The Loudon Ledger

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Moderator Rodney Phillips with Girl Scout Troop members Haven Stobridge and Aubrey Pickering.

Coming soon to Loudon? See story on Page 18

Happy St Patrick's Day
March 17

Happy Easter
March 31

Important Dates in March

Tuesday March 6th	**Candidates Night**, Town Offices, 2nd floor meeting room, 6:00 p.m. Meet candidates for local offices and Merrimack Valley School Board
Friday March 8th	**Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting**, MVHS, Penacook NH Polls open at 11:00 a.m. to elect School Boad members. Polls close at 7:00 p.m. when the meeting begins. Voters will discuss the warrant and vote on the proposed budget.
Tuesday March 12th	**Loudon Annual Town Meeting (first session)**, Arthur Colby Safety Complex Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect officers and vote on proposed zoning amendments..
Saturday March 16th	**Loudon Annual Town Meeting (second session)**, Loudon Elementary School Voters will meet at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and vote on items appearing on the warrant (available on-line at www.loudonnh.org and printed in this month's Ledger. This is the meeting at which the voters authorize expenditures for the coming year.

To submit articles and photos for publication, please send your submission to ledgerarticles@gmail.com

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

Mission Statement…

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Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM
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Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc are encouraged to submit articles to the Loudon Ledger. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, "attaboys" etc, are all welcome. Please note, however, that the Ledger will uphold its mission:

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

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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 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline~~	~~Fri 02/16~~	~~Council Meeting~~	~~Mon 02/19~~
April 2024 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 03/15	Council Meeting	Mon 03/18
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To have your Church's information added to this column,
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Loudon Food Pantry

Our Numbers

In January 2024 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 276 individuals for them to prepare 5,238 meals. Of those people, 117 were age 60 and older (42%), 69 were age 18 or under (25%), and 90 were between those ages (33%).

Closed and Unavailable – March 18th – March 25th

It's time for us to take a break. So, Loudon Food Pantry will be closed and unavailable from March 18th – March 25th. We will reopen on Tuesday March 26th. Per usual, our guests will be given enough food for our time off.

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

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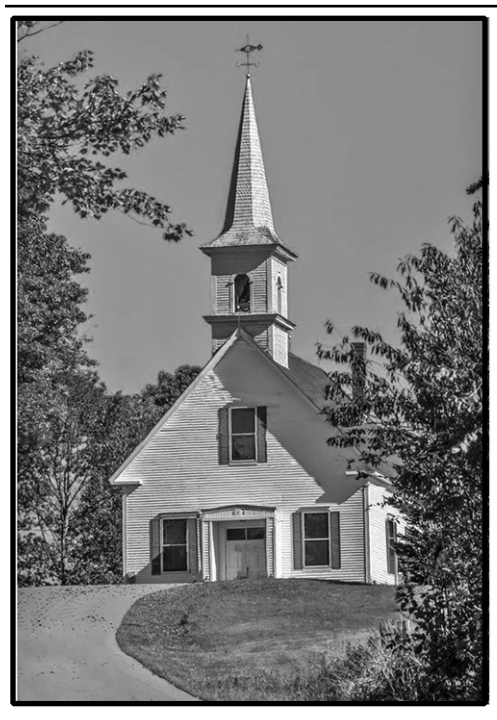

Come Share with us at Loudon Family Bible Church's Pancake Breakfast "Funraiser"

Sunday School Rooms Renovation
Pancake Breakfast Funraiser

March 16th-8 AM to 11 AM

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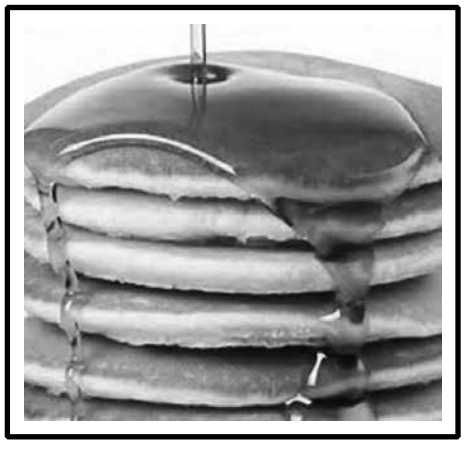

Loudon Gardeners Club

Join Us for an Eco-Friendly Adventure!

Making Household Cleaning Products with Herbs, Fruits, and Native Plants

Are you tired of harsh chemicals in your cleaning products? Want to embrace a more natural and sustainable approach? We are excited to present an enlightening public speaker event that will empower you to create your own eco-friendly cleaning solutions using herbs, fruits, and native plants. Our speaker, Victoria Brocious, is a lifelong Loudon resident who is a self-taught herbalist and a teacher by degree.

Date: Tuesday, March 19th Time: 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Location: Loudon Community Building, 29 S. Village Rd, Loudon, NH 03307

Please RSVP as seating is limited: Text to (603) 608-5437 or in posted Facebook Event.

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Richard Brown House News

Happy New Year from the folks at Richard Brown House! We've had a joyous winter, filled with lots of fun activities, music and good food. The Home Folks entertained us with beautiful music and are always welcomed at RBH with open arms. The meal planning committee planned a cookie swap that had great attendance and the residents got creative for an ugly hat contest. They've also set up a potluck in January and banana splits for Valentine's Day. With grant funds we were able to have a catered lunch from Water Street Café for our holiday meal, which included lasagna, salad and cheesecake. A big thank you to the Sartwells for decorating our front entrance with wreaths. It was beautiful for the holidays! Starting this month, our seasoned educator, Alyssa Lemmerman, from the UNH connection, will be coming every 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am to run her nutrition class. We would like to open it up to the public as well. Every month she does some light physical activity with the group and goes over ways to stay healthy. If you are interested, please reach out with any questions or feel free to show up!

In the upcoming months, we are looking forward to spring and filling our calendar with positive activities to beat the winter blues. Do you have a special talent or working knowledge of a topic that might be of interest to our residents? We are seeking community members or groups who would be willing to share their time with our folks teaching a craft, sharing information, or leading an activity. Music, cooking, animal presentations, dancing, and youth groups are very popular but also open to any ideas you may have! Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, ideas, or support for our residents. RBH Resident Service Coordinator Rachel.litalien@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 202. Our Property Manager, Lucie Bilodeau, can be reached at lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 203.

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Young At Heart

Young at Heart welcomed Melissa Moore , local resident, and author of the book, Land of Low Hills: Loudon New Hampshire: The first 250 years, 1773-2023. Melissa shared stories that were collected from Loudon residents who shared memories about the history of Loudon. We learned about the many (20 plus) lumber mills that operated in the 1920's that were a major source of income. Loudon also had a booming tourism business and many residents opened their homes (Maple Farm, Grand View House) to guests during the busy tourist season.

The two Grange Halls in Loudon served the community as gathering places for the residents. School graduations were also held at the Grange. One of the Grange Halls was dismantled and reconstructed and is currently located at the Sanborn Mills farm. We learned about the Jones Kiln along route 106 that was dismantled in 1963.

We learned about the rich history of Loudon, about the Social Libraries and the history of the Maxfield Public Library which opened in 1909. There was a debate society in the mid 1800's and one of the topics for debate was "Has the republic of the United States arisen to its greatest Glory"?

Melissa gave a wonderful presentation about the history of Loudon. More information is available at Loudon Historical Society.

The March 12th meeting will be a presentation by the Granite VNA – A Healthy Life for Me – Simple strategies to assist you in staying healthy and feeling your best at any age.

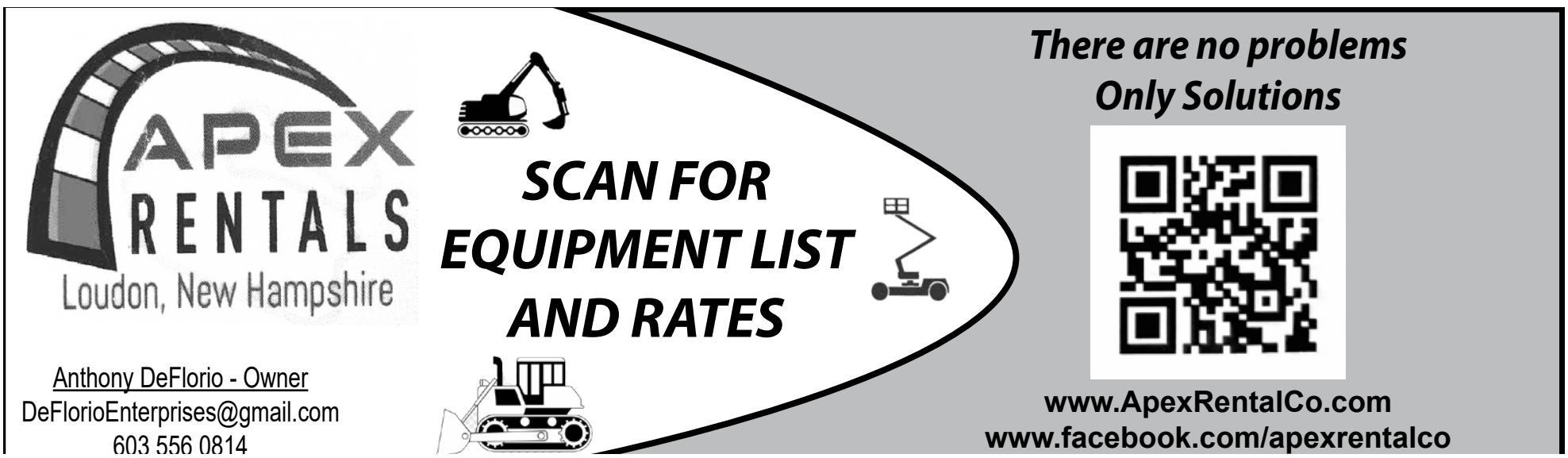
At the April meeting (date TBD) there will be a luncheon at the Lakes Region Community College.

The May 14th meeting will feature Sheryl Faye Productions – Historical Women, - Helen Keller.

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

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.

See you all next month and until then stay safe and remember we always take donations for the Loudon Food Pantry and will also collect plastic bags for recycling!!



Loudon Historical Society

by Liz LeBrun

March Already! New Hampshire Sugaring Weekend is March 16 and 17 so the Historical Society thought this was the perfect month to display our collection of sugaring items in the museum. Most of the items were given to us by Dean Wilber and are not used in today's modern sugaring operation.

The production of maple syrup began when early settlers tapped maple trees and hung wooden buckets under the taps to collect the drips. When sap began to flow after cold nights and warm days, the contents of each bucket had to be collected daily. A person had to tramp into the woods, often through deep snow and physically take the bucket off each tree to dump the contents into a gathering tank. The gathering tank was sitting on a sled drawn as close as possible to the site by horses or oxen. The gathering tank was then taken back to the sap house where the liquid was boiled down to syrup over a wood fire. The syrup was put into tin cans, glass bottles or even plastic containers common today. It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup. The process required a lot of time and hard work so naturally producers were always trying to streamline the process. Horses, oxen and a sled were soon replaced with tractors. The wooden buckets were replaced by plastic or galvanized buckets more resistant to deterioration from the elements. Engineers constructed systems of wooden troughs or even wooden tubing to transport the sap closer to the sap house. These systems were not efficient and quickly became unusable. Finally in the early 1950's, the plastic tubing used today was determined to work well. The tubing could be left in place all year and resisted the elements. The flow of sap through the tubing systems depended on gravity but in 1973, in Quebec, vacuums were added. In many areas today, we see the tubing running between trees to bring the sap to a gathering tank in or near the sap house.

On Maple Weekend you may see the sap boiling, you may sample the end product and you may even see some of the taps, pails and packaging used in the past. Dean Wilber's Mapletree Farm began as a family business in 1975. He noted in a 2022 interview for New Hampshire Magazine that he did not use vacuum machines in his operation. We invite you to visit the Historical Society Museum during March to see a filter for syrup, assorted spiles, a wooden sap bucket, a large gathering tank, a bucket scraper, a sugarhouse sign from Maple Lane Products and various other collectables. The most fascinating piece is a handmade tin gallon can with the name Clarence W. Bachelder on the label.

Unfortunately the museum will not be open on Sugaring Weekend because of other commitments. You will see us March 16 at Town Meeting selling Loudon Town History books for $25 and Historical Society calendars for $10 (cash or check for both). This special sugaring display may be viewed at the museum on March 6 and March 20 from 1-3 pm, on Wednesday March 13 when we are having our monthly business meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and on Sunday March 24 from 1-3 when we will also be displaying the time capsule contents. For questions, call the Historical Society at (603) 798-4541 (leave a message) or e-mail us at Loudonhistory@gmail.com.

Exciting Public Events at the Historical Society Museum !!!

· March 24 1-3pm

Contents of the 1976 time capsule will be on public display at Charlie's Barn

· April 3 6:30 pm

Program Topic: New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and their impact on American Society

Speaker: Paul Wainwright

Free admission

A program made possible by the NH Humanities to Go program.

Maxfield Public Library

Tuesday: 10-7, Wednesday: 10-5, Thursday: 10-7
Friday: 10-5, Saturday: 10-2 CONTACT: efay@maxfieldlibrary.org

"March came in that winter like the meekest and mildest of lambs, bringing days that were crisp and golden and tingling, each followed by a frosty pink twilight which gradually lost itself in an elfland of moonshine."

-L.M. Montgomery

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 Friday, March 29th at 6:00pm.

BACH FLOWER REMEDIES Join us on March 27th at 12pm to learn about how Bach Flower essences can help support emotional health & wellness. Laurie Frazier will present and share with you her experiences with the essences/remedies, how they were founded and created by Dr. Edward Bach, how they work, and how they can help you. During the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to take an assessment, ask questions, and if you'd like, for a small fee, make your own personal mix to take away for new year support! Laurie Frazier is a Bach Foundation Registered Practitioner and has been using Bach Flower essences for over 3 decades, personally & professionally. To learn more, please visit: https://aha.massagetherapy.com/bach-flower-support

STARRY MESSENGER The Starry Messenger, presented by Michael Francis, is a dramatic fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." Galileo (dressed in 17th-century costume) arrives to present a public lecture on his most recent discoveries made using his newly-devised spyglass. As he describes those discoveries, Galileo's new method of observation and measurement of nature become apparent. This event will be on March 26th at 6pm.

PLANT SWAP We will be holding a Plant Swap again this year on March 12th, and it's time to start getting ready! If you plan to have plant babies ready to swap, now is the time to propagate! There will be a plant talk with Penumbra at 6pm on March 12th.

COOKBOOK CLUB Every second Saturday of the month, our Cookbook Club will meet to share food and fun! This group chooses a cookbook to peruse, and encourages everyone to bring a dish to share at the monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on March 9th at 12pm.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB The next Afternoon Book Club will be on March 28th at 12:30pm to discuss My Dear Hamilton. The Island of Sea Women will be discussed at the April meeting.

EVENING BOOK CLUB The next Evening Book Club will be on March 28th at 6:30pm to discuss The Lost Girls of Willowbrook. A History of the NH Abenaki will be discussed at the April meeting.

THRILLER BOOK CLUB The next Thriller Book Club will be on March 7th at 6:30pm to discuss Wrong Place, Wrong Time. The It Girl will be discussed at the April Meeting.

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Alicia, at this point we are very pleased with the roof project. Very professional installers and supervisors. They did a great job under rather tough weather conditions of extremely high humidity and temperature. The project took 3 days to complete, and job clean up each night was excellent. The installers were just incredible -took care of the property like it was their own and your supervisor came by at the end of each day to inspect the progress and actually the last day needed to bring some additional material for the metal roof portion which turned out nice and looks really good. You can feel free to post this anywhere you would like as feedback to you and your company, and we would recommend your organization to anyone moving forward for roof work.

Thanks again and wait to hear back from you.
Jim

What's Cookin'?

Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton

It is that time of year again - one of my favorites. The sap is running and folks are making that pure NH gold. Be sure to buy yours locally

Maple Bran Muffins
Mix well in medium bowl:
1 cup sour cream
1 cup NH maple syrup
2 eggs

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

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

Maple Pecan Sweet Potato Bake
2 lbs. sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced
5 T. minced scallions
1 tsp. minced fresh thyme
½ tsp. salt
1 cup chicken broth
¼ cup plus 1 T. maple syrup
1 cup fresh breadcrumbs
2 t. butter, melted
½ cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Coat 2 quart baking dish with cooking spray. Layer half of potatoes in dish. Sprinkle with 2 T. scallions, thyme and ¼ tsp. salt. Repeat layering with remaining potatoes, 2T. scallions and remaining salt. Mix broth and ¼ cup maple syrup; pour over potatoes. Cover and bake 30-40 min. Mix breadcrumbs, pecans and butter. Stir in remaining scallions and syrup. Uncover dish and sprinkle with crumb mixture. Bake until potatoes are tender and topping is brown, about 15 min.

Maple, Onion and Apple Smothered Pork Chops
6 bone-in pork chops
Sea salt - Black pepper
3 T. vegetable oil
5 medium size onions, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
4-5 sprigs fresh thyme
2 bay leaves
1 ½ cups apple cider
3 cups chicken broth
¼ cup maple syrup
3 firm apples, peeled, cored and cut into 8 wedges
juice of one lemon

Pat chops dry with paper towel. Season on both sides with salt and pepper. In large saute pan with lid, over medium high heat, add chops and brown on both sides. Remove to plate. Lower heat to medium and add onions. Stir often, cooking until softened and browned around the edges, about 5 min. Stir in garlic, thyme and bay leaves; cook until fragrant, about 1 min. Add apple cider, chicken broth and maple syrup, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pan, and bring to a boil. Lower to a simmer. Stir in apples. Return chops to pan, nestling them into onions and apples. Cover and cook about 15 min. (Pork will be cooked through and tender.) Arrange chops on serving plate. In pan, remove thyme stems and bay leaves. Raise heat and cook until sauce thickens, about 5 min. Add lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper. Pour sauce on chops to serve.

Maple Glazed Parsnips
You'll want to save this recipe until the fresh parsnips are available in about a month.

12-15 medium parsnips, peeled and cut into 2 "chunks
2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
1 tsp. salt / ½ tsp fresh ground pepper
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
2 T. unsalted butter
3 T. pure maple syrup

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place parsnips on baking sheet; drizzle with oil and season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Dot butter over parsnips and roast 20 min. Drizzle maple syrup over to, roll parsnips around a bit and roast for another 15 to 20 min. or until golden brown and tender.

Maple Pecan Squares
1 ½ cups flour
¼ cup brown sugar
½ cup margarine
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 cup maple syrup
2 eggs, beaten
2 T. flour
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Combine flour, ¼ cup brown sugar and butter in a bowl. Mix with a fork until consistency of corn meal. Press into a 9x13 pan and bake 15 min. at 350 degrees. Combine 2/3 cup brown sugar, 1 cup maple syrup in a small sauce pan; simmer 5 min. Pour over beaten eggs slowly, stirring constantly. Stir in remaining ingredients except nuts. Pour over baked crust. Sprinkle with nuts and bake at 350 degrees 20-30 min. Cool in pan before cutting.

Maple Pudding Cake
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 whipped cream or ice cream

Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder and milk. Pour into a greased 8x8" pan. Combine the maple syrup, water and butter in small sauce pan. Heat until butter melts. Pour warm sauce over cake batter. DO NOT STIR. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 min. Serve warm with choice of topping. Serves 9.

Loudon Lions Club

At the early February Loudon Lions Club meeting at the Loudon Legion Building, local Lion Mike Moffett (left) was presented a ten-year membership pin by former club president Vince Giambalvo. Also, club members voted tod to direct proceeds from the Christmas Memory Tree project to four local organizations: Loudon Boy Scouts, Loudon Girl Scouts, Concord's Friendly Kitchen, and the Loudon Elementary School Lunch Program. Through a special Lions' initiative, the club will also help provide solar cookers for the needy in Kenya

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If you are interested in signing up to donate blood, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or contact Janice Morin at 603-798-5521 during regular business hours if you are interested or have questions or need assistance in signing up.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY:

Drug Take Back Day will be returning on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Loudon Police Department. Vape pens and e-cigarettes are accepted if the batteries are removed.

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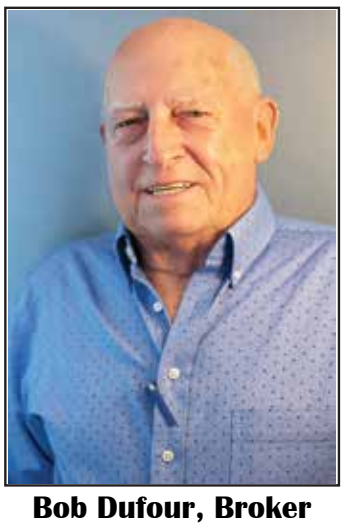

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PUZZLE FRIDAYS We have a dedicated group that meets every Friday at 2:00pm to complete large puzzles. Come down to meet new friends and try to fit a piece or two!

WATERCOLOR PAINTING This beginner level watercolor program encourages us to learn together. Drop in on Tuesdays at 12:30pm to try simple, yet beautiful paintings with us. You do not need to register or bring any supplies.

SIT AND STITCH Join this group of fantastic ladies each Wednesday at 2pm, for knitting or other stitchwork, socializing, or working on puzzles. Bring your own project to work on while you chat!

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS:Happy March! You don't need the luck of the Irish to get connected with our services! Come visit us and see everything we have to offer!

STORY TIME: Storytime is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am downstairs in the children's room! We have been reading books about counting, Valentines Day, libraries, animals that hibernate, and fairy tale creatures! Come read, sing, and craft with us!

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 register! This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday March 12th at 5:30 pm .

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Music and movement is an early literacy program for littles. We sing, read, dance, use instruments, and have fun! This event happens on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 am.

KIDS LEGO BUILD CLUB: This program is on Thursdays at 3:30 pm! Come build Lego creations with us!

READ TO A DOG:.Sign up to read to Jedi! Children will gain confidence while reading aloud. Read to Jedi, an American Kennel Club Certified Canine Good Citizen. Children who register will have a 15 minute session. Email cfinemore@maxfieldlibrary.org or call 603-798-5153 to register. This event will be happening on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm-4:15 pm.

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This month we have included two puzzles - the one on the left is an easy puzzle for those of you just starting out. The one on the right is hard for those of you looking for a challenge. Answer keys can be found on Page 24

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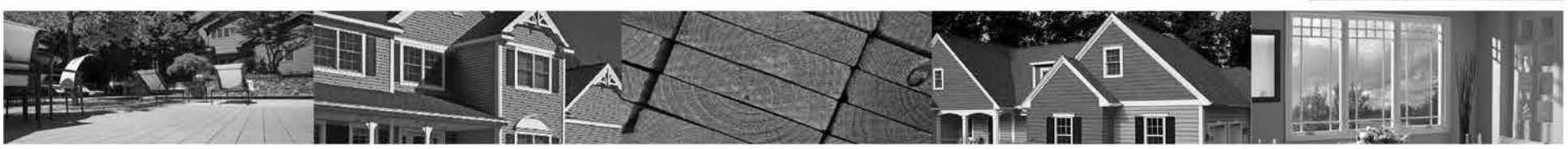

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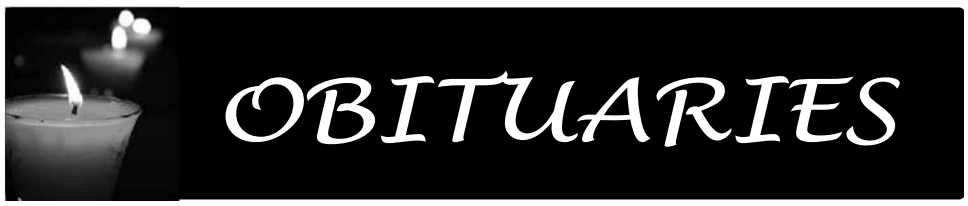


Mark Thomas Banks

Mark Thomas Banks, 62, of Loudon, NH: The Adventurer, The Mentor, The Legend Mark Thomas Banks, known as the unofficial mayor of Loudon, NH, embarked on his eternal sunset ride on Saturday, January 20th, marking his final grand exit from life's stage. He leaves behind his better half, Sandy Banks, who bravely endured 27 years by his side, his beloved motorcycle, the cofounding of the 9th in the Union riding club, and a collection of dive bar coasters that could rival any museum. Born in Germany and raised in Rochester, NH, Mark epitomized the essence of New Hampshire – envision maple syrup flowing in his veins and "Live Free or Die" etched on his heart. A basketball prodigy, he could've set scoring records at the University of NH, but he chose the thrill of freedom over textbook theories. Instead, he became an all-star in life, mentoring every nephew and niece in the art of being awesome. Mark's Christmas family adventures were the stuff of legend. He could turn a simple zip-lining trip into an action movie scene. Picture flying through snow covered tree tops at 60 MPH. While thinking to yourself - what an epic way to die, and needing to change your underwear soon after. If you're not peeing in your shorts every once in a while you're not living. Family trips were their own saga of adventure - from snow biking and white water river rafting to quad off-roading and horse-drawn sleigh rides, all capped off at the Heritage Farm pancake house with the finest pancakes anyone could dream of. In one word: unforgettable. And then there was Mark's other great love, his dogs. Dakota, a dog who defied logic. Dakota's strength was the stuff of legends, effortlessly carrying trees as though they were mere sticks, yet a buzzing fly could send him into the fastest retreat in the West. Mark, along with everyone who knew Dakota, found endless amusement in this. And Now, they are reunited, along with JD and DJ - two of the best German shorthair dogs ever. Mark was the life of every party – and we mean every party. Whether convincing a crowd to start dancing on tables or transforming the everyday into everlasting memories, Mark was the man for the job. Tough as nails but with a heart larger than his biceps, he was the ideal mentor, always offering advice with a twinkle in his eye and a knowing smile. Mark, in every role he embraced – as a husband, brother, uncle, and life's spontaneous comedian – left an impact as striking and unforgettable as a fireworks display in a library. His guiding principle in life was as vibrant as his personality: Live each moment as if you're the star of a blockbuster, laugh as if the world is your audience, and approach each new adventure as if it's the grand finale everyone's been waiting for. As Mark ventures on to his next grand adventure, we remember him not just for the life he lived, but for the lives he touched. His laughter, his energy, and his unwavering zest for life will be deeply missed but never forgotten. We celebrate a man whose legacy is not one of sadness, but of joy, a reminder to embrace every day with a smile and a sense of adventure. So, as Mark takes his final ride into the sunset, we know he's looking down on us, urging us to keep the party going.

Roland W. Bowie Sr.

Roland W. Bowie Sr. of Weare left this earth on February 1 st , 2024 after a long illness.He was born in Goffstown on January 17, 1951 to James B. and Doris (Fanthorpe) Bowie. As a young Vietnam vet receiving the Purple Heart Medal, Roland returned home to work at the Rumford Press, Concord Lumber, and was later the proud owner

of Weare Paving and Construction since 1984. He was a hard-working man who loved his family, his dog Nika, his country and his friends especially Skip, Joe, Ed B., Wade, Rodney, John and Clark. He loved to help others- 24/7 he was always there when needed. Roland had a sparkle of fun in his beautiful blue eyes and was always looking to pull a great prank or make someone laugh. He was a member and former commander of the American Legion Post #65 in Weare, NH. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing, his 64 Ford Galaxy, his bike, scratch tickets, and his morning Dunkin' Run with his beloved dog Nika. Above all, his family was his greatest joy. Roland is survived by his wife Stephanie (Chesley) Bowie, his children: Roland Jr. of Franklin, Tara Marcotte of NY, Joseph of Tilton and his daughter-in-law Michelle of Weare, his grandchildren: Michael, Kayla, Kierra, Roland III, Justin, Hunter and James, and three great-grandchildren: William, Sage and Mila. He is also survived by his brothers Ralph and James Jr. of Maine, sister Jamie of Florida, brother-in-law Dennis and his wife Mary Beth of Ossipee, and sisters-in-laws Jackie of Florida, Tammy of Barnstead and Melanie of Loudon as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Roland was predeceased by his parents, his sister Carole & her husband Al, his brother Phil and brothers-in-law Ron, Jeremy and Patrick.

Jean Dockray (Carr)

Jean Dockray (Carr) of Loudon, NH, 64, passed away on January 17th 2024 peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones after a courageous 3-year battle with Glioblastoma. She was born in Stoneham, MA on January 24th, 1959 to Claire B. Dockray (Donovan) and John E. Dockray of Tewksbury, MA. She was also predeceased by her father-in-law John P. Carr II. Jeanie is survived by her three children and their families: Johnny, Carolyn, Charlotte, and Owen Carr of Loudon; Jennie, Keith, and Emersyn of Canterbury; Jill Carr and their beloved dog Ellie of Loudon; her four sisters and their husbands: Diane and Peter Hallahan of Haverhill, MA; Michele and Harvey Sullivan of Tewskbury, MA; Marie and Cris Cole of Bluffton, SC; Allison and Tim Otis of Litchfield, NH; her Mother-in-Law Joan Carr of York, ME; her four brothers-in-law and their wives of York, ME; Jim and Jeanne Carr, Joe and Kate Carr, Jerry and Sandi Carr, and Jeff and Vicki Carr; and her many, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Jeanie grew up in Tewksbury, MA and attended high school there where she was a majorette with her best friend, Peggi Sawicki (Brothers). They remained best friends and shared many wonderful adventures together, up into her final days. This friendship is a true testament to how devoted Jeanie was to her relationships with friends and family. Upon getting married in 1982, she moved to NH with her former husband, where she raised her family, devoting herself entirely to being an incredible Mom. She was an active member of St. Marks Church for many years where she walked to mass with her kids each Sunday. In 2000 she moved to Canterbury, NH where she was involved with all activities her kids were interested in. She was active in the local snowmobile club, helping regularly with fund-raising events. Later in life she worked as an office manager at K&M Drywall, and then as an office manager for Energy Improvements in Concord, NH before retiring early due to her diagnosis. Jeanie was the epitome of class and dedication and was always incredibly hard-working in every aspect of life. She was kind and friendly to all who had the opportunity to know her.

Lois "Sandra" Higman

Sandra Higman graced our world with her selfless, unconditional love for 83 years. She left us January 14th at Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord due to complications from colon cancer. Sandra was born March 3, 1940 in the home of her parents Louis and Marguarite Morrison in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia Canada. She was the fourth of six children. Her childhood was spent near the ocean where her family lived. Upon graduating high school in Sydney, NS she moved to Halifax, NS to attend secretarial school and graduated as a clerk / stenographer / typist. Sandra had an urge to travel, so she enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force as an office clerk, attaining the rank of Leading Air Woman. After a couple of assignments in Canada, she was transferred to Metz, France. There she met a US soldier, Frederick C Higman. He fell in love with her the first time he saw her. It took him a couple weeks to convince her to go on a date. A year later , June 22, 1963 they were married , and spent the next 60 years together. Fred's military career took them to the US, with many relocations. Fred was deployed to Vietnam, and Sandra stayed home with two children. By the time they were married 10 years, they had four children. Sandra was a devoted mother to her children, teaching them to to love, learn, and laugh and care for each other. When the children were grown, Sandra was employed by Fern's Oil Co., and Carlson's Auto Sales as an office clerk. She and Fred were involved with their church for over 40 years. Sandra and Fred attended Zion Ministerial Institute together for two years. Upon graduation in 2001, both received The Diploma of Ministry. They were called to be Missionaries, and located to Ghana, West Africa for two years. Upon their retirement, they settled in Pembroke.

Sandra is survived by the love of her life, Frederick C Higman of Pembroke, and her four children. Son Geoffrey and Ronda Higman of Loudon. Their daughter Hillary and Aaron Garofalo and children Theo and Griffin Garofalo of Laconia. Their son Benjamin and Michelle Higman of Loudon. Their son Daniel and Emily Higman and daughter Daisy Higman of Somersworth. Son Christopher Higman of Concord. Daughter Anita Higman of Concord, her daughter Abigail Lynch and fiance Gabe Young of Manchester. Daughter Sybil Higman Desilets and her husband Mike, their children Lillian Vezina and Jacob Desilets of Concord.

Jerome J. Lagace

Jerome J. Lagace, 82, a former resident of Gilford and Concord, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 26, 2024 at The Golden Crest in Franklin, where he had been a resident since September of 2022. He was born in New Brunswick, Canada on January 2, 1942 the son of the late Gabriel and Antoinette (Caron) Lagace. Jerome was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire where he earned his Bachelor's degree. He was employed by New Hampshire Ball Bearing in Laconia for 34 years, retiring as a Master Scheduler. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, horses and spending time with his grandchildren. He also loved to go to the ocean and spend time on the beach. He is survived by his wife of 60 years; Colombe R. (LeBlanc) Lagace of Franklin, his three sons; John Lagace and his wife Cary of Clearwater, Florida, James Lagace and his wife Amber of Loudon, NH and Michael Lagace and his wife Samantha of Keene, NH and his seven grandchildren; Samantha Roddy and her husband Curtis, Andrew; Clinton and his wife Sydney, Cameron, Connor; Gabriel and Amber Lagace and their mother Song. He is also survived by his two sisters; Susan Ouellette and her husband Raymond of Bristol, CT and Mary Anne Skelly and her husband Don of Feeding Hills, MA and his three brothers; Gerard Lagace and his wife Carol of Florida, Gerald of Bristol, CT, Norman Lagace and his wife Sue of Bristol, CT and many nieces and nephews.

Greg Major

Greg Major cast his shorelines and set sail for the heavenly seas on January 21, 2024. He was born to Sally-Ann (Perrin) Major and Lawrence R Major Sr in Lewiston, Maine on June 16, 1964. At the age of 6, Greg's family made the move to Pelham, NH. Greg attended the Pelham school system from first through eighth grades. He was a youth athlete, playing baseball, football, floor hockey, and basketball. His family loved winter activities of skiing, sledding and pond hockey. Greg graduated from Alvirne High School in the neighboring town of Hudson, NH in 1982. Consistent with his lifelong love of animals, Greg was an active member of the Future Farmers of America while at Alvirne HS.

Following high school, Greg joined the United States Navy Construction Battalion (the "Sea Bees") as a heavy equipment mechanic. Greg served aboard the USS Spartanburg County (LST-1192), a Newport class tank landing ship stationed at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, VA. LST-1192 toured the Mediterranean from January to August 1985 following a time of anti-American protest resulting in the bombing of the US Embassy in Beirut in 1983. Greg was Honorably Discharged Petty Officer Third Class from the US Navy in 1986.

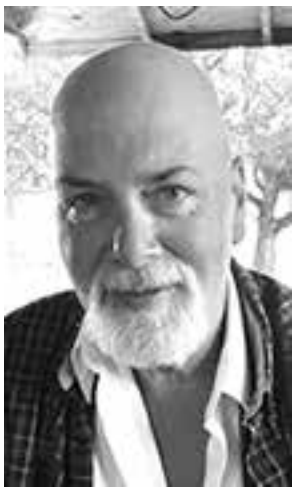
While in the Navy, on December 12, 1985, Greg was involved in a tragic motorcycle accident in Norfolk, VA. He suffered a traumatic brain injury and spent months in coma at Norfolk General Hospital. Flown home by military air ambulance, Greg began his recovery at Northeast Rehab in Salem, NH. Greg suffered from the injuries of his accident for the remaining 39 years of his life. Greg was a brave and courageous man to the very end. His life was full of challenges, and he stared each one in the eye and took them on with grace and incredible strength. Throughout those 39 years, Greg brought humor, laughs, and outright mischief to each and every day. He enjoyed music and playing percussion instruments. He participated in sit-skiing and surfing with his Wounded Warrior colleagues. His favorite activity was bringing a smile and laugh to anyone he met. He loved people and was extremely social. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Greg said "for my sense of humor". He definitely nailed that!

Greg had many friends and whenever he was hospitalized, the staffs were amazed at the number of visitors that showed up for Greg. But they very quickly came to understand why that was. You just couldn't help but love him and his wit. You came to admire him and his positive energy in the face of the challenges of his life. Many of us had special nicknames for Greg but his grandmother's was "Precious" and he truly was!

Greg's passing was the result of influenza that escalated to pneumonia. In a final act of generosity, Greg donated his brain to the Harvard Brain Tissue Research Center. His other organs were unavailable for donation, although it was his plan to do so for others.

Greg is survived by his parents Larry and Sally-Ann Major, Sr of Pelham, NH, his brother Larry Jr and partner Julie Stone of Loudon, NH, his sister Nicole Major of Pelham, NH, his sister Pheap (Poy) Kielpinski and brother-in-law Joe Kielpinski of Revere, MA. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and countless friends.

Michael John Minery



Michael John Minery, age 67 of Denmark, passed away on Saturday January 27, 2024, at the Gosnell Hospice House, in Scarborough with his sister Cindy, son Jeremy and companion Lynn by his side. He was born February 18, 1956, in Concord, New Hampshire, son of Allan and Shirley (Hunt) Minery.

Michael was a man of many talents and a jack-of-all-trades. He was known for his exceptional skill in the construction industry and ran his own excavation company. His early years were spent growing up on a farm on Minery Road (named by his grandfather). This is where Michael developed a deep love for the outdoors and nature. From a young age, Michael was interested in dismantling and reconstructing things and would often be found tinkering around with anything he could find, like the time he transformed his sister Cindy's bicycle into a go-cart. He loved to work with his hands and learned the value of working hard and utilizing what he had. This ingenuity and resourcefulness stayed with him throughout his life.

Michael faced life's challenges head-on and with resilience. When life knocked him down, he always found a way to get back up. He was a fighter to the core and never gave up on what he believed in. Michael lived life fully and loved unconditionally.

Mike found joy in the simple things in life. He loved spending long days at the beach, going deep sea fishing, and sharing laughs with family and friends.

Whether it was basking in the sun at the beach, casting a line while fishing, or gliding across the lake on his kayak or paddleboard, he loved the outdoors and Mother Nature. Nature loved Mike as well as he was an avid gardener and could grow many things. He could tell you all kinds of things about the different plants and flowers. His gardens were something else and If you were lucky enough to see one you wouldn't be going home empty handed. Mike also loved hunting. There wasn't a grassy field that escaped Mike's watchful eye.

Florida held a special place in his heart, and he made it a point to visit there as often as he could. He loved going shrimping with his brother Alan. One of his greatest joys was riding his Harley Davidson, a symbol of his free spirit and love for the open road.

Above all else, Michael cherished his children, Jeremy, Allie, and Kalie Minery. They were the light of his life, and he took great pride in being their father. His love extended to his grandchildren who held a special place in his heart. Through them, his legacy lives on.

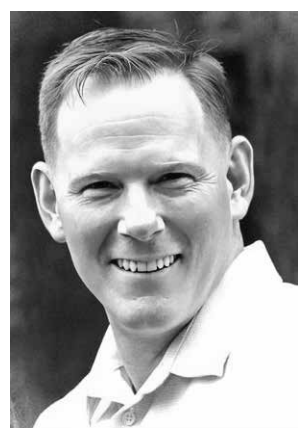
Michael's passing leaves a void in the lives of all who knew and loved him. He will be remembered for his kind heart, his love for his family, and his passion for the outdoors. He will always be an inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to have crossed paths with him.

He was predeceased by his parents Allan C. Minery Sr. and Shirley (Hunt) Minery. His nephew David Guy and niece Dawn Minery.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving family: his son Jeremy Minery and his wife Caren, daughters Allie and Kalie Minery, his 5 grandchildren, Aspen, Lucas, Cynthia,

Phoebe and Samuel Minery, his 4 siblings, Allan C. Minery Jr, Jean Fiske, Cindy DeMeritt, and Kimberly Guy, along with a plethora of nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

Christopher Meriner Rackliff



Christopher Meriner Rackliff, 48, of Loudon, passed away on Saturday, February 10, 2024. He lived with Cancer for three years and took his last breath at home, surrounded by his family. He was predeceased by his father, Robert Rackliff and brother, Tony Flanagan. He left behind his wife, Kristi-Lyn, his daughter, Alexia Ann Lorraine, and sons, Logan and Trenton. In addition, his grandparents, Robert and Theresa Carey, his mother, Diane Casale, his sister, Amy Wood, his nephews, Nicholas DelGiudice and Ryan Wood, his niece, Kryslin Stearns, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss him dearly. He unabashedly and undeniably loved his wife and their family. Date nights, vacations, movie nights and all sports events ~ he was there ~ Coaching or Cheering! There will be a hole in so many hearts that will not be able to be filled, as Chris was a one-of-a-kind, special person, who shared his love freely. There is a celebration of Chris's life on Saturday, February 17th, 2024 from 10am - 11am at The Roan Family Funeral Home - Still Oaks Funeral & Memorial Home, 1217 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom. A service will follow at 11am at the funeral home. There will be no burial. Donations may be made to CaringforaCure.org or St. Jude's as both were close to his heart.

OBITUARIES

Richard "Dickie" G. Wright, Sr

Richard "Dickie" G. Wright, Sr., of Concord, New Hampshire, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Concord Hospital after a long illness. Born August 19, 1942 in Sommerville, Massachusetts to James A. Wright and Gretchen (Woodhams) Wright. Dickie (as he was known to his friends and family) moved to Penacook, New Hampshire at the age of 11. He attended Penacook High School and was a longtime member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 31, Penacook, New Hampshire. Dickie was predeceased by his parents, his brother, James S. Wright, Sr. and his nephew, Michael A. Durgin. Dickie was am extremely talented man. There was very little he could not do. He was an amazing artist, whether it be lettering a sign, a truck, billboard, the Concord Police Department's vehicles, etc., or freehand pin striping, his artistic abilities were endless. He was also a musician; he could pick up most any instrument and play it like it was second nature. He was a bass guitarist and singer with the Franklin Falls Junction Band and several other bands. His earlier musical endeavor included the Drum and Bugle Corps. with his dad, "Pop", as a snare drum player for the Concord VFW Post 1631. His cooking skills were well above par and one of his many loves. He was known for his quick wit, a joke, magic tricks, made up songs and stories that would make people laugh until they were crying. Dickie is survived by his wife, Sandie L. Wright, his sisters, Gretchen (Wright) Muzzey and her husband, Dana, of Loudon, Leslie P. (Wright) Durgin and her husband, Richard, of Penacook, and his brother Stephen D. Wright and his wife, Sandi of Keystone Heights, Florida. His children, Richard G. Wright, Jr., of Kennewick, Washington, Steven D. Wright, of Concord, New Hampshire and Dyann L. (Wright) Farrin of Penacook, New Hampshire. His grandchildren, Melissa B. Wright, Christopher C. Wilson, Amber L. Gelinas, Joshua J. Wright,

Jessica M. Wright, Jayden N. Wright and Tanner K. Wright and great grandchildren, Mason A. Poliquin and Anders C. Chiricosta and several nieces and nephews.

Beverly Ann Rafferty

Beverly Ann Rafferty, 71, of Loudon, went to be with the Lord on December 28, 2023. Beverly was proudly born at her home on November 7, 1952 in Chichester and was the daughter of the late William and Luella (Hood) Frost.

Beverly graduated in 1970 from Merrimack Valley High school and married the love of her life, Michael, on December 3, 1977. As a child, she was a member of the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church and, most recently, a member of the Loudon Congregational Church. Beverly loved the Lord and enjoyed playing the organ at both churches. She was a member of TOPS and enjoyed the holidays with her family, music of all kind, playing cards, gardening, canning and spending time relaxing with her gardening hat on the riding lawn mower. She also loved sitting on her front porch doing crossword puzzles.

In addition to her husband of 46 years, Beverly is survived by her daughter: April Stinson and her husband Dennis; her sister: Diana Muzzey and her husband the Rev. Harold; her two grandchildren: Cory Laflamme and his wife Josie Marshall, Cadilyn Lemay and her wife Taylor; one great grandchild: Raine Mable Lemay; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her two brothers: Henry and Kenneth.

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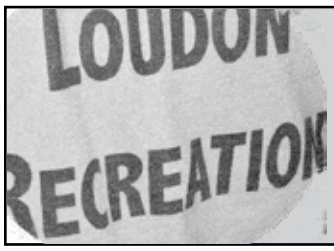


Loudon Recreation

Recreation Committee Petitioned Playground Article

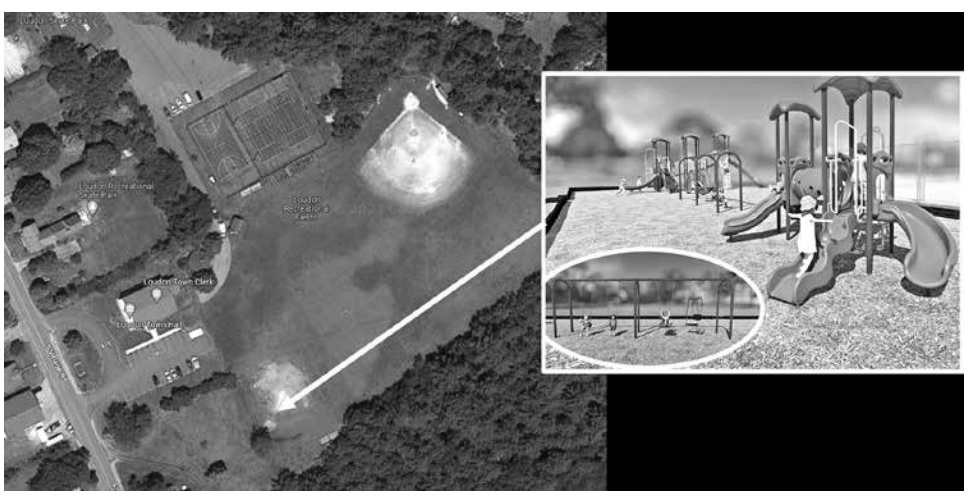
For a number of years Loudon residents have asked the town to provide an age-appropriate playground area for children at the Recreation Fields.

Over the last year and a half, the Playground Subcommittee has worked with local developers, designers, and community stakeholders to discuss programming needs, explore equipment options, and address budgetary constraints. Ultimately, the subcommittee settled on a plan that would include climbing structures, swings, tunnels, slides and play stations to accommodate 20-40 children at a time. The design is intended to address the diverse needs of children of all ages and abilities.

The Selectmen and town ARPA Committee agreed to commit $50,000 of ARPA funds for the project. Additionally, a grant from the equipment provider will cover roughly half the cost of the playground equipment itself. That amount, however, is not sufficient to cover initial groundwork needs, shipping, installation, safety fencing and ground covering that must be placed beneath the proposed structure in order to meet the latest New Hampshire legislative requirements for new playground construction.

Although the Selectmen did not oppose the request for additional funding, they indicated that the Recreation Committee would have to petition to have the appropriation request included in the warrant. As a result, the Recreation Committee submitted a petition for the town to raise and appropriate an additional $95,000 for construction of the playground.

The petitioned article will be subject to a vote at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024, so the choice is yours. The meeting, which will be held at Loudon Elementary School, will begin at 9:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to attend. Photos will be available for viewing at Town Meeting and can also be found on the Recreation Committee's Facebook page. We are happy to answer any questions you might have and provide more information about the project. We also welcome anyone who might like to volunteer to join the committee.



Loudon Elementary School PTA

Happy March from the LES PTA!

On February 16th, the PTA hosted the Valentine's Day Dance. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us. Special thank you to DJ Manolo for spinning great tunes for dancing. Earlier in the day the LES students enjoyed the snack cart with yummy snacks and stickers.

Hippity-hoppity, Easter's on its way! Annual PTA Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30th with specific age groups scheduled for different times at the LES Playground starting at 10:00 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be making a special appearance along with golden egg special prizes. Keep an eye out for additional information on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Happenings

Monday, March 18, 2024 – Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – Easter Egg Hunt (event start time 10:00 a.m.)

Week of May 6, 2024 – Teacher Appreciation Week

Like us on Facebook (Loudon Elementary PTA) and stay tuned for additional information in the weekly Smore's newsletter sent home with students weekly.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School media room for anyone interested in joining us.

LES PTA Members:

Jacquey Blanchette – President

Collette Flanders – Vice President

Emily Fiske – Secretary

Suzy Bean – Treasurer

Carolyn Carr – Deputy Treasurer

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More Than One Ton of Food Collected for Loudon Food Pantry, Nearly $34,000 Raised for Speedway Children's Charities

Attendees contributed to 2,342.9 pounds of food being collected for the Loudon Food Pantry and $33,755.50 being raised for the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities during the 13th annual Gift of Lights presented by Ambetter and Wellcare 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 and Wellcare during the holiday season. Nearly 2,000 meals were provided for those served by the Loudon Food Pantry and nearly $34,000 was raised for SCCNH.

Gift of Lights visitors received discounted admission on week nights when they brought at least three non-perishable food items to donate to the Loudon Food Pantry. These donations contributed to a total of 2,342.9 pounds of food, which will provide 1,952 meals.

"We thank Gift of Lights and all involved for their generosity." said Loudon Food Pantry President Sue Houck. "Receiving this donation will allow those in need to pay bills and still be able to feed their families."

Since Gift of Lights first started, food and monetary donations have allowed NHMS to donate nearly 105,000 pounds of food to the Loudon Food Pantry, which has provided nearly 98,000 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 $33,755.50, making this one of the largest SCCNH fundraisers annually. The funds raised will be combined with proceeds from other 2024 SCCNH events and be distributed through grants to local nonprofits in December. As the official charity of the speedway, SCCNH has raised more than $451,000 from Gift of Lights since 2011 and has distributed more than $2.25 million supporting more than 1.4 million children throughout the region since 2009.

"The generosity of those who attend the Gift of Lights each year is truly amazing," said Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter Director Danielle Cyr. "This always gets our year of fundraising off to a strong start, and we look forward to raising even more funds throughout 2024 to help as many local kids in need as possible."

Gift of Lights presented by Ambetter and Wellcare, which has welcomed nearly 176,000 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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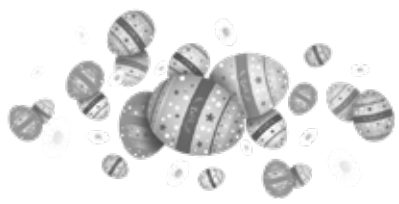
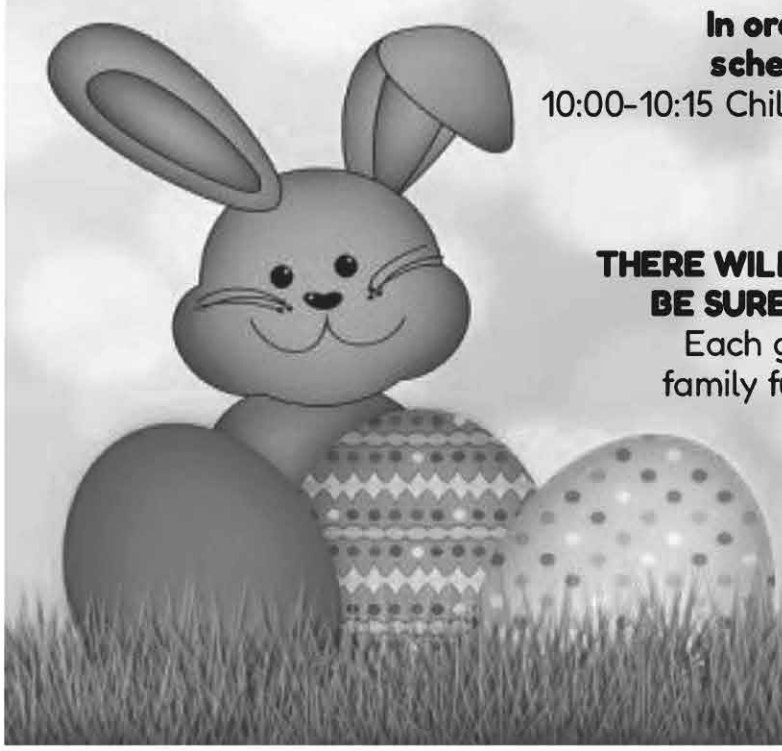


Loudon Elementary PTA Presents: The Annual PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2024
Time: *Please see the schedule below for specific age group times.*
Place: Loudon Elementary School Playground - 7039 School Street - Loudon NH



In order to keep things running smoothly, please follow the schedule below to find the time for your child's age group.
10:00-10:15 Children under age 5/K *This one will take place on the soccer fields
10:20-10:35 grades 1 & 2
10:35-10:50 Children in grades 3, 4, & 5

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM THE EASTER BUNNY SO BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CAMERA TO TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES :)
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Article 01 **To transact other business**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year.

Article 02 **Zoning Amendments**

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-01** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article II Section 204.3(N) by deleting the words in strikethrough, as follows:
Accessory buildings may be built before the dwelling provided that the applicant has a current ~~is on the~~ building permit ~~list. Adopted 2007~~

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-02** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 1. by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:
Forestry and tree farming, using Best Management Practices Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire ~~(April 1996)~~ (April 2016 and as amended).

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-03** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 2. by deleting the words in the strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:
Agriculture, including grazing, crop production and the construction of fences, using Best Management Practices for Agriculture ~~(July 1993--Amended September 1998)~~ (July 2017 and as amended) provided that such use does not cause significant increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-04** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 4. by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:
Conservation areas and nature trails using Best Management Practices for Erosion Control During Trail Maintenance and Construction ~~[1994 update 1996]~~ (January 2017 and as amended).

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-05** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article V Section 502.1 by adding as underlined, the bullet heading "L" as follows:
"L. Permitted minor home occupations include, but are not limited to the following:"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-06** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article V Section 502.1 11. by deleting the word in strikethrough and adding the word in underline, as follows:
"11. Family daycare home involving not more than ~~three~~ four children"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-07** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
amend Article V Section 502.2 11. by deleting the word in strikethrough and adding the word in underline, as follows:

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"Daycare facilities caring for more than ~~three~~ four children"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment 2024-08** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of "Kennel" to the definition section as follows:
"The establishment or domicile of any person who sells dogs at wholesale or retail; and, if retail, who sells or transfers 10 or more litters per year, or sells or transfers 50 or more puppies per year; or who derives 40 percent or more of gross annual income from the sale or transfer of dogs"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-09** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to add an Article V Section 505.2 A 5 as follows:
In granting a special exception, the Zoning Board shall impose a requirement that any new telecommunications tower will reserve a 12 (twelve) foot section of the top 50% (fifty percent) of the tower to be used by public safety telecommunications needs for the Town of Loudon in, and in addition, provide space in any auxiliary structure erected to house and provide a climate controlled constantly electrically powered area for public safety telecommunications equipment.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-10** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article V Section 502.2 by adding, as underlined, the bullet heading "I" as follows:
"I. Major home occupations requiring a special exception include but are not limited to the following:"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2024-11** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:
amend Article VII Section 701.3 (1) by adding the underlined words "Article V", as follows:
"The special exception is specifically authorized by Article II, Article III, or Article V of this Ordinance."

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment 2024-12** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend Article II by:
Creating section 201.5 and adding Zoning Map from CNHRPC.
Deleting existing maps.
Moving the Table of Dimensions after the updated map in 201.5.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment 2024-13** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Remove Section 507 in its entirety and
Replace with a new Section 507 as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program which will:
Add Zone AE
Amend definitions
Add a Regulatory Floodway

Article 03 **To purchase a police cruiser**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,500 for the purchase of a police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of $30,654 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of $29,846 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). The estimated tax impact is $0.05

Article 04 **To close Police Cruiser CRF**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This article is contingent on Article 3 passing. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 05 **To purchase Lunar Devices**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000 for the purchase of MSA Lunar devices and authorize the withdrawal of $20,000 from the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 06 **To replace doors & windows at Safety Complex**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,000 for the replacement of doors and windows at the Safety Complex and authorize the withdrawal of $45,000 from the Safety Complex Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 07 **To reclaim and pave Lesmerises Road**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $290,000 to reclaim and pave Lesmerises Road and authorize the withdrawal of $290,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

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Article 08 **To purchase a road tractor**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the purchase of a road tractor and authorize the withdrawal of $75,000 from the Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 09 **To purchase excavator and trailer**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150,000 for the purchase of a mini excavator with trailer and authorize the withdrawal of $150,000 from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 10 **Solar array at the Clough Hill Fire Station**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,575 to install a solar array at the Clough Hill Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of $68,575 from the Alternative Energy Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 11 **Community Power**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Loudon Community Power plan, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Loudon Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary." The Selectmen recommend this article. There is no tax impact. Majority Vote Required.

Article 12 **Close Town History CRF**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Town History Capital Reserve fund created in 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). There is no tax impact.

Article 13 **Retiree Liabilities ETF**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Retirees Liabilities Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the payout of accruals at retirement and to raise and appropriate $25,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). The estimated tax impact is $0.04.

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Article 14 **To raise and appropriate for existing CRF's**

To see if the Town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,290,000 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds.
Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund $125,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund $200,000
Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund $200,000
Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund $350,000
Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund $100,000
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund $15,000
Alternative Energy Capital Reserve Fund $30,000
Town Garage Capital Reserve Fund $200,000
Safety Complex Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund $20,000
Town History Museum Capital Reserve Fund $50,000
The Selectmen recommend this article.
(Majority vote required).
Estimated tax impact is $1.79

Article 15 **To raise and appropriate for existing ETF's**

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 $0.20

Article 16 **Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,452,089 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required). The estimated tax impact is $8.92

Article 17 **To discontinue a section of old Wales Bridge Road**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, and relinquish all interest in, the portion of the afore-described Road as it leads from the southern boundary of Tax Map 11, Lot 35, running southerly along Tax Map 11, Lot 5 and along Tax Map 11, Lot 4 to the Soucook River edge. BY PETITION

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Article 18 **To discontinue a section of Old Wales Bridge Rd.**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and relinquish all interest in a 2nd portion of the same afore-described Road as it leads from the Soucook river edge in a southerly direction between Tax Map 11, Lot 4 and Tax Map 11, Lot 48 to Riverview Lane. BY PETITION

Article 19 **To purchase playground equipment.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $95,000 for the purchase of playground equipment to be installed at the recreation field on Recreation Drive. BY PETITION.

Article 20 **Paper ballot & hand counting**

Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices. This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance on all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Shall this article be passed, it shall be enacted by the Town of Loudon immediately. BY PETITION

Article 21 **To transact business**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Given under our hands and seal, this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2024
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 12, 2024
Time: 7:00am – 7:00pm
Location: Arthur Colby Safety Complex (Fire Station 1)
Details: Articles 01 - 02

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024
Time: 9:00am
Location: Loudon Elementary School
Details: Articles 03 - 21

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2024, 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
ROGER A. MAXFIELD	SELECTMAN	Roger A. Maxfield
Jeffrey C Miller	Selectman	Jeffrey C. Miller
JOHN A. STARRS	SELECTMAN	John Starrs

News From The Town Clerk's Office

Ashley Simonds

Loudon will hold town elections this month on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, from 7am - 7 pm. Elections will be held at the Arthur Colby Safety Complex, also known to Loudon citizens as the Loudon Fire Station. Please remember to enter the complex via Recreation Drive. There will be parking signs to inform you where to go when you enter.

Please notice the sample of Loudon's 2024 Town Election ballot. If you are unsure about candidates, and who they are, come to Candidates Night to meet them and ask questions. Candidates Night will be held on March 6 at the Town Office in the upstairs meeting room. This event begins at 6:00 P.M.

Town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 9:00 A.M at the Loudon Elementary School. Please bring your IDs with you for easy check-in with our ballot clerks.

It is also time to get boat, motorcycle, and trailer registrations out to renew!

Do you have a trailer or a motorcycle that you haven't put on the road in a few years and need to register it? Come in and see us! Provide us with an old registration and we can help produce a current one for you with the same plate if you have it!

As always, we look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Happy Spring to everyone!
Best Regards,
Ashley Simonds, Town Clerk/Theresa Chudoba, Deputy Town Clerk

Yoga for Adults
Beginner to Advanced Levels
14 Classes @ Loudon Elementary School Cafeteria
Monday and Thursday 6-7pm
March 4 - April 18, 2024
$120 Loudon Residents/$130 Non-Residents
Or
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Checks payable to Town of Loudon
please bring a mat
Please detach the form below and bring it to the first class!

Participant's Name:_____

Email address:_____

Contact phone:_____

Sponsored by:
Loudon Recreation Committee

I hereby give permission for the above named to participate in the Loudon Recreation Yoga Class held at LES. I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in this program. I further agree to release from liability, Loudon Recreation Committee, Town of Loudon, Merrimack Valley School District, and Instructors. Questions? Email Laurie at lcjaquith1@gmail.com

Participant signature: _____
Date:_____

For Official use only: amount paid_____ ck #_____ date received Winter Session 2024

SUDOKU PUZZLE KEY

6	8	5	3	1	7	4	9	2
4	9	1	6	5	2	7	3	8
2	7	3	8	9	4	5	6	1
9	4	6	1	3	5	8	2	7
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8	3	9	2	7	1	6	4	5

Answer Key to Easy Sodoku Puzzle

9	4	5	6	1	3	8	2	7
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Answer Key to Hard Sodoku Puzzle

Moderator Musings

Presidential Primary Wrap-up

Thank you for a successful primary! There were 157 same day registrants and we ended the day with 3,998 voters on the rolls. Our turnout was 62% - an excellent showing for Loudon.

Looking ahead

Please go to the “Election Information” folder under the Town Clerk on the town website to find new “Polling Place Campaigning / Electioneering Rules”. There are 8 rules with each referring to RSA 659:43 for their support in NH law. These rules were created in consultation with Richard Tracy, Chief Investigator in the Election Law Unit of the NH Attorney General’s Office. These rules will be posted in the electioneering area outside of the polling place.

March Town Elections

We are currently on schedule to begin using a new ballot tabulator approved at the 2023 town legislative session and purchased from the non-profit VotingWorks. The election officials chose VotingWorks primarily for two reasons: (1) the forward-thinking capabilities of the tabulator; and (2) the operating system software is “open-source”. What is “open-source” software? In the case of VotingWorks, the company intentionally posts their software right on their website so that anyone can inspect it. If, for example, there is a concern about the section of the software that reads the filled in ovals, the concerned party can look at the code. The Dominion tabulator, that was also an option, runs on proprietary software. Loudon’s election officials believe the open-source nature of the VotingWorks tabulator should help alleviate some concerns that exist today with respect to tabulators. As is required by law for all elections, we will be testing the tabulator prior to the March 12, 2024 municipal elections. Please look for a public posting of this testing that will occur during the week of March 4th.

Times… Voting will begin on Tuesday morning March 12 at 7am at the Safety Complex. Votes can be cast anytime between 7am and 7pm. Absentee ballot processing will begin at 9am.

Parking for electioneers… all electioneers (candidates and those electioneering for candidates) are asked to park down at the Recreation Field parking lot

Parking for poll workers… all poll workers are asked to park down at the old town office (Charlie’s Barn)

Traffic pattern… traffic on Recreation Drive will be one-way throughout the day. Please enter onto Recreation Drive from South Village Road and, after voting, exit through the old town office parking lot. Plenty of signage will help direct drivers.

Handicap parking… pull right up to the 4 large overhead doors of the Safety Complex

ePoll Pads

Please see the Moderator’s Report in the Town Report. There is unanimous consent among our election officers that the purchase of ePoll Pads would be of great benefit. In November, Loudon’s election officers visited Rochester Ward 5 during their city elections. Ward 5 has fewer voters than the Town of Loudon. There have been nothing but positive reports from Rochester and other municipalities around NH that use ePoll Pads! One moderator reported

recently “The difference in wait times and voter ease is amazing. You'll love seeing no lines!” And, another moderator reported “Wait time were cut way down… I believe errors were less because of scanning licenses… reporting at the end of the night was easier”. We would appreciate your support.

Voting will be run the same as in January. Please look back at the Moderator’s Musing in the January 2024 issue to refresh your memory. Contact me at any time by email at Moderator@LoudonNH.org or by phone at 603-848-4375. If you hear “rumors” related to anything to do with elections, please contact me rather than trusting what you read on social media.

Rodney Phillips Loudon Moderator

Polling Place Campaigning / Electioneering Rules Loudon, NH

Rules:

1. Campaign signs / banners / flags / etc. must be physically held by a person. NH RSA 659:43 VI.

2. Campaign signs / banners / flags / etc. are not allowed to be free standing. NH RSA 659:43 V. and VI.

3. Campaign signs / banners / flags / etc. shall not be affixed to the polling place buildings or grounds. NH RSA 659:43 V.

4. People holding signs and all portions of their signs must remain behind the cones / markers used to designate ways of egress. NH RSA 659:43

5. Campaigners must always maintain a clear passage for voters and vehicular traffic. NH RSA 659:43 II.

6. Signs, and the people holding signs, cannot impede voters traveling from the parking area to polls in any way. NH RSA 659:43 II.

7. Campaigners may not interact with the voters unless they come to you. Campaigners may not call out to voters or try to hand them items / materials. NH RSA 659:43 II.

8. No campaign materials (signs, shirts, hats, buttons, flyers, etc.) may be displayed within the polling area. NH RSA 652:16-h

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at Moderator@LoudonNH.org.

Thank you Rodney Phillips Moderator, Town of Loudon

TOWN OF LOUDON
MODERATOR'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

Unless changed by the voters at the Meeting, the Moderator will use the following Rules of Procedure to conduct Loudon town meetings:

1) The Moderator will not follow Robert's Rules. The Moderator will use the following general rules of procedure, whose main purpose is to keep the meeting moving.

2) By majority vote, the voters can overrule any decision that the Moderator makes and any rule that the Moderator establishes. A voter can raise such a request by Point of Order.

3) The Moderator will take Articles in the order that they appear on Warrant unless the Moderator announces the intent to take Articles out of order.

4) The Moderator will consider each Article, as follows:
   a) The Moderator will announce the Article number, and the text of the Article will be made available at the Meeting. The Moderator or designee will read the full text of the Article.
   b) The Moderator will recognize a member of the Select Board, or a petitioner (if a petitioned Article) to move the adoption of the Article. For petitioned warrant articles, the petitioner should be at a microphone when their Article is being read so they can move the adoption of the article.
   c) If the Motion is seconded, the Moderator will recognize a member of the Select Board or a petitioner to explain the Article, or another town official with expertise on the Article.
   d) The Meeting will debate and then vote on the Article.

5) Everyone who speaks must use a microphone so they can be heard. If a voter is unable to reach one of the stand-up microphones, the voter should raise his/her hand and a hand-held microphone will be provided.

6) No one may speak unless he or she has the floor.
   a) No one may have the floor unless recognized by the Moderator.
   b) Except for Points of Order, the Moderator will not recognize speakers unless they are standing at or holding one of the microphones.
   c) Each speaker must clearly provide his/her name and address and then pause to allow the Clerks to record this information.
   d) Even if a voter does not have the floor, a voter may speak to raise a Point of Order, to challenge a Moderator's ruling, or to request to overrule the Moderator.

7) The Moderator will allow only one motion on the floor at a time. There are three exceptions to this rule:
   a) A voter may raise a Point of Order at any time, and
   b) If a voter has the floor, the voter may make
      i) a motion to amend the pending motion, or
      ii) a motion to Call (or Move) the Question
      iii) a motion to Table

8) The Moderator will not accept negative motions, which are motions that require a "no" vote to vote in the affirmative such as "I move that we not adopt the budget."

9) Motions to Call the Question and limit debate require a 2/3 vote. If passed, these motions stop debate on

a motion. However, all those voters who are standing at a microphone, and/or anyone seated at the head table who has previously told the Moderator that he/she wishes to speak on the motion will be allowed to speak. In addition, the Moderator shall have the right to refuse to recognize a Motion to Call (or Move) the Question, if, in the Moderator's opinion, the voters have not yet had an adequate opportunity to discuss an issue.

10) Non-voters may not speak at the Meeting without the permission of the voters except, the Moderator will allow non-resident Town officials and consultants or experts (e.g., town legal counsel) who are at the Meeting to provide information about an Article to speak.

11) All speakers must be courteous and must speak to the issues, not the individuals raising them. The Moderator will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language. Speakers are discouraged from repeating points made by previous speakers.

12) If any person behaves in a disorderly manner, and after notice from the Moderator, persists in such behavior, or shall in any way disturb the meeting, or willfully violates any rule of proceeding, the Moderator may have a police officer remove such person from the meeting. (RSA 40:8).

13) All questions and comments should be addressed to the Moderator. The Moderator will choose who responds to the questions.

14) Except for initial presentations on Articles which the Moderator requests be limited to five (5) minutes, all speakers in debate will be limited to three (3) minutes.

15) Each speaker may only speak once until everyone has spoken.

16) The Moderator may determine the method of voting except as determined by law. However, any voter who doubts the accuracy of any non-counted vote may require the Moderator to determine a vote by a counted show of hands (voting cards) or counted standing vote.

17) Any vote on a bond issue of over $100,000 must be voted on by secret ballot. In addition, any five (5) voters may require that the vote on any Article or question be by secret ballot. To do so:
    a) All five (5) voters must be present and identified, and
    b) The request must be presented in writing to the Moderator prior to the end of debate on the Article or question.

18) The Moderator may vote on all Articles and Motions. Articles and Motions are defeated on a tie vote.

19) The body can restrict reconsideration of any previously considered article. RSA 40:10

20) If the Meeting is not finished at 4:00 PM, the Moderator will ask the consent of the voters to continue past 4 PM, or, in the Moderator's discretion, may call for a recess of the Meeting to a future date.

Rodney Phillips
Moderator, Town of Loudon
Revised February, 2023

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Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes
December 21, 2023

Chairman Jeff Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Chairman Jeff Green, Vice-Chair Danielle Bosco, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Alternate Alicha Kingsbury

Marilyn Whitten and Alternate Bill Taranovich were not present. Alternate Alicha Kingsbury was moved to voting member for the duration of the meeting.

Chief Tom Blanchette from Loudon Fire Department/Code Enforcement was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 16, 2023, Zoning Amendment Workshop #5 Minutes –

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to approve the Zoning Amendment Workshop #5 minutes. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. Josh Pearl abstained. All in favor, the motion carried. The Zoning Amendment Workshop #5 minutes were approved.

November 16, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes –

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. Josh Pearl abstained. All in favor, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting Minutes from the November 16, 2023, Planning Board Public Hearing were approved.

Public Hearings:

New Business –

Application #23-10 Tycoga Enterprises Site Plan Application – Map 21 Lot 16-1

John Whitten from Haley Ward was present. The ownership group, Tammy and Glem Amnott, were present. No abutters were present.

Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to accept application #23-10 as complete. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried. Application #23-10 was a complete application.

Forrest Green made a motion that Application #23-10 was not a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried. Application #23-10 was not a Development of Regional Impact.

Chairman Jeff Green opened the public hearing at 7:14 PM.

John Whitten explained the proposal for a new Aroma Joe's coffee location on 106. The location has a shared entrance with Dollar General. There would be a new access road to 129. He discussed the flow of traffic into the site and through the drive-through line. The Aroma Joe's would be a drive through only and there would be no public entrance into the building. Customers would order at one window, drive around the building, and pick up their order at the other

window. The site is currently undeveloped. A new well and septic would be completed. All maneuvering areas would be paved and marked. There would be a small picnic table area.

Directional signage was also proposed. The well location was pending and needed to be approved by the state as a 100' well radius was required in addition to a 50' no development zone. The NH DOT traffic consultant's comments included needing a final plan for restriping 106 with a turn lane into the site. John Whitten discussed the stormwater management plan for the site. A photometrics plan was included and the lights were dark sky compliant. The landscaping plan was amended to reflect comments from the Fire Department during TRC. They changed the proposed meadow area to a lawn per the comments. Chairman Jeff Green confirmed that they had added calculations for parking. Josh Pearl asked whether the lights met the requirements for dark sky compliance. His concern was whether the ALR2 lighting was compliant. John Whitten explained that the lights would be mounted under a canopy overhang and would shine directly down. Forrest Green said he did not see a problem based on the numbers on the photometrics plan. The Board and John Whitten discussed the water detention area with the spillway which included an outlet structure to move water under the driveway to the outlet ditch. Chief Blanchette said there was no additional concerns for him as the landscaping was addressed. Chairman Jeff Green asked about a Knox Box and it was confirmed by note 4 on sheet 5 of the plan.

Chairman Jeff Green closed the public hearing at 7:47 PM and opened Board discussions.

The Board reviewed the waiver submitted by the applicants.

1. The waiver was to allow Plan Sheet E1 (the Site Context Plan) to be at a scale of 1" = 100' and allow the location map to be at a scale of 1" = 2000'. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to accept the waiver. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried. The waiver was approved.

Forrest Green made a motion to conditionally approve Application #23-10 with the following 1 condition given that the proposal, in the opinion of the Planning Board, complies with Loudon's Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations based on the plans presented and waivers granted.

1. Receive all state approvals

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, application #23-10 was approved.

Waiver Request – Pete & Jan Johnson

Pete Johnson was present. Josh Pearl recused himself.

He and his wife had purchased one of the lots from the Taranovich subdivision. They want to put in the foundation for their new build but are unable to get a building permit without the required cistern being complete. They were asking for a waiver for this requirement. The cistern is in the process of being installed and tested. Pete Johnson explained that this was a concern of his during the closing on the property but he was told incorrect information from the developer. Jeff Miller, 88 Redwood Road, explained that the requirement for the cistern was also in the Zoning Ordinance on page 78. Chief Tom Blanchette explained the importance of cisterns. Chairman Jeff Green explained that the Planning Board could not waive a Zoning requirement. The requirement was in the Land Development Regulations, but because it was also in the Zoning

Ordinance, the Board couldn't waive the requirement. Pete Johnson officially withdrew the waiver request from consideration.

Conceptual Consultation

Jeff Green and Forrest Green recused themselves. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco took over.

Jeff Green, Land Surveyor, was present. He discussed a new project for Benevento Concrete LLC on Industrial Drive. The applicant received a special exception from the Zoning Board in November for a processing facility. Jeff Green showed a preliminary proposal for the project. He pointed out the spaces for the truck parking and employee parking. He explained the process for filling the trucks. All the materials were on site and would be coming in from the back road. All buildings on the site were enclosed to not spread dust and all water used would be recycled.

Public Hearing

Waiver Request – Application #22-14 John C. Johnson, Ricker Road

Jeff Green and Forrest Green were recused. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco continued the public hearing.

Jeff Green, Land Surveyor, explained that he was requesting an extension of the conditional approval received for the project on May 18, 2023. The 90-day conditional approval had lapsed. The Town Engineer needs to review the project and cannot do so without an extension of the approval. He requested a 90-day extension.

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to grant the 90-day extension of the conditional approval. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Waiver Request – Application #23-03 3GG LLC, NH Route 106 North

Jeff Green and Forrest Green were recused. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco continued the public hearing.

Jeff Green, Land Surveyor, explained that he was requesting an extension of the conditional approval received for the project on July 20, 2023. The 90-day conditional approval had lapsed. The Town Engineer needs to review the project and cannot do so without an extension of the approval. He requested a 90-day extension.

Josh Pearl made a motion to grant the 90-day extension of the conditional approval. The motion was seconded by John Storrs. All in favor, the motion carried.

Jeff Green and Forrest Green rejoined the Board. Chairman Jeff Green resumed his position as Chairman.

Board Discussion & Correspondence

DRI Request from Pembroke

The Board received a request for input from the Pembroke Planning Board for application #23-103 for New England Flower Farms to

construct housing for seasonal agricultural workers. The project had been designated as a Development of Regional Impact at the November 28, 2023, Pembroke Planning Board meeting.

The Board discussed the project and impacts on the Town and determined that there was not an impact on Loudon. Lindsey Roy will draft a letter of response for Pembroke.

Land Development Regulation Updates

The Board discussed the updates to the Land Development Regulations. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to move the 13 proposed changes to the Land Development Regulations to a Public Hearing on January 18, 2024, during the regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried. A clean copy of the proposed updates will be included in the Board's packets for the January meeting.

Application Updates

The Board discussed updates to the applications. Forrest Green made a motion to move all the application updates to a Public Hearing on January 18, 2024, during the regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Applications on website

The Board discussed a request to digitize the packets that are distributed to members prior to the meeting for posting on the website. Alicha Kingbury was in favor of doing this as it allows for transparency. Lindsey Roy will look into how it would be put onto the website for the next month's meeting.

Language for Motions

The Board will utilize the language developed when making motions to approve, conditionally approve, or deny an application.

TRC 2024 Calendar

Lindsey Roy discussed the Thanksgiving holiday submission date on the TRC 2024 calendar. Due to issues in 2023 with the Thanksgiving holiday, the Board decided to change the submission date for TRC materials to the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving instead of the Monday following Thanksgiving. Lindsey Roy will update the calendar to reflect the change.

Vacancies on the Board

The Board discussed the full-time vacancy on the Board as well as the vacancy of the two alternate positions. Vice Chair Danielle Bosco made a motion to appoint Alicha Kingsbury to the full position vacancy on the Board. The motion was seconded by Forrest Green. The majority was in favor of the motion, Alicha Kingsbury abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Application #Z23-37 LaCourse

The Board received correspondence from the Zoning Board regarding Application #Z23-37. The LaCourses were requesting a Special Exception from 301.5 of the Zoning Ordinance for Wetland Impacts. Lindsey Roy will send a copy of the application to the Planning Board members.

Adjournment:

John Storrs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Danielle Bosco. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Roy Administrative Assistant

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire
Zoning Amendment Workshop Minutes
December 21, 2023

Zoning Amendment Workshop #6

Attendance:

Planning Board: Forrest Green, Josh Pearl, Chairman Jeff Green, Ex-Officio John Storrs, Alternate Alicha Kingsbury

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA): Alvin See, Charlie Aznive

Code Enforcement: Chief Tom Blanchette

Chairman Jeff Green opened the workshop at 6:33 PM. Alicha Kingsbury was moved to voting member for the duration of the workshop.

Chairman Jeff Green said that all the amendments had been reviewed by Town Attorney at this point. The goal of the meeting was to read through all of the amendments and move them to public hearing.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-01.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-01 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article II Section 204.3(N) by deleting the words in strikethrough, as follows:

Accessory buildings may be built before the dwelling provided that the applicant has a current is on the building permit list. Adopted 2007

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-01 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-02.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-02 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 1. by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:

Forestry and tree farming, using Best Management Practices Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire (April

1996) (April 2016 and as amended).

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-02 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-03.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-03 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 2. by deleting the words in the strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:

Agriculture, including grazing, crop production and the construction of fences, using Best Management Practices for Agriculture (July 1993-Amended September 1998) (July 2017 and as amended) provided that such use does not cause significant increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides

or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-03 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-04.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-04 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article III Section 301.4(B) 4. by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in underline, as follows:

Conservation areas and nature trails using Best Management Practices for Erosion Control During Trail Maintenance and Construction [1994 update 1996] (January 2017 and as amended).

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-04 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-05.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-05 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article V Section 502.1 by adding as underlined, the bullet heading “L” as follows:

“L. Permitted minor home occupations include, but are not limited to the following:”

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-05 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-06.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-06 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article V Section 502.1 11. by deleting the word in strikethrough and adding the word in underline, as follows:

“11. Family daycare home involving not more than three four children”

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-06 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-07.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-07 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

amend Article V Section 502.2 11. by deleting the word in strikethrough and adding the word in underline, as follows:

“Daycare facilities caring for more than three four children”

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-07 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-08.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2024-08 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of “Kennel” to the definition section as follows:

“The establishment or domicile of any person who sells dogs at wholesale or retail; and, if retail, who sells or transfers 10 or more litters per year, or sells or transfers 50 or more puppies per year; or who derives 40 percent or more of gross annual income from the sale or transfer of dogs”

Charlie Aznive asked about how this would be enforceable. The committee discussed using the state’s definition as there is not currently one in the ordinance which makes it difficult at this time to enforce.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-08 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-09.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-09 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to add an Article V Section 505.2 A 5 as follows:

In granting a special exception, the Zoning Board shall impose a requirement that any new telecommunications tower will reserve a 12 (twelve) foot section of the top 50% (fifty percent) of the tower to be used by public safety telecommunications needs for the Town of Loudon in, and in addition, provide space in any auxiliary structure erected to house and provide a climate controlled constantly electrically powered area for public safety telecommunications equipment.

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-09 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-10.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article V Section 502.2 by adding, as underlined, the bullet heading “I” as follows:

“I. Major home occupations requiring a special exception include but are not limited to the following:”

Forrest Green made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-10 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Josh Pearl. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-11.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2024-11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance to:

amend Article VII Section 701.3 (1) by adding the underlined words “Article V”, as follows:

“The special exception is specifically authorized by Article II, Article III, or Article V of this Ordinance.”

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-11 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-12.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2024-12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II by:

Creating section 201.5 and adding Zoning Map from CNHRPC.

Deleting existing maps.

Moving the Table of Dimensions after the updated map in 201.5.

Alicha Kingsbury made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-12 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Jeff Green read Amendment No. 2024-13.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2024-13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Remove Section 507 in its entirety and

Replace with a new Section 507 as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program which will:

Add Zone AE

Amend definitions

Add a Regulatory Floodway

Josh Pearl made a motion to move Amendment No. 2024-13 to public hearing. The motion was seconded Forrest Green. All in favor, the motion carried.

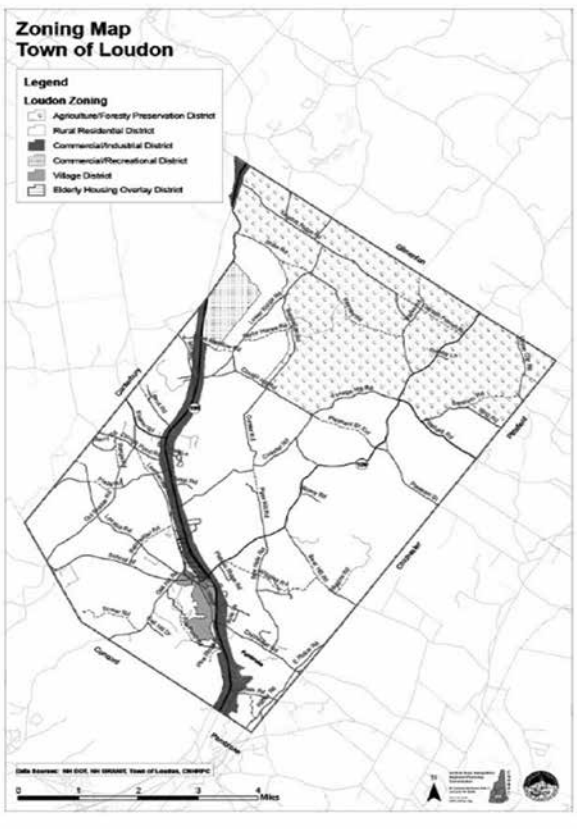
Conclusion

Forrest Green made a motion to hold a public hearing for the proposed Zoning Amendments on January 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Alicha Kingsbury. All in favor, the motion carried.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for January 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Roy, Administrative Assistant



Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2023

Chairman Earl Tuson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 30, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; December 11, 2023, McNeil Site Walk Minutes

Peter Pitman made a motion to accept the November 2023 Regular

Meeting Minutes and the December 11, 2023, McNeil Site Walk Minutes as written. Alvin See suggested a correction to line 162 to change “nay” to “any”. Peter Pitman revised his motion to accept the November 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 11, 2023, McNeil Site Walk Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. All in favor, the motion carried; the minutes were approved as amended.

The Zoning Board hears appeals for rehearings, special exceptions, variances, and administrative appeals. They need to be filed within a timely basis within 45 days of an action. For further information, applicants can see the Loudon Zoning Ordinance, the RSAs, or can stop by the Zoning Office and talk to Lindsey during business hours.

Public Hearings:

Old Business –

Application #Z23-32 McNeil – Map 39 Lot 10 – Variance to permit an ADU on a 2-family

Applicant Stacey McNeil was present. There were no abutters present.

The Board did a site walk of the property on December 11, 2023, with the applicant. Stacey McNeil presented additional materials to the board to address some of the questions received at the site walk regarding the septic capacity, the electrical on the property, and the work needed to the proposed ADU.

The Board reviewed the points of the application. The applicant was requesting a variance from Article V Section 509.3 to permit an ADU on a 2-family dwelling as the building already exists on the site and the applicant would like to be able to use it as an ADU. The variance would not be contrary to the public interest because the structure already exists, and no value would be taken away but added instead. The spirit of the ordinance is observed because the ADU will be rented to a family member. Substantial justice would be done because the applicant would be providing affordable housing. The value of surrounding properties would not be diminished because it would add to the value of the surrounding properties instead. The “special condition” of the property that distinguishes it from other properties in the area is that the property used to be a bed and breakfast. An adequate septic and well exist on the property and are the correct size

for the operation of the former bed and breakfast. The proposed used was reasonable because it would make use of the structures currently existing on the property.

Chairman Earl Tuson closed the public hearing and opened Board deliberations. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that it was a straightforward application. The building exists, it was a B&B, the septic was designed, the building was on-site, there would be no overcrowding of the site, it would improve the site, and it was a good use of space. Alvin See said that the ordinance specifically says no ADUs on 2-families. Alternate Ned Lizotte said that the B&B was discontinued, and the property became a 2-family. He didn’t see a crisis or hardship. The proposed ADU was a sugar shack and was not intended for living quarters. The property retained the 2-family dwelling and that was the deal. Chairman Earl Tuson agreed. Peter Pitman said that there needed to be wiggle room with the variance process.

Chairman Earl Tuson prompted the Board to go through the 5 tests of the variance.

1. The variance would not be contrary to the public interest. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that the building exists, and they would not be overdeveloping the site. Charlie Aznive asked what the dwelling would be an accessory to. Alvin See said that the building exists not as an ADU, and the benefit is that the building would be rehabbed.

2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed.

3. Substantial justice is done. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that substantial justice is done to the applicant but not necessarily the Town ordinance. Charlie Aznive said that granting this could allow any other multi-family to apply for the same. Alternate Ned Lizotte mentioned that the Ordinance says that ADUs are for single family properties.

4. The value of surrounding properties will not be diminished. Chairman Earl Tuson said it would not be diminished. Peter Pitman mentioned that the value could increase.

5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. Chairman Earl Tuson said that it used to be a B&B, the prior use being abandoned was irrelevant. There was no special conditions of the property. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that the property could continue to be used as a 2-family.

Chairman Earl Tuson brought the points of the variance to a vote.

1. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest. Alvin See – no; Charlie Aznive – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes

2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – no; Alvin See – no

3. Substantial justice is done. Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes

4. The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes

5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – no; Alvin See – no

Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to deny the variance due to failing test 1, 2, and 5. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes.

Application #Z23-32 was denied.

New Business –

Application #Z23-36 Joseph Osborne – Map 21 Lot 11 – Variance to permit an auto repair/body shop in the RR district

Alvin See asked the Board to take an advisory vote to see if he should

recuse himself. His property on Plateau Ridge is 1100 feet away from the applicant's and he drives by the property daily. Alternate Steve Ives said he didn't see a problem as long as Alvin See could remain unbiased. The remaining Board members voted if Alvin See should recuse himself. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – no. Alvin See remained on the Board.

The applicant Joe Osborne was present. Chairman Earl Tuson discussed the definition of an abutter for testimony purposes and then asked for abutters in the audience. Doug and Judy Hayes of 128 Route 129 were present. Joe Jackson of 35 Plateau Ridge Road was present. Tracy Koufos of 65 Plateau Ridge Road asked if she would be able to testify.

Meredith Farrell Goldstein from Orr & Reno was present to represent Joe Osborne. She explained that Joe Osborne currently operates a Major Home Occupation that he received in October 2022. There is a limitation of 5 vehicles at a time. He has found that he is often having vehicles on the property for longer than anticipated due to supply chain issues and waiting for parts which leaves him with more than 5 vehicles on his property. They worked with the building inspector, and it is no longer a Major Home Occupation because of the parking. They were requesting a variance to continue running the business.

Joe Osborne explained that he has been in the field for 14 years working in heavy truck repair. He started out a year ago and it has been a good year for him. The variance would allow him to continue operating his business and allow the business to grow.

Alternate Steve Ives asked if he could have requested a variance for the allowed number of vehicles. Joe Osborne explained that he wanted to expand his business. Vice Chair Todd Phelps asked how many employees he had; Joe Osborne answered that he had 3 including himself. Alternate Ned Lizotte said that it seems he wants to substantially change the property for commercial use in a Rural Residential zone. At the previous site walk, the expectations were clear. He had talked about raising the roof of the garage to allow for bigger vehicles. Joe Osborne said that the business operations have not changed. Meredith Farrell Goldstein explained that the issue at this time was really parking. If he is limited to the number of vehicles allowed, it hinders his business. Joe Osborne said that he expanded the area on his property to have room for up to 25 trucks. Alternate Ned Lizotte asked if he had an opportunity to procure a commercial property; Joe Osborne answered that it was very cost prohibitive. Alternate Steve Ives said the variance would be more powerful if it was limited to parking. Chairman Earl Tuson said it looks like he is requesting a spot zoning change. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that Joe Osborne had talked about the landscaping he has done but buffer impacts were not addressed. Meredith Farrell Goldstein explained again that they have worked with the building inspector to determine the amount of parking needed in an attempt to permanently solve the parking issue. Vice Chair Todd Phelps asked Chief Blanchette if he was the first to bring up concerns with the wetlands. The Chief answered that a complaint regarding the wetlands had not been filed and with no complaint, there was no issue. The primary concern was the number of vehicles on site.

This type of situation takes time. Charlie Aznive said that he understands the issue of waiting for parts to be delivered.

Doug Hayes of 128 Route 129 spoke in support of Joe Osborne. His dwelling is within 200 feet of Osborne's. The complaints received regarding the property were from almost ¼ mile away and he thinks a little cooperation from the town could go a long way, and he would like to see the application pass. He said he wasn't concerned about the stream on the property, but he doesn't know the rules.

Joe Jackson of 35 Plateau Ridge Road spoke in support of the application. He said that Joe Osborne as a by-the-book kind of guy and he had no issues moving forward.

Chairman Earl Tuson asked for any other testimony from the audience.

Tracy Koufos of 65 Plateau Ridge Road spoke against the application. She had complaints about Osborne not following the ordinance. She said the business threatens surrounding homeowners due to hazardous materials being used that cause health issues. She asked if he was in compliance with state regulations and if he had an EPA number. She shared concerns about the impact on the public and first responders. She was concerned about trucks leaving the property onto 129 that would not have the acceleration to get onto the roadway and likelihood of an accident was high. She said it was hearsay about the property values not being diminished. She said that any hardship was self-inflicted and explained that the RR district had rules. She explained that the variance does not meet the 5 criteria and is hoping the Board does not approve because the property is in RR.

Dana Silcock from Eustis Cable in Gilmanton spoke in support of the application. He said he runs an essential service, and his business relies on Osborne's business to operate when his trucks break down. He knows that Town vehicles turn to Joe Osborne when their vehicles break down also.

Paul Johnson of 109 Flagg Road spoke in support of the application. He owns Best Septic. He understands the part shortage. He wants the Town to help come up with a solution.

Stephen Zawiska of 518 Old Shaker Road spoke in support of the application. He is a customer of Joe Osborne's and believes the business is an asset to the community.

Morgan McCarthy of 640 Route 129 spoke in support of the application. He firmly believes that Joe Osborne is an asset to the community.

Brad Prescott of 118 Route 129 spoke in support of the application. He rents from Joe Osborne on the property.

Joe Osborne addressed the Board. He said that even with the complaints and concerns, he is still allowed to operate on the site with the Major Home Occupation. He is an expert on the chemicals he uses, and he properly disposes of all waste oils with his waste oil furnace. In terms of landscaping, trucks were not required to back onto his property from 129 because of the work he did. The truck drivers sometimes still choose to but its not because of his requirement. Meredith Farrell Goldstein said that there were concerns about the type of business Joe Osborne operates but the special exception was already granted. The approval of the variance would allow for the growth of the business. Joe Osborne said that he will understand if the business needs to leave the property at some point, but it costs money. He explained his eventual plan to own show trucks and house them in the garage.

The Board reviewed the points of the application. A variance was requested from Article II Section 204.2 to allow an auto repair/body

shop in the RR district.

The variance would not be contrary to the public interest because the business already exists, and the issue at hand is parking. It is a minor change to allow for more parking and natural growth of the business. There is no detriment for the character of the area. A direct abutter is in the C/I district, and this property is close to the border. Vehicles are dropped at the property, worked on, then picked back up; there is not much incoming and outgoing traffic.

The spirit of the ordinance is observed because the business already exists and it is in close proximity to C/I. The business has been approved to operate on the property. The front of the property looks residential and has natural screening.

Substantial justice is done because the business already exists. If Joe Osborne is limited to 5 cars, it is difficult to operate his business and his livelihood is impacted. There is a limited impact to the public.

The values of the surrounding properties will not be diminished because the area is not in a neighborhood. There will be no harm to the value. The goal is to improve the appearance of the property.

Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship because of the special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, including that the property already exists, it is on the edge of C/I, the location of the property makes it unique, and it has natural topography. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance and the specific application of that provision to the property because of the proximity to C/I and the established existence of the business. Additional parking would have a very limited impact. The public testimony states that Joe Osborne provides a great service. They are willing to work with the Board moving forward for remediation of any wetland issues.

Chairman Earl Tuson closed the public hearing and opened Board deliberations. Alvin See asked if there was anything that could be done other than an autobody/repair shop. He was concerned that the approved use stays with the property. Alternate Ned Lizotte explained that with the special exception, Joe Osborne opened a business and then asked for the exception. He has a history of doing first and then asking. The Board is being asked to find ways to allow the business to grow. They were very understandable regarding the Major Home Occupation. This would open the door for RR to become commercial. Charlie Aznive said that the property was 800 feet from C/I. Alternate Steve Ives said that the Major Home Occupation exists and asked if the Board could allow for more parking. He said that the variance could have been for parking. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that Joe Osborne's attorney said that it operates as a business but it is currently operating beyond an approved Major Home Occupation. He is fearful to give this when the Major Home Occupation has been stepped over. Chairman Earl Tuson explained that a Major Home Occupation is not intended to be a gateway. Alternate Ned Lizotte explained that a Major Home Occupation is clearly encouraged to help businesses succeed and then make a move to a commercial property. Charlie Aznive said he would rather see successful business stay in Town. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that the problem is the location due to growth; he is in an in-between right now by not being big enough to move but being too big to stay where he is. Alternate Ned Lizotte said that approvals go with the land. This would change the property to

commercial. Chairman Earl Tuson said that application is asking to open the approval very wide. Peter Pitman questions what the Board could tell the applicant about this current application and if they could suggest a new application to request a variance for parking. Chairman Earl Tuson said that the Board rules on the applications submitted to them. The business will continue to operate as a Major Home Occupation if the variance is denied. Peter Pitman said that they were there as a Board to make decisions and if the Board could not make decisions, then they were not needed. They needed to find some way to help the people in the Town. Vice Chair Todd Phelps had concerns about spot-zoning. Alternate Steve Ives said the business should stay as a Major Home Occupation and the applicant could come back with a new application to increase parking. Chairman Earl Tuson said they would need a plan with the current conditions of the property, a parking plan, and a site development plan.

The Board discussed the variance tests.

1. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest. Chairman Earl Tuson said that the expectation stands that properties zoned similarly would be treated similarly. Charlie Aznive said that he could argue that the business provides a valuable public service.

2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed. Chairman Earl Tuson said that it was not observed. To have an auto repair in RR when it is not even allowed as a Major Home Occupation is not observing the spirit of the ordinance. Charlie Aznive said that they need to allow growth in town. Peter Pitman explained that every application is separate and they are not supposed to set precedent. Alternate Ned Lizotte said that all approvals go with the land, and it is not as clear as it used to be. The applicant can always return with a new application. Vice Chair Todd Phelps mentioned that the applicant could have asked for a variance for the number of parking spaces.

3. Substantial justice is done.

4. The values of the surrounding properties will not be diminished. Chairman Earl Tuson said that no subject matter experts presented testimony to this effect.

5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. Chairman Earl Tuson said that an allowed use of a property is not a special condition. Vice Chair Todd Phelps said that the proximity to commercial locations does not make it unique. Peter Pitman said that no matter what variance an applicant asked for, they won't get it because of the Board's opinion on the 5 criteria. Alvin See said that literal enforcement of the ordinance would cause a hardship on the applicant. Chairman Earl Tuson said that the ordinance is clear about what is permitted; given the ordinance, it would be tough for the applicant to prove the need for a variance. Alternate Ned Lizotte agreed that it is supposed to be tough to get a variance.

The Board voted on the variance tests.

1. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – yes, Alvin See – yes

2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed. Alvin See – no; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no

3. Substantial justice is done. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes; Peter

Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes

4. The values of the surrounding properties will not be diminished. Alvin See – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – yes; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes

5. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – yes, Alvin See – yes

Vice Chair Todd Phelps made a motion to deny the variance due to failing test #2. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Alvin See – no; Charlie Aznive – no; Chairman Earl Tuson – yes; Peter Pitman – no; Vice Chair Todd Phelps – yes. The motion did not pass.

Peter Pitman made a motion to approve application #Z23-36 as presented. The motion was seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Todd Phelps – no; Peter Pitman – yes; Chairman Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote. Application #Z23-36 was approved.

Application #Z23-37 LaCourse – Map 23 Lot 27 – Special Exception to allow wetland impacts

Adam Doiron from Doiron Environmental was present. The applicants, Michael & Katherine LaCourse, were present. No abutters were present. Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission was present.

Adam Doiron explained that there was a large wetland system on the northeast part of the property. There was an existing gravel access road. The applicant was proposing to build a single family house on the property and use the existing gravel access road as the driveway.

Alvin See made a motion that Application #Z23-37 was not a Development of Regional Impact. The motion was seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor, the motion carried.

Adam Doiron explained that they were looking to increase the pipe size at the first crossing to 24” and the pipe size at the second crossing to 36”. They were looking to be able to gain access to the large upland area on the back of the lot. Julie Robinson said that she would like to do a site walk of the property to get a better understanding of what was being proposed. Peter Pitman made a motion to continue application #Z23-37 to a site walk scheduled on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 3:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Alvin See. All in favor, the motion carried.

Board Discussion & Correspondence:

Adjournment:

Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Charlie Aznive seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Roy, Administrative Assistant

Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment
Site Walk Minutes
December 11, 2023
272 Lovejoy, Loudon

Meeting opened at 3:00 PM.
Attendance:
Board members: Alternate Steve Ives, Alternate Ned Lizotte, Vice Chair Todd Phelps, Peter Pitman, Alvin See, Chairman Earl Tuson.

Applicant and Agent: Brannigan McNeil.

Application Z23-32: The Board viewed the exterior and interior of the proposed ADU, and location of other structures.

Chairman Tuson appointed Ned Lizotte as a voting member for the duration of the meeting.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to continue Application #Z23-32 to the regular December meeting. Seconded by Peter Pitman.

Applicant Stacy McNeil arrived at 3:19.

The Board voted on the motion to continue. All in favor.

Motion made to adjourn by Alvin See, seconded by Peter Pitman. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Tuson, Chair

Loudon Selectmen's Minutes

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 6, 2024

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectmen Miller, and Selectman Storrs

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

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

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dana Flanders.

III. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette stated they had 79 calls so far this year.

b. Chief Blanchette said they installed the Crew Force application

on all the apparatus (tablets). This allows the devices to track each other's location and send messages privately instead of over the radio that may contain private information, so they are not breaking HIPPA.

c. Chief Blanchette said they are monitoring the cistern on Clough Hill Road. They just did repairs there and they want to make sure everything is going well and the way it should be signing off on it.

d. Chief Blanchette stated that people who have self-contained breathing apparatus are going to have their fitness test this week.

e. Chief Blanchette stated that Gavin Martin passed his candidate physical ability test this week and can now work full time in the state of NH.

f. Chief Blanchette stated that Friday will be the final inspection for the Benjamin Frankling School.

g. Chief Blanchette stated that Bill Lake has been busy with plan reviews and a few commercial projects. He is doing a good job of keeping things moving along.

h. Chief Blanchette said that a few employees attended the Compact training last week on electric vehicles. They came up with a good plan to handle multiple electric cars in the same area at once. Chief Blanchette said they will probably be purchasing some new equipment to handle electrical fires.

i. Chief Blanchette said the AFG application opened last week. He reminded the Board this is the grant where they are trying to obtain 19 new radios.

j. Chief Blanchette stated he sent a letter to the camper living at Whoville LLC. He stated he received a response back stating the camper has always been allowed because he is doing security. The Board of Selectmen do not recall anything being grandfathered in. Chief Blanchette will further address the issue.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.

a. Russ Pearl said they had a busy January, but with a break in the weather they can do some maintenance on the trucks.

b. Russ Pearl said a few guys have been out sick, but Mark Stevens has returned to work.

VI. The Board met with Police Lieutenant Flanders.

a. Lieutenant Flanders said Officer Howes is in his 5th week at the academy and doing great.

b. Lieutenant Flanders said the city prosecutor office sent a 5-year contract that needed to be reviewed. The Board of Selectmen stated they will review the contract and have the town attorney look it over as well. Lieutenant Flanders stated that it was straightforward and that he spoke with Chief Burgess, and he stated he was comfortable with signing it.

c. Lieutenant Flanders stated March 11th they will have department training.

d. Lieutenant Flanders said they are working with Canterbury Police Dept. to review an older case.

e. Lieutenant Flanders stated that in April they will have training with DCYF.

f. Lieutenant Flanders stated that the 2022 Ford had a recall on it, but it is all fixed now.

VII. The Board invited Joe Brown to the podium. Joe Brown of 7384 Currier Road would like to put a driveway access where he's going to harvest timber. He stated that he was unsure why he had to pay $50 for a permit to do so if the driveway isn't going to a building. The Board of Selectmen stated that it is $25 for a temporary access driveway permit. Chairman Maxfield asked the Road Agent if he saw any issues with this request. Russ Pearl stated that he did not see any issues with the temporary driveway. Joe Brown was still concerned about the fee and why he had to pay anything. The Board of Selectmen said they will take it under advisement and do some more research. Joe Brown also voiced his concern about the solar fee. He does not understand why the town wants hundreds of dollars to have them installed, but the federal government wants to give them away for free.

VIII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Chairman Maxfield stated that once a year Loudon gets a check from the NH Charitable Foundation to maintain the Veteran's Memorial. This year they received around $2,000. Chairman Maxfield would like the money for this added in the treasurer's report so future Selectmen will know what that money is for. Chairman Maxfield will speak to Kathy Pitman about this matter.

IX. Important Dates:

a. Budget Hearing - Wednesday, February 7th – 6pm – Town Office

b. Candidate's Night - Wednesday, March 6th – 6pm – Town Office

c. Town Elections – Tuesday, March 12th – 7am to 7pm - Safety Complex

d. Town Meeting – Saturday, March 16th – 9am – Loudon Elementary School

X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard of 157 Kenney Road; Jeff Leonard was wondering if the Public Budget Hearing was going to happen since it was on the agenda. Jeff Leonard was informed it was a typo. Jeff Leonard also asked Lieutenant Flanders what was going on with the grant for the body cameras. Lieutenant Flanders informed him that the grant does not open until the spring.

XI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Road Agent Russ Pearl at 6:40 pm 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 request 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, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:12 pm.

Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XII. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Town Clerk Ashley Simonds at 7:16 pm 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 request 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, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:34 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIII. Selectmen Storrs made a motion at 7:50 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

Present: Chairman Maxfield, 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. Chairman Maxfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:

a. Chief Blanchette said the NH Flood Plan Management Program sent him paperwork to fill out as the town's representative. Chief Blanchette asked the Board of Selectmen if they would like him to continue doing so. Selectman Miller said the Chief wears a lot of hats so they will think about this. Town Administrator Pearl explained that the Planning Board Administrative Assistant had also received the paperwork and filled it out as the representative.

b. Chief Blanchette said he is going to have a discussion Thursday night at the Compact meeting with the Concord Fire Chief. Loudon has been helping Concord in mutual aid with transporting homeless people by ambulance. The people do not have addresses therefore the bills are not getting paid, and they are adding up.

ALL MINUTES ARE PRINTED IN FULL AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE LOUDON COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

PLEASE NOTE: BOTH PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES ARE DRAFT MINUTES, I.E. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED YET. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning office after their monthly meetings (798-4540), Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM
Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM
Meetings are at the Town Office and are open to the public.

c. Chief Blanchette said he submitted the 2024 Homeland Security grant application.

d. Chief Blanchette said they have had multiple accidents this week and have been busy, but everyone is healthy, and everything is up and running.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl:

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

b. Mr. Pearl would like to thank Chief Blanchette for finding someone to cover Ben Carter's shift so he could help plow.

c. Mr. Pearl said he needs to advertise for an open position he has on his crew.

d. Mr. Pearl stated that during the prior snowstorm they had a rollover on Shaker Rd. It cracked the radiator, so they are replacing that. They are waiting for an adjustor to come out and look at the truck. The truck will be up and running hopefully in a week or so. They also had a truck slide backwards down a hill on East Ricker Rd., damage is minimal, and the truck is up and running.

VI. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess:

a. Chief Burgess said everyone is well in their department and the cruisers are good.

b. Chief Burgess said Hayden is in his second week at the academy. He needs to address Hayden's payroll and the overtime. He is not sure how that will work with the budget.

c. Chief Burgess said Alex is still working through his FTO and doing well.

d. Chief Burgess said part timers have stepped up and helped them through their short, staffed times.

VII. The Board reviewed new business:

a. Selectmen Miller made a motion to appoint Sandra Blanchard to the position of member of the Loudon Alternative Energy Committee on January 16th, 2024, with an expiration date of 2025. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Selectmen Miller made a motion to appoint Paul Perry to the position of member of the Loudon Alternative Energy Committee on January 16th, 2024, with an expiration date of 2025. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Chairman Maxfield received two bids for the Town Annual Report. The first bid was from Debbie K Graphics 30 Hummingbird Lane Hillsborough NH in the amount of $1,210 layout scans correction and printing prep. Chairman Maxfield opened the bid from Evans Printing 155 River Road Bow NH in the amount of $2,950.18. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Debbie K Graphics for the layout, scans, cover design, and printing prep in the amount of $1,210. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept the Evans Printing quote for the 2023 Annual Report for the quantity of 650/100+ cover prints in the sum of $2,950.18. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. The Road Agent has a part-time employee he would like to use for seasonal plowing. The amount of money has previously been approved and the Board of Selectmen signed off on the request.

e. Selectmen Miller made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief, Thomas Blanchette to enter into contracts and agreements on behalf of the town of Loudon, NH acting by and through the Department of Natural and Agricultural resources and is authorized to execute any documents on behalf of the municipality, which may be in his/her judgment desirable or necessary for the purpose of this resolution. This will be for a period of 30 days from January 16th, 2024. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. The Board reviewed important dates:

Presidential Primary– Tuesday, 1/23/24- 7am-7pm

Filing for Candidacy for town positions- 1/24/24-2/2/24

Budget Hearing- Wednesday, 2/7/24 -6pm

IX. Chairman Maxfield opened the public hearing for the proposed budget for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, at 6:34pm. 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 7/01/2024 to 06/30/2025.The Budget will be voted on at the March 2024 Town Meeting. The Hearings will be held in the meeting room of the Town Office, 55 S. Village Road, Loudon, NH. Tuesday, January 16, 2024, after 6:00 PM and Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

X. Chairman Maxfield read the proposed budget increase and decreases line by line.

XI. Selectmen Miller read the Estimated Revenues.

a. Selectmen Miller stated that the revenues read are just an estimate.

XII. Chairman Maxfield read current warrant articles.

a. Chairman Maxfield took a question from Police Chief Kris Burgess. Chief Burgess asked if he could use left over salary money from the current budget year to purchase a new cruiser instead of raising taxes. The Board of Selectmen informed Chief Burgess he could not. He is not allowed to use salary money for anything other than salary.

b. Chairman Maxfield took a question from Dwayne Gilman. Dwayne Gilman asked where he could get copies of the handouts, he received tonight for the warrant articles and proposed budget. Selectmen Miller informed Dwayne Gilman he could get copies at the Selectmen's office.

XIII. Chairman Maxfield closed the Public Hearing at 7:37pm.

XIV. Selectman Storrs made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm. Motion seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

March 2024 in Loudon

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Deadline for April 2024 Paper is March 15

1st Monday of the Month	Time
Conservation Commission @ the Community Building	6PM
1st Tuesday of the Month	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #86, South Village St	7PM
1st Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Historical Society Meeting @ the Museum	6PM
1st Thursday of the Month	
Economic Development Committee @ the Town Offices	5:30PM
2nd Monday of the Month	
M.V. S .D. School Board	7:15PM
2nd Tuesday of the Month	
Young at Heart @ Faith Commuity Bible Church	10AM
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
2nd Wednesday of the Month	
P.T.A. Meeting @ Loudon Elementary	5:30PM
2nd Saturday of the Month	
Family Bible Church Community Dinner	4:30-6PM
3rd Monday of the Month	
Communcations Council Meeting via Zoom	6PM
3rd Tuesday of the Month	
Gardener's Club @ Community Building, subject to change. 603-608-5437	
Selectmen @ the Town Offices	6PM
Loudon Lions@ American Legion Post #88, South Village St	6:30PM
3rd Wednesday of the Month	
Loudon Historical Society / Open	1-3PM
Alternative Energy Committee Meeting @ Charlies Barn	4:30PM
Garden Club @ Community Building/subject to change /396-4950	
Boy Scouts @ L.E.S.	6:30-7:30PM
Legion & Auxilary @ Post 88	7PM
3rd Thursday of the Month	
Planning Board @ Town Offices	7PM
3rd Sunday of the Month	
Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time	9:30AM
4th Monday of the Month	
Trails Subcommittee @ the Community Building	4PM
4th Tuesday of the Month	
Chess Club @ the Community Building	6:30PM
4th Thursday of the Month	
Zoning Board @ the Town Offices	7PM
Every Tuesday	
Prayer Meeting@ the Congregational Church	6:30PM
Easter Sunrise Service at the Town Gazebo	
Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 6:30 am	

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