting minutes adopted with one amendment.

January 6, 2021 Site Walk Minutes– Chairman Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes; motion seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes, Charlie Aznive - yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Todd Phelps – abstained, Earl Tuson - abstained. Site walk minutes approved.

Discussion:

Steve Ives was present at the meeting to express his interest in becoming a Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate member. Mr. Ives had previously served as the Vice Chair for the Zoning Board and served the Town of Loudon as a Selectman for twelve years. After a recent appearance before the Zoning Board, Mr. Ives' interest in public service was reinvigorated. Chairman Lizotte asked for any questions from the Board and stated that as an Alternate member Mr. Ives' experience would be an asset.

Public Hearing:

Old Business:

Application #Z20-20 Tim & Alicen Twardosky – Special Exception for an Accessory Dwelling Unit – Rural Residential, Map 49, Lot 34 Hilltop Drive. Applicants Tim and Alicen Twardosky were present. No abutters were present. Chairman Lizotte explained the difficulties of conducting the December 1, 2020 site walk because the Twardoskys were not present. Chairman Lizotte, Vice Chair Tuson and Board Member Charlie Aznive were present at the site walk but were unsure of what they were seeing as they walked around the building and in the garage. Chairman Lizotte discussed the rough floor plan with applicant Tim Twardosky, asking about the deck and stairs that had not yet been built at the time of the site walk. The plans did not indicate a door connecting the primary dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit. Applicant Alicen Twardosky stated that they had been told that the ADU could connect to the house through the garage. Applicant Tim Twardosky asked for clarification about whether he needed a door between the main house and the 'apartment' over the garage. Charlie Aznive explained that this will not be an apartment, which would be a stand-alone unit, that it will be an Accessory Dwelling Unit. Both Chairman Lizotte and Vice Chair Earl Tuson pointed to Section 509.2 11 about an interior door connecting the ADU, with Chairman Lizotte reading the indicated passage. Vice Chair Earl Tuson also pointed out Section 509.2 2, indicating that the Accessory Dwelling Unit must be a part of the Single-Family Dwelling. A door from the second floor would have to go through a bedroom; Charlie Aznive pointed out that the room would no longer be a bedroom. Todd Phelps

indicated that the Ordinance simply says, “interior door”, and Earl Tuson elaborated by saying that with a door from the main dwelling into the garage at the foot of a walled-in staircase, the applicants could have an “interior” door. Chairman Lizotte mentioned that Board member Peter Pitman, who was absent from the meeting, had a similar set up. The applicants also asked if renaming the project as an “apartment” would help; many Board members replied that doing so would only cause more issues. Todd Phelps asked if the applicants could reconfigure the staircase leading up to the ADU, as that would place a pre-existing door at the base of the stairs. Charlie Aznive suggested tabling the application at this point, with Chairman Lizotte concurring that the applicant needed to make accommodations for an interior door. Todd Phelps said that the Ordinance called for an interior door to exist, but that it did not have to be used. Chairman Lizotte said that a door connecting to the second floor of the Family Dwelling would be the most painless solution, but Charlie Aznive again pointed out that this would change the status of a bedroom. Chairman Lizotte asked Fire Chief Tom Blanchette for his thoughts on the situation. Chief Blanchette replied that he would need to check the code books before supplying any answers, as some of the suggestions that were made would skirt the fire code. Chairman Lizotte suggested that the wisest course of action for the applicants would be to table the application until February, and in the meantime work with Chief Blanchette to ensure that the ADU will meet both the Zoning Ordinances and the Fire Code. Todd Phelps reinforced this point by stating that, as-is, the application would have to be denied. Chairman Lizotte asked the applicant whether they would like the Board to table the application until the February meeting, to which applicant Tim Twardosky responded in the affirmative. Chairman Lizotte made a motion to table to application; motion seconded by Vice Chair Earl Tuson. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes, Charlie Aznive – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Todd Phelps – yes, Earl Tuson – yes. All in favor. Application tabled until the February 2021 meeting.

Application #Z20-24 James Howell – Special Exception for an Accessory Dwelling Unit – Agricultural/Forestry Preservation, Map 43 Lot 7 Bumfagon Rd. Applicant James Howell was present. No abutters were present. The Zoning Board completed a Site Walk for this project on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Hand drawn plans were distributed to the Board depicting the first floor of the Single-Family Dwelling as reference for the plan of the basement where the ADU will be located. Chairman Lizotte asked if anyone on the Board had any questions; Charlie Aznive stated that everything seemed clear after the site walk. Vice Chair Earl Tuson asked about the septic system on the property. The applicant replied that he was approved for a five-bedroom, three-bathroom system when the house was built in 1999 and the house currently has four bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. The applicant had requested the septic design information from the state at the time that the application was submitted but still has not received that information. Code Enforcement had visited and everything checked out. Vice Chair Tuson asked about the square footage of the ADU; James Howell replied that it was somewhere around 820 square feet. One of the other board members found that the ADU would be 824 square feet, as listed on one of the diagrams submitted with the application. Chairman Lizotte read through the application, asking the applicant each of the questions contained therein. Chairman Lizotte made a motion to accept the application as presented; motion seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes, Charlie Aznive – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Todd Phelps – yes, Earl Tuson – yes. All in favor. Application accepted.

New Business:

Application #Z21-01: Chad & Shona Moore – Special Exception for an Accessory Dwelling Unit – Rural Residential, Map 38 Lot 37, Lovejoy Rd. Applicants Chad and Shona Moore were present. No

abutters were present. The applicants are building this ADU to give Shona’s parents their own space. Shona’s parents currently have the two downstairs bedrooms in the Moore’s split-level house, sharing the rest of the house’s facilities. Vice Chair Earl Tuson indicated that Patrick Fifield, owner of Lot 16 was not included on the list of abutters provided by the applicant. Zoning Board Administrative Assistant Kelly Pedersen indicated that the original list did not include Lot 16, but at the time that the application was submitted the AxisGIS system was used to verify the abutter list. Lot 16 was added to the list at that time and notified. Shona Moore showed the Board an aerial photograph of the property to augment the drawn plans from the application and to provide a visual for where the ADU will be located. A copy of this photograph was retained for the application file. Charlie Aznive clarified that the ADU would be a newly constructed addition, not a remodeled portion of the Single-Family Dwelling. Chairman Lizotte asked if the ADU would be within the required 30-foot side setback. Applicant Chad Moore replied that he had measured and that there was plenty of space to not encroach upon the setback. Earl Tuson asked about the septic system. The applicant replied that the ADU would be tied into the existing system, which is rated for five bedrooms. If necessary, one of the bedrooms in the existing structure could be reclassified as an office to maintain that rating. Todd Phelps asked about whether a site walk was necessary. Several Board members replied that because this was new construction and nothing had been built yet, there was no need for a site walk. Chairman Lizotte proceeded to read the application questions aloud while applicant Chad Moore replied with the answers from his application. The Board discussed the applicant’s answer to Question 1, identifying where in the Zoning Ordinance the Special Exception was specifically authorized. The application listed Section 204.3 J; Todd Phelps and Vice Chair Tuson stated that this should read Section 509 instead. This question asked for the relevant section of Article II or Article III; Vice Chair Tuson stated that Section 509 is in Article II. After consulting the Zoning Ordinances, Todd Phelps stated that Section 509 is actually in Article V. Charlie Aznive suggested that the applicant had done as the application asked, and that the verbiage be left as-is. Todd Phelps agreed. Chairman Lizotte verified this decision with the rest of the Board. Chairman Lizotte then resumed questioning the applicant. Chairman Lizotte made a motion to accept the application as submitted; Vice Chair Tuson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes, Charlie Aznive – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Todd Phelps – yes, Earl Tuson – yes. All in favor. Application accepted.

Board Discussion/Correspondence:

The Board briefly discussed the nature of Accessory Dwelling Units as a path forward and the difficulties that the applications can cause. Chairman Lizotte recalled a School Board meeting when Steve Ives discussed homeowners being foreclosed upon because they could not afford the taxes in town. Accessory Dwelling Units offer an alternative solution for this problem. Charlie Aznive voiced concerns about the financial implications posed by these dwellings on the schools. Vice Chair Tuson said that that is simply the cost of residential development.

Fire Chief Tom Blanchette revived the issue of individuals residing in campers on private properties around town receiving permission to do so. Given his understanding of previous conversations, Chief Blanchette sent the most recent case of people living in a camper on Kenney Rd. to the Zoning Office to appeal the code violation that was issued. The case will now be going before the Selectmen. Chairman Lizotte indicated that he had directed this case to go to the Selectmen because they had already set conditions to allow several similar cases. At this point, going to the Zoning Board first would create crossfire because the Zoning Ordinances do not allow this

type of activity. The Selectmen's purview in this matter includes the gray area of the Zoning Ordinances, and in this particular case the individual in question will be a property owning, tax paying citizen of the Town of Loudon, not a camper. Vice Chair Tuson and Todd Phelps disagreed, stating that the Zoning Ordinances are the law. Chief Blanchette said that he brought this issue up because Code Enforcement is seeking direction for how to proceed. They would like to know what the official path for permission or denial of these activities will be going forward. Charlie Aznive pointed out that there is no way to create a system that will fit all cases, and that even if such a system existed it would eventually be challenged. Vice Chair Tuson stated that that is what variances are for. Chairman Lizotte agreed with Chief Blanchette, stating that the Boards will need to come together to outline an approach. Todd Phelps said that most other towns have provisions for this situation in their Ordinances, including the necessity of water, electrical, and septic services. Chairman Lizotte again stressed the need for a workshop between the Boards to reach a conclusion on this matter. Vice Chair Earl Tuson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Todd Phelps. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 12, 2021

I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing the UberConference platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 802-210-4419 or by clicking on the following website address: UberConference.com/townofloudon

b. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting: We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the town at: loudonnh.org

c. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access: If anybody has a problem, please call 798-5612 or email at: bpearl@loudonnh.org.

d. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting: In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to- Know law.

Roll call attendance: Selectman Maxfield – present at home and alone; Selectman Miller – present at the EOC with Chairman Prescott, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl. Road Agent Russ Pearl – at home and alone; Police Chief Kris Burgess – at home and alone.

II. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Prescott opened the public hearing for the acceptance of unanticipated funds.

a. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the check from HealthTrust for the town portion surplus money in the amount of \$17,230.61. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the check from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – COVID Relief Fund in the amount of \$128,478.90 for public safety and employee payroll and benefits. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the check from the State of NH Department of Justice for medical equipment in town ambulances in support of the COVID-19 response in the amount of \$43,858.61. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Chairman closed the public hearing for unanticipated funds.

IV. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

a. The Board reviewed a letter from the Supervisors of the Checklist regarding the appointment of an Assistant Supervisor.

b. The Board reviewed a public hearing notice from Henniker regarding a wireless tower.

c. The Board reviewed an abutter notice regarding a change of use for map 21 lot 16.

d. The Board reviewed and employee evaluation form from Chief Burgess.

e. The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Primex regarding applying for UC credit.

f. The Board reviewed wage increase forms for three Police Department employees.

g. The Board reviewed and signed a gravel tax warrant for map 40 lot 16 and map 40 lot 13.

h. The Board reviewed and signed a land use change tax warrant for map 39 lot 27- 9.

i. The Board reviewed and signed a land use change tax warrant for map 38 lot 27 – 9.

j. The Board reviewed and signed a current use assessment for map 50 lot 5.

k. The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

V. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

a. Chief Blanchette said they had their monthly business meeting remotely with 27 members in attendance.

b. Chief said his team has been building a training prop at Station 2. Chief Blanchette said the purpose for the training prop ground ladder and roof ladder ventilation exercises which will be attached to the storage container that was purchased last year.

c. Chief Blanchette said that Assistant Chief Clough held three small, in person training sessions on the new ventilators that have been placed in the ambulances.

d. Chief Blanchette said that Sarah Frenette, Hayden Gardner and Peter Sergeant have all started their Fire Fighter level 1 training at the Fire Academy. Chief Blanchette said that FF Lucas Hardy, FF Madison Hebert and FF Ryan Collard will be starting their Fire Fighter level 2 training at the Fire Academy.

e. Chief Blanchette said that on Wednesday January 13, himself and Deputy Lake will be attending a four-hour building official's class.

f. Chief Blanchette said that they have one member that is out on quarantine for a nonwork-related exposure and has tested negative.

g. Chief Blanchette said that they have a few rounds of members this week and next week that will be getting their second shot for the COVID vaccine.

h. Chief Blanchette said he has one blasting permit submitted by Benevento Aggregates. Chief Blanchette said that it is the same blasting company as last year and they are in good standings with the State.

i. Chief Blanchette said that him and Chief Burgess were contacted by a resident who is looking to do a show of support for a resident that is very ill on Crossbrook Road. Chief Blanchette said that on Sunday January 24 between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM they will be doing a drive by show of support and donation drop off at the resident's home. Chief Burgess said that the Police Department will be participating and will ensure that the vehicles get back on the roads safely.

j. Chief Blanchette said they received a large donation of stuffed animals from a resident in town to hand out to children for comfort during emergency calls. Chief Blanchette said they would like to thank the anonymous donators especially in the times we are currently in.

VI. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

a. Chief Burgess said that all the officers are well and himself and other officers have started the COVID vaccination process.

b. Chief Burgess said that himself and Sergeant Flanders met with Greg Bavis and are looking for grants for portable radios.

c. Chief Burgess said that they have completed a thorough search for candidates for the full-time position available. Chief Burgess said that on January 21 he will be hosting entrance PT exam which is the first method of the hiring process.

d. Chief Burgess said that he received an email call from John Dion the course coordinator for a running event that has gone through town in the past. Chief Burgess said that Mr. Dion is hoping to have the event go through Loudon which was previously approved this past year but was cancelled due to COVID-19. Chief Burgess said that the event this year is scheduled for September 17 and 18.

e. Chief Burgess said that he submitted two warrant articles one for Dispatch Live and the other for a polygraph examination machine and he noticed they were not included on the draft warrant and was wondering why. Selectman Miller said that he feels with the polygraph machine, it's putting the cart before the horse since the newly hired employee who is certified to run it has not finished out their probationary period and if they decided to leave it would be an expensive piece of equipment that wouldn't get utilized. Chairman Prescott said that the Board hired the employee as a sergeant and not a polygraph technician. Chief Burgess said that Dispatch Live is a program that many departments in Merrimack County are utilizing and enhances the ability for departments to work easier with other towns. Chief Burgess said that he is urging the Board to put the warrant articles in the warrant and let the towns people vote on them. Katie Phelps asked Chief Burgess how much the polygraph machine would cost. Chief Burgess said the cost would be \$8,000 and what they planned to do was utilize it for future hires and any crimes in town. Chief Burgess said that it could also be used for revenue by

other communities paying for the use of it.

VII. Chairman Prescott opened the public hearing for the 2021 – 2022 budget.

a. Chairman Prescott read through the budget section by section noting any increases or decreases in the previous years budget. Chairman Prescott said that all the salary lines have increased for a 1% cost of living adjustment and another 3% for possible merit raises. Chairman Prescott said that merit increases may not happen across the board for everyone.

b. Katie and Todd Phelps said that the legal budget line is set at \$50,000 but the actual amount expended is substantially less. Chairman Prescott said that they never know how much legal services they will need in the year. Selectman Maxfield said that it is a historical figure and they leave it at \$50,000 to be prepared on what the year might bring. Candace Schaefer asked is the reimbursement check from HealthTrust could be used to offset the employee benefits line. Chairman Prescott said that the money returned was from the previous budget year so it will need to go right in to the general fund. Selectman Maxfield said that there is still 6 months left of the budget year so the legal totals would be low right now.

c. Melissa Bishop asked Chief Burgess who the newly hired Sergeant and where is his polygraph certification from. Chief Burgess said that the newly hired Sergeant is Dana Flanders and he is from the Merrimack County Sheriffs Office and he received his certification from New England Polygraph Institute. Chief Burgess said that Sgt. Flanders has been an examiner since 2016 and is also licensed in the state of Maine. Chief Burgess said that the purchase of the instrument would help the town and also help mutual aid towns who we depend on as well and can make money if we charge for exams. Katie and Todd Phelps said that it sounds like the polygraph machine will pay for itself with the offsetting revenue. An anonymous resident said that the warrant article should go before the town to be voted on to see if the towns people want it.

d. Rodney Phillips asked what the reason for the decrease in the Loudon Old Home Day budget. Selectman Maxfield said that with the cancellation of Old Home Day last year, they had already prepaid for some things and are being held over until this year so they didn't see the need for the full amount to be budgeted.

e. Chairman Prescott said that the total operating budget will increase by \$253,657 from last years for a grand total of \$5,103,758 a 5% increase from the year before.

f. Selectman Maxfield read through the 2021 – 2022 estimated revenues. Selectman Maxfield said that the grand total estimated revenues are \$2,506,189 which is strictly for town use only. Selectman Maxfield said that the revenues will offset a lot of the expenditures in the operating budget.

g. Selectman Miller read the 2021 Warrant Articles.

Article 01 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year

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Article 02 Zoning Amendments

Add 206.2 P: Churches

Reason: Churches currently exist in the C/I district.

Amend Section 208.4 C.: A residential driveway shall serve two or fewer lots or housing units one lot or housing unit. Shared driveways require a special exception per Section 701.3. Each housing unit of a condominium type of development shall be treated as a separate unit for this definition. Also, the following shall be used in defining a

new driveway and standards for a driveway.

Reason: Shared driveways are a source of conflict between neighbors.

Amend the following sections to each of the zoning districts:

Add 203.4 D. Contiguous Buildable Area: Every lot shall contain at least 30,000 square feet.

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Reason: Ensure completeness since the other dimensions and areas shown in the TABLE OF DIMENSIONS are also in each section.

Add the following definitions to the Appendix:

CHURCH: A place of worship of any religion, including related accessory facilities, with seating capacity and/or floor space for the accommodation of worshipers.

SCHOOL: An institution for the teaching of children or adults including primary and secondary schools, colleges, professional schools, dance schools, business schools, trade schools, art schools and similar institution.

Reason: Ensures a common understanding of these two institutions.

Article 03 To purchase a Dump Truck

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,000 for the purchase of a dump truck with plows and sander, with \$198,000 to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). No Tax Impact.

Article 04 To reclaim & pave Loudon Ridge Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving approximately 1700' of the section of Loudon Ridge Road known as River Hill and authorize the withdrawal of \$120,000 from the Roadway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). No Tax Impact.

Article 05 To reclaim & pave Flagg Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,235 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving the existing paved portion of Flagg Road with said funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is \$.22.

Article 06 To reclaim & pave Piper Hill Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,145 for the purpose of reclaiming and base paving needed sections of Piper Hill Road with an overlay of pavement on entire road with said funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is \$.27.

Article 07 For equipment Storage Shed

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purpose of building an equipment storage shed on the transfer station property for housing the grader, tractor, backhoe, wood chipper and other small equipment with said funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is \$.22.

Article 08 Fire Dept. Code Enforcement Vehicle

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of a Fire Department Code Enforcement Vehicle and equipment with funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 09 Fire Dept. Command Vehicle

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purchase of a Fire Department Command Vehicle and equipment with funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 10 Exhaust System for Station 2

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,642 for the purchase and installation of an Air Flow Exhaust Removal System at Fire Station 2, with funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is \$.06.

Article 11 FD Communications

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for Communications under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 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). Estimated tax impact is \$.11.

Article 12 Firefighter Protective Clothing Extractor/Dryer

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 for the purchase and installation of an Firefighter Protective Clothing Extractor / Dryer, with funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is \$.04.

Article 13 Historical Society Museum CRF

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19a, to be designated as the Loudon Historical Society and Museum at 29 South Village Road, for the purpose of demolishing the two-story wooden structure attached to the granite building and rebuilding a new one-story structure on the same footprint and to raise and appropriate \$25,000, to be placed

in this fund, with this amount to be raised by taxes; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is \$.05.

Article 14 To raise and appropriate for established CRF

To see if the town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$560,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000

Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$125,000

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

Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$63,000

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Town History Capital Reserve Fund \$10,000

Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund \$20,000

Alternative Energy Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Town Garage Capital Reserve Fund \$20,000

Safety Complex Upgrade Capital Reserve fund \$20,000

The Selectmen recommend this article.

(Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact is \$.98

Article 15 To raise and appropriate for established ETF.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,000 to be placed in previously established Expendable Trust Funds.

Recreation Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$2,000

Conservation Commission Land Expendable Trust Fund \$30,000

Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000

Transfer Station Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund \$50,000

Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

The Selectmen recommend this article.

(Majority vote required).

Estimated tax impact is \$.21

Article 16 For general municipal operations.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,103,758 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately." (Majority vote required). Estimate tax impact is \$8.89

Article 17 To transact any other business

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty one.

VIII. Chairman Prescott asked if there were any questions. An anonymous resident asked what the total tax impact was last year. Chairman Prescott said the total tax impact last year was \$8.50 for the operating budget. Selectman Miller said that the tax rate only

increased 1 cent this year per thousand.

IX. Chairman Prescott said that the next budget hearing will be Wednesday, February 3 2021 at 6:30 PM. Chairman Prescott closed the budget hearing at 7:52 PM.

X. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

a. Mr. Pearl said they have spent time this week cleaning up some guard rails on Clough Hill

Road and Mudgett Hill Road. Mr. Pearl said they also went over to Sanborn Mills bridge and fixed a guard rail there.

b. Mr. Pearl said that they will spend time this week trying to fix areas of some roads that are collecting water.

XI. The Board discussed old business. The Board said that they have not received any updated information regarding Creekwater Lane. Chairman Prescott said that Tony Merullo has not provided any road bond paperwork. The Board said they would have the town attorney write a letter to Mr. Merullo requesting the information again.

XII. The Board opened the three town report bids received. Chairman Prescott said that the first bid is from Select Print Solutions in Northbrook Massachusetts for \$1,940 delivered which includes scanning and a proof. Chairman Prescott said that the second one is from Evans Printing \$2,177.96. Chairman Prescott said that last bid is from Debbie K Graphics in the amount of \$1,100 for the layout, scanning and cover design and she will work with the printer of the town's choice. Selectman Maxfield said that in the past Debbie K Graphics has done an excellent job with the town reports. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to take the three town report bids under advisement for one week to study them and get the correct details on what will be provided for the price. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIII. Chairman Prescott said the New Hampshire Motor Speedway would like to meet face to face with the Board of Selectmen to discuss some outstanding issues. The Board said they would reach out to the track to set a date that works for everyone.

XIV. The Board reviewed weekly payroll and bills.

XV. Selectman Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

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b. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting: We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the town at: loudonnh.org

c. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access: If anybody has a problem, please call 798-5612 or email at: bpearl@loudonnh.org.

d. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting: In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to- Know law.

Roll call attendance: Selectman Maxfield – present at home and alone; Selectman Miller – present at the EOC with Chairman Prescott, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl. Road Agent Russ Pearl – at home and alone.

II. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 12, 2021 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion. Selectman Miller said that on page 3 paragraph 6 – b Sergeant Flanders bet with Greg Bavis should read met with. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. The Minutes were approved with the correction.

III. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

a. Mr. Pearl said that with the weather cooperating they have been able to get some things done that is typically hard to get done during this time of the year.

b. The Board spoke with Mr. Pearl about the progress with the Transfer Station repairs.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

a. Chief Blanchette said that himself and Deputy Lake participated in the Building Officials training session which was on residential wood deck construction.

b. Chief Blanchette congratulated Lieutenant Matthew LaDuke who successfully passed his Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 class.

c. Chief Blanchette said that they had to place one fire fighter on quarantine for a non-work related COVID-19 exposure and will be out for at least 10 days.

d. Chief Blanchette said that Governor Sununu came out with a press release today and starting this Friday, January 22, the State of New Hampshire will begin accepting vaccination appointments for individuals within Phase 1B which includes the following:

- ☐ New Hampshire residents 65 and over

- ☐ New Hampshire residents who are medically vulnerable at significant risk – including family care givers for those under 16
- ☐ New Hampshire residents with developmental disabilities that receive services in a congregate residential setting, as well as staff in those settings
- ☐ Corrections officers and staff
- ☐ Populations that experience health disparities

Alteration of Phase 1B to include individuals 65 and older follows recommendation by the CDC to ensure that populations proven to be most vulnerable – which comprise 95% of deaths in the state – are prioritized in distribution efforts.

Vaccinations for Phase 1B will begin on January 26. An estimated 300,000 individuals are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination within Phase 1B of the state's distribution plan. Supply of COVID-19 vaccines delivered to the states has fallen short of the increases promised by the federal government.

"Overpromising and under delivering has become a habit with pretty much everyone in Washington D.C., which is why in New Hampshire we designed our vaccination system to be flexible and able to deliver for our citizens regardless of what they send us," said Governor Chris Sununu.

Those eligible for Phase 1B vaccination can begin the process of scheduling an appointment on Friday, January 22 at 8 AM. Scheduling an appointment online at vaccines.nh.gov is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged.

For those unable to schedule an appointment online, the 211 Hotline remains available. An extremely high call volume is anticipated. Wait times may be long, but every call will be answered by a live person.

Chief Blanchette said the Fire Department cannot help with scheduling vaccine appointments and to be sure to use vaccines.nh.gov or 211 to schedule an appointment.

V. The Board met with the Alternative Energy Committee. Harry Maclauchlan spoke with the Board about a warrant article the committee would like to present to the town for the installation of solar panels on the town office building. Harry Maclauchlan said that the committee feels that best company to go with is K & W Management since they had the best price for the equipment the town would be getting. Chairman Prescott asked what would happen with the demand charges from the power company. Mr. Maclauchlan said that it would all depend on how the sun shines that day but on bad days there would most likely still be a demand charge occasionally. Selectman Maxfield asked if they considered any other locations for the solar panels. Mr. Maclauchlan said that they considered many other locations such as the Library, Safety Complex, the field by the office building, Fire Station 2 and other locations. Mr. Maclauchlan said that the committee came to the decision to put a small system on the town office building so everyone can see it and how it works and maybe put more up in the future. Mr. Maclauchlan said that the solar company would be at town meeting to explain the system to the town. Selectman Miller asked when the date of the contract was for. Dennis Jakubowski said that all the vendors were told that the installation would be dependent on town meeting and wouldn't probably happen until July. The Board said that the warrant article is wordy and it needs to be revised to say the town office building and not the town hall building. The Board said that the sum of \$6,600

would need to be added to raise and appropriate for the amount the capital reserve fund is short. Selectman Miller asked if the roof of the town office would be able to handle the weight of the panels. Mr. Jakubowski said that K & W Management will hire a state certified structural engineer to look at the roof to see whether it would be able to handle the weight and if they determine it would not then there would be an additional cost to bring it up to the load rating. Mr. Jakubowski said that if it is determined that work needs to be done to the roof then they will have to put the project on hold and go back to the voters with the additional amount needed. The Board was in agreement to use the K & W Management vendor for the project. The Board said the most important thing right now is to get the warrant article rewritten and submitted for review by the Department of Revenue Administration and the town attorney before the next budget hearing on February 3, 2021. The Board said the corrected warrant article will need to be turned in to the office by Monday, January 25 to be able to have time for review.

VI. The Board reviewed four appointment papers for assistant Supervisors of the Checklist and one Supervisor of the Checklist member. Selectman Miller made a motion to appoint Ashley Simonds to the position of Assistant Supervisor of the Checklist the appointment will expire on March 31, 2021. Selectman Miller said the same appointment and position will be for Jodie Russell and Andrew Parrella with the appointment expiration of March 31, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to appoint Lucy Gordon as a Supervisor of the Checklist member, the appointment will expire on March 31, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. The Board reviewed weekly payroll and bills.

VIII. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board reviewed an email from Chief Blanchette regarding 44 S. Village Rd.
- b. The Board reviewed an email from Tony Merullo. The Board said that Mr. Merullo is not cooperating with the request to submit updated road bond information. The Board said they feel it is time for the town attorney to send a letter to Mr. Merullo.
- c. The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.
- d. The Board reviewed wage increase forms for two employees.
- e. The Board reviewed and signed a land use change tax warrant and bill for map 48 lot 5-1.
- f. The Board reviewed and signed a tax abatement for map 58 lot 150.
- g. The Board reviewed and signed a Veterans Tax Credit for map 25 lot 2.
- h. The Board signed a letter to William Oldenburg relative to the Chichester Road/Route 106 light.
- i. The Board reviewed an ESMI permit modification.
- j. The Board reviewed the Maxfield Public Library meeting minutes from December 3, 2020.

IX. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to award the town report project to Debbie K Graphics for the layout and design in the amount of \$1,100 and Evans Printing for the printing of town report in the amount of \$2,177.96. Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion. Selectman Maxfield said the third bid they received from Select Print Solutions was for printing only of the town report only. Selectman Miller said that the bid from Select Print Solutions also states that if corrections need to be made to the proof it will cost \$75 dollars and

hour so with the likely hood that something will need to be corrected spending the extra \$238 dollars to go with Evans Printing makes the most sense. The Board was in agreement to go with Debbie K Graphics and Evans Printing. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. The Board spoke about three residents who are looking to purchase land owned by the town that are contiguous with their property lines. Selectman Maxfield said that there will need to be warrant articles brought to town meeting for approval before they can be sold. Chairman Prescott said that two of the pieces are small and would not affect the tax base but the other lot is 13 acres. The Board said the residents who inquired about the two small pieces of land did so back in the spring and they feel they can get those warrant articles on this year's warrant but the larger piece of land was only inquired about within the last week or so and they feel they need to do some more research on the piece of land before moving forward with it.

XI. The Board scheduled a meeting with the Tax Collector on Friday, January 22 at 6:00 PM. The Board said that the Tax Collector requested a nonpublic session.

XII. The Board asked if there was any public input. Jodie Russell of Creekwater Lane asked for a copy of the email the Board received from Tony Merullo. The Board said that Mrs. Russell could pick up a copy of the email from the Selectmen's office during normal business hours. Mrs. Russell asked what will happen with the acceptance of Creekwater Lane if Mr. Merullo does not provide adequate documentation proving there is a road bond in place. Chairman Prescott said he could not provide Mrs. Russell with an answer because it is a legal matter. Selectman Miller said that with the town stating they are going to take legal action with this situation they need to remove themselves from any further conversation on this subject as it would be giving out privileged information.

XIII. Cody McCulloch of Hutcherson Road asked the Board when the matter of debris located on the property line of the town dump and Map 40 lot 9 Currier Road would be discussed. Chairman Prescott said that when the issue is listed on a meeting agenda and the public are properly noticed it will be discussed then.

XIV. Selectman Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 26, 2021

I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

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Roll call attendance: Selectman Miller – present at the EOC with Chairman Prescott and Fire Chief Tom Blanchette; Road Agent Russ Pearl – at home and alone; Kris Burgess – at home and alone. Chairman Prescott said that Selectman Maxfield will not be attending tonight's meeting.

II. Selectman Miller made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 19, 2021 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Selectman Miller made a motion to approve the Selectmen's nonpublic session meeting minutes of Friday, January 22, 2021 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

a. Mr. Pearl said that he had a conversation with the Department of Environmental Services about the closure of the septage lagoon. Mr. Pearl said that they are recommending the town get some closure plan quotes. The Board said they would take time to look through the information and get back to Mr. Pearl.

b. Mr. Pearl said that they have been filling pot holes and will be getting back to tree cutting soon.

V. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

a. Chief Burgess said that himself, Sergeant Flanders and Janice Morin completed a three-hour course on the Right to Know through Primex.

b. Chief Burgess said that after last Thursday's physical agility test there were five viable candidates that were invited back for an oral board interview that will take place this Friday January 29 at the Police Department. Selectman Miller asked Chief Burgess if he will be able to reduce the amount of overtime worked with the department being almost fully staffed. Chief Burgess said yes when they hire a new officer and others come out of the FTO program the overtime should be little to none.

VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

a. Chief Blanchette said they have two members of the department that are in quarantine, both were nonwork related exposures.

b. Chief Blanchette said that they are working with the Capital Area Health Network and using some of our employees as subcontract employees to help with the vaccination clinics.

c. Chief Blanchette said that Fire Fighter Treat started fulltime on Monday and is starting a two-week FTO program. Chief Blanchette said that he is a good internal hire and he will do a great job serving the town of Loudon for a long time.

d. Chief Blanchette said that the tanker has an electrical issue that they thought they had figured out but there is one issue they cannot pinpoint so the tanker will be going out of service for some maintenance.

e. Chief Blanchette said that they had a representative from Concord OBGYN come out and teach a group of department members about emergency births. Chief Blanchette said that they had 13 members attend that training.

f. Chief Blanchette said that Deputy Lake has been very busy in the code office recently with plan reviews and issuing CO's.

VII. The Board met with Moderator Howard Pearl and State Representative Mike Moffett.

a. Mr. Pearl said he had some concerns with the scheduling of the business meeting portion of town meeting on March 13. Mr. Pearl said he feels there is no issue with holding the municipal election on March 9 but with the current COVID-19 pandemic the gathering of 100 to 120 people for the business meeting portion would not be a good idea right now. Mr. Pearl said he is proposing to move the business meeting portion of town meeting to Saturday, May 15. Mr. Pearl said that back in March 2020 the Governor passed Executive Order 23 which allowed the new elected town officials to be sworn in before the second half of town meeting has taken place. Mr. Pearl also said that under Executive order number 83 that came out this week it gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to move the business meeting portion of town meeting to a future date and only have to notice it once and not every 14 days. Chairman Prescott asked if Mr. Pearl was still going to hold the business meeting at Loudon Elementary School. Mr. Pearl said that at this time yes, but with the date being in May if there are high infection rates the weather should be better which would leave the option of holding it outside also. The Board said they would table the decision until next weeks meeting when Selectman Maxfield is present. Mr. Pearl asked how the Board wanted to proceed with candidate's night. The Board said they feel it is important to have a candidate's night especially for the contested races. Mr. Pearl said there is always the option of having a remote meeting. State Representative Moffett asked if it would be

possible to hold the candidate's night at the elementary school. Mr. Pearl said that could be an option but he would have to talk with the school to see if they would want the public in the gym. Selectman Miller said that the chairs could be placed far enough apart but he does have concern over the people that would refuse to wear a mask. Mr. Pearl said he would speak with the Board next week about this further.

b. Mr. Moffett spoke with the Board about a few House Bills that might be of interest to the town. Mr. Moffett said that him and Jose Cambrils are available if the Board or anyone else has questions. The Board said thanked Mr. Moffett and Mr. Cambrils for all the work they do to keep to keep the public informed.

VIII. The Board met with Rodney Phillips. Mr. Phillips spoke to the Board about the audio video system set up for the Town Office meeting room he received a quote from NH Audio Visual. Mr. Phillips said the quote comes in around \$30,000 but they expect the final total to come in below that. Mr. Phillips said that the system will include a microphone for every member of all the Boards and will also incorporate television screens to make it possible for the audience to see the applications and supporting documents. Mr. Phillips said that this bid was for budgeting purposes but if the warrant article is passed, he will get three bids for the project.

IX. The Board reviewed the draft 2021 warrant. Chairman Prescott said they would wait until next week when Selectman Maxfield was present to discuss which articles they will be recommending. Selectman Miller said they have added four articles since the last budget hearing, an article for solar panels on the town office building, the audio-visual system for the meeting room, the article for Dispatch Live and an article to allow the town to inquire and sell town property. Selectman Miller said that Chief Burgess did not want to put the article for the polygraph machine in at this time. The Board postponed the recommendations until the next

Selectmen's meeting on February 2.

X. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

a. The Board reviewed a letter from R. Abell regarding 222 Kenney Road. Chairman Prescott said they would table the letter until next Tuesday's meeting.

b. The Board reviewed the ESMI 4th quarter 2020 host community fee report. Chairman Prescott said the town received a 4th quarter check in the amount of \$26,064.28.

c. The Board received a letter of resignation from Officer Lester Milton. The Board thanked Mr. Milton for his service to the town.

d. The Board reviewed and signed a Veterans tax credit for map 25, lot 5 – 5.

e. Selectman Miller made a motion to have the Chairman of the Board sign on behalf of the Town of Loudon the employers quarterly federal tax form 941 for the 4th quarter of 2020 in the amount of \$9,266.00. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

XI. The Board discussed the ESMI Pilot agreement. Selectman Miller said there has been no updates as of yet. Chairman Prescott said there has been no update from Tony Merullo regarding the Creekwater Lane road bond.

XII. Selectman Miller said he received an email about the housing development on Youngs Hill Road that as been around for some time now with inquiries over compliance. Selectman Miller

said he will be emailing this person back and referring them to the Planning Board office who would have the conditions set when the development was approved.

XIII. Selectman Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Selectman Miller thanked the residents who are attending the remote meetings. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 2, 2021

I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing the UberConference platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 802-210-4419 or by clicking on the following website address: UberConference.com/townofloudon

b. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting: We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the town at: loudonnh.org

c. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access: If anybody has a problem, please call 798-4541 or email at: selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org.

d. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting: In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to- Know law.

Roll call attendance: Selectman Miller – present at the EOC with Chairman Prescott, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl; Selectman Maxfield – at home and alone.

II. Selectman Miller made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 26, 2021 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Selectman Miller made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Saturday, January 30, 2021 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes;

Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

a. Chief Blanchette said that they currently have no members in quarantine and members keep getting vaccinations as scheduled.

b. Chief Blanchette said that they have been busy with calls recently and last night they had three calls at once.

c. Selectman Miller asked if they have been dealing with a lot of medical calls pertaining to COVID-19. Chief Blanchette said that there are still a number of calls related to COVID-19.

d. The Board spoke with Chief Blanchette about the J.O. Cate Van. Chief Blanchette said that the van is getting used a couple times a week. Chief Blanchette said that there have been times they have had to turn down riders because there was no one to drive the van. The Board said they should meet with the J.O. Cate Van Board and discuss the future of the van since there is no one among the Board to run the van.

V. The Board reviewed the 2021 Warrant Articles and made their recommendations as follows:

- Article 3 – To purchase a dump truck - The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 4 – To reclaim & pave Loudon Ridge Road – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 5 – To reclaim & pave Flagg Road – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 6 – To reclaim & pave Piper Hill Road – The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

- Article 7 – For equipment storage shed – The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

- Article 8 – For Dispatch Live – The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

- Article 9 – Fire Dept. Code Enforcement Vehicle – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 10 – Fire Dept. Command Vehicle – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 11 – Exhaust System for Station 2 – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 12 – FD Communications – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 13 – Firefighter Protective Clothing Extractor/Dryer – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 14 – Historical Society Museum CRF – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 15 – Solar on town office – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 16 – Library income – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 17 – Audio/Visual System – The Selectmen recommend this article.

- Article 18 – To adopt RSA 41:14-a – The Selectmen recommend this article.

Chairman Prescott said that it was discussed with the Moderator that article 1 will be voted on by ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the polls at the Arthur Colby Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Chairman Prescott said that articles 2 thru 21 will be voted on at the second session of town meeting on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loudon Elementary School on School Street.

VI. The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

VII. The Board spoke with Josif Bicja. The Board said they will

have a work session on Thursday, February 4, 2021 to discuss the information for the Transfer Station repair contract. Josif Bicja said he would come to the meeting to explain the details of the project.

VIII. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

a. The Board reviewed an abatement request. Chairman Prescott said it was discovered that a residents tax payment made in June online never posted and the request for the abatement is only the interest accrued. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to abate the amount of \$126.31 for interest on taxes paid and missed by the Tax Collector to Ruth Dodge. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Board reviewed a memo from Chief Blanchette regarding changes he would like to make to commercial industrial building permits, rural residential building permits, and additions, renovations and accessory dwellings. Selectman Miller said he reviewed the information and thinks the changes relate to the towns zoning and rules better.

c. The Board reviewed a letter from Police Standards regarding officer Tyler Phair.

d. The Board reviewed the Loudon Trails Subcommittee minutes on December 28, 2020.

e. The Board reviewed information from Comcast regarding customers annual notices.

f. The Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut for Map 9, Lot 9.

g. The Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut for Map 7, Lot 4.

h. The Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut for Map 40, Lot 13.

i. The Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut for Map 13, Lot 7.

j. The Board reviewed and signed a Veteran's Tax Credit for Map 69, Lot 43.

k. The Board reviewed and signed letters to commercial haulers Bestway, Waste Management and Zero Waste.

l. The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

m. The Board reviewed a proposal from Capitol Alarm for the installation of the cellular communicator emergency push buttons in the amount of \$1,000 for installation and \$360 for annual monitoring. Selectman Miller made a motion to have the Chairman of the Board sign the agreement with Capitol Alarm for the installation of the cellular communicator emergency push button system for the town office for the \$1,000 installation and the \$360 for annual monitoring. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. The Board discussed candidate's night. The Board decided to hold Candidates night on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street.

X. The Board said there were no updates for the road bond paperwork for Creekwater Lane.

XI. The Board said they received a phone call from the resident at 44 South Village Road regarding vehicles blocking his driveway. The Board said maybe its time for a parking ordinance so parking violations can be enforced. Selectman Maxfield said they should speak with the Police Department and communicate with them the heavy monitoring needed in that area.

XII. The Board spoke about Ryan Abell of 222 Kenney Road and his request to live in his fifth wheel while he builds his house on

his land. Chairman Prescott said that Mr. Abell said that his house will be built by June. Selectman Miller asked if he had the required building permits. Chairman Prescott said he does not believe he has a building permit and he was issued a cease and desist until he gets a building permit. Selectman Miller said there was a decision made in a similar situation with another resident but that resident had all the permits required when they came to the Board. Selectman Maxfield said that there should be safety checks on the RV's before permission is granted. Selectman Miller said the Board doesn't want to set a precedence that it is okay to live in your RV while you are building your house either. The board said they would send a letter to Mr. Abell.

XIII. The Board reviewed a note from Sandra Blanchard regarding the conservation easement of her property on Kenney Road. Chairman Prescott said that the trails committee is looking to put a trail on the property because of the historical damns on the property. Chairman Prescott said that Ms. Blanchard is looking for the okay for her attorney to work with the town attorney to draw up the easement paperwork. The Board said they would ask the Conservation Commission for additional information.

XIV. The Board reviewed a request from Michael Harris. Chairman Prescott said that Mr. Harris wants to call in to the next Zoning Board meeting to speak about a concern he has. Selectman Miller said that they have allowed telephonic meeting requests from Mr. Harris before during physical meetings and he doesn't see why the Zoning Board couldn't offer the telephonic meeting. The Board said they would get in touch with the Zoning Board Chairman and suggest they offer this to Mr. Harris.

XV. Chairman Prescott said he received a letter asking if the Selectmen would support the Tax Payers Rescue Act of 2021. Chairman Prescott said the state legislation would require the state to pay 15% of the employees cost of the participating retirement system members for teachers, police and firefighters. This is the first step to alleviate pressure on towns, cities and school districts. Chairman Prescott said that letter stated if the Board would support the legislation, they should write a letter to the Governor. The Board agreed that they would need more information before supporting the legislation.

XVI. Chairman Prescott said that there has been some discussion about closing the septage lagoons at the Transfer Station. Chairman Prescott said the Road Agent has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Services and everyone has received the lagoon closure guidelines. The Board agreed that they should hold a work session to discuss the process and decide on the best option for the closure.

XVII. The Board recognized Jodie Russell of Creekwater Lane. Ms. Russell asked if the town attorney has been notified of Mr. Merullo not supplying the bond paperwork. Chairman Prescott said that he has spoken with the town attorney and it was suggested that the town continue to try to get the bond paperwork from Mr. Merullo. Chairman Prescott said that the Board needs to be careful how much information is given out when they are receiving legal counsel.

XVIII. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

March 2021 in Loudon

meetings are always subject to change. please contact the group if you have any questions and/or to confirm meeting times & locations. if your info is wrong, please contact us so we can fix it!

if your organization would like to get its meetings & events on this calendar, please send them to loudonledgergraphics@gmail.com. let us know if it a recurring event so it will go in each month.

1st Monday of the Month
6pm*Conservation Commission @ Community Building

1st Tuesday of the Month
7pm*Lions Club @ the Library

1st Wednesday of the Month
1-3pm*Loudon Historical Society Open
5pm*Library Trustees @ Library
(Call first as day may change)
6:30pm*Historical Society @Museum
(Museum Open)

First Thursday of the Month
6:30pm PTA @ Loudon Elementary

2nd Monday of the Month
7:15pm * MVSD School Board

2nd Tuesday of the Month
10:00am*Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg

2nd Thursday of the Month
6:30pm*Lion Pack @ the Library

2nd Saturday of the Month
4:30-6:00pm*Family Bible Church
Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the Month
6pm*Communication Council@Community Building

3rd Tuesday of the Month
6:30pm*Recycling Com @ Town Office
(Subject to change, 396-4950)
7pm Lions Club @ Library

3rd Wednesday of the Month
1-3pm*Loudon Historical Society Open
4:30 Alternative Energy Committee meeeting@ Gazebo, Rec Field
6pm*Sit n' Stitch @ the Library
6:30pm Gardeners Club @ Com. Bldg
(Subject to change - 396-4950)
6:30-7:30pm*Scouts@LES
7pm*Legion & Auxiliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the Month
7pm*Planning Board@Town Offices

3rd Sunday of the Month
9:30am*Loudon Congregational Church
Healing Prayer Time

4th Monday of the Month
4pm*Trails Subcommittee@Com. Bldg.
5pm*Economic Development Committee @ Town Offices
7pm*LYAA @ the Library

4th Wednesday of the Month
6:30pm*Recreation Committee @ Library

4th Thursday of the Month
7pm*Zoning Board @ the Town Offices

Every Tuesday
10am*Writers Group @ the Library
10:30am*Music&Movement@Library
Storytime@Library
5-7pm*It Takes 2 Game Time @ the Library
(Beginning March 18th)
6pm*Selectmen @ Town Offices
6:30pm*Prayer Meeting @ Congregational Church

Every Wednesday
10:30am*Chair Yoga@ the Library thru 3/25
2pm*Stitch N' Chat @ the Library
6:30pm*Cub Scouts @ LES

Every Friday
10:30am*Chair Yoga @ the Library thru 3-20
2-4pm*Art in the Afternoon @ the Library
2:30pm*Storytime @ the Library

EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES
March 19th - Loudon Ledger Deadline

The Loudon Alternative Energy Committee is meeting by zoom, the third Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm

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Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM
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