The Loudon Ledger

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First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Location: Arthur Colby Safety Building (Fire Station 1)

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 9:00am

Location: Loudon Elementary School

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

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55 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 603-798-4541 * selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
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Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM
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Wednesday 8:00 a.m- 4:00 p.m, Thursday 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.4 *603-798-4540 * planning-zoning@loudonnh.org
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The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices
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Tax Collector
55 S. Village Rd., Ste.3 * 603-798-4543 * taxcollector@loudonnh.org
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55 S. Village Rd. Ste.6 * 603-798-5521 (administrative only)
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Mon.-Thur.:8AM-4PM

Building/Code Enforcement
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codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

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55 S. Village Rd. Ste.5 * 603-798-5612 * chief@loudonfire.com
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Loudon Elementary School
7039 School St * 603-783-4400
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Director: Emily Fay * 603-798-5153 * efay@maxfieldlibrary.org
Sun./Mon.: Closed * Tues.: 10AM-7PM * Wed.: 10AM-5PM
Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM
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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, 603-267-6509

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~~**March 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline**~~	~~Fri 02/17~~	~~**Council Meeting**~~	~~Mon 02/20~~
April 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 03/17	**Council Meeting**	Mon 03/20
May 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 04/14	**Council Meeting**	Mon 4/17
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September 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 08/18	**Council Meeting**	Mon 08/21
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November 2023 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 10/13	**Council Meeting**	Mon 10/16
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Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m.
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www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org •
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Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.
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Tuesday Morning: Ladies' Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service: 7 p.m.
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Rev. Shirley Marcroft, Pastor
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Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 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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Rev. Moe Cormier
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 603-783-9478
info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org
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Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.
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33 Staniels Rd., Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 •
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office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org
Sunday
9:30 a.m. — Worship: In Person and YouTube Live Streaming
Nursery and Pre-school care is not available due to Covid.
"Kids Korner" (K–4th Grade) is available from 10-11 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Discipleship Hour for ages 3 and up.

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

Loudon Garden Club

Are you interested in creating a pollinator habitat in your yard to enhance your landscape and support natural populations of bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects?

The Loudon Gardeners Club invites you to join us for a presentation Growing a Pollinator Garden by Meg Miller of the UNH Extension Speaker Bureau on Tuesday, March 21st , 6:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Loudon Community Building (aka Charlie's Barn), 29 South Village Road, Loudon, NH.

Meg attended the UNH Master Gardener Program in 2016, the Natural Resource Steward Program in 2021 and has 35 years of experience growing her own perennial gardens. She volunteers at Canterbury Shaker Village in the restored Herb Garden and clearing trails for the enjoyment of visitors.

Loudon Alternative Energy Committee

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

If you have an interest in our town and want to learn more about alternative energy, we would love to have you join the Loudon Alternative Energy Committee.
We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Community Building on 29 S. Village Road.
Our meetings are from 4:30-5:30. Come sit in on a meeting and see if this is where you would like to help Loudon.

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CLERKS' CORNER

BY: ASHLEY SIMONDS and THERESA CHUDOBA

We will be testing ballots on March 7th 2023 @1:00pm at the Town Office upstairs in the meeting room.
Town elections will be held on March 14th 2023 @7:00am-7:00pm at the Arthur Colby Safety Building..
Town meeting will be held on March 18th @9:00am at LES.
Town Clerks office will be closed due to elections Tuesday

March 14th2023

Please keep in mind that if you drop off an absentee ballot for ANYONE other than yourself, you will need to fill out an Absentee Ballot Return Form

Best Regards,

Ashley Simonds (Town Clerk) & Theresa Chudoba (Deputy Town Clerk)

DG III Plumbing & Heating, LLC
Daniel Garcia III
Master Plumber
Gas Fitter
7560 Currier Road
Loudon, NH 03307
603-290-2765
bdgarcia@comcast.net

Loudon Lions Club members Vince Giambalvo and Ed Friedrich presented a donation check to Chris Michael (Food Service Director for Merrimack Valley School District) for the District School Lunch Program, specifically for Loudon students. The donation will help with funding shortfalls for student lunches.

The checks represent portions of donations the Lions raised from the Club's Christmas Memory Tree Fundraiser.

You're Invited!

The Town of Loudon is holding an Open House.
We invite you to meet the committees and explore the different volunteer opportunities the town has to offer.
If you have ever wondered what a committee does or been interested in getting involved, this is the night to get more information!

When: Tuesday March 28, 2023, at 6PM

Where: Loudon Town Office- Large Meeting Room

55 South Village Road

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Loudon Elementary School

March

3/7 Chorus at 8:00, Chess Club at 3:30

3/8 Student Council at 3:30, LES PTA at 5:30

3/10 No School - Teacher workshop day, MVSD School Board polls open at 11:00am, MVSD Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm

3/13 MVSD School Board 6:30 pm at MVHS

3/14 Chorus at 8:00, Chess Club at 3:30

3/15 Prescott Farm's Naturalist in Kindergarten

3/21 Chorus at 8:00, Chess Club at 3:30, SEPAC

3/23 4th grade Nature Walk

3/24 PTA Snack Cart, NED Assembly at 2:00, Report Cards issued

3/28 Chorus at 8:00, Chess Club at 3:30

3/29 Prescott Farm's Naturalist in Fourth grade

Third graders have been busy learning all about Penguin species, their habitat, food sources and their movement on land and water. They celebrated their work by doing some Penguin sliding of their own on a sledding outing. With the generous support of the PTA, LES now has a collection of sleds grade levels can use for some extra outdoor snow fun.

Primary learners are continuing to enjoy their monthly outdoors studies with our Naturalist from Prescott Farms. This past month second graders learned how to use a compass and practiced this skill while navigating a map of the trail they were exploring. Kindergarten students learned about animals native to NH and their behavior in the winter. They were even able to find evidence of chipmunks munching on acorns, a deer path, scat and an antler rub.

Celebrate the Arts!

Jennifer Keaton is the Music educator at LES and delivers instrumental instruction at Webster Elementary School and Salisbury Elementary School. She was recently recognized for her excellence in her field with a citation from Governor Chris Sununu! The citation content is included below.

Be it herby known that I, Christopher T. Sununu, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, join with my fellow citizens in congratulating Jennifer Keaton on 15 years of dedicated service as a teacher for the Merrimack Valley School District. Jennifer has gone above and beyond to develop and deliver a dedicated music education curriculum, including both vocal and instrumental instruction to young musicians. She serves on many school and community committees to help expand access to all forms of art in the district, and her dedication and passion has inspired countless students and fellow educators along the way. On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, I commend Jennifer for her dedication to providing an excellent education in the arts to so many children in her community and wish her all the best in the future.

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Young At Heart

Young at Heart

On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, thirty-nine members of the Young at Heart met for the regular monthly meeting. The weather was sunny and almost springlike. It was a great day to celebrate Valentine's Day with friends.

We began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a call for volunteers for the Old Home Day Float. Next Letty Barton made announcements regarding upcoming meetings.

March 21st - The hospitality students (Community Table) at the Lakes Region Community College will prepare lunch for the group. The seating will be at 11:45am. A campus map will be provided so that everyone knows where to park on campus. A signup sheet was available at this meeting, but you can still contact Letty at 603-491-2312 if you are interested in attending. The cost is $15.00pp and space is limited.

April, 11th- Valerie May, a certified therapeutic Harp Practitioner, will perform and discuss music therapy.

May 9th – Kevin Skarupa will discuss weather forecasting via Zoom. June 13th- Sanborn Mills Farm tour and luncheon. Next on the agenda we played Bingo. Prizes were given out to the Bingo winners. A big thank you to all that donated prizes for today's games. A fun time was had by all. The meeting concluded with a pizza lunch.
See you all in March and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry! The Young at Heart began in 1997 and is open to Loudon residents 55 and older who enjoy getting together to socialize, travel and learn. We are always happy to welcome new members. Young at Heart meets the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) beginning at 10:00am at the Faith Community Bible Church. Please join us for a meeting.

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Pelham, NH

Moderator Musings

March Town Election and Town Meeting

Town Election – March 14, 2023

Voting will begin on Tuesday morning March 14 at 7am at the Arthur Colby Safety Complex. Votes can be cast anytime between 7am and 7pm.

We have received a lot of comments related to the congested parking at the Arthur Colby Safety Complex for voting. To increase the available parking for voters and improve safety, we are asking all electioneers (candidates and those electioneering for candidates) to park down at the Recreation Field parking lot. Additionally, we are asking all poll workers to park down at the old town office (Charlie's Barn). This will free up a lot of spaces for voters and will significantly improve safety. If we ask you to move your vehicle, please do not take offense as we are trying to get voters in and out faster and lessen the possibility of accidents.

At the December 6, 2022 Selectmen's meeting, the Selectmen agreed to designate one-way traffic only on Recreation Drive for election days. Please enter onto Recreation Drive from South Village Road and, after voting, exit through the old town office parking lot. Plenty of signage is being created to help direct drivers.

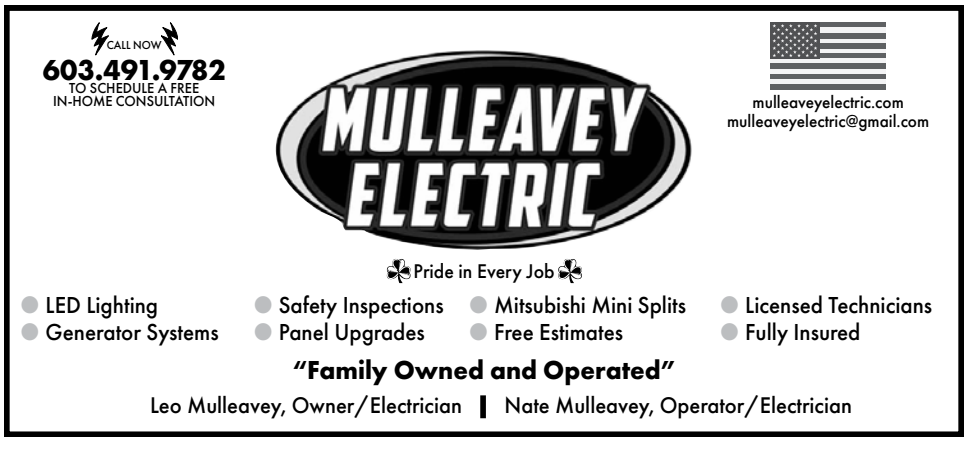
Counting – when the polls close at 7pm, the counting procedure will be identical to the September and November 2022 elections. The numbers from the AccuVote tape will not be released at 7pm. Once all the votes have been tabulated, the results will be released. There is space designated for the public to view the counting process. However, to enable our counters to concentrate and complete their work as accurately and as quickly as possible, talking by observers is not permitted. If you need to have a conversation, please leave the room.

Town Meeting - March 18, 2023

In preparation for the meeting, please review the "Moderator's Rules of Procedure". You can find them on the Town website under Departments → Town Clerk → Election Information.

Contact me at any time by calling either the Selectmen's Office or the office of the Town Clerk.

Rodney Phillips Loudon Moderator



Maxfield Public Library

CURRENT HOURS:

Tuesday: 10-7

Wednesday: 10-5

Thursday: 10-7

Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 10-2

We like March, his shoes are purple.

He is new and high;

Makes he mud for Dog and Peddler,

Makes he forests dry.

Knows the Adder's Tongue his coming

And begets her spot.

Stands the Sun so close and mighty

That our Minds are hot.

News is he of all the others;

Bold it were to die

With the Blue Birds buccaneering

On his British sky.

-Emily Dickinson

SONGS OF EMIGRATION: Through traditional music Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. The focus is on songs about leaving Ireland. This program will be held in the Meeting Room on Saturday, March 11th at 1:00pm.

PLANT SWAP: Stop in before the plants are gone! In our meeting room through mid-March, you'll find a selection of plant babies to bring home and love! If you have one available, please bring a plant to share with others.

CRAFTS: Throughout the winter months, we will be offering take and make crafts, in in addition to our evening craft program. Come craft with us or pick up the craft to do at home! Our evening craft program will be held twice a month during the winter months, on Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: A Friends of the Library group can be an invaluable asset for a library. We are looking to reestablish our Friends Group! Reach out to efay@maxfieldlibrary.org if you feel compelled to volunteer a couple of hours each month to help our library continue to grow and provide more services to our community!

WISHLIST: Are you looking for a way to give back to the library and help bring exciting new services to our community? We'd love it if you'd keep our wish list in mind! With a few quick clicks on Amazon, you can add to our Library of Things, stock our complimentary coffee station, or gift a new game for our Friday game program. Ask us how to find our wish list.

SIT AND STITCH: MPL is the happy home of a Sit and Stitch group that meets each Wednesday at 2:00pm by the fireplace. More than just fiber crafting, this group offers good company and rollicking fun!

GAME AND GAB: Come in Friday afternoons at 2:00pm to socialize and enjoy a board or card game. The library has cards, Rummikub, Mahjong, Cribbage, and Scrabble.Make new friends and catch up with old ones! Feel free to bring your own game as well.

EVENING BOOK GROUP: Our evening book group will meet on March 23rd at 6:30pm to discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP: Our afternoon book group will meet on March 23rd at 2:00pm to discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean.

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS: Come visit the children's library and see all that we have to offer! We have early literacy programs for young children like story time and music and movement as well as programs for teens, like teen advisory board.

STORY TIME: Storytime will be on Thursday's at 10:30 am in the children's room! We have been reading books about Valentine's day, and winter! Masks are optional. We sing, dance, and use bells, shakers and scarves! We also do crafts! We are having a special St. Patrick's Day Storytime on Saturday, March 18th at 11:00 am.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: Have your voice heard and join our Teen Advisory Board! By joining and attending meetings you can earn community service hours! Email us at cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call to find out more information about joining the Teen Advisory Board! Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday March 21st from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Music and movement is a program for young children and will be in the children's room! Masks are optional. Singing, shakers, bells, action rhymes, dancing, and scarves are all fun aspects of the program! This event happens on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT BRAVE: On Friday, March 31st at 6:00 pm come watch Brave with us! You are welcome to come in your pajamas or bring blankets and pillows! We will provide refreshments!

Daylight Savings Time starts in March So Move Your Clocks Ahead 1 Hour on March 12 (and this is a great time to check your smoke alarm batteries!)

Daylight Savings Time begins in March, blessing us all with an extra hour of daylight after months of long, long nights and short, short days.

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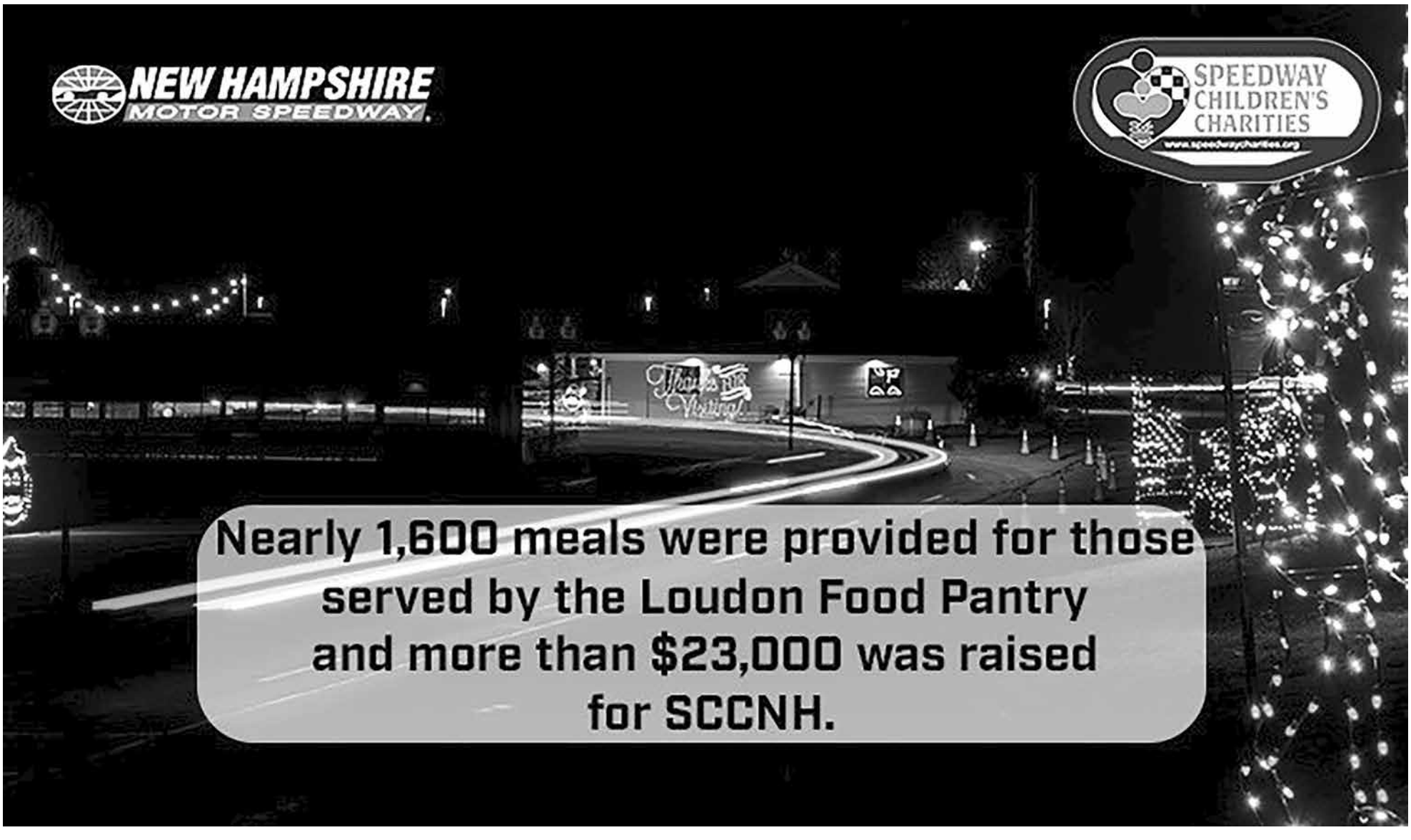
The MVSD Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2023, to be held at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, NH.

Polls are open from 11am to 7pm

The meeting starts at 7pm To see a copy of the warrant and budget, please click on the link for Merrimack Valley School District (https://www.mvsdpride.org/) on our www.loudonnh.org



What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton

It's almost spring and the sap has been running. Take advantage of New Hampshire's liquid gold and try one of these recipes.

Maple Butter Roasted Chicken

1 stick butter, room temp.
3 T. maple syrup
1 T. chopped fresh thyme, plus 1 bunch thyme sprigs
1 (3 ½ -4 lb.) chicken
1 lemon, quartered
1 T. salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a small bowl, stir together butter, maple syrup and chopped thyme. Set aside. Place chicken in a roasting pan and stuff cavity with lemon and all but 4 thyme sprigs. Slide hands under chicken skin to loosen it. Spread half of butter/ maple mixture between loosened skin and meat. Rub remaining butter mixture on top of skin and season with salt and pepper. Roast chicken until thermometer reads 165 degrees or about 1 ½ hours. Remove chicken from oven and let rest for 10-15 min. before carving. Garnish with remaining thyme sprigs.

Maple Mustard Pork Chops

½ cup maple syrup
¼ cup Dijon mustard
2 T. cider vinegar
1 T. olive oil
1 T. chopped fresh thyme
1 clove garlic
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
4 center-cut pork chops, ¾ in. thick

Combine maple syrup, mustard, vinegar, oil, thyme, garlic, salt and pepper. Reserve 1/3 of this marinade for glaze. Transfer chops to large zip-loc bag and add remaining marinade. Seal and turn several times to coat chops. Let set at room temp. 30 min. or chill up to 12 hrs. Grill chops, turning once, until meat thermometer reads 145 degrees. Brush both sides of each chop with remaining marinade and remove from grill.

Maple Bran Muffins

Mix well in one bowl:
1 cup sour cream
1 cup maple syrup
2 eggs

In large bowl combine:
2 cups flour
1 cup bran flakes
1 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup raisins.

Add wet mixture to dry and mix well. Spoon into muffin tin and bake at 400 degrees about 20 min.

Maple Pudding Cake

This is a repeat recipe but well worth trying for a quick , easy and delicious dessert.
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 T. butter

Mix together flour. Sugar, baking powder and milk. Pour into a greased 8" or 9" pan. In a saucepan, combine maple syrup, water and butter. Heat just until the butter melts. Pour warm sauce over cake batter. DO NOT STIR. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven 45 min. Top with whipped cream or ice cream (optional).

Spiced Maple-Walnut Cheese Cake

8 graham crackers
1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted and divided
2 T. butter, melted
1/2 cup plus 2 T. packed brown sugar
4 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 cup sour cream
1 cup maple syrup, divided
4 eggs
½ cup whipping cream

Heat oven to 325 degrees. In food processor, pulse graham crackers, ¾ cup nuts and 2 T. sugar to fine crumbs. (OR put in plastic bag and roll with rolling pin.) Add butter, mix well. Press into bottom of spring form pan. Bake 10 min.

Beat cream cheese, spice and remaining sugar in large bowl until well blended. Add sour cream and ½ maple syrup. Mix well. Add eggs one at a time, mixing on low spread until just blended. Pour over crust. Bake 1 hr. or until center s set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake before removing rim. Refrigerate cheesecake for 4 hrs.

Bring cream and remaining syrup to a boil in a medium sauce pan over medium heat. Stir constantly. Simmer on med-low 10-12 min. or until reduced to about 2/3 cup. Stir frequently. Cool and drizzle over cake just before serving.

Maple Cream Sauce

¼ lb. butter
1 cup dark brown sugar
1 cup ample syrup
1 quart heavy cream

Melt the butter slowly in large saucepan. Add brown sugar and cook until butter and sugar are totally incorporated. Keep stirring the entire time. Add the maple syrup and cook another few min. Keep

stirring so sauce does not burn. Add the heavy cream and bring to a rolling boil. DO NOT LEAVE THE STOVE AT THIS POINT AS THE ROLLING BOIL WILL ROLL UP AND OVER THE SIDES AND MAKE A GREAT MESS ON YOUR STOVE. As soon as it begins to boil, stir it down and turn the heat down . Let it simmer for about 5 min. Once the sauce cools down it is ready to use. Heat and stir to reuse. Enjoy over ice cream.

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku is a great activity to sharpen the mind. The object of Sudoku is to fill in the empty spaces of a 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains all numbers 1 through 9. Answers on Page 19

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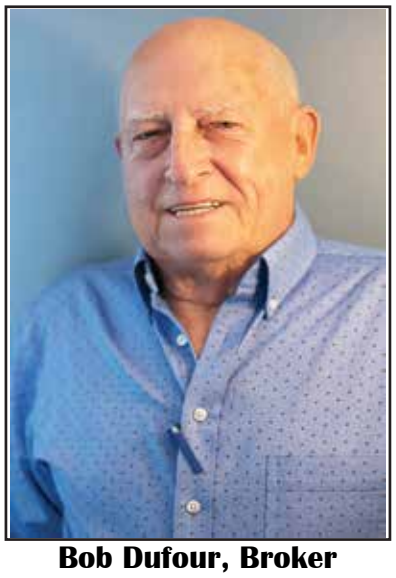
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Loudon Lions Club Secretary Esther Boriss recently presented a donation check to Heather Luby (and Scotty) with "Healing on Manes," a Loudon non-profit serving children suffering with emotional challenges.

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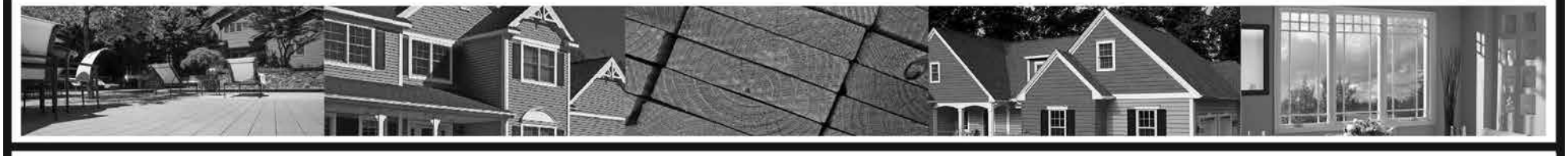

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Loudon Fire Department News

TThe Loudon Fire Department began 2023 with 128 responses for service including 100 emergency medical calls and 28 fire calls. The fire department has provided mutual aid 15 times since the start of the year and received mutual aid 4 times. The department has had two or more calls occurring at the same time on 15 occasions. This is about 14% of the time so far this year. We have been hitting our goal consistently from the time of dispatch to the time the first unit is enroute to the call in less than 2 minutes 100% of the time. Our average response time from dispatch until arrival on scene from station 1 has been 7 minutes and 14 seconds. The department's average response time from dispatch to arrival on scene from station 2 has been 10 minutes and 6 seconds. We continue to use data to guide our staffing and equipment decisions in the hopes of finding additional efficiencies in scheduling, budgeting, and improving our responses to residents' needs.

The Department wishes to congratulate Firefighter AEMT Sara Frenette on obtaining her Associate Degree in Fire Science & Emergency Services from Lakes Region Community College. We also congratulate our LRCC Live-In Student, EMT Paris Chartrand on passing her National Registry of EMT exams and obtaining her NH EMS Provider License. Jacob Shapiro and Paris Chartrand continue to participate in the LRCC Firefighter 1 & 2 program being conducted at the NH Fire Academy. They are both about one-third of the way through the program which is held three days a week at the fire academy.

The department, working in collaboration with the NH Forest Protection Bureau, was fortunate to locate a 250-gallon water tank. The water pump's output is 500 gallon per minute. The water tank includes a 100' electric rewind hose reel. The tank is located in Saratoga Springs NY and is part of the Federal Excess Property Program. The town was awarded the unit at no cost other than the fuel to pick it up and bring it back. This unit, if purchased by the town, would have cost an estimated $18,000. Significant savings were realized once again by taking advantage of this awesome federal program. The program is managed locally by the NH Forest Protection Bureau at Bear Brook State Park. This unit will be used by the department to assist with the extinguishment of wildfires and to assist with rural water supply.

The Loudon Fire Department wishes to recognize the efforts of the Loudon Firefighters Association. The Fire Association has worked hard to raise funds to purchase equipment. The equipment purchased by the association aids the Fire Department and town with costs not covered in the budget. In the past month the association has paid the $1,900 invoice for installing the Stryker Powerload system in ambulance 2. They have purchased two ZOLL AED Plus automated external defibrillators at a cost of $2,300. One unit was placed on Engine 1 which now allows us to have an AED on both engines and both command vehicles. The second unit was placed at the Loudon Transfer Station Recycling Building. They have also replaced our aging refrigerator at Station 2 at a cost of $1,500. The last refrigerator was donated by NHIS and Bob Bahre a number of years ago. The association also purchased two used laptop computers with touchscreens at a cost of $2,200 to be used on the ambulances so we can complete our patient care reports and obtain patient and physician signatures when conducting EMS transports. Our IPADs were 7 years old and not holding a charge any longer and we had no funding available to replace them. Thank You to the citizens and businesses who support the Loudon Firefighters Association. Their support saved us $7,900.

This year article 11 on the town warrant is to purchase a new ambulance for $290,000. The cost of these vehicles has increased significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic. The town has $190,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. This purchase would require $100,000 to be raised by taxation at an estimated cost of $0.14 per one thousand dollars of property value. The three vendors we have been working with estimate it will be 24-30 months from the time we place the order until the unit would be delivered based on current manufacturing timelines and supply chain issues. The unit we are replacing is ambulance 2 which is a 2014 International Terrastar PL Custom 2-wheel drive ambulance. Ambulance 2 currently has 7660 hours on the diesel engine and 123,000 miles on the odometer. Historically our business plan has included buying an ambulance every 5 years and using it for 10 years. Our newest ambulance is a 2019 Dodge Ram 5500 PL Custom 4X4 ambulance and has 45,700 miles on it. With a 25% increase in call volume last year, it is likely we will have to begin looking at purchasing a new ambulance every 4 years and replacing it in 8 years. We currently operate ambulance 1, 4 days a week and ambulance 2, 3 days a week to balance the mileage and extend the life of the units. We spent close to $11,000 in maintenance on ambulance 2 last year. We invite anybody who would like to look at the vehicles to please stop by the station and ask any questions you may have. We would appreciate the support of the voters at town meeting in approving article 11.

This year there have been 3 fatal house fires in New Hampshire as reported by the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office. Please ensure that you have working smoke detectors in each bedroom and the common areas immediately outside of each bedroom. Review your family escape plan with members of your family and any guests who may be spending the night. Try to maintain a few portable fire extinguishers in your home, typically near your kitchen and exits of the home.

Safety in the kitchen is of the utmost importance. Please keep the top of your cooking stoves free and clear of items not normally used in cooking. When cooking foods in oil or grease always keep covers for the size pan you are using nearby. These can be used to cover a pan which catches on fire and often extinguishes the flames.

When cleaning your wood burning stoves and fireplaces make sure you remove the ashes from the house and discard them at least 50 feet from any structure and make sure they are completely extinguished especially this time of year when vegetation is beginning to show through the snow. For additional fire safety tips please visit www.nfpa.com.

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Registration is required and space is limited. All community members are welcome to attend. This program is offered at no charge. Masks and distanced seating required.

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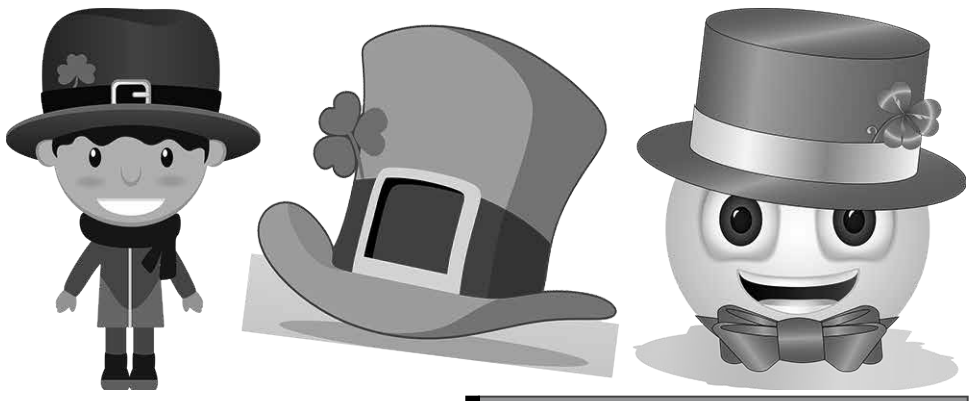

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Loudon Elementary School PTA

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We have many hands working on these upcoming events, so mark your calendars!

MARCH 5TH: SMITTY'S CINEMA'S

APRIL 8TH: EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 14TH-16TH: YOU'RE FIRED! (Paint your own pottery)

MAY 19TH: TALENT SHOW

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We appreciate the support of our residents and businesses. Our efforts are used to support our children and staff at the Loudon Elementary School.

If you are interested in joining us, we meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 in the media room at the Loudon Elementary School.

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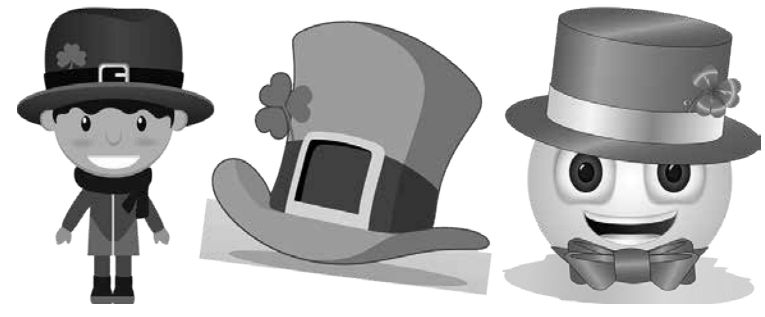

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What Is the Saver's Credit?
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2. Save for Retirement
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- If you prepare your tax return manually, complete Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions, to determine your exact credit rate and amount. Then transfer the amount to line 4 on Schedule 3, which is used with Forms 1040, 1040-SR, and 1040-NR.

- If you use a professional tax preparer, be sure to ask about the Saver's Credit.

"Saving consistently over time is fundamental to achieving a financially secure retirement," says Collinson. "Another way to help boost your savings is to directly deposit your tax refund into an IRA. Saving more now could help you reap more later."

Remember, this important tax credit may help reduce what you owe in federal taxes or increase your refund. Be sure to check your eligibility. Help spread the word about the Saver's Credit by telling family, friends, and colleagues.

For more details and resources on the Saver's Credit in English and Spanish, visit Transamerica Institute at www.transamericainstitute.org/SaversCredit or the IRS at www.irs.gov.

When is St. Patrick's Day?
This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on Friday, March 17, 2023.

1. St. Patrick's Day always falls on the 17th of March.

2. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in America—not in Ireland.

3. The New York City St. Patrick's Day parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States.

Question: How many pounds of green vegetable dye are now used to turn the Chicago River green?
Answer: 40 pounds.

4. Chicago began its annual tradition of turning the Chicago River green on St. Patrick's Day in 1962.

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Nearly One Ton of Food Collected for Loudon Food Pantry, More Than $23,000 Raised for Speedway Children's Charities

Attendees contributed to 1,928.14 pounds of food being collected for the Loudon Food Pantry and $23,057.50 being raised for the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities during the 12th annual Gift of Lights presented by Ambetter at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

LOUDON, N.H. – One of the driving forces behind the annual Gift of Lights event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) is the opportunities that attendees have to give back to the community. The Loudon Food Pantry and the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities (SCCNH) each benefitted from the generosity of those who attended Gift of Lights presented by Ambetter during the holiday season. Nearly 1,600 meals were provided for those served by the Loudon Food Pantry and more than $23,000 was raised for SCCNH.

Gift of Lights visitors received free admission on a special night when they brought at least five non-perishable food items to donate to the Loudon Food Pantry. These donations plus others collected throughout the event's duration, contributed to a total of 1,928.14 pounds of food, which will provide 1,598 meals.

"This year we have seen an increase in the need for our services because the cost of their basic requirements has risen," said Loudon Food Pantry President Sue Houck. "The food that is donated through Gift of Lights will help us fill that need. We are grateful for the help!"

Since Gift of Lights first started, food and monetary donations have allowed NHMS to donate over 102,000 pounds of food to the Loudon Food Pantry, which has provided nearly 96,000 meals to locals during the holiday and winter months.

SCCNH, which raises money for children in need throughout New England, received a portion of each vehicle's admission, s'more kit purchases and fun run/walk registrations for a total of $23,057.50, making this one of the largest SCCNH fundraisers annually. The funds raised will be combined with proceeds from other 2023 SCCNH events and be distributed through grants to local nonprofits in December. As the official charity of the speedway, SCCNH has raised more than $411,000 from Gift of Lights since 2011 and has distributed more than $2.1 million supporting more than 957,000 children throughout the region since 2009.

"It feels so good to witness the community coming together to kick-start our year of fundraising to support children in need throughout New England simply by enjoying this

annual holiday tradition with their families," said Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter Director Danielle Cyr. "We can't wait to host many more fun events this year to raise as much money as possible to support local kids."

Gift of Lights presented by Ambetter, which has welcomed nearly 155,000 vehicles since 2011, is a 2.5-mile drive-thru light show that transforms NHMS into a twinkling winter wonderland with 3.5 million LED lights each holiday season.

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Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In January 2023 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 338 individuals for them to prepare 6,606 meals. Of these people, 168 were age 60 and older (50%), 61 were age 18 or under (18%), and 109 were between those ages (32%).

Help Support the Community and the Environment

Have you heard the news? Loudon Food Pantry has been selected as the beneficiary of the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program! During the month of March, each time the $2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag is purchased at the Hannaford at 73 Fort Eddy Rd. in Concord we will receive a $1 donation.

Closed and Unavailable – March 11th – March 20th

It's time for us to take a break. So, Loudon Food Pantry will be closed and unavailable from March 11th – March 20th. We will reopen on Tuesday March 21st. If you come to the pantry for food, make sure you make an appointment the week before we close to receive enough food to cover for that week.

Volunteer Missed

During my article about my volunteers last month, I inadvertently left out a name. Breda, thank you for your help and support!

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LION MEMORY TREE FUNDRAISER WAS A BIG SUCCESS

The Loudon Lions Club would like to sincerely thank the entire Loudon Community and friends for their very generous donations to our 2nd Annual Memory Tree Fundraiser. The starlit tree was seen by many thousands traveling Route 106 at its well-lit location next to Loudon Country Club. Scores of Loudoners purchased lights on the tree in honor of special friends and relatives who have passed away. The tree will continue to grow in its current location, and the Lions hope that support for the Memory Tree Project will grow as well. The Lions will distribute 100% of all funds raised to the following organizations:

Loudon Girl Scouts

Loudon Boy Scouts

Loudon Cub Scouts

Loudon Elementary School

Healing on Manes

Live & Let Live Farm

Panther Elite Soccer Club

NH Lions Camp Pride

NH Lions Youth Services

NH Lions Dogsight Project

The Loudon Lions Club will again be sponsoring the Annual Angels 5K Road at MVHS this August, with proceeds going to support scholarships for MVHS graduates. This race is part of the eight-event Concord Area Race Series (CARS). The Lions have several free registrations to distribute to local runners seeking to participate in CARS. If a runner would like to have her or his name entered into a raffle for one of the eight-race registrations, just send an email to loudonlionsclub@gmail.com expressing interest. Drawings will take place on March 1.

Your local Lions Club looks forward to another year of Community Service.

Loudon Lion officers Sara Wagner and Ed Friedrich with some of the club's banners. The Loudon Lions meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Loudon American Legion Post #88 on South Village Road

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Harvey Joseph Bergeron, Jr.

On Thursday January 19, loving father and grandfather, Harvey Joseph Bergeron Jr. passed away at his farm home in Loudon, NH. The son of Harvey J. Bergeron, Sr. And Berniece Moody. He grew up in Methuen MA but as a young man moved to Loudon to pursue his lifelong love of farming. He was also an entrepreneur in other areas including real estate. Harvey raised dairy cows and then beef cows on the Hill. He was a mentor for many, sharing his farming and agricultural knowledge. Harvey continued to plant and tend a garden every year. He had an amazing relationship with the Upper City Road neighbors and farming community who he loved very much. He often talked about living in such a caring neighborhood. Harvey loved traveling. His time in the army inspired a love for the beautiful places in the world. He traveled to Europe with his wife and went west with his friends. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and hiking, and was a member of the AMC 4000 Footer Club. Harvey's faith was very important to him. He was active in his local church. He was the caretaker at the church Cemetery and his wife worked in the church office. Harvey was best known for his fierce determination and love of family. He encouraged everyone to go after their dreams. He is survived by five of his children, Tomi Sue and her husband Paul, Tamara and her husband Russell, William, Rebekah and her husband Michael, Herve' and his wife Brenda and his step children Mary Beth and Stephen. Also his grandchildren, Jeremiah, Christopher, Joseph, Nathaniel, Christopher, Zachary, Seth, James, Noel, Shannon, Tyler, Gabrielle, Dannielle, Corey, Tyler, Bryce, Samantha, Felix, Brittney, Spencer, Karina, Denzel and 12 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his longtime friend James Lufkin. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathy, his son, James, and granddaughter Kaelyn.

Janet Cate

On Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at the age of 61, Janet Cate of Loudon, NH, passed away after a short battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Douglas Cate, and their three children Douglas Cate Jr of Winterville, NC, Jamie Jones of Ringwood, NJ, and Derek Cate of Auburn, NH. She is also dearly missed by their respective spouses, Jessica, Eric, and Nicole, six grandchildren, and her black lab Charlie. Janet worked for the Concord Hospital network for 30 years and loved spending time with her family, gardening, cooking, crafting, and outdoors. Her family will miss her smile, laugh, hugs, and love.

Christine Eldred

Broadway, VA - Christine Kingsbury Eldred, 44, of Broadway passed away February 8, 2023 at her residence. She was born January 30, 1979 in Concord, NH and is the daughter of Harvey Jr. and Penelope Frawley Kingsbury of Loudon, NH. Christine worked as a collection's specialist for Energy North Propane. She loved to paint pottery, crochet for herself, family, and even strangers, and she loved to craft. She was a mentor/role model to many children and people and her family was everything to her. On September 12, 1998 she married Dana Eldred who survives. In addition to her parents and husband she is survived by a son, Devan Eldred and wife Bethany of Broadway; a brother; grandmothers, Alma Kingsbury of Boscawen, NH, Gerogette Frawley of Loudon, NH; nephews, Michael Kingsbury, Ryker Severance, Logan Burns; niece Haley Kingsbury. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harvey Kingsbury Sr. and Elmer Frawley

Carol Jackson

Carol R. (Drescher) Jackson, 85, of Loudon, NH went home to be with the Lord January 14th,2023. She was born November 29, 1937, the daughter of Harold Drescher and Rose (Copson) Drescher. Carol's interests included an appreciation of antiques and history, restoration of antiques, knitting, crocheting and in her younger days, gardening, and canning produce. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by sister Sue Williams and brother Robert Drescher, as well as husband William L. Jackson in 2011, daughters Tracey Tierney and Bonnie Rogers, 3 grandsons, a great granddaughter, and a great-great granddaughter. She leaves behind daughters, Debra Plummer and husband Carroll of Chichester, Terri King and husband Don of Contoocook, LouAnn Lacourse of Boscawen, and Susan Roy of Loudon; sons Steven Jackson and wife Mary of Gilmanton and Thomas Jackson and wife Carol of Epsom; and her sister, Marjorie Pugliese. Other members of her village include 24 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Michael Kernander

Michael Christopher Kernander – of Nashua, died peacefully, January 15th at the age of fifty-four. He was the devoted husband and best friend of Deirdre N. O'Mara. Born and raised in Woburn, Mike was the beloved son of Lois J. (Ferullo) Friedrich, her husband Ed of Loudon, NH and Carl Kernander, his wife Mary of Dover, NH. He was a 1986 graduate of Woburn High School. While in high school, Mike excelled in baseball, which became a lifelong passion of his. For many years Mike worked as a Director of Sales for various hotels, most recently Candlewood Suites in Danvers. He was passionate about his work and made many lasting relationships

throughout the years. Mike's greatest love, however, was his family. He loved and supported them and cherished the time together. He never missed an opportunity to cheer on his son at his soccer events and would talk proudly about Brannon's accomplishments. He and his wife enjoyed taking road trips, taking in sports events, and following the weather together. They were each other's best friends, and their love was endless. His loving, quirky, funny, and strong spirit will never be forgotten! Besides his family, Mike's greatest memories and joy came from sports. He was a sports fanatic and historian with an unending knowledge of statistics and random facts, his favorite being baseball though he enjoyed all sports. He would follow many minor and major league teams, and when visiting a town with a sports team, he would make it a point to catch a game, and most likely return home with a shirt or hat. In addition to his wife and parents, Mike is survived and will be deeply missed by his son, Brannon Kernander of Plainville, MA, and his spoiled cats, Moxie and Lucy. Dear brother of Heidi Marcotte, her husband Daniel of New Boston,

William Bernan of Portsmouth, NH, Adam Kernander, his wife Erika of Dover, NH, Jaci Kjernander, her husband Ben Woellert of Dover, NH, Stephen Friedrich of VA, Jennifer Lawler, her husband Dwight Smith of IA, Joseph Friedrich, his wife Anneliese Detweiler of MN, Gregory Friedrich, his wife Angie Lawson of MN. Loving son-in-law of Thomas and Donna O'Mara of FL, and brother-in-law of Kathleen Craven, her husband Jake of TX. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Beverly J. (Reagan) Roy

Beverly J. (Reagan) Roy, age 94, lifelong resident of Concord passed away on Thursday February 9, 2023 at Presidential Oaks. Born in Concord, NH on June 21, 1928, the daughter of the late Harry F. and Elizabeth (Dyer) Reagan. She was a graduate of St. John's High School class of 1944. She worked for the City of Concord for over 25 years in the Finance Department until her retirement in1989. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband of 25 years, Archille R. Roy who passed away in 1983. She is survived by her 2 sons, Richard R. Roy of Northwood, NH and David R. Roy and his wife Elizabeth E. Roy of Concord, NH; her 2 sisters, Rosalie Tydings and her husband Bill of Maryland, Patricia Dwinnells and her husband Dan of Loudon, NH; and her 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, Stephanie E. Lessard and her husband Paul of Goffstown, NH and their sons Tyler, Jacob & Zachary, Rebecca Roy and her husband Chico of Concord NH, Lindsey A. Roy and Jeremy Wilder of Concord, NH and their children Allyson and Austin, Benjamin Roy and his wife Ryanne of Dunbarton, NH and their daughters Gwen and Reese, Shawn T. Roy of Manchester, NH and Mackenzie C. Roy of Manchester, NH, and her nephew Scott Dwinnells and wife Danielle of Webster, NH

Theopoula L. Tsaros

Theopoula L. Tsaros, 84, of Concord, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 30, 2023, surrounded by family. Theopoula was born March 17, 1938, in Nea Erithrea, Greece, the daughter of Anastasios and Maria Karathanasis. Theopoula grew up the second of five children during World War II in Europe. Her family had many struggles during this time. Food and resources were scarce. She often told stories of hunger and hardship but she also told stories of resilience and determination and how her family stuck together and carried on, strengthened by their love for each other and their Orthodox faith. Theopoula attended school as often as she could during this time, and when she became a teenager she also learned to be a seamstress, which would serve her well during her adult life. In the mid-1950's, Theopoula met who would later become her husband of 51 years, Lazaros, who predeceased her in 2007. They were married on January 8, 1956, and immigrated to the United States three months later, settling in Concord, NH. They both worked at the New England Cable Company in Concord for several years, with Theopoula also taking on seamstress work to further their dream of owning a home and starting a family. In 1964, they opened Charos Grille on North Main Street, across from the state house. They quickly built a reputation as hard workers and for the delicious food they prepared from scratch. In 1975, they expanded and opened Charos Restaurant, in a space close to the original business. In 1986, they sold the restaurant and took a well-earned retirement; retirement only being a matter of perspective, as they seemed to be even busier enjoying their time away from running a business. Theopoula and Lazaros traveled many times to Greece, as well as Albania, where Lazaros was originally from. After his passing, Theopoula continued to regularly travel to Greece.

From the time she arrived in Concord, Theopoula became a vital part of the life of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Concord. Theopoula was an active member of the Ladies Philoptochos (friends of the poor) Society. She helped with the cooking and baking for the annual church festival, which among other specialties, featured the quince marmalade she made from the fruit she gathered from her own quince trees. Theopoula also used her talents as a seamstress to help the church by sewing altar cloths, icon stand covers and altar boy robes. Theopoula taught Sunday School and helped out with Greek School. In 2020, she was recognized with The Metropolis of Boston Ministry Award for her parish. In addition to her seamstress work, she knitted and crocheted amazing blankets, sweaters, tablecloths and bedspreads. She was an exceptional cook and baker, known for her holiday sweet bread, baklava and spinach pie. By far, the people in her life – family and friends - made her the happiest. She strived to make everyone feel special and cared-for. In addition to her husband, Theopoula was predeceased by her brother, Kostantinos Karathanasis. Theopoula is survived by her daughter, Lula Melisko and her husband, Marc, of Graham, NC; her son, Thomas Tsaros and his wife, Amantha, of Lexington, MA; her son, Demetrios Tsaros and his wife, Vanessa, of Concord, NH; grandchildren Jeffrey Grey and Lazaros Nikolos Tsaros of Concord, NH; and Sophia and Alexander Tsaros, of Lexington, MA; her sister, Kalliope Pagonis and her husband, George, of Nea Erithrea, Greece; her brother, Michael Karathanasis and his wife, Despina, of Concord, NH; her brother Spiro Karathanasis of Concord, NH; her sister-in-law Kalliope Karathanasis of Loudon, NH; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and extened family in the United States, Greece and Albania

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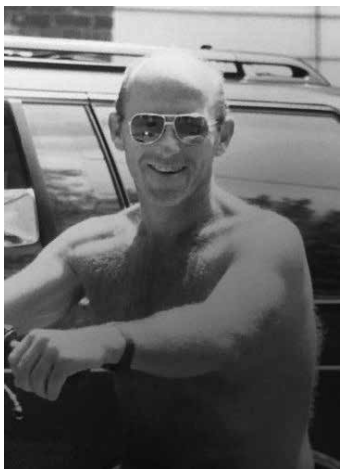

George J. Roberts passed away at the age of 73, at the Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord on February 8, 2023 after a short period of declining health. Butch was born in Connecticut before moving Loudon . He graduated from Concord High School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Upon returning home from Vietnam he moved to Concord. He went on to work as a dedicated and loyal employee for the United States Postal Service as a plant manager for 35 years before retiring. Butch is survived by his wife of 48 years Laura Roberts, their daughter Sarah Roberts and her partner Jason Perrin and their dog Charlie. Butch is also suvived by his sister Evelyn Roberts and her partner Bruce Cobb, his sister Carolyn Laferte and her beloved Canine companion Candie, as well as many brother and sister in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and family and friends.

Sandra Jane Macneil Davis-Labbe

Sandra Jane Macneil Davis-Labbe Loudon, NH - It is with great regret and sorrow to announce that Sandra Davis 81, of Loudon, NH has passed on 1/2/2023 in Concord, NH. Sandy was born February 21, 1941 in Houlton, ME to Harry L. Macneil and Muriel A. Sowers Wyman. She graduated from Gardiner HS in 1959 then attended NH Hospital School of nursing until graduating in 1964. Sandy went on to have a long wonderful career. It was a job that she truly loved to do and held a place in her heart. She always felt the calling to help and nurture anyone that was in her life, whether it was professional or personal. Sandy enjoyed many things in her life: photography, camping, travel or a good conversation over a cup of coffee. After retirement she spent years traveling the United States, with her husband from here to Alaska and back, but spending time with her grandchildren and watching them grow up was always a true source of happiness in her life. She was many things: teacher, mentor, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and always tried to be the best version of herself that she could be. Sandy was a person who, in her too short life, touched more lives than most will ever know.. She will truly be missed by all that knew her. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by a sister Lynda and a son Robert. She is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years Michael, sister Sharon, son John, his wife Dawn and 4 grandchildren Dustin, Garin, Brennan and Mikey as well as three nephews and their family's

Kevin Arthur Sears

Kevin Arthur Sears passed away quietly in his home at the age of 71 after a long battle with illness from the effects of exposure to Agent Orange. He was an extremely loyal friend, uncle and brother. He was the type of man who would give all that was in his power to give, regardless of the cost. He was loved by all who truly knew him and his kind, steadfast and loyal heart. He truly embodied the values with which he was raised, and those which were reinforced in his service to the Army: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. Kevin served the people of the United States, enlisting in the Army and serving in the Republic of Korea as an Engineer in the United States Army. He continued that service as an ardent patriot until his passing. After his Army service, he pursued his desire to live a quiet life, retiring to his favorite spot; his cabin in the woods, where he was able to live in harmony with nature, peacefully enjoying its many splendors. Kevin was reunited in death with his father, Arthur Frederick "Buddy" Sears and his mother, Jean Lorraine Arseneault. He is survived by his younger sister Elizabeth, his younger brother Richard, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard Henry Cartier

Richard Henry Cartier, 71, of Loudon, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully after a long period of declining health on February 14th, 2023 at Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord, NH.

He was born in Berlin, NH on May 2nd, 1951, the middle child born to the late Armand and Yvonne (Savard) Cartier growing up with his four siblings. Richard graduated from Berlin High School in 1969. He married his high school sweetheart, Della Ann (Tupick) Cartier on July 3rd, 1971. They raised 2 children together, and later adopted and raised three grandchildren.

After graduating from high school Richard worked for the Converse footwear factory in the molding department. When Converse began closing the factory doors in the early 70's Richard took the plunge and he and his wife moved to the Manchester area. He found work at Jewell Electrical, a manufacturer of avionic components, eventually moving on to work at Kollsman Inc., a manufacturer of electro- optical systems. After several years and the need for expanding his skills and knowledge Richard moved on to the new start up company INSIGHT TECHNOLOGY. He was one of the first five employees at Insight where he remained until his retirement. Richard found his calling at Insight where he spent most of his career serving as a Director of Operations. He hired production workers, inspectors, manufacturing engineers, and others that enabled the successful execution of multiple Night Vision and Electro-Optical programs. Richard was known to have an uncanny sense of humor and infectious laugh. His sense of humor often broke tension in stressful situations. His leadership skills were a huge part of why the company became the nation's largest manufacturer of the devices designed for soldiers, marines, and elite special forces.

Outside of work Richard enjoyed cross country skiing, camping, canoeing, and white water rafting, especially on The New River in West Virginia. He especially enjoyed going to the gun range with his grandson Troy. Numerous home remodeling projects over the years went from minor improvements to ripping out walls and tearing up floors much to his wife's chagrin, especially when toddlers and

young children were in residence. These projects often resulted in no water or electricity for a day or so. Announcing to the family that it was time for the evening round of Jeopardy was a ritual. In later years he became an avid bird watcher and luring the wily and tricky squirrels to take a peanut out of his hand became a pass time until one afternoon Della found a squirrel sitting in the middle of the kitchen! He especially enjoyed cooking stir fry dinners for the family. Chatting and visiting with his good friend Ron Moore, of Loudon was another way he enjoyed spending his time. Spending time with family and old friends was a priority.

Richard is survived by his wife of 51 years, Della Ann (Tupick) Cartier of Loudon, his children Renay Durica of Loudon, and David Cartier of Loudon, and three adopted children, Kelsie (Cartier) Scribner and husband Glenn of Loudon, Alannah Durica of Loudon, and Troy Durica of Loudon, and his great grandchildren Elliana and Adalynn Scribner. He is also survived by his siblings Anne Cartier of Deltona, Fl, Rita Mistretta and husband David of Salem, NH, Ron Cartier and wife Ellen of New Market, NH, and Roland Cartier and wife Jo of West Palm Beach, Fl, and several nieces, nephews, in-laws, and many friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, nephew, Mark Hartford, father in law, Alexander M.Tupick, and brother in- law, Alexander H. Tupick.

There are no services planned at this time at the request of the deceased.

Loudon Historical Society

The Loudon Historical Society would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for the second weekend of August to celebrate Loudon's 250th Birthday. We will be working with the Old Home Day committee to make this an event to remember! More details to follow, so watch the Ledger for upcoming announcements.

A Glimpse into the Historical Society

by Liz LeBrun

March 19 is National Poultry Day. Poultry are domesticated birds primarily kept for meat and eggs. Poultry includes turkey, geese, ducks, squab, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, ostrich and of course, chickens. There are an estimated 9 billion chickens in the United States, far more chickens than people. National Poultry Day began in Versailles, Ohio in 1951 but it was not a day of playing Duck, Duck, Goose or doing the Chicken Dance. It was a day of making omelets and barbecuing chicken. Chicken is the number one consumed meat in the United States, surpassing beef in 1992. The average American eats an estimated 101 pounds of chicken each year. The United States is the world's largest poultry meat producer as well as a major egg producer. The burning question of "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" has not been answered but depictions of chickens have been found in the ruins of many ancient cultures. Chickens were bred in Southeast Asia and China for the "sport" of cock fighting. The chicken was first introduced to America by European explorers and cock fighting became popular in this country as well. However, cock fighting became illegal in the United States in 2008.

Chicken farms with sizeable flocks have existed in Loudon at several locations over the years. The Historical Society has an 1892 map showing farm locations and the size of their flocks. We also have an Acme egg scale/grader pictured here The egg scale which was patented June 24, 1924 was donated to us by Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Spooner. It was manufactured sometime between 1924 and 1936 by Specialty Manufacturing Company of Saint Paul, Minnesota. The egg grader weighs eggs from 19 ounces to 30 ounces to identify the eggs as peewee (under 18 ounces), small (18 ounces), medium (21 ounces), large (24 ounces), extra-large (27 ounces), or jumbo (30 ounces). Many families and farms have small flocks today and egg scales similar to the Acme style are still used. The agricultural map and the egg scale are featured with our Traveling Trunks presentation but please stop by our museum on the first or third Wednesday of any month from 1-3 pm to view those two items and many others.

For questions or to arrange a tax-deductible donation, call the Historical Society at (603) 798-4541 and leave a message or e-mail us at Loudonhistory@gmail.com. Please consider coming to our next business meeting on March 22 at 6:30 pm at Charlie's Barn as we are in the midst of planning Loudon's 250th birthday celebration to take place during Old Home Day weekend.

Granite VNA Offers "A Matter of Balance" Program

PEMBROKE, N.H.– Granite VNA is offering "A Matter of Balance," a falls prevention program that helps adults view falls and the fear of falling as controllable, change the environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The eight-week program is on Fridays beginning March 10 from 10 a.m. to Noon. The program is being held at Pembroke Town Library at 313 Pembroke Street.

Our "A Matter of Balance" classes help participants gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies.

This program is offered at no charge. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85815 or visit www.granitevna.org/calendar. Masks are optional.

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New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

2023 WARRANT

Loudon
The inhabitants of the Town of Loudon in the County of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Time: 7:00am – 7:00pm
Location: Arthur Colby Safety Building (Fire Station 1)

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)
Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023
Time: 9:00am
Location: Loudon Elementary School

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION
We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the town office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name Position Signature

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

Article 02 Zoning Amendments
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-01 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section 207.3 Uses Permitted by Special Exception by
Removing (L) Overnight parking associated with special events subject to review and approval of the Loudon Planning Board not to exceed twenty-one days per calendar year?

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-02 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend LOUDON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPROCESSED SOIL PERMITTING PROCESS by
Replacing A and B on page 100 after “and report back to the ZBA.” with the following:
A. Soil tests will include the 8 RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) Metals and VOCs 8260C.
B. Soil tests to be conducted at random times or as specified as a condition of the approval.
On page 101, adding after “f.” in “excluding uses:”
g. Within four feet of the seasonal high-water table
h. Within 250’ of any licensed public water supply
i. On any land with a transmissivity rate of at least 1,000 ft2/day as defined on the “Aquifer Transmissivity 2021 Natural Resources Inventory Town of Loudon” map as created by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission and interpreted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
On page 101, adding a map at the end of the section titled “LOUDON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPROCESSED SOIL PERMITTING PROCESS”

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-03 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend 204.2 by Removing C.
Amend 204.3 by Adding Q. Mobile home parks and subdivisions subject to compliance with the requirements of S 400

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-04 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend 208.6 by Replacing the entire section with:
208.6 MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNITS
(A) Single wide manufactured housing units are permitted in manufactured housing parks per 400.1; where approved per 208.6 C; and as Dormitory type housing for seasonal agricultural workers as described in section 204.3 M. and 205.3 J. Each manufactured housing unit shall be constructed to meet or exceed the requirements of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of

1974 (42 U.S.C. Section 5401, et seq.). Each permanently located manufactured housing unit shall be located on a concrete foundation or fully skirted on a slab. Anyone intending to locate a manufactured housing unit in the Town of Loudon must obtain a permit from the Code Enforcement & Building Department.

(B) Double wide manufactured housing units are permitted in manufactured housing parks per 400.1; where approved per 208.6 C; as Dormitory type housing for seasonal agricultural workers as described in section 204.3 M. and 205.3 J; and may be located in the RR, Village, and AFP zones provided they meet all the requirements of the Loudon Zoning Ordinance. Each manufactured housing unit shall be constructed to meet or exceed the requirements of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Section 5401, et seq.). Each permanently located manufactured housing unit shall be located on a concrete foundation or fully skirted on a slab. No lot shall contain more than one (1) manufactured housing unit except in manufactured housing parks. Anyone intending to locate a manufactured housing unit in the Town of Loudon must obtain a permit from the Code Enforcement & Building Department.

(C) Manufactured housing units may be located in the Town of Loudon for a period of one (1) year for the purpose of temporary housing during the construction of a dwelling. Before a temporary use permit may be issued, a septic system approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services must be installed and be capable of being hooked up to the manufactured housing unit. The utility hookup of a temporary residential manufactured housing unit to a permanent structure's wastewater, electricity, and water supply for the sole purpose of supporting said property owner's family is permitted upon an approval of the Selectmen. The septic system shall be of adequate capacity as determined by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The temporary manufactured housing unit may not be placed in any setbacks. Temporary residential manufactured housing units no longer needed for the original purpose of supporting said resident's family shall be removed within three months after the occupancy permit is granted for the permanent structure. Approval of any and all utility hookups must be obtained from the Code Enforcement & Building Department. All requests for a temporary hookup must be presented in writing to the Board of Selectmen for approval or denial. The Board of Selectmen may renew this period of use for an additional year upon request provided the applicant can show substantial progress toward the completion of the dwelling.

(D) Storage: The storage of no more than one manufactured housing unit and two motor homes, camping trailers or pick-up campers shall be permitted on any lot.

Amend 400.1 by

Replacing the entire section with:

400.1 General

Manufactured housing unit parks shall be permitted by special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and with approval from the Loudon Planning Board.

Add the following definitions to the Appendix:

Manufactured Housing Unit, Single Wide: Any manufactured housing unit not exceeding 18' in width when assembled.

Manufactured Housing Unit, Double Wide: Any manufactured housing unit exceeding 18' in width when assembled.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-05 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 208.1 by Replacing the entire section with

208.1 One Residential Building Per Lot

There shall be only one residential building on a lot with the following exceptions:

1. Multiple family housing projects approved as special exceptions in the RR District may have more than one building per lot.
2. Where a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit has been approved as a special exception.

Amend 509 by Replacing the entire section with:

S 509 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

509.1 Purpose:

To provide expanded affordable housing opportunities, provide flexibility in household arrangements and provide for the retention of Loudon's rural character. Accessory Dwelling Units shall be allowed by Special Exception in the following Zones: RR-Rural Residential, V-Village, and AFP-Agricultural Forestry Preservation.

509.2 Requirements:

1. Only one Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be permitted per Single Family Dwelling.
2. The Accessory Dwelling Unit may be attached or detached from the Single Family Dwelling.
3. The Single Family Dwelling and/or Accessory Dwelling Unit must be owner-occupied.
4. The Accessory Dwelling Unit must meet all current building codes.
5. Accessory Dwelling Units must be no smaller than 500 square feet and no larger than 1000 square feet.
6. The floor area of the Single Family Dwelling shall not be reduced below 920 square feet.
7. Doorway(s) must provide interior access between a Single Family Dwelling Unit and an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit.
8. A suitable septic disposal facility shall be provided and conform to all NHDES regulations.
9. A building permit must be obtained before construction from the Town of Loudon Building department.

509.3 Limitations:

1. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted subordinate to a Two Family Dwelling or Multi-Family Dwelling.
2. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted in Open-Space Conservation subdivisions.
3. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be segregated in ownership from the Single Family Dwelling.

Amend the following definitions in the Appendix:

DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY: A detached building designed for or occupied exclusively by one family. The addition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit to a Single Family Dwelling shall not constitute a Two Family Dwelling.

DWELLING UNIT, ACCESSORY: A room or rooms arranged for the use of one or more persons living together, being subordinate to another

dwelling unit, and having separate and independent sleeping, cooking, eating and sanitary facilities. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall include direct access to the outdoors.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-06 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend 303 ELDERLY HOUSING DISTRICT by
Replacing 303.5 A.
303.5 A. The minimum lot area shall be ten acres with no more than two housing units per acre.
Removing 303.5 B.
Modifying 303.5 C. The maximum number of units in an elderly housing development shall not exceed fifty per 10-acre lot. Accessory and community buildings shall not be considered housing units.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-07 as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend WORKFORCE HOUSING ORDINANCE by
Removing III. A. on pages 102-103 in its entirety
Modifying III. B on page 103. When in effect, tThe Planning Board will have the authority to waive…
Replacing the map on page 110.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2023-08 as proposed by petition for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: to change the current zoning designation on the parcel(s) of land listed below:
Parcel Information
Owner(s) of record: James A. & Laura C. Howell
Owners Address: 235 Bumfagon Rd, Loudon, NH 03307
Town of Loudon Tax Map Number 43 Lot 7
Current Zoning: AFP Proposed Zoning: R.R.

Article 03 To purchase a loader

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $175,000 for the purchase of a loader, with $133,000 to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, and $42,000 from the State Clean Diesel grant. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). No tax impact.

Article 04 To purchase a dump truck

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $215,000 for the purchase of a dump truck with plow and sander, with $52,358 from a State Clean Diesel grant, $111,000 to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund, further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and the balance of $51,642 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact $ 0.07

Article 05 To reclaim & pave Loudon Ridge Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $175,000 for the purpose of reclaiming, paving and adding shoulder gravel to approximately 2590' of Loudon Ridge Road between houses #373 and #461. To authorize the withdrawal of $125,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of $50,000 to come from Highway Block Grant money. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 06 To reclaim & pave Clough Hill Rd.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $370,000 for the purpose of reclaiming, paving, replacing culverts and adding shoulder gravel to approximately 6170' of Clough Hill Road, from Route 129 to Pleasant Street Ext. (Youngs Hill Rd.) with said funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is $0.51

Article 07 To reclaim & pave Currier Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $145,000 for the purpose of reclaiming, paving, replacing a culvert and adding shoulder gravel to approximately 2640' of Currier Road from Route 106 to the bridge with said funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is $0.20

Article 08 Replace guardrails-Lower Ridge Rd bridge

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $95,000 for the purpose of replacing the existing guardrail system on the Lower Ridge Road Concrete Bridge. To authorize the withdrawal of $95,000 from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 09 To replace Loudon Ridge Rd. bridge

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $375,000 for the purpose of replacing the existing Loudon Ridge Road

bridge. $183, 611 from the one-time bridge payment, to authorize the withdrawal of $69,000 from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and $122,389 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is $0.17

Article 10 To purchase a police cruiser

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser, with $29,500 to be withdrawn from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, $9,875 from an insurance settlement and the balance of $20,625 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.) Estimated tax impact is $0.03

Article 11 To purchase an ambulance

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $290,000 for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance with equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of $190,000 from the Ambulance/Rescue Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of $100,000 to be raised by taxes. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase of the ambulance is completed or by June 30, 2028 whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is $0.14

Article 12 Change of polling hours in town.

"Polling hours in the town of Loudon are now 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm for all regular state elections beginning the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November 2024?"

Article 13 To appoint a town treasurer.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint a town treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a treasurer. (Majority vote required).

Article 14 Optional Veterans' Credit

Shall the Town of Loudon readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of $500.? (Majority vote required)

Article 15 To readopt All Veterans' Credit

Shall the Town of Loudon readopt the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

Article 16 To sell Map 20, Lot 70

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all steps necessary to effectuate the conveyance of all portions of the parcel of land identified as Map 20, Lot 70, upon such terms and conditions the Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town?

Article 17 To purchase ballot counting machines.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,000 for the purpose of purchasing ballot counting devices. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the article purchase is completed or by June 30, 2028, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact is $0.10

Article 18 To raise and appropriate for established CRF

To see if the Town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,033,000 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund $125,000
Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund $125,000
Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund $150,000
Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund $350,000
Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund $63,000
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund $15,000
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund $30,000
Alternative Energy Capital Reserve Fund $30,000
Town Garage Capital Reserve Fund $100,000
Safety Complex Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund $20,000
Town History Museum Capital Reserve Fund $25,000
The Selectmen recommend this article.
(Majority vote required).
Estimated tax impact is $1.43

Article 19 To raise and appropriate for established ETF.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $142,000 to be placed in previously established Expendable Trust

Funds.
Recreation Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund $2,000
Conservation Commission Land Expendable Trust Fund $50,000
Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund $30,000
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 $.20

Article 20 For general municipal operations.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,737,891 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 $7.96

Article 21 Demo Ride Petition

We the registered voters of Loudon, NH 03307 petition the town of Loudon, N.H. to include in the 2023 town warrant, a warrant article to deny the New Hampshire Motor Speedway and/or its vendors from hosting/sponsoring/and conducting the demonstration motorcycle rides on Loudon Ridge Rd. and Lower Ridge Rd. The reason for this petition is due to loud noise, heavy traffic, excessive speeding, and safety violations the residents experience on both roads. The warrant article is to be voted on at town meeting in March of 2023 and will take effect May of 2023 and remain in effect going forward. BY PETITION

Article 22 To transact any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

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2023 Proposed Zoning Amendments
Rodney Phillips, Planning Board Chair

Each fall, beginning in September, the Loudon Planning and Zoning Boards hold workshops to discuss possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. After much discussion and multiple rounds of refinement, the Planning Board holds a public hearing to move proposed amendments to the ballot for Town Meeting in March.

Keep in mind that Loudon, like many other NH communities, has a "permissive" zoning ordinance. Unless a use is expressly permitted (either outright or by special exception), the use is not allowed in that zone.

This year there are 7 proposed amendments. These amendments include adding restrictions to use of reprocessed soil, adding the ability to have detached ADUs, allowing double-wide manufactured homes on single family lots, and updates to the Workforce Housing ordinance.

Amendment 2023-01 – Overnight Parking – For the past 30 years, parking services on residential lots for events, such as races at NHMS, have been allowed through a Planning Board approval process. The amendment will remove this as a permitted use in favor of a permitting process overseen by Code Enforcement. This will streamline the process for residents.

Amendment 2023-02 – Reprocessed Soil – Loudon's Reprocessed Soil Permitting Process governs the application of reprocessed soil on land in Loudon. This process includes approval via Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The proposed changes will clarify the testing that is required prior to the application of reprocessed soil. Additionally, new excluded uses will include (1) within four feet of the seasonal high-water table, (2) within 250' of any licensed public water supply, and (3) on any land with a transmissivity rate of at least 1,000 ft2/day. The transmissivity rate was introduced to the Board members in Summer 2022, so I will attempt to explain it. The Rt. 106 corridor sits atop large deposits of sand and gravel. Additionally, a large aquifer also sits under the Rt. 106 corridor. Transmissivity measures how quickly water moves through an aquifer. In 2021, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission produced a map of Loudon and highlighted areas with high transmissivity rates (i.e., at least 1,000 ft2/day). Again, the areas of high transmissivity align with the Rt. 106 corridor. The Planning Board is recommending that the application of reprocessed soil not be allowed in these areas. Reprocessed soil is currently not allowed on residential lots, on playgrounds, on land used to produce crops for direct human consumption, and withing 100 feet of any surface water. The large aquifer under Rt. 106 is a valuable resource to all of Loudon and should be protected.

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Amendment 2023-03 – Mobile home parks and subdivisions – This is a housekeeping proposal. There is currently a conflict in the Zoning Ordinance. This amendment clarifies that a Special Exception is required prior to seeking Planning Board approval for mobile home parks in the Rural Residential district.

Amendment 2023-04 – Manufactured housing on single family lots, for agricultural workers, and as temporary housing – The intent of these changes is to allow double-wide manufactured housing as a primary residence in the Rural Residential (RR), Village (V), and

Agriculture/Forestry Preservation (AFP) districts. This is a change from the current ordinance which limits all manufactured homes to manufactured housing parks. This change will lower the cost of entry for building a single-family home on its own lot.

Amendment 2023-05 – Accessory Dwelling Units - The intent of these changes is to create more opportunity for ADU development in Loudon. The group sees ADU development as an opportunity for income generation for property owners and a tool to increase lower cost rental units in the market. The proposed changes will allow detached ADUs, which can be very attractive to those who want to share their property but maintain some separation between living spaces. The proposed changes will also adjust the square footage requirement for an ADU to be no smaller than 500 square feet and no larger than 1000 square feet, which better meets the trends and requests for ADU applications in Loudon. The specific requirements of ADUs are targeted to maintain a clear separation between ADUs and duplex housing.

Amendment 2023-06 – Elderly Housing District – While the Planning Board Housing Subcommittee was doing their work during the summer and fall of 2022, they discussed the issue of water shortages as it relates to dwelling unit density. Loudon does not have municipal water and all residents rely on well water. During dry spells, the Villages at Loudon (off Oak Hill Road) and the Richard Brown House (S. Village Road) both experience water shortages. The current density allowed by zoning in the Elderly Housing District is up to ten dwelling units per acre. The Villages at Loudon currently have about two dwelling units per acre which is only 20% of what is currently allowed by zoning. Therefore, the Board feels it is prudent to reduce the allowed density to no more than two dwelling units per acre.

Amendment 2023-07 – Workforce Housing Ordinance – This recommended change will align our Zoning Ordinance with NH law. As of July 1, 2023, a new law provides benefits to Workforce Housing that do not currently exist. This recommended change removes III. A. in its entirety as this section determines when Workforce Housing is even permitted. The Town's attorney has advised that leaving this section in our Ordinance will put our Ordinance at odds with State of NH law.

You can watch the public hearing, where these proposed amendments were discussed, on the Town's YouTube channel here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha23r1wDhYg

We hope that this information will help the voters of the Town of Loudon when they cast their ballots on Tuesday, March 14th.

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2023

Chairman Tuson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance: Charlie Aznive, Alternate Ned Lizotte, Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Peter Pitman, Alvin See, Chairman Earl Tuson.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 22, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – Vice Chair Phelps made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Alvin See. Peter Pitman abstained. All in favor; meeting minutes adopted.

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

#Z22-27 Laura and Curtis Darling – Map 58 Lot 40 – Special Exceptions for reduced setbacks to allow room for a new addition. Applicant Laura Darling was present. Abutters Pauline Touzin of 57 Berry Rd and Mathew Morris of 57 Berry Rd, were present. Ms. Darling sought clarification regarding the nature of the setback reduction she had requested, stated that she felt the request had been mooted by a previous decision of the board, and announced that she would withdraw the application.

#Z22-32 Glen & Kathleen Rodgers – Map 46 Lot 20 – Special Exception to allow construction of a building addition 43' from the wetland. Applicants Glen and Kathleen Rodgers were present. Mr. Rodgers announced he would withdraw application.

New Business –

#Z22-43 Rodgers Family Trust – Map 46 Lot 20 – Variance to allow construction of a building addition 43' from the wetland. Applicants Glen and Kathleen Rodgers were present. Mr. Rodgers summarized his application and referred to the site walk conducted on Nov 17. Vice Chair Phelps read a letter that the board had received from Julie Robinson, Chair of the Loudon Conservation Commission, in which she discussed the town's wetland buffer, the history of Hot Hole Pond development, and the likely impacts that the granting of this variance may have on the pond. Mr. Rodgers described the existing structure location as 40' from the pond, features of his property, and the measures they have taken to protect the pond, including a new driveway with culvert, a French drain, their co-convening of the Friends of Hot Hole Pond group, and their participation in NHDES LakeSmart program. He stated that they had applied for and received a NHDES permit under the Shoreland Protection Act, and he described further measures that he expects to undertake as part of this process: additional water bars to be installed on 3 walking paths, adding a perimeter infiltration trench along the existing building, and installing the same along the proposed addition. Alvin See made a motion that this application did not present a development of regional impact, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor; application not a development of regional impact. Chairman Tuson read through points 1 and 2 of the application with the applicant. Chairman Tuson asked if the applicant had a copy of the NHDES Shoreland application available; Mr. Rodgers affirmed. Chairman Tuson asked the applicant to familiarize the board with the LakeSmart program.

Chairman Tuson asked the applicant to indicate the location of the proposed water bars. Mr. Rodgers did so and described the location of the original

1975 structure as being 50' from the pond. Alvin See asked the applicant to describe the proposed water bars. Vice Chair Phelps inquired as to the size of the truck port. Mr. Rodgers indicated 9'x14'. Discussion ensued regarding the probable size of the barn/garage. The board estimated that a conservative estimate of the barn/garage dimensions would be 20'x20', while the truck port may be 9'x20'. Vice Chair Phelps estimated that the applicants have approximately 2800 sqft of structures on their 0.7 acre lot, thus approaching the allowable 10% building coverage, and suggested that the applicant may need to submit a variance application to exceed this limitation. Mr. Rodgers stated that this had been taken into account under the NHDES Shoreland Protection Act permit. Chairman Tuson stated that that process and the Loudon Zoning Ordinance are separate requirements, that the board must address the ordinance, and that the applicant must meet whichever requirements are more strict. Vice Chair Phelps requested to use his personal digital device to perform calculations; Chairman Tuson consented. Chairman Tuson mentioned the ordinance includes a restriction on impermeable area in addition to building coverage. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the applicant's 0.7 acre lot would be allowed 3049 sqft of building coverage, and that by his estimate, the applicant currently has 2805 sqft of coverage, thereby limiting any additional building coverage to approximately 250 sqft, an amount less than currently being proposed. Chairman Tuson clarified that the existing application is not for an increase in building coverage, but that the building coverage indicated by the plans could require a separate variance application. Vice Chair Phelps advised the applicant that the impermeable area for the lot may also require some consideration by the applicant. Alvin See mentioned the proposed drip line trench. Vice Chair Phelps indicated that that would not change the impermeable area. Chairman Tuson read through points 3, 4, and 5 of the application with the applicant. Alvin See inquired about the new road mentioned. The applicant referred to the driveway, of which only 30' is located on the applicants' lot, the remainder being on an abutting parcel. Alvin See inquired about the "Blueberry Lane" indicated on the drawing; the applicant stated that it is a walking path for their use only. Vice Chair Phelps asked if it was gravel; Mr. Rodgers indicated it was not. Mr. Rodgers described the recent repairs done to their septic system and the negotiations they undertook with Eversource to obtain a signed and notarized written document permitting a portion of the proposed addition to be within the power line easement held by the company. Charlie Aznive expressed that Eversource requires 50'; Mr. Rodgers indicated the requirement is normally 50' either side of the easement center line. The amount of encroachment shown on the drawing was discussed. Mr. Rodgers stressed their efforts to follow all the rules they were aware of. Chairman Tuson closed the Public Hearing, and the board took the application up for deliberations. Ned Lizotte related his familiarity with the appearance and maintenance of the property from time spent on Hot Hole Pond and his feeling that the proposed addition would not be visually intrusive because of tree cover. He referred to the Conservation Commission's letter and the historic nature of the numerous small lots surrounding this and other waterbodies in town. He stated that the application proposes a change that would not be less conforming then the current situation and that the application represents a reasonable request. Alvin See stressed the need to be specific that we are addressing the distance to the shoreline; coverage issues are separate issues. Ned Lizotte pointed out that the proposal requires the removal of only one or two trees, while Chairman Tuson pointed out that the ordinance allows 50% basal area to be cut and that the

proposal does not approach that limitation. Chairman Tuson asked if Ned Lizotte could speak to the Shoreland Protection Act requirements. Ned Lizotte discussed the wetland buffer zone. Vice Chair Phelps asked where literal enforcement creates a hardship; he stated his opinion that not allowing an addition does not create a hardship, that the lot is currently useable for a single family residence. Ned Lizotte discussed residents attempting to address their needs in existing homes. Chairman Tuson said he was unaware of judicial precedent allowing for advancing age to be accepted as a hardship. Vice Chair Phelps pointed out his own home will not meet his needs as he ages. Ned Lizotte expressed that not all individuals have the financial means to relocate. Chairman Tuson stated that the courts have denied using financial difficulty as a hardship. Ned Lizotte pointed out that the board has seen these sorts of pond issues before, and Charlie Aznive stressed those pond issues. Vice Chair Phelps stressed the input from the Conservation Commission, the ordinance's language as voted on by the public, and the need for literal enforcement to create a hardship to approve a variance. Peter Pitman offered the ability to change the ordinance as another way forward. Ned Lizotte discussed the continuing problems that the town has seen surrounding 'pond lots' and how the ordinance does not appear to address these lots in an adequate fashion. Vice Chair Phelps expressed that as these small lots are used even more, that the ordinance remains important in protecting the associated wetlands. Peter Pitman stressed that the board itself does not define what is to be a hardship. The board went through the five points of the application. Vice Chair Phelps stated that it is contrary to the public interest because it is in the public interest to conserve the wetlands and that the application is contrary to the portion of the ordinance intended to protect those wetlands' buffer. Ned Lizotte disagreed. Chairman Tuson expressed that the mitigation measures are very supportive of the spirit of the ordinance; Ned Lizotte and Vice Chair Phelps concurred. Alvin See urged the board to consider future owners and possible changes in stewardship. Chairman Tuson stated that mitigation measures could be removed. Charlie Aznive expressed that he feels the spirit is observed. Regarding substantial justice, Chairman Tuson read a passage from the state's zoning handbook. Vice Chair Phelps stated that there is substantial justice. Chairman Tuson expressed that there is no loss to the applicant. Vice Chair Phelps questioned if the applicant did not have a loss; Chairman Tuson clarified that the applicant does not lose use of their property if denied; he does not see injustice. The board agreed that they had received no testimony arguing that property values were to be diminished. The special conditions represented by the Eversource right-of-way and the small lot size was discussed. The changes over time to the existing residence and other possible means to expand the dwelling without impacting the wetland buffer were noted. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the ordinance does specifically address the property; there is a relationship between the purpose of the ordinance and the property because it is so close to the pond. Chair Tuson stated that while there will only be two trees, there will also be excavation work. Alvin See pointed out that during the site visit, the applicant stated that the addition would be on posts, not a full foundation. Chairman Tuson stated he felt the request was not unreasonable; Alvin See concurred. Ned Lizotte stated that a lot of people are dealing with similar situations, that it would not be an issue elsewhere in town, but that the pond makes it an issue. Vice Chair Phelps concurred, stating that the ponds are assets to the town and that the ordinance is intended to protect them. Chairman Tuson read from the state's zoning handbook regarding that there is no need to demonstrate a public benefit, but merely to show there is no

harm; to be contrary to the public benefit, a variance must violate the zoning objectives by altering the essential character or threaten the health, safety, or general welfare of the public. Vice Chair Phelps listed the portions of the structures that were already within the buffer. Charlie Aznive stated that less impact could be achieved by expanding in a different manner. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the variance would be contrary to the public interest because the purpose of the wetland conservation district is to prevent the degradation of surface water and groundwater quality, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Peter Pitman– yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See– yes. In a 4-1 vote the motion carries and item 1 fails. Charlie Aznive made a motion that the spirit of the Ordinance was observed because of the efforts by the applicant around the pond, seconded by Vice Chair Todd Phelps. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – yes. In a 4-1 vote the motion carries and item 2 passes. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that substantial justice is done, seconded by Peter Pitman. Roll call vote: Peter Pitman– yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See– yes. In a unanimous vote the motion carries and item 3 passes. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application would not decrease property values, seconded by Peter Pitman. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Peter Pitman – yes. In a 4-1 vote the motion carries and item 4 passes. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that literal enforcement would result in an unnecessary hardship due to the Eversource right-of-way, seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – no. In a 3-2 vote the motion does not carry and item 5 fails. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application be denied as it failed to meet criteria 1 and 5, seconded by Peter Pitman. Roll call vote: Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. In a unanimous vote the motion carries and application #Z22-43 denied.

#Z22-44 Joe Levesque – Map 49 Lot 123 – Special Exception to allow Powder Coating. Applicant Joe Levesque was present. Abutters Kurt Wageling and Lorraine Wageling of 7077 Shaker Rd and their attorney John Laboe were present. Mr. Levesque introduced his application. Chairman Tuson read through the points of the application; Ned Lizotte assisted in reading the points for the applicant. Vice Chair Phelps inquired if any licensing through NHDES was required for the proposed use; Mr. Levesque indicated that there was not- nothing harmful is used, no VOC's are emitted. Alvin See asked if this use would be in the original building; Mr. Levesque said he is in the new building, Unit 1. John Rokeh, Rokeh Consulting indicated on a map which building the use would be within. Alvin See inquired about trucks; Mr. Levesque indicated powder comes in via small delivery, while customers' items may come in via a variety of means depending on the job. Peter Pitman pointed out that this is taking place in an industrial area where trucks are normally expected. Alvin See made a motion that this application did not present a development of regional impact, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor; application not a development of regional impact. Vice Chair Phelps asked about the two booths. Mr. Levesque described the powder coating process. Vice Chair Phelps asked about the filter system. Mr. Levesque said there are two separate filtration systems; no powder goes outside; it is retained within the unit. Vice Chair Phelps asked about filter disposal. Mr. Levesque replied that the used filters are disposed of in a similar manner as a residential filter. Attorney John Laboe, representing the Wagelings, stated they had no objection to the application. Chairman Tuson closed the Public Hearing, and the board took the application up for deliberations. Alternate Ned Lizotte left the meeting at 8:43. Vice Chair Phelps expressed his familiarity with the proposed use and that they present no danger to the public; Alvin See, Charlie Aznive, and Peter Pitman concurred. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion that the application be approved as presented, seconded by Peter Pitman . Roll call vote: Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. In a unanimous vote the motion carries and application #Z22-44 approved as presented.

#Z23-01 Cobblestone Properties of Epsom – Map 49 Lot 123 – Special Exception to allow Auto Body. Business owner Richard Serino and John Rokeh, Rokeh Consulting, representing property owner Cobblestone Properties of Epsom was present. Abutters Kurt Wageling and Lorraine Wageling of 7077 Shaker Rd and their attorney John Laboe, and resident John Thompson of 7091 Shaker Rd were present. Mr. Rokeh discussed the application being submitted under 206.3-H, Autobody, but that the use may better fit under 206.3-B, as the applicant builds and tunes cars and does not do extensive body work. The board discussed the possibility of allowing the applicant to amend the application and the problems that could result for an unprepared abutter. The board continued to take testimony on the application as it stood. Mr. Serino described his proposed use as a hotrod shop. He does not anticipate painting cars in the foreseeable future; he does light fabrication, engine repairs and replacement, transmission work, suspension work, curation of collections, muscle car maintenance, and possesses a dynamometer. He identified another enterprise in town, Performance Dyno, that also has such equipment, but that that operation is limited to diagnostics, while he also does mechanical work. Chairman Tuson asked about the resulting decibels of noise; Mr. Serino was unsure. Peter Pitman asked if running the dyno was inside the building; Mr. Serino affirmed. Alvin See asked which building the use would be in; Mr. Rokeh indicated the same building as the previous Powder Coating application and in which bay, including the direction that the garage door used for the dyno faces is towards the other building on the property. Vice Chair Phelps asked if it was a chassis dyno and if the exterior doors were open when in use. Mr. Serino affirmed and explained that the doors would be open at some times, and when closed, exhaust hoses would extend to the outside. Alvin See stated that it would not be muffled. Mr. Serino said it would be no louder than cars going down Rt 106 but that he is stationary while traffic noise travels. Mr. Serino said the duration of the dyno running would depend on the vehicle, but not to exceed a half hour. Vice Chair Phelps asked about stand-alone dyno service. Mr. Serino indicated he would offer that, but does not expect to do so on a daily basis. He indicated that he has done so once or twice per week since he occupied the building. Peter Pitman asked if he wants to leave the application as it is for Autobody. Mr. Rokeh said they do a little bit of fabrication on the cars. Mr. Serino said he has a restoration shop in Northwood; building cars would be in this location. Charlie Aznive indicated that such uses have taken place in town in the past, one being located at a junkyard. Peter Pitman stated that he thinks a Special Exception for an Autobody shop will cover the proposed use. Vice Chair Phelps disagreed- 206.3-B would be more appropriate. Mr. Serino affirmed that he will never install a paint booth in this building. Charlie Aznive agreed with Peter Pitman. Chairman

Tuson agreed with Vice Chair Phelps. Alvin See stated he thought 206.3-H was a better fit. Alvin See made a motion that this application did not present a development of regional impact, seconded by Vice

Chair Todd Phelps. All in favor; application not a development of regional impact. Attorney John Laboe pointed out that Mr. Serino did not offer a sound level to the board, and he shared a report from Ryutech, an engine shop in Thailand, and told the board that this use can generate 130 dB, the same sound as a jet engine running at 200 meters, and that his clients' property value could be impacted. Vice Chair Phelps asked where the figure had been measured at; Mr. Laboe indicated 200 meters, and that the measuring point should be at the property line. Mr. Laboe related that the noise generated when the dyno has been run previously resulted in the Wagelings being unable to conduct spoken communication between themselves. He reported that in one previous day, there were ten run-ups of the dyno. He acknowledged the direction of the doors, but expressed that the facility has no sound insulation. Mr. Laboe provided a photo of an engine dyno cell which includes sound insulation. He acknowledged no residential structures in the direction of the doors, that expressed there are residential structures approximately 450' from the commercial building. Mr. Laboe described the report he provided and that dyno testing takes place with no muffler or exhaust installed. He mentioned another dyno testing service that conducts the testing with such in place, and claimed that his clients heard a test without muffler and exhaust. He stated that the report shows that a sample vehicle produced 129 decibels, while OSHA sets 85 dB as the level at which hearing protection is required in a workplace. He offered the applicant be given the opportunity to mitigate the sound level. Vice Chair Phelps pointed out the different nature of engine dyno testing and chassis dyno testing and asked about the sound levels experienced by the Wagelings; Mr. Laboe acknowledged that they have not tested the sound levels as experienced, but stressed they do not have the burden of proof. He pointed out that the applicant is currently operating his business without approval. He addressed special exception criteria 1, offering that the proposed use does not satisfy 206.6-D nor 206.6-G. A letter from realtor Gary Anderson was introduced. Vice Chair Phelps asked about the presence of exhaust and muffler on the day the Wagelings experienced high noise; Mr. Laboe acknowledged the statement was an assumption. Vice Chair Phelps asked Mr. Serino if he tests cars with open headers; Mr. Serino indicated that he never tests such cars. Mr. Laboe asked what equipment is installed on the cars as tested. He addressed special exception criteria 2, stating that the proposed use would be injurious and detrimental to the neighborhood, because it would eliminate the ability of the Wagelings to enjoy their property and damage the property value. He addressed special exception criteria 6, stating that the applicant has a burden of proof in demonstrating that the use will not have an adverse impact on the natural environment. He questioned the representation that the dyno testing would be no different than that experienced when cars travel down the road, as that was not the experience of the Wagelings. Mr. Laboe suggested the board should require the applicant to have the sound levels measured, and asked if the applicant can and will mitigate the sound in order to be given an approval for his use. Mr. Laboe introduced a copy of Dunlop v. Daigle (NH Supreme Court,) discussed private nuisance, readdressed 206.6-D, and asked the board to consider requiring the applicant to submit a sound mitigation plan. Mr. Serino described muscle cars and stated that they all have exhaust systems and mufflers; they may not have catalytic converters because they were not required when the cars were produced. Peter Pitman asked if all cars involved had full

exhaust and mufflers; Mr. Serino reaffirmed. Vice Chair Phelps asked if race cars are worked on; Mr. Serino said he would, but has not, but is hopeful of getting some business due to the proximity of the racetrack. Mr. Serino stated his office is inside the building near the dyno and that he is able to conduct business there while the dyno is in operation. Vice Chair Phelps inquired as to the nature of the dyno operation. Mr. Serino said it can last as short as short 30 seconds and reach approximately 7000 RPM, but no more than that which the car could do in normal operation. Chairman Tuson stated that there are no laws preventing the operation of a car up to the red line. Alvin See asked about the previously offered 30 minute time duration. Mr. Serino clarified that a car could be on the dyno for that time, but that the operation and tuning is done in shorter, incremental stages. He described the 30 seconds includes time to get to the operating speed, hold for 10-15 seconds, and return. He stated he knew what day the Wagelings refer to as it was the first day he operated at the facility; he recounted the cars that came in that day. Vice Chair Phelps asked if all of those vehicles were registered autos; Mr. Serino affirmed. Chair Tuson asked the applicant if they could get sound sound level readings. Vice Chair Phelps concurred. Chair Tuson stated the board can require the applicant to provide expert testimony at their expense and that the report by the firm selected by the applicant could be submitted to the board. The difficulty of scheduling of possible sitewalk and sound testing for the same day were discussed. The board consensus was that a sitewalk would be unnecessary. Chairman Tuson suggested that the applicant could contact the zoning office and the abutter to notify them what day sound testing might be scheduled. Vice Chair Phelps stated that sound testing would be important to the abutters and the board because it would provide factual information. Peter Pitman identified the contradictory representations being offered to the board. The date of the next zoning meeting was stated as February 23. The board discussed their power to compel testing, continuation of the hearing, and the possibility of amending the application. Chairman Tuson offered a letter received by the town from the NHDMV regarding a Dealer License and Registration- Repairer Supplemental Plate application and asked about vehicle sales. Mr. Serino explained that he will not be selling vehicles. 701.4.6 was discussed by the board. Mr. Rokeh pointed out that this was the C/I district and the other possible uses of property that may generate sound. The board determined that they could not require testing prior to approval, only afterwards to ensure compliance with a condition possibly set in an arbitrary fashion. Mr. Laboe stressed that the applicant had the burden of proof to demonstrate meeting the conditions required by the application. The board discussed the value in having the information from a sound study. Mr. Rokeh addressed the sorts of data that they could submit. Vice Chair Phelps stressed that the business was currently operating without a required special exception. Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to continue #Z23-01 to the February meeting to provide parties additional time to gather information to include with the application, seconded by Alvin See. Peter Pitman asked about amending what the special exception request. All in favor; motion carried; application continued to the February meeting. There will be no further notice.

Chairman Tuson recused himself from the board.

#Z23-02 Earl Tuson– Map 25 Lot 6 – Special Exception to allow a 1500 sqft ADU. Applicant Earl Tuson was present. Abutters Cindy Merrill of 1229 NH Rt 129 and Mary Sartwell of 75 Pittsfield Rd were present. Mr. Tuson described the nature of his application; rather than adding an ADU to an existing dwelling, he wished to have the existing dwelling be considered an ADU

and add a new primary dwelling. He indicated the location on a map and showed a photo of a old house that existed on the site from approximately 1772 until 1995 while the property was owned by

the Bachelder family and stated that the remaining foundation hole, while collapsed, was approximately 30'x45-48'. He described the removal and disposition of the old home. He stated that the existing home is 1230 sqft and described prior foundation work undertaken to increase the area of the existing home to 1500 sqft. He explained that the old home was not physically connected to the existing home, so to meet the requirements of the ADU, his proposal is to have the structures share an attached foundation and possibly a breezeway so that the two could be directly accessed as required. He stated that he does not have a completed septic plan or construction plans for the proposed new dwelling, but that he desires to replicate the size and style of the old home. Vice Chair Phelps asked if the existing dwelling is 1500 sqft; Mr. Tuson stated that it is 1230 sqft and that there was a building permit for work not completed which sought to increase the area to 1500 sqft. Vice Chair Phelps asked if that was still proposed; Mr. Tuson affirmed. Charlie Aznive asked if the ADU would be attached with the new dwelling almost like the old home; Mr. Tuson affirmed. Vice Chair Phelps asked how many sqft the new home would be; Mr. Tuson indicated approximately 2200-2300 sqft of living space. Charlie Aznive asked for clarification on the map; Mr. Tuson indicated where the existing dwelling would be able to increase to 1500 sqft and that the proposed dwelling would be located over the old cellar hole location and look substantially similar. Alvin See made a motion that this application did not present a development of regional impact, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor; application not a development of regional impact. Ms. Sartwell asked if this is approved, would there be an opportunity to see house plans in the future. Vice Chair Phelps indicated that the board can conduct a sitewalk, and that they can make an approval conditional upon a minimal dwelling size, but that a specific floorplan would not be required. Charlie Aznive asked if anyone needs a sitewalk; the board consensus was that one was not necessary. Mr. Tuson discussed common proposed uses for ADU's and that this proposal may assist in a future farm transition with him remaining in the existing dwelling. He discussed that the proposed use is very much like the manner in which the land had been used for nearly 200 years. The applicant read through the points of the application. Charlie Aznive asked if the applicant would be submitting a plan; Mr. Tuson indicated he would not. Vice Chair Phelps proposed that the board should require 2000 sqft minimum to assure that the 1500 sqft ADU be subordinate to the primary dwelling, and that the ordinance specifies that the ADU must be between 750 and 1500 sqft. Charlie Aznive pointed out that it was proposed to be attached as required. Vice Chair Phelps closed the Public Hearing, and the board took the application up for deliberations. Peter Pitman proposed that a new septic design should be added as a condition of approval as the applicant did not submit one. Vice Chair Phelps proposed that a condition of the primary dwelling being a minimum of 2000 sqft be included. Peter Pitman made a point of order that a chairman or acting chairman can make motions as a board member. Peter Pitman made a motion that the application be approved with conditions: primary dwelling must be greater than 2000 sqft, there must be an approved septic design. Charlie Aznive asked if a floor plan should be submitted by the applicant. Vice Chair Phelps stated that the ADU already exists; the new dwelling will need to meet all existing building codes. Motion seconded by Alvin See. Roll

call vote: Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. In a unanimous vote the motion carries and application #Z23-02 approved with conditions.

Chairman Tuson returned to the board.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

The town continues to accept applications for the position of Planning Zoning Administrative Assistant. The job description is available on the town's website. Matt Moore had called asking about how the town calculates building coverage and impervious area- using the foundation or using the roof outline. The board discussed; the consensus was that no examples of the town using roof outlines under such circumstances could be recalled and that the board should be consistent and use the foundation size for both building coverage and impervious area calculations.

Report of Board of Permit:

Chairman Tuson stated that there was no Board of Permit meeting.

Adjournment:

Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Aznive. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Tuson, Chair, Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment

Loudon Planning Board Minutes

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Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes
January 19, 2023
Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Stan Prescott, Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Alternate Bob Phillips, Alternate Bill Taranovich, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Vice Chairman Danielle Bosco, Chairman Rodney Phillips.

Zoning Amendment Public Hearing

Article 1:

Chairman Phillips read Amendment 1, Section 207.3 by removing (L) overnight parking for special events.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Article #1 to the ballot, seconded by Danielle Bosco.

Chairman Phillips explained that in the past special event parking has been submitted to the Planning Board for approval. This has been taken out of the Land Development Regulations and it was to be moved to Code Enforcement. Jeff Green asked why it was being taken out of the Ordinance before Code Enforcement has come up with a permit process. Mr. Prescott said the special event parking has generally been used for race parking which is not used as much currently. Mr. Pearl said that Code Enforcement can work on getting something into place if this is passed tonight so there is no gap.

Chairman Phillips called for a vote on the motion. All in favor; Article #1 moved to ballot.

Article 2:

Chairman Phillips read Amendment 2, reprocessed soils permitting process by replacing A & B on page 100, Soil tests will include 8RCRA Metals and VOC's 8260C and Page 101 after F in excluding uses. Page 101 i. adding a transmissivity map of Loudon.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Article #2 to the ballot, seconded by Danielle Bosco. Chairman Phillips explained this article was prompted by Code Enforcement. There has been situations where this soil has come in contact with groundwater. We want to make sure this soil isn't deposited near a public water supply. The transmissivity map was recently created by the Central NH Regional Planning. Jeff Green pointed out most of the area shown is not allowed to use this soil is in the C/I district, already you can't use it in Village, RR or AFP so this will make it not useable anywhere in town. Chairman Phillips said it does cut down the use. Mr. Green questioned who gave Central NH the responsibility to determine the Aquifer district and has the town done any studies on it. The town has not voted it in. Mr. Pearl said Central NH Planning Commission created this map as well as other maps for the town to analyze and define water resources. The map will be defined in the ordinance. Mr. Pearl questioned adding clarity on where the map came from. Forest Green said there is currently tests being done on the soil and there has been no issues with the soil. This is really limiting the use of the soil. Mr. Prescott said the soil is coming from all over New England and Code Enforcement didn't feel like it was

testing enough. Josh Pearl said there are various levels of concern for the unknown. Josh Pearl made a motion to amend i. to add created and interpreted by Central NH Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Stanley Prescott. Danielle Bosco, Stanley Prescott, Josh Pearl, Bob Phillips, John Storrs, Chairman Phillips voted yes. Forrest Green voted No. Amendment approved.

Chairman Phillips called for a vote on the motion. Danielle Bosco, Stanley Prescott, Josh Pearl, Bob Phillips, John Storrs, Chairman Phillips voted yes on Article 2. Forrest Green voted No. Article 2 moved to ballot.

Article 3:

Chairman Phillips read article 3, section 204.2 by removing C. Section 204.3, add Q. Mobile home parks and subdivisions. Chairman Phillips explained this is mainly housekeeping. He stated that Article IV of the ordinance states they are allowed by special exception and currently 204 states they are permitted. Josh Pearl made a motion to move Article 3 to the ballot, seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor. Article 3 moved to ballot.

Article 4:

Josh Pearl said the goal of article 4 is to allow double wide mobile homes to be built on single family lots. Mr. Pearl read article 4, section 208.6 Manufactured housing units. Section 400.1 manufactured housing unit parks allowed by special exception. Bill Taranovich made a motion to move Article 4 to the ballot, seconded by Josh Pearl. Jeff Green questioned if now all that will be needed is a permit for a manufactured home on a residential lot. Chairman Phillips said that is correct. Mr. Green said the article has a conflict, it states it needs to be fully skirted and on a concrete foundation. Bob Phillips said the amendments states temporary housing units are to be removed 3 months after residents have vacated. Bob Phillips made a suggestion that it state the temporary residence must be removed 3 months after certificate of occupancy is obtained on the new development. Bob Phillips made a motion to amend section C to read within 3 months after the occupancy permit is granted for the permanent structure, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All in favor, amendment approved. Bob Phillips made a motion to amend section A and B to read shall be located on a concrete foundation or fully skirted on a concrete slab located on a concrete slab. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All in favor, amendment approved. Chairman called for a vote on the motion. All in favor, article 4 moved to ballot.

Article 5:

Josh Pearl said the intent of this article is to update the ordinance around accessory dwelling units, primarily to allow detached dwelling units. Josh Pearl read Article 5, 208.1 only one residential building per lot, replace 509s accessory dwelling units, define dwelling, single family and dwelling unit, accessory. Josh Pearl made a motion to move Article 5 to the ballot, seconded by Danielle Bosco. Jeff Green questioned why they would want to create separate dwelling units. Mr. Green said a lot of these will be over garages and this doesn't sound safe. Mr.

Green stated this could cause issues with the fire department trying to locate residents that aren't attached to the home. Josh Pearl said nobody is forced to do this but it may give opportunities for residents to move into the accessory dwelling unit and allow family to live in the dwelling unit in order to keep the residence in the family. Mr. Pearl said this will extend the opportunity for people to make income in order to still own their home. Mr. Pearl said this could provide more housing opportunities without drastically changing the character of the town. Mr. Pearl said nationally and in the state if municipalities don't do more to help the housing crisis then it may come down from a higher level to regulate. Chairman Phillips called for a vote on the motion. All in favor, article 4 moved to ballot.

Article 6:

Chairman Phillips read article 6, section 303 Elderly Housing District. Josh Pearl made a motion to move Article 6 to the ballot, seconded by Stanley Prescott. Chairman Phillips made a correction to a typo that the section should have had a strike through it. Chairman Phillips said this article was created due to a water shortage in areas of high housing density like the Richard Brown House and the Villages of Loudon. Chairman Phillips said this will decrease the density of houses to the maximum of 2 houses per acre. Josh Pearl amend the article 303 c will read the accessory and community buildings will not be considered housing units , seconded by Bill Taranovich. All in favor.

Chairman Phillips called for a vote on the motion. All in favor. Article 6 moved to ballot.

Article 7:

Chairman Phillips read article 7, workforce housing ordinance. Chairman Phillips explained that with the new RSA the same dimensional and procedural incentive regulations that are in place for elderly housing will now be mandated for workforce housing. Stanley Prescott made a motion to move Article 7 to the ballot, seconded by Danielle Bosco.

Chairman Phillips called for a vote on the motion. All in favor. Article 7 moved to the ballot.

Petitioned Article:

Chairman Phillips read a petitioned article for a lot on Bumfagon road to be re-zoned from AFP to RR. Stanley Prescott asked for clarification as to why the petitioners want to have their lot changed from AFP district to RR. Chairman Phillips said the intent of re-zoning this would be it would allow them to subdivide. Chairman Phillips noted this is spot zoning which is defined by the state municipal association as "singling out a small parcel of land for a use classification totally different from that of the surrounding area for the benefit of the owners of such property and to the detriment of other owners. Changes in zoning boundaries can be justified only when they are for the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, or the general welfare of the community; furthermore, they must be mad in accordance with a comprehensive plan." Mr. Prescott also noted that the same owners have also had a greenhouse on the property. Bob

Phillips said the land owner knew the zoning when purchasing the property and to ask for it to be re-zoned is not appropriate.

Chairman Phillips said we would take a brief break before the regular planning board meeting.

Chairman Phillips closed the public hearing at 7:45pm.

Chairman Phillips opened the regular planning board meeting at 7:48pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – Bob Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Forest Green. All in favor

December 8, 2022, Zoning Amendment Workshop Minutes – Stanley Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Forest Green. All in favor.

Public Hearings:

Old Business – Application #22-14 John C. Johnson – Tax Map 2 Lot 21 – Site Plan

Surveyor Jeff Green represented the applicant. No abutters were present. Forrest Green recused himself. Chairman Phillips appointed Bill Taranovich as a voting member in the absence of Forest Green. Chairman Phillips opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. Chairman Phillips shared the reply from the town attorney regarding the project. Chairman Phillips stated the attorney advised the Board the applicant would need to go to the zoning board for a special exception regarding the setback for the right of way. Jeff Green questioned if any other subdivisions in town were looked at. Chairman Phillips said he did look over the Madison Way subdivision and the road was placed against the boundary line. Chairman Phillips said when speaking with the town attorney he agreed that just because something was done previously it does not set a precedent. Jeff Green said the attorney doesn't have the right question, when creating a subdivision it creates new setbacks. Mr. Green said he spoke with other surveyors that didn't understand why the board was asking him to go to the zoning board. Josh Pearl said he believes the intent of the ordinance was that when creating a right of way the setbacks would come off of that. Chairman Phillips said a road is considered a structure and would have to follow setbacks. Jeff Green said he would not be going to the zoning board and would like to have the board vote on if they believed it was needed. Josh Pearl made a motion to require the application go to the zoning board of adjustment, seconded by Bob Phillips. Danielle Bosco, Josh Pearl, John Storrs, Bill Taranovich voted No. Chairman Phillips, Bob Phillips, Stanley Prescott voted Yes. Motion failed. Jeff Green said he was waiting on invoices regarding the engineering fund. Mr. Green requested a continuance until the next meeting while he waits for invoices and determines how much more money is needed for the town engineer. Danielle Bosco made a motion to continue application 22-14 to the February 16th meeting. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All in favor. Chairman Phillips said the application will be continued to February 16th at 7:00pm and there will be no further notification, this is the notification.

Forest Green returned to the board.

New Business –

Application #22-21 Taranovich -Tax Map33 Lot 40 – Subdivision

Bill Taranovich recused himself. Surveyor Matt Routhier represented the application and the land owner was present. Abutters present- Per-Olof Garp M33-L1, Paul Sterns M24-L21, Timothy Moser M24-L21, Bouvair M33-L13, Nancy and Jean Kraus M23-L16-2. Chairman Phillips said new plans were submitted to the office 2 days ago but they did not meet with the deadline and the board cannot discuss new information. Josh Pearl made a motion to accept the application as complete. Seconded by Forest Green. All in favor. Josh Pearl made a motion the application does not constitute development of regional impact. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. Chaimran Phillips said during the technical review committee it was pointed out the lot ratio was off and the lots were long and skinny. Mr. Routhier said they have exceeded the road frontage and all the lots are over 10 acres. Chairman Phillips said they could reduce the size of the lots and put the backland into a conservation easement or open space development. Bob Phillips said they could reduce the lot ratio by cutting back on the number of lots. He said he understands the applicant wants to fit as many lots as possible but the property was purchased knowing what it was and what the regulations are. Chairman Phillips said they created this ratio because creating long skinny lots makes it hard for land owners to follow boundary lines. Josh Pearl said this plan is far off form what he would be looking to see. Mr. Garp said he felt this plan was a bad idea. Mr. Garp said he sees issues with the wetlands and is doubtful the perk test was done correctly. Mr. Garp also pointed out the increase of traffic this subdivision would create. Timothy Moser questioned if new plans would be available to view. Chairman Phillips said updated plans will be available in the office. Paul Sterns said he has lived in his home for 30 years and they use the field to walk, to see houses will be an eye sore. Mr. Sterns also brought up that the area is extremely wet. Nancy Kraus thanked the board for the concern on the depth of the lots. Jean Kraus said the land is very wet and the traffic is already bad on the road. Jean Sterns expressed the concern about the layout of the lots. Mr. Garp questioned if the only place where the houses could be is in the front. Mr. Routhier said houses could be built wherever someone that purchases the land wants depending on the topography and pointed out several wetlands. Mr. Kraus said driveways from these lots would be in blind spots. Chairman Phillips stated the road agent will weigh in on driveways on new lots and if the planning board does a site walk it will be publicly posted and

the public is welcome to come. Chairman Phillips said all new plans need to be in the office by February 6th. Chairman Phillips closed the meeting to the public at 8:51pm. Josh Pearl made a motion to continue application 22-21 to the February 16th meeting. Seconded Stanley Prescott. All in favor. Chairman Phillips said the application will be continued to February 16th at 7:00pm and there will be no further notification, this is the notification.

Board Discussion

Voluntary Lot Merger

Chairman Phillips said the veterans drive llc property is being transferred to Kara and they are looking to merge the lots. All members signed the lot merger.

Bright Farms- Chairman Phillips said he received an email from Bright Farms stating they are no longer looking to expand the location in Loudon. He said the email stated it was due to looking for a larger lot space and the difficulty of employing people in this area. They have assured they will still be installing blackout curtains on the existing greenhouses.

Application List- Chairman Phillips said this was something he wanted to get something put together with all the applications from the year with updates to weather they have been signed or not will be listed.

Rusty Lantern- Chairman Phillips said the lights that were approved for the project are no longer being made and they have proposed using similar dark sky compliant lighting.

Excavation- Chairman Phillips said he did some research on hours of operation for surrounding towns. He asked the board to look over what other towns are doing for hours. Chairman Phillips also brought up inspections of gravel pits and pointed out some of them don't have a bond. Chairman Phillips said these will have to be worked on.

Report of ZBA

· Application #Z22-42 Rodgers Family Trust – Map 46 Lot 20 – Variance to permit residential addition within wetland buffer – School Street.

· Application #Z22-43 Joe Levesque – Map 49 Lot 123 – Special Exception to permit Powder Coating – Shaker Brook Park.

· Application #Z23-01 Cobblestone Properties of Epsom – Map 49 Lot 123 – Special Exception to permit Autobody Shop – Shaker Brook Park

· .Application #Z23-02 Earl Tuson – Map 25 Lot 6– Special Exception to permit Accessory Dwelling Unit – Pittsfield Rd.

Adjournment:

Stan Prescott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Danielle Bosco. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Bosco

Loudon Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

Present: Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Town Administrator Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Selectman Miller made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda as written. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Maxfield excused himself. Selectman Miller recognized Dyrace Maxfield, Library Trustee. Mr. Maxfield said that Julianna Lawler has attended several open meetings and shown a lot of interest in being a trustee alternate. Mr. Maxfield said a trustee has resigned and they do have a position to fill. Ms. Lawler introduced herself to the Board. Selectman Miller made a motion to appoint Julianna Lawler to the position of Library Trustee Alternate, this position shall expire March 31st, 2024, given this hand the 3rd day of January 2023. Majority in favor. Motion passed. Chairman Maxfield returned to the meeting.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said Ambulance 1 is at NuCar for warranty and recall work and is expected to be out of service for a couple of days.

b. Chief Blanchette said they finished the year with just under 1,200 calls which is about 250 more than last year.

c. Chief Blanchette said everyone is healthy except for one member out.

d. Selectman Miller thanked all three agencies for their work during the storm a couple weeks ago and said everyone did a very good job to keep everyone safe. Chief Blanchette said he appreciates Selectman Miller coming down to check in. Chief Blanchette said they did submit an initial damage assessment report to Homeland Security. Chairman Maxfield said he also shares his thanks to the departments.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:

a. Mr. Pearl said they are still doing some clean up from the storm.

VI. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess:

a. Chief Burgess said ADF Flooring has completed the floor install as approved with ARPA funding. Chief Burgess thanked Leonard's Plumbing and Heating for the install and removal of facilities.

b. Chief Burgess thanked Janice Morin for her work on the Helping Hands program. Chief Burgess said Ms. Morin does a phenomenal

job helping children in need during the Christmas time.

c. Chief Burgess said Primex should be out tomorrow for Car 7 that was struck by a tree during the storm.

d. Chief Burgess said in 2021 there were 115 arrests and 2022 there were 140, 2021 there were 423 incidents and 522 in 2022, in 2021 there were 1,066 motor vehicle

stops and 1,011 in 2022 and in 2021 there were 6,620 calls for service and in 2022 there were 11,043.

e. Selectman Miller said he was thankful there was no one in the cruiser when the car was struck. Chief Burgess agreed and said Car 4 was also hit by a branch but there was no permanent damage.

VII. Chairman Maxfield said today is the deadline for Town Report bids. The Board received two sealed bids. Chairman Maxfield opened the first bid from Debbie K Graphics PO Box 1783 Hillsborough NH. Chairman Maxfield said they also received a bid from Evans Printing. Chairman Maxfield said the bid from Debbie K Graphics for the 2022 Annual Report in the amount of $1,250 layout scans corrections and printing prep. Chairman Maxfield opened the bid from Evans Printing 155 River Road Bow NH. Chairman Maxfield said the bid is $2,240.08 for the printing of the Town Report. Chairman Maxfield said the town has used Debbie K and Evans for many years in the past. Selectman Miller asked Town Administrator Brenda Pearl what last years bid prices were. Ms. Pearl said Debbie K was $1,100 and Evans was $2,134.73. The Board did not receive any other bids. Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Debbie K Graphics for layout, scans, cover design and printing prep in the amount of $1,250. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Discussion, Chairman Maxfield said they have done a great job in past years. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Evans Printing for cover prints 4/0 + varnish or coat, 8 ½ x 11, 100-page cover saddle stitched book all AA's, scans, typesetting, proofs, and delivery are included for $2,940.08. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. The Board met with appointment Michael Harris via telephone. Chairman Maxfield said he understands Mr. Harris would like to discuss warrant articles this evening. Mr. Harris said it was not warrant articles he would like to discuss. Mr. Harris discussed his concerns regarding licensing junkyards and banning the application of resoil.

IX. The Board met with Mike Tardiff. Mr. Tardiff discussed the $5,000 that was approved, as recommended from the ARPA Committee, for the Economic Development Committee to proceed with a broadband consultant. Mr. Tardiff requested that the request for proposal be posted. The Board agreed to move forward with posting the request for proposal for consultant assistance related to broadband in the town.

X. The Board reviewed new business:

a. The Board received a request from Earl Tuson to fill in the Zoning Office as the Administrative Assistant has resigned. Mr. Tuson proposed to work around 10 hours a week for $20/ hour. Chairman Maxfield said he thinks it is a good idea. Selectman Miller said Mr. Tuson has a great knowledge of the office so it would be a great help.

b. The Board received some brochures from Michael Harris.

c. The Board received the January coverage schedule for the Police Department. Selectman Miller said quite a few years ago the Chief began providing the schedule. Selectman Miller said the Department has almost a full staff and there is no need to continue providing the schedule.

d. The Board received a letter from Mr. Harris regarding a shoreline application for Clough Pond.

e. The Board received a letter regarding Transfer Station employees having the day off on Old Home Day. The Board passed the letter along to the Department head.

f. The Board received a schedule of committee meetings and a ground vibration report.

XI. The Board reviewed old business:

a. Chairman Maxfield suggested an emergency outdoor light for the furnace be installed at the Old Town Office Building. Chairman Maxfield said it is important to keep heated and the building is not occupied. Jeff Leonard said there are lights that can be purchased that can be plugged into the wall and will light up when the temperature dips below a certain temperature. Chairman Maxfield also suggested the furnace at Charlie's Barn be cleaned.

b. Selectman Miller said the concern that was brought up some weeks ago regarding the lights on the outside of the Town Office building that shine into a neighbor's yard. Selectman Miller suggested a shroud be looked into to shine the light straight down. Selectman Miller said it is not recommended to turn the lights off on the back of the building. Road Agent Russ Pearl said he could discuss options with a local electrician.

XII. The Board reviewed important dates:

Budget Hearing – Tuesday 01/10 (6pm)

Collaborative Meeting with MV School Board- Wednesday 01/11 (6:30pm)

XIII. Chairman Maxfield recognized David Moody. Mr. Moody discussed the easement that was given to the town to access town property through his property. Mr. Moody expressed his concern with individuals that were accessing the easement and town land this past weekend.

XIV. The Board recognized Jeff Leonard. Mr. Leonard asked if the money being spent on a consultant was being pooled with Canterbury and Pittsfield as discussed previously. Selectman Miller said if it was possible, but it was not a possibility. Selectman Miller said there are deadlines, and it is important to begin the process.

XV. Chairman Maxfield said the Board has a meeting with Chief Blanchette and the Town Administrator to discuss a workers compensation claim. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 6:58pm with Town Administrator Pearl and Chief Blanchette, for a personnel issue, under RSA 91-A:3,II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend

to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVI. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 7:41pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVII. Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll

Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVIII. Road Agent Russ Pearl discussed possible warrant articles for roads and available funds.

XIX. Town Administrator Pearl asked the Board about the approved funds from ARPA to purchase a copier machine for the Town Office. Ms. Pearl explained the options available and what she feels is best use of the funds. The Board agreed to purchase the two off lease machines and possibly a maintenance contract within the approved amount.

XX. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 8:01pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present: Brenda Pearl, Town Administrator

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He explained that the meeting is being held to discuss employee compensation.

II. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 6:01pm under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 7:53pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll

Roll call vote, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Selectman Miller- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Selectman Storrs moved to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

Present: Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing at 6:00pm to change the poll hours for elections. Chairman Maxfield read the Public Hearing Notice,

The Loudon Board of Selectmen will be meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6pm in the Loudon Town Offices Loudon, NH to discuss changing polling hours for Town Elections from 8am-7pm to 7am-7pm.

Chairman Maxfield said this Public Hearing is to change Town Election hours only and a warrant article will be voted on by the legislative body to change the State Election hours. Chairman Maxfield said if the article passes, it will go onto the state for final approval. Selectman Miller said that many community members have said they are unable to attend elections due to work schedules and opening one hour earlier would be a good idea. Selectman Miller made a motion to change the hours of voting for town official from 8am-7pm to 7am-7pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Maxfield closed the public hearing for polling hours at 6:04pm.

IV. Chairman Maxfield opened the public hearing for the purposed budget for July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024 at 6:05pm. Chairman Maxfield read the Public Hearing Notice.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold Public Hearings for review of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 7/01/2023 to 06/30/2024.

The Budget will be voted on at the March 2023 Town Meeting.

The Hearings will be held in the meeting room of the Town Office, 55 S. Village Road, Loudon, NH. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 after 6:00 PM and Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

V. Selectman Miller read the proposed budget increase and decreases line by line. The Board took questions from the public at the end of each section.

a. A member of the public asked why the Selectmen's office equipment line is up $17,000. Selectman Miller said it is due to an upgrade that needs to be done to the computer system.

b. Jeff Leonard asked why the Planning and Zoning Administrative Assistance is purposed to make more than the current Tax Collector that has many more years' experience. The Board said that the Planning and Zoning office position is a full-time position, and the Tax Collector is 20 hours a week. Rodney Phillips Planning Board Chair said they have done research on what an experienced candidate

makes in surrounding areas.

c. Jeff Leonard asked if the employees will be getting a cost-of-living raise. Selectman Miller said not a cost of living but a raise.

d. Chief Blanchette said the Compliance Computer line is expected to go down to around $7,500 once a contract is received. Chief Blanchette said they currently do not have an IT contract.

e. Bob Phillips suggested that Code Enforcement be removed from the Fire Department and be offered as a separate full-time position. Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Miller said it is being looked in to.

f. Selectman Miller said the Highway Vehicle Repairs lines has been consolidated to just one line for all the vehicles.

g. Jeff Leonard asked who takes care of Welfare. Selectman Miller said Brenda Pearl and Kara Buss.

h. Jeff Leonard asked why the Old Home Day line increased $5,000. Selectman Miller said this upcoming year is the 250th anniversary of the town and additional money was requested.

VI. Chairman Maxfield read through the Estimated Revenues.

a. Jeff Leonard asked why there is not a line item for copper and brass and wire. Road Agent Russ Pearl said if any is brought in, there is not an employee to separate the metal and it all gets mixed in with metal.

b. Selectman Miller said the revenues read through are just an estimate.

VII. Selectman Miller read through current warrant articles. Chairman Maxfield said that warrant articles may still be turned in and will not be finalized until February 8th.

a. Moderator Rodney Phillips explained the need for a new ballot counting machine.

b. A member of the public asked if the town can restrict the demo rides on Loudon Ridge Road as petitioned. Selectman Miller said the town has sought legal counsel on the petition.

c. Road Agent Russ Pearl, Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders and Fire Chief Tom Blanchette asked that the Selectmen reconsider the warrant articles that were presented by the departments.

d. Chip Barrett requested the warrant articles should at least be brought to the people to decide and vote on.

VIII. Chairman Maxfield closed the Public Hearing at 7:29pm.

IX. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17th, 2023

Present: Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs
Also present, Town Administrator Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Selectman Miller made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Discussion, Selectman Miller said he took one item out of the consent agenda. Selectman Miller said Bright Farms located on 106 has sent correspondence to the Planning Board stating they will not be expanding at the time and will be installing blackout curtains. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:
a. Chief Blanchette said everything is going status quo.

IV. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:
a. Mr. Pearl said they have been busy working on repairs before upcoming snow.
b. Mr. Pearl said the Transfer Station truck/road tractor needs to be replaced. Mr. Pearl asked how the board would like to proceed. Mr. Pearl said he has a lead on a used truck. Selectman Miller asked the estimated cost of the systems needed on the truck. Mr. Pearl said he was not sure but he would look into it. Chairman Maxfield asked Mr. Pearl to look into the cost of the system and see what he can find for used trucks.

V. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess:
a. Chief Burgess said all employees are well.
b. Chief Burgess said Officer Spellman is currently in the second phase of the Accident Reconstruction School.
c. Chief Burgess said on January 23rd Officer Cyr will be attending Drug Interdiction at Pembroke Police Department
d. Chief Burgess said tentatively, April 10th Officer Spellman will be attending Firearms Instructor Course.
e. Chief Burgess said January 25th he will be meeting with Sheriff Croft and other Chiefs in the County to discuss Dispatch Live.
f. Chief Burgess reminded the Board he will be on vacation the first week of February.
g. Chief Burgess said they received a check for the purchase of a bullet proof vest that went with an officer to another department. Chief Burgess asked if that money can be put back into the budget in order to purchase equipment for the next officer. Chairman Maxfield said the money will go into the general fund.
h. Chairman Maxfield asked what range the department uses. Chief Burgess said they go to the Belmont Firearms Range.

VI. The Board reviewed new business:
a. Chairman Maxfield said to proceed with the ADA accessibility to Clough Pond, they need a wetlands scientist. Chairman Maxfield said they have a lead on a Loudon resident who is a Wetlands Scientist. The Board agreed to reach out to find out cost and if the resident will work on the project.
b. The Board received an alleged Zoning violation inquiry. Chairman Maxfield said the boundary lines are in question. Chief Blanchette said Code Enforcement received a complaint and he met with both the property owner and the company doing the

work. Chief Blanchette said neither party can provide a survey to determine boundary lines and without an accurate survey it is difficult to determine if a violation has occurred. Jeff Leonard asked if this would be a civil matter. Selectman Miller said not if there was a Zoning violation. Alicia Kingsbury asked if neither property owner gets a survey, would the town do nothing or would the town ever get a survey done. Selectman Miller said no the town would not get a survey. Rodney Phillips, Chair of Planning Board said if Loudon Sand and Gravel does go before the Planning Board for an excavation permit, a survey would be required at that time. Mark Whittemore said getting a surveyor is not easy but he was able to get someone out on Saturday. Mr. Whittemore explained his concerns as the abutter.

c. The Board reviewed requests from the Police, Fire and Highway departments to reconsider warrant articles to be placed on the warrant for March, for purchases of vehicles. Chairman Maxfield said the Fire Department is requesting an ambulance. Chief Blanchette said the vehicle they are looking to replace is a 2014 International. The Board agreed to put the vehicle on the warrant for the town to vote on.

The Board spoke with the Road Agent Russ Pearl about the dump truck with plow and sander with $52,358 coming from a grant, that he is requesting the remaining cost be put on the warrant. Selectman Miller said he and the Board originally voted not to include these articles on the warrant because of the increase in operating budget. Selectman Miller stated his concern with purchasing vehicles back-to-back years and having to replace them year after year down the road. The Board agreed to put the vehicle on the warrant for vote. Jeff Leonard asked if the article does not pass, can the grant be used towards a new tractor. Mr. Pearl explained that the grant cannot be passed on and it is for specific purpose.

The Board spoke with Chief Kris Burgess regarding the purchase of a police cruiser. Chief Burgess discussed options to purchase a vehicle as there was a cruiser totaled in the last storm by a tree. The Board agreed to put the vehicle on the warrant for vote.

d. The Board reviewed and signed the annual town audit. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign on behalf of the Town of Loudon for the town audit by Alta CPA Group LLC, Maryland. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller said this is the audit that the town was waiting for in order to put out the town tax bills.

e. The Board reviewed and signed the Groundwater Management plan from NOBIS. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign on behalf of the Town of Loudon the application for renewal for the Groundwater Management. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing to accept unanticipated funds at 7:05pm.

The Loudon Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 31:95-b to accept unanticipated funds in the form of a tone-time Bridge Payment in the amount of $183,611.74.

Selectman Miller said this bridge funding was from an infrastructure bill that was passed.

Selectman Miller made a motion to accept the bridge payment in the amount of $183, 611.74. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield closed the Public Hearing at 7:08pm.

VIII. The Board reviewed important dates:

Planning Board Meeting – Thursday January 19th (6pm)

IX. Chairman Maxfield said the Board will meet with the Town Administrator. Selectman Miller made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 7:09pm under RSA 91-A;3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected 1. Has the right to a public meeting and 2. Requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of nonpublic session at 7:49pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Miller made a motion to seal the minutes. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

XI. The Board met with Chief Tom Blanchette regarding his current budget. The Board discussed with the Chief the overages and projected overages and where those funds will be coming from. The Board discussed using the diesel at the Transfer Station. Chief Blanchette presented the Board with a letter regarding where funds could be utilized within his budget.

XII. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Storrs

Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders and Road Agent Russ Pearl.

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Selectman Storrs made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Maxfield recognized Mike Tardiff of Central NH Regional Planning. Mr. Tardiff said there were no proposals submitted for the Broadband Consultant request for proposal that was posted. Mr. Tardiff discussed a new resource that has been made available to help identify the broadband needs. Mr. Tardiff presented the Board with an updated RFP. The Board agreed it is ok to post the new request for proposal.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said everyone is healthy on the department. Chief Blanchette said the employee on light duty will need to continue light duty until at least March 6th. Chief Blanchette said the other light duty employee has been doing some training in the office.

b. Chief Blanchette said he has submitted the application to FEMA and Homeland Security for potential disaster assistance for Storm Elliott.

c. Chief Blanchette said the department responded to 95 calls in the month of January. Chief Blanchette said the department and tanker responded to many mutual aid calls last week.

d. Chief Blanchette said he and Rick Bilodeau picked up a 250 gallon tank with 100 feet of hose through the Surplus program.

e. Chief Blanchette said Sara Frenette started last week as a career Fire Fighter and has completed all her field training as an Advance Emergency Medical Technician and has also graduated her Associates of Fire Science program at Lakes Region Community College.

f. Chief Blanchette said the light duty employees have been conducting shift trainings to help with recertifications.

g. Chief Blanchette thanked the Fire Fighters Association for paying for the installation of the power load system that was obtained by grant funds.

h. Chairman Maxfield said the Board has received a letter of concern about 56 East Ricker Road. Chairman Maxfield said the individual came in September 6th to discuss some areas that need to be addressed. Chairman Maxfield asked Mark Jannini if was the property owner. Mr. Jannini said he is the property manager. There was discussion about a business license and if the property is grandfathered. Mr. Jannini discussed the history of the property and previous businesses. Chairman Maxfield asked Mr. Jannini about a concern that was reported to DES. Mr. Jannini said there was a report of a driver that ran over a few gallons of oil and the town was contacted and DES was also contacted and there were no concerns. Chairman

Maxfield asked how many vehicles are on the property. Mr. Jannini said he has 40 registered trailers and 17 registered vehicles. Chief Blanchette said he has been working with Mr. Jannini on working in a forward direction on the property. Chief Blanchette said there are certain parameters in order to determine what is a junkyard.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:

a. Mr. Pearl said the trucks and equipment are ready for winter weather and sand/salt supply is holding up.

b. Mr. Pearl discussed the option for the lagoon fill. Mr. Pearl said CleanEarth has a fill that is an option and is wondering if the Board would consider it. Chairman Maxfield confirmed it is approved by the state. Mr. Pearl asked for a decision and if it would need to go through the Zoning Board. Chairman Maxfield said they would let him know.

c. Chairman Maxfield said the Transfer Station is looking for a Porta Potty for the recycling building. Chairman Maxfield said they would look into it.

VI. The Board met with Police Lieutenant Flanders:

a. Lt. Flanders said everyone is healthy and there are two out on vacation.

b. Lt. Flanders said Officer Spellman has successfully completed step two of Accident Reconstruction School. Lt. Flanders said next year they plan to send him to step three.

c. Lt. Flanders said January 25th he and Chief Burgess went to Concord Regional Crimeline meeting at New England College.

d. Lt. Flanders said he has been on the Board of Directors for 4-5 years and has been the department and civilian representative but they are looking for a civilian representative is anyone in town is interested.

e. Lt. Flanders said he attended a Virtual Dispatcher User meeting by Sheriff Croft and they were informed of a 9% increase in dispatch fees for next year.

f. Lt. Flanders said they are actively interviewing candidates for the open position. Lt. Flanders said they have not had luck with scheduled oral boards.

g. Lt. Flanders said he has been asked to be a part of the hiring panel for the next principal of Loudon Elementary School.

h. Lt. Flanders said February 15th there is a scheduled Use of Force training for the Officers from Primex.

i. Lt. Flanders said he has been working with the Police Academy on simulator training.

j. Lt. Flanders said so far they have had 1035 calls for service, 62 incidents that required further investigation, 11 arrests and 110 motor vehicle stops. Lt. Flanders said this Sunday they will have extra patrol out for DWI enforcement.

k. Lt. Flanders said they have seen a trend with Apple Airtags being used to track people. Lt. Flanders said they have also seen people having cell phones ordered and charged to their Verizon accounts.

VII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. The Board reviewed the Pope Memorial SPCA Contract. Selectman Storrs made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Pope Memorial SPCA contract. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Board reviewed and signed the title for the totaled Police Cruiser. Selectman Storrs made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the title of the cruiser that was totaled. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

c. The Board reviewed an email from Aicha Kingsbury regarding 56 East Ricker Road as previously discussed. Alicha Kingsbury 298 Bear Hill Road said she would like to see the follow up on the business permit. Ms. Kingsbury said she is curious what Chief Blanchette has been working on Mr. Jannini with if there are no violations. Chief Blanchette said the Police Department has been working with Mr. Jannini on the cars. Chief Blanchette said he has been working with Mr. Jannini on opening up fire lanes and organizing the property as it was in disarray. Ms. Kingsbury asked if the property was a commercial property. Chief Blanchette said it is zoned rural residential and grandfathered to have a business. Ms. Kingsbury asked if there was a residence on the property. Chief Blanchette said there has been a residence on the property for as long as anyone can remember.

d. Chairman Maxfield said around 2008 the Loudon VFW established a $50,000 fund with NH Charitable foundation to maintain the

Veterans Memorial. Chairman Maxfield said the town receives an annual distribution and the Selectmen are agents to expend. Chairman Maxfield said the only place the received funds are shown in the town report is the Treasurers Report. Chairman Maxfield said he has been working to make that more visible.

VIII. The Board reviewed old business:

a. The Board received and reviewed a holiday request from Chief Burgess. Chairman Maxfield said the policy is that holidays are not to be carried forward. Chairman Maxfield said they will keep working on it.

b. The Board received and reviewed quotes for the new cruiser.

c. The Board reviewed the cover for the Annual Town Report. Chairman Maxfield said they are going to ask the colors be changed to green.

d. The Board discussed the AV system operator. Chairman Maxfield said they have not put any money in the budget for an operator. Chairman Maxfield said the board still needs to decide if they are going to continue posting the meeting on youtube.

IX. The Board reviewed important dates:

Budget Hearing – Wednesday 02/08 (6pm)

X. Chairman Maxfield said the Board is still working on the wetland's scientist for the Clough Pond ramp project.

XI. The Board recognized Alicha Kingsbury 293 Bear Hill Road. Ms. Kingsbury said she was asked by another resident who lives on Youngs Hill Road near the Batchelder Trails, the resident is having issues with a substantial amount of people using the trail this winter at night. Ms. Kingsbury said a lot of vehicles have been stuck and knocking on the resident's door for help. Ms. Kingsbury said if you google the Batchelder Trail system it comes up with the resident's address. Ms. Kingsbury said the resident has already

reached out to the Conservation Commission and has not heard back yet. Ms. Kingsbury suggested that recommended hours of use be posted for the trail. Chairman Maxfield said they will look into that.

XII. Chairman Maxfield said the Non-Public session with the Deputy Tax Collector has been cancelled.

XIII. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Budget Public Hearing
Wednesday February 8, 2023

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectman Miller and Selectman Storrs

Also present: Town Administrator Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette

I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Chairman Maxfield read the Public Hearing Notice.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold Public

Hearings for review of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year

7/01/2023 to 06/30/2024.

The Budget will be voted on at the March 2023 Town Meeting.

The Hearings will be held in the meeting

room of the Town Office, 55 S. Village Road, Loudon, NH.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 after 6:00 PM and Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

III. Chairman Maxfield read through the changes in the purposed expendable budget from the first Public Hearing on January 10th, 2023.

a. Chairman Maxfield said the expendable budget is up 8%. Chairman Maxfield said their focus was to bring salaries of employees up to competitive wages.

b. Jeff Leonard 122 Lower Ridge Road, Mr. Leonard asked if the Recycling Wages was for one employee. The Board confirmed it was for two full time employees. Mr. Leonard said when hiring Fire Fighter/ EMTs they do not have to be totally certified as we have been sending employees to school. Chief Blanchette said earlier this year they hired a FF/EMT that did not hold the certificated required and was sent to school and then left for another department.

c. Rodney Phillips 143 Clough Hill Road, Mr. Phillips said he looked through the new budget and has not seen any funds for the AV system. Mr. Phillips said he has run every meeting except for one and he would like to not have to do that and try to get someone. Mr. Phillips said the AV system can be helpful with controversial topics and gives people the opportunity to watch the meetings if they are unable to attend. Mr. Phillips said he would like to see the recordings continue and expand to the Zoning Board also. Mr. Phillips said youtube is just one streaming method, there are others. Mr. Phillips said the average number of views on a Selectmen's Meeting is 71 times and Planning Board is 51 times. Mr. Phillips said he would really like to see the streaming continue and the Selectmen add some money in the budget for it. Chairman Maxfield said he said in the last Selectmen meeting he said that he was not a fan of it but they would likely continue. Selectman Miller said he likes the idea of having the system. Selectman Miller said Rodney does a great job running it and the opportunity was presented to Merrimack Valley to have a high school student help out, not one person was interested. Selectman Miller said they were not given a long enough period of time to figure out the amount of money to pay and who may step up. d. Jeff Leonard 122 Lower Ridge Road, Mr. Leonard said when the system passed and was voted for, he thought all boards were supposed to be using it. Ms. Pearl

read the warrant article as written. Selectman Miller confirmed the article did not specifically state that all boards must use the system.

e. Chip Barrett 16 Clark Avenue, Mr. Barrett asked why the line for FF/EMT wages was reduced if the Board has been discussing competitive wages. Ms. Pearl said the amount listed is based on

current employees with the purposed increase as requested and ok'd by Chief Blanchette. Mr. Barrett requested that the line be returned back to the higher amount to leave money for incentives to keep employees. Chairman Maxfield said they would take it under advisement.

IV. Selectman Miller reviewed the new Warrant Articles.

a. Selectman Miller said the reason the Ambulance is non lapsing is because the Chief has provided information showing some are on a two year wait.

b. Chairman Maxfield said the House of Representatives passed bill 2027 that resulted in towns needing to readopt the Veterans credit that is currently being given or the credits will be dropped to $50. Chairman Maxfield said if this article does not pass the Veterans credit will go down to the $50.

c. Selectman Miller said the purposed budget is an estimate.

d. Jeff Leonard 122 Lower Ridge Road, Mr. Leonard asked if there was anyone present that could go over the Zoning Amendments. Ms. Pearl said the Planning Board holds their own Public Hearings for that purpose and they have already been held. Rodney Phillips said they have already been held and are available on youtube and he is also going to have an article in the Loudon Ledger about the Amendments.

e. Town Administrator Brenda Pearl said she respects what Chip said about keeping extra money in the budget. Ms. Pearl said she has worked on this budget and it is very tight and salaries are figured very carefully and to give one department money in case an employee tries to leave would not be right as the other departments would not have those funds available for their employees.

f. Richard Bilodeau 22 Hollow Route Road, Mr. Bilodeau said he thinks it is important to put in a separate fund for employees. Mr. Bilodeau said the town has lost a lot of people and the town needs to pay the employees or it will be a revolving door. Mr. Bilodeau said there are a lot of great qualified people and it would be nice to keep them. Selectman Miller said they rely on the department heads to present what they wanted.

g. Ashley Simonds 56 Sheep Rock Road, Ms. Simonds said she has not met with the Selectmen, but she has met with Brenda. Ms. Simonds thanked Ms. Pearl for everything she has put in and all the work she does for the girls in the office. Ms. Simonds said she is proud of the work that she does, and her Deputy is amazing. Ms. Simonds said she has increased the hours that the Town Clerk is open from about 26 to around 35 as well as introducing boats. Ms. Simonds thanked Ms. Pearl.

h. Chairman Maxfield said voting is the 14th of March at the Fire Station in the Village from 7am to 7pm. Chairman Maxfield said the Selectmen have changed voting hours as request to begin at 7am.

V. Chairman Maxfield closed the Public Hearing at 6:44pm.

VI. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 2023 in Loudon

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Deadline for April Paper is March 17

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

1st Tuesday of the Month
6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices
7:00pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St.

1st Wednesday of the Month
1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open
6:30pm: Historical Society @ the Museum (Museum is Open)

2nd Wednesday of the Month
5:30pm: P.T.A. @ Loudon Elementary

2nd Monday of the Month
7:15pm: M.V.S.D School Board

2nd Tuesday of the Month
10am: Young at Heart @ Faith Community Bible Church

2nd Thursday of the Month

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

3rd Monday of the Month
6pm: Communications Council via Zoom

3rd Tuesday of the Month
6pm: Selectmen @ the Town Offices
6:30pm: Recycling Committee @ Town Offices (subject to change / 219-6863)
7:00pm: Loudon Lions / American Legion Post #86, South Village St.

3rd Wednesday of the Month
1-3pm: Loudon Historical Society / Open
4:30pm Alternative Energy Committee meeting Charlie's Barn
6:30pm: Gardener's Club @ Community Building (subject to change / 396-4950)
6:30 - 7:30pm: Boy Scouts @ LES 7pm: Legion & Auxiliary @ Post 88

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

3rd Friday of the Month
Ledger Deadline for articles and ad space

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

4th Monday of the Month
4pm: Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building
5pm: Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices

4th Wednesday of the Month

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

Every Tuesday
6:30pm Prayer Meeting @ Congregtional Church

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