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2015 Town Meeting To Be Held Saturday, March 14; Vote on Tuesday, March 10

This is the Warrant as it will appear in the Town Report. For a review of the budget, see Selectmen's Minutes, Jan. 20, appearing on page 24.

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

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Time: 8:00 AM–7:00 PM

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

Articles 1–2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Articles 3–11 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street.

Article 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year.

Article 2:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2015-1 proposed by petition for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add Section 509, *Accessory Dwelling Unit* to include:

509.1 Purpose: To provide expanded affordable housing opportunities, provide flexibilities in household

arrangements and provide for the retention of Loudon's rural character. Accessory Dwelling Units shall be allowed in Zones RR-Rural Residential, V-Village and AFP-Agricultural Forestry Preservation.

509.2 Requirements:

- A. Only one Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be permitted per Principal Dwelling Unit.
- B. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be located within the Principal Dwelling Unit.
- C. The property must be owner-occupied.
- D. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not exceed two bedrooms.
- E. The Accessory Dwelling Unit must meet all current Building Codes.
- F. Accessory Dwelling Units must not exceed 40% of the entire unit.
- G. Suitable septic disposal facility shall be provided and conform to all NHDES regulations.
- H. Off street parking shall be provided with at least 2 spaces for Principal Dwelling Unit and 1 space for Accessory Dwelling Unit.
- I. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall only be permitted on a lot that meets the minimum required lot size (frontage, area, etc.) for a single-family dwelling in the respective district.
- J. A Building Permit must be obtained prior to construction

from the Town of Loudon Building Department.

509.3 Limitations:

- A. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted subordinate to a two-family or multi-family dwelling.
- B. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted in Open-Space Conservation subdivisions.
- C. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be segregated in ownership form the principal dwelling unit.

Not recommended by the Loudon Planning Board

Reason: It is recognized within the town the need for accessory dwelling units. This measure would clear up any gray area and confusion about rental units. It would allow homeowners, code enforcement, and the Town to keep track of the changes, meet life safety standards, and allow for the appropriate tax adjustments and records.

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2015-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to S 508 *Fire Department Residential Water Supply*, Section B Fire Cistern Requirements, 7. Standards: The finished grade of a cistern shall be at existing grade.

Reason: The purpose of the amendment is to clarify standards for the installation of fire cisterns where required.

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2015-3 proposed and

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Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

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

Town Clerk

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

Planning/Zoning Board

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

Tax Collector

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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

Code Enforcement

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

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School

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

Transfer Station

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

Highway Department

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

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: Monday–Thursday by appointment only.
Donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Fridays.
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

Loudon Representatives

REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

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

REPRESENTATIVE STATE SENATE (DISTRICT 17)

State Senator	John Reagan. (603) 463-5945. john.reagan111@gmail.com
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REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 9)

State Representative	Howard M. Moffett, (603)783-4993. Howard.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us
State Representative	George L. Saunderson. (603)783-4750. George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

September 2015 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/21 Council Meeting: Tues. 8/25

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

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

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

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbenh.org
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School Classes: 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Children’s Worship: Bible Explorers for ages 3 up to 5th Grade
Youth Group for Grades 6–12: Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. (3rd Thursday of the month, meets at noon)
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



Family Bible Church

“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”
Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor
676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 or 267-8066
www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org
Pre-Service Prayer Time: Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.
Fellowship time provided following the morning service.
Monday Evening: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.
Tuesday Morning: Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.
Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning — Senior Ladies Group
Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings: call or email for details
FREE Monthly Community Dinners: 2nd Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



Landmark Baptist Church

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



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. John Young is currently serving as Pulpit Supply Minister
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
For information on upcoming events, please contact Sam Langley,
Fellowship Coordinator, at 848-3724 (days) or 796-2194 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

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



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

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



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

LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

Faith Community Bible Church

Mark your calendar now for a presentation by Faith Community Bible Church, 334 North Village Road titled “Savior, Jesus, Messiah,” a praise and worship Easter program. It will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the church office at 783-4045. ■

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene: Christ In The Passover

Jesus’ Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Karl deSouza of *Jews for Jesus* will re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus’ death and resurrection in a presentation called “Christ in the Passover” at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene (Loudon) on Sunday, March 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Karl deSouza will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. He will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today.

Jews for Jesus has presented “Christ in the Passover” at over 38,000 churches. It has been enthusiastically received by Christians who appreciate learning more about the Jewish background of their faith. Moishe Rosen, who founded *Jews for Jesus* in 1973, has also co-written the book, *Christ in the Passover*, with his wife, Ceil. This seminal work includes a look at Passover in ancient times and how it is practiced today. It will be available after the presentation. Also available will be a DVD of the *Christ in the Passover* presentation with David Brickner, the executive director of *Jews for Jesus*, officiating.

Brickner, a fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus, succeeded Rosen as Executive Director in 1996. Brickner has kept *Jews for Jesus* on the cutting edge as the ministry has expanded and established branches in eleven countries, including the United States, Brazil, Israel, Russia, France, and South Africa. “We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide,” Brickner states. “There are still a few who haven’t heard of us!”

Karl deSouza will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. Call (603) 224-1311 or visit <http://www.lbnazarene.org/> for more information. There is no admission charge. New Beginnings Church is located at 33 Staniels Road (near the Red Roof Inn) and is handicap accessible. ■

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

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

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

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

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

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

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU**

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

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recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to section S 208 Requirements Applicable to all Use Districts,
208.8 Fire Cisterns

- 1. Fire cisterns are exempt from the setback requirements of this Ordinance.
- 2. Standards: The finished grade of a cistern shall be at existing grade.

Reason: The purpose of the amendment is to clarify standards for the installation of fire cisterns where required.

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500 for the purpose of purchasing a mower and trailer and authorize the withdrawal of \$10,500 from the Recreation Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$16,000 to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *This will affect the tax rate by approximately .03 cents per \$1,000 value. (Majority vote required.) The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 4:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,000 for the purpose of grinding, adding gravel and paving 4,665 feet of Lovejoy Road and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$142,000 to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *This will affect the tax rate by approximately .27 cents per \$1,000 value. (Majority vote required.) The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 5:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000 for the purchase of a used Aerial Ladder Truck and Equipment with said funds to come from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *(Majority vote required.) The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 6:

Shall the Town of Loudon adopt Chapter 79-F Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures as written by the State of New Hampshire. This article more clearly defines the wording Qualifying Farm Structures under 79-F:4. *By petition.*

Article 7:

To see if the Town will approve the following resolution *“Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.”*

Article 8:

To see if the town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$491,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

- Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000
- Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
- Recreation Facility Maintenance Trust Capital Reserve Fund \$2,000
- Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$7,000
- Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- J.O. Cate Memorial Van Capital Reserve Fund \$2,500
- Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000
- Conservation Commission Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
- Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) \$30,000

This will affect the tax rate by approximately .92 cents per \$1,000 value. (Majority vote required.) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 9:

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

- Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000
- Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

- Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund \$30,000

This will affect the tax rate by approximately .11 cents per \$1,000 value. (Majority vote required.) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 10:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,167,034 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations to the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles. *(Majority vote required.)*

Article 11:

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Steven R. Ives, *Chairman*
Dustin J. Bowles, *Selectman*
Robert P. Krieger, *Selectman*

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Steven R. Ives, *Chairman*
Dustin J. Bowles, *Selectman*
Robert P. Krieger, *Selectman*

Note: Due to printing deadlines, the text of the articles contained herein may be subject to revision or correction prior to posting of the Town Warrant.

Residents Running For Public Office

The following Loudon residents will appear on the ballot. **Voting for these offices, as well as Zoning changes, will take place on Tuesday, March 10 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.** If you are not registered to vote in Loudon you may register the day of the elections at the Town Hall as long as you have a valid ID and proof of residence. If you have questions, call the Town Clerk at 798-4542.

The position of **Moderator**, a one-year term, is open this year and no one has signed up to run.

There is one opening on the **Board of Selectmen**, a three-year term. Incumbent Steven Ives is running as is John Storrs.

Marjorie Schoonmaker is running for **Supervisors of the Checklist**, a six-year term.

The **Town Clerk**’s position is a three-year term and Wendy L. Young, incumbent is running unopposed.

The position of **Trustee of the Trust Fund**, a three-year term. Jennifer J. Becker is running unopposed.

Molly Ashland is running unopposed for **Library Trustee**, a three-year term.

There are two positions open on the **Planning Board**. Both are three-year terms. Two incumbents — Henry L. Huntington and Thomas E. Dow — are running unopposed.

The final position open is a three-year term on the **Zoning Board** and Ned Lizotte, incumbent, is running unopposed. ■

You are invited to attend
Candidates Night to meet this
year’s candidates for Loudon Town
Offices and Merrimack Valley
School Board members on
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7
p.m. at the Loudon Community
Building (Charlie’s Barn).

Merrimack Valley School District Annual Meeting Will Be Held Thursday, March 5 at MVHS Auditorium

Appearing here is the Warrant for this year's School District Meeting. A full copy of the School District's Annual Report may be seen at <https://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpride.org/district/home>.

Voting for school board members will commence at 6 p.m. on March 5 at the MVHS auditorium with the annual meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Loudon's current school board member, Laura Vincent, is running unopposed as the town's representative.

State of New Hampshire Merrimack Valley School District WARRANT for Annual District Meeting March 5, 2015

To the inhabitants of the pre-existing School Districts of Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, and Webster comprising the Merrimack Valley School District, qualified to vote in Merrimack Valley School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Merrimack Valley High School on the 5th day of March next at seven o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following subjects. (The polls will be open for balloting on Article II from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. except as otherwise ordered at the meeting. All other articles will be acted upon commencing at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE I. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II. To choose, by ballot, four school board members, one from the pre-existing District of Loudon to serve for a term of three years; one from the pre-existing District of Webster to serve for a term of three years; one from the pre-existing District of Webster to serve for a term of one year and one from the preexisting District of Salisbury to serve for a term of three years. One elected candidate must be a resident of Loudon, one elected candidate must be a resident of Webster (for the 3 year term), one elected candidate must be a resident of Webster (for the 1 year term), and one elected candidate must be a resident of Salisbury. All candidates will be elected at large.

ARTICLE III. Would you be in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA 32:14 through RSA 32:24 thereby adopting a budget committee pursuant to RSA 32:14 and in compliance with RSA 195-12a. Majority ballot vote required. (By Petition)

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for, to accept and expend on behalf of the District any and all advances, grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereinafter be forthcoming from the United States of America and its agencies or from the State of New Hampshire and its agencies.

ARTICLE V. To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to accept and expend on behalf of the District private gifts and contributions for educational purposes.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Million, Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Forty one Dollars (\$37,435,341) for the support of schools, the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State's adequate education grants together with other income. The School Board shall certify to the selectmen of each of the towns of Boscawen, Loudon, Salisbury and Webster and the City Council of Concord for Penacook the amount to be raised by taxation of said municipalities. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (The School Board recommends passing this article.)

ARTICLE VII. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Merrimack Valley School Board to convey approximately 4600 Square feet of land currently a part of a lot of land located at 105 Community Drive, such lot more particularly shown on the City of Concord's tax map as lot 1431P-46 (the current location of the School Administrative Office), to the abutter located at 101 Community Drive, such lot more particularly shown on The City of Concord's Tax map as lot 1424P-55, for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and to further authorize the chairperson of the Merrimack Valley School Board to take such additional action as necessary to facilitate and/or consummate such conveyance, including securing the necessary approvals, if any, from the City of Concord and the execution of any documents necessary or attendant thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. Would you be in favor of holding our annual meeting on a Saturday instead of the current weekday evening? (*By Petition*)

ARTICLE IX. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the support of the District's food service fund programs, said sum to come from monies obtained from the sale of school lunches, federal and state nutrition funds and catering activ-

ities. [*This is a balancing account with no additional funds raised through taxation.*]

ARTICLE X. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$710,000) for the support of the District's specialized educational fund programs, said sum to come from monies received from various federal and state grants. [*This is a balancing account with no additional funds raised through taxation.*]

ARTICLE XI. Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the School District will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the School Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. (By Petition)

ARTICLE XII. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AT SAID PENACOOK THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

Merrimack Valley School Board

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The New Hampshire Humanities
Council and the Loudon Historical
Society are proud to present:

Jere Daniell of Hanover, speaking on

*“The Origins of Loudon and
Colonial New Hampshire”*

One hundred and seventy-six pins on Jere Daniell's
map of New Hampshire mark the towns, cities, and
villages he's visited so far to talk about early
New England history.

His featured topics on Colonial New Hampshire
have pleased many listeners.

When: Wednesday, May 6th

Where: 29 S Village Road, Loudon-Charlie's Barn

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: free

Contact information: cbabonis@gmail.com
or Michele York 396-2362

Legislative Listening Session

**Saturday, March 28th–10 a.m. to noon
Maxfield Public Library**

If you have questions about what's happening at the State House, concerns you'd like to discuss with your elected representatives or ideas you'd like to share for improving government in New Hampshire, please mark your calendars and plan to attend a **Legislative Listening Session** at the Maxfield Public Library on Saturday, March 28th for a first legislative listening session here in Loudon. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

State Representatives George Saunderson and Howard Moffett look forward to meeting with you. Representative Jason Parent has been invited, but has not yet indicated whether he can attend.

Please plan to join us on Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Library! See you then! ■

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Local Girl Scouts are now taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies, to be delivered in early March. Girl Scout Cookies are great cookies for a great cause. There are seven varieties, which sell for \$4 a box; all of the proceeds support local Girl Scouts and programs. A new gluten-free option, available in limited quantities, is the buttery Toffee-tastic, at \$5 box.

Girl Scout Cookies are kosher foods and there are zero grams of trans fat per serving.

This annual program is the leading financial literacy program for girls in the U.S., teaching them five essential skills they'll use for the rest of their lives: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Girls can earn money to pay their way to Girl Scout camp and other fun and exciting opportunities.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program enables girls to attend camp, have endless enjoyable learning opportunities (Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains offers more than 100 programs for girls) and learn valuable leadership skills. All proceeds remain locally to support girls in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Don't know a Girl Scout but want cookies? Call the Cookie Hotline: 888-474-9686 ext. 4201, and leave a message including the name of your town, and someone will get back to you.

Girl Scout Cookies will be delivered in early March. At this time, cookie booth sales will begin and run through mid April. You can use the Girl Scout Cookie Locator app <http://littlebrowniebakers.com/cookies/find-girl-scout-cookies-on-your-mobile-phone/> to find a booth sale near you.

For more information, call 888-474-9686, or visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 10,500 girls across New Hampshire and Vermont, thanks to support from 4,000 trained and dedicated volunteers. ■

Scholarship for Nursing & Allied Health Students

Concord Hospital Trust, the philanthropic arm of Concord Hospital, announces the Concord Hospital Trust Scholarship Fund for nursing and allied health students.

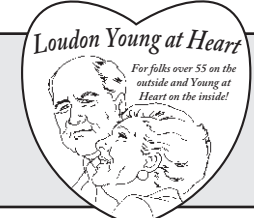
The Fund, part of the Trust's endowments, was made possible by the generosity of Concord Hospital's many benefactors, both past and present. Their vision was to inspire and enable students to pursue careers in the nursing and allied healthcare professions to enrich their lives, while ensuring the continued availability of quality health care to the Greater Concord community.

The Concord Hospital Trust Scholarship Committee, a volunteer sub-committee of the Trust's Stewardship Committee, has developed scholarship eligibility guidelines and will make decisions on Fund awards.

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, academic merit, personal character, and other criteria. Students who live within Concord Hospital's primary service area, have graduated from a high school within the service area, or who have lived within the service area for one year are eligible to apply.

The application is available on Concord Hospital Trust's Web site at www.ch-trust.org. All applications must be received or postmarked by April 30. Award decisions will be made by mid-June.

For more information about the Scholarship Fund, the eligibility requirements or to apply, visit www.ch-trust.org or contact Concord Hospital Trust at (603) 415-6624. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

On Tuesday, February 10th thirty-four members of the Young at Heart came out on slushy roads to escape their cabin fever and travel to the Shaker Table in Canterbury. They were rewarded with not only a good meal but the sun came out.

Folks chose from entrees of Roasted Pork with wild mushroom demi glaze, Dijon Crusted Haddock, Braised Short Ribs, and Roasted Chicken Puttanesca. This was topped off with dessert of either Cannoli or White Cake with raspberry filling. The meal was prepared and served by students of the culinary classes of the Lakes Region Community College.

The Young at Heart's next meeting is March 10th at Charlie's Barn with Mike Tardiff as speaker. Mike is with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission and will lead a discussion on Loudon's Master Plan.

See you next month!! ■



American Legion Post 88

By Shawn Jones, Commander

Our January meeting was attended by eleven members. I gave a report to the members that I had attended the Selectman's meeting the night before and asked if the town would be willing to assist us with paying for the Memorial Day parade since our revenue is declining. I explained to them our biggest expense was the \$500.00 donation we make to the Merrimack Valley High School Band for their participation in the parade. They said they would take the matter under consideration and get back to me. Approximately a week later I received a phone call from Brenda at the Selectman's office who informed me that the Recreation Committee agreed to have \$500.00 transferred out of their annual budget and have this money put into the Patriotic Purposes line item expense in the town budget. I would like to thank Alicia Grimaldi and the rest of the Rec committee for their generosity.

I attended the Mid Winter Conference in Rochester on January 31st. This was a very good conference with a lot of information and training being offered. The Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion were in attendance as well. Representatives from the NH Liquor Enforcement Bureau and the State's Pari Mutual Commission were on hand to provide training and answer questions regarding liquor laws and gaming rules and regulations. A Legionnaire who used to work in the insurance industry spoke at great length regarding the various types of insurance policies individual posts may want to have depending on their needs.

The Membership Chairman Mark Grimshaw talked about the need for posts to turn in all their membership renewals and to actively recruit eligible members to join. The NH Department of the AL is not unique in its problem this year with its membership. The VFW is also having its own problems with members renewing and joining. No one has the answers why but we all need to a better job of renewing our membership on time, asking a veteran to join, and talking the Legion up to people we encounter. Let them know why you joined and what we are all about. We are a service-oriented organization. If you have questions about the Legion and why you should join, please get in contact with me. The Loudon Post would welcome the chance to talk with you. Loudon Post 88 is still in third place district wide, our membership is at 84.21%. Our Adjutant Joe Piroso is asking that remaining members send in their 2015 dues renewals. He says we are 12 members short of having 100% for this year.

Our Commander's Fund Raffle winners for January were: \$50/J. Hopkins, \$25/M. Dioune, \$10/K. Bean, \$10/F. Collins, and \$5/J. Supry. Congratulations to our winners.

Upcoming Legion Event for March

JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

Location:	NH Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College
Additional Info.:	Junior Oratorical Contest March 28th. Sixth through eighth grade. District contests should be complete no later than March 13th.
Contact Info.:	Gerard Leduc, 470-6992 or cudelg@metrocast.net
Date:	March 28, 2015
Time:	8:30 a.m.

*In Comradeship,
Commander Shawn Jones
uscgr1987@tds.net/603-496-0204 ■*

Introducing the Loudon Firefighters Association

The Loudon Firefighters Association would like to introduce itself to the town. We are an association comprised of members from the Loudon Fire Department. The Fire Association's mission statement is: *The primary mission of the Loudon Firefighters' Association is to support the Loudon Fire Department in their endeavors to provide their community with fire protection, fire prevention, emergency medical services and training.* The Loudon Firefighters Association is a self-sustaining entity. We hold fundraisers, such as the annual Harvest Supper and Open House, to raise money used to run the association and help the fire department purchase equipment. The Loudon Firefighters Association has been able to establish itself as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This allows anyone who donates to the association to claim a tax deduction.

The Association is run by a Board of Directors: President Brian Searles, Vice President Tom Blanchette, Treasurer Chip Barrett, Deputy Treasurer Jonathan Leonard, and Secretary Katherine Johnson. The Board of Directors, as well as the

Association, meets monthly. We discuss upcoming fundraisers and different ways to assist the Loudon Fire Department.

The Loudon Firefighters Association is working on obtaining different grants for equipment. We have set short- and long-term goals for our fundraisers. For short-term goals, the Firefighters Association is working on obtaining Vehicle Stabilization Equipment, a Thermal Imaging Camera, and Extrication Tools. Our long-term goal is to purchase a new Utility Terrain Vehicle. Once these items are purchased by the Association, they will be donated by the Association to the Loudon Fire Department.

The Loudon Firefighters Association is going to be holding its annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 25, 2015. There will be continuous seating from 5–7 p.m. Adults will cost \$10 and children, \$5. There will also be a raffle drawn at the end of the night.

If you have any questions, concerns or fundraising ideas, feel free to contact Brian Searles, President at b.searles8709@gmail.com or (603) 491-5599. ■

Recreation Committee News



Like us on Facebook! Loudon Recreation has a Facebook page, check it out for details on upcoming events. Those who follow us on Facebook or who check the website www.loudonnh.org know that we sometimes add stuff after the publishing of the latest *Loudon Ledger* so please check for updates.

Line Dancing

All are welcome, including beginners! Adults and seniors who are ready for lots of fun and laughs might like to join the group forming on Thursday nights from 6–7 p.m. at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. Donations accepted. Contact Janet at 961-0061 for more information.

Exercise Group

A chair and standing exercise group meets on Monday evenings from 6–7 p.m. at the Richard Brown House on South Village Road. The goal of this group is to get moving and have fun — lots of fun. Donations are accepted. For more info, contact Janet at 961-0061.

Zumba

If you are interested in joining the next session of Zumba, email Jen at cjmercerc@myfairpoint.net. Zumba is officially described as an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party! Most of all it is FUN. Zumba is on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$42 for the six-week session. Registration is at the first class. Please make checks payable to Loudon Recreation.

We Need Help With Recreation!

The Loudon Recreation Committee is a volunteer group that organizes classes, workshops, events, and activities for citizens of all ages in Loudon. We NEED other volunteers to step up and help out on this committee. ■

New 4-H Group in Loudon!



Highland Riders is a new 4-H group that meets at Miles Smith Farm in Loudon. This group is cattle based, but we are also looking into doing other activities in the near future. We will be entering animals and projects into the local fairs.

At our meetings, we do a variety of different activities. We like to make crafts, work with cattle, and have other hands-on experiences on the farm. So far this winter, we have gone snowshoeing, started our fair projects, and helped out with barn chores.

4-H is open to everyone from ages 6–18 and meets every other Wednesday. For joining information, contact Melissa at (603) 848-2392 (sissachandler@gmail.com) or Caroline (caroline12083@yahoo.com). ■

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Loudon Firefighters Clear Ice From Town Office Roof



Loudon firefighters spent time recently chopping ice off the Town Office's roof. It looks like a clear and sunny day, which it was — but the windchills were in the single numbers!

Deputy Bill Lake and Gary Brooks are shown here along with Chief Rick Wright. The photo was taken by Sabrina Morin. ■

Sign The Kids Up For Barry Conservation Camp!

Overnight Camp Programs for Ages 8-16 In Berlin

Registration is underway for summer youth programs at Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, N.H. The camp offers weekly, overnight summer camp programs for boys and girls, age 8-16. Barry Camp is operated by UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Kids who enjoy hands-on learning about outdoor skills and the environment will love Barry Camp. New this year is a specialty week for youth interested in learning more about careers as a Fish and Game Conservation Officer.

To select camp programs and register, visit <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm>, email 4Hcamps@unh.edu or call 603-788-4961.

2015 summer programs at Barry Conservation Camp open for registration:

Mini-Camp: June 28–July 1, 2015. Ages 8–12. Cost: \$305 — Mini-Camp is perfect for first-time campers and younger children. This abbreviated session will include 3 nights and 4 days. Campers will enjoy our caring staff who will introduce them to many fun and exciting camp activities. Learn about nature, try your hand at crafts, explore outdoor games, sing around the campfire...this week has it all.

Fish Camp: July 5–10, 2015. Ages 10–16. Cost: \$495 — Come along and catch the big one! Novice anglers will learn the basic skills and equipment needed to get started fishing while campers with more experience will work on improving their fishing skills and exploring the finer details of the angling world. Campers will also hike, swim, canoe, create campfire skits and enjoy a host of other great activities.

4-H on the Wild Side I: July 12–17, 2015. Ages 10–16. Cost: \$495 — Experience the great outdoors! Create a meal from gathered plants, fillet a fish and cook it over an open fire, sleep under the stars, climb a mountain, swim in a pond, create nature crafts, and more. Experience a week of exciting outdoor adventures.

Hunter Education: July 19–24, 2015. Ages 12–16. Cost: \$495 — Join N.H. Fish and Game Department Hunter Education staff, volunteer instructors and camp counselors to learn and practice safe, responsible and ethical hunting. If a camper wishes to be eligible for hunter education certification at the end of the week, then some homework must be completed prior to coming to camp.

North Country Adventure: July 26–31. Ages 12–16. Cost: \$495 — Get ready for a fantastic week of exciting outdoor adventure. This week will focus on building your woodcraft skills. Campers will track wildlife, go on a canoe or backpacking adventure, learn about trapping, practice survival skills, navigate with compass and GPS and practice hunting skills. Plenty of fishing and shooting sports, too.

Junior Conservation Officer: August 2–5. Ages 14–17. \$305 — A new session for older campers who are interested in learning about outdoor careers. New Hampshire Conservation Officers will be at camp all week and will teach a host of fun, exciting and interesting sessions. In addition to traditional camp activities, topics will include search and rescue, crime scene investigation, firearms safety, tracking, surveillance, night vision technology, wildlife laws, arrest procedures, K-9 techniques, and much more.

Support Barry Camp: You can help ensure Barry Conservation Camp is here to connect future generations with the outdoors by contributing to the Barry Camp Fund. Additional improvements and a capital campaign are underway. Learn more at <http://www.wildnh.com/barrycamp>.

Sponsor a camper: Although Barry Conservation Camp is competitively priced, many families find it challenging to finance a week at camp. Fortunately, there is a strong tradition of individuals and organizations providing “camper-ships.” If you’d like to learn how to help send a youngster to camp, visit http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource002315_Rep3402.pdf or call 603-788-4961. ■



The top 10 individual winners in the Senior Division at the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest: Top row, L to R: Ashley Foss, Merrimack County, 6th; Emily Hauptman, Merrimack County, 7th; Hana Testerman, Merrimack County, 4th; Jackie Johnson, Rockingham County, 1st; Cody Gleason, Rockingham County, 10th. Front Row: Courtney Duclos, Merrimack County, 5th; Maria Young, Hillsborough County, 2nd; Keelin Berger, Rockingham County, 8th; Kayla Murphy, Rockingham County, 9th. Missing: Amie Weagle, Coos County, 3rd.

4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Held

The NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest was held on Saturday January 17th at the Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, NH. Seven Senior Teams and Four Junior Teams competed with other 4-H members from throughout NH to demonstrate their horse knowledge in a fast-paced contest. In addition to the competition, there were opportunities to visit the activity room to participate in some hands-on learning about horses and horse care, to meet new friends from other parts of the state, and to guess the identity of some uncommon horse equipment. ■

Ag Commission News

In a recent newsletter I received from *From Scratch Magazine*, they asked the question, “Can you make a living running a small farm?”

Sadly, once all the numbers are in, the answer is no, not exactly. We live in an area of “cheap factory food” and to compete with that is very difficult. Despite the fact that factory-produced food is filled with fillers and chemicals and creates a huge carbon footprint, at the end of the day, people want cheap.

What the magazine did determine is that on average a small farm can earn a net income of \$2,000 to \$8,000 per acre per year. What this tells us is that even on the high end of the spectrum, you will work a 60-hour (or more) work week in order to make less than minimum wage. That doesn’t factor in expenses such as medical coverage, retirement savings or raising children.

Yet many people across the country and right here in town are giving small farming a try, if not as a full time job then at least as a hobby to earn extra money, spend time outdoors, and just to feel good about what they do and eat. Anyone who has tried it knows it isn’t easy. You can easily tack on an additional 20 to 40 hours beyond your normal 40-hour work week. But most people will tell you that the work itself is rewarding.

Both the New Hampshire State Legislature and the Town of Loudon agree, “... encouraging small-scale farming in New Hampshire will result in increased economic opportunities, a cleaner and safer environment, greater choices in foodstuffs and enhanced social and cultural activities for the people of New Hampshire.”

It also promotes open spaces, preserves history, and provides an alternative to “factory farmed” foods.

The Loudon Agricultural Commission is here to support farmers, big and small, in our community. To that end, we have created a map of Loudon listing several farms and what they sell, we are improving our website to provide links to helpful information, we are establishing a newsletter with updates, have started a “Farm Spotlight” in the *Loudon Ledger* and are working on applying for grants that will help us provide educational workshops for farmers and the community.

Please stop by our booth at the March 14th Town Meeting where you can pick up your town map, sign up for our newsletter, meet the board members, and check out the list of local farms in this *Ledger*. Don’t forget to ask us about the warrant article we promoted to help local farmers.

The Loudon Agriculture Commission board meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the community building. Feel free to come by and share your ideas on how we can make farming viable in our community.

Happy Farming!

Cindy Shea, President ■

Loudon Police Department Has Fun With Local Kids



Above and below: Darren paid a visit to this year's D.A.R.E. class on it's first day. Deputy Stacie Fiske is Loudon's instructor this year.



Above and below: Cpl. Kristoffer Burgess spent time with the Cub Scouts. Above, he shows them how to take a set fingerprints. Below, he gives a Scout a "tour" of the inside of a cruiser.



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LYAA Baseball & Softball Registrations

Spring is near and we are getting ready for our 2015 season! Signups will be held IN PERSON ONLY. (please do not mail registration forms in as they will be returned). Come see us at signups at any of the following dates:

- **Monday, March 2, 2015.** Brookside Pizza 5:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2015.** Brookside Pizza 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 14, 2015.** Brookside Pizza 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

TBALL (ages 4–6) \$30
SOFTBALL (girls ages 8–12) \$35
MAJORS (ages 9–12) \$45

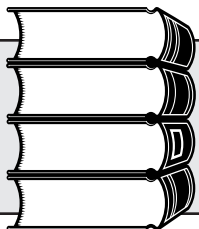
COACH PITCH (ages 6–8) \$35
MINORS (ages 9–12) \$45

Family discounts (siblings) \$5 off each registration

Minors & Majors Tryouts

Saturday, March 21, 2015. 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Concord Sports Center
Sneakers and gloves. *NO CLEATS*

Any questions please email Breanne Mullen mbmullen98@gmail.com. ■



Maxfield Public Library News

Loudon Village Arts Spring Show — April 25 and 26

Flip ahead on your calendar to save the date of the upcoming Loudon Village Arts Spring Show. Several new artists have joined the group and will be displaying along with the accomplished artists who have made the shows such a pleasure in the past. A large and colorful assortment of miniatures will be on sale as well as full-sized paintings. Photographic works will also be available. The show will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yoga — Focus, Firm, and Energize

Have you been thinking you should try yoga for relaxation and increased flexibility? With a rock bottom cost of \$5.00 per session and four sessions a week to choose from, there's no time like the present to get started. On a drop-in basis, Fran Nash welcomes you to join in for one or more of these classes: Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Also on Thursdays, low-impact chair yoga takes place at 11 a.m. Stop by the library for a printed schedule of sessions.

Kaleidoscope Gardening?!

Discover new ways to infuse your garden with color, fragrance, and dazzle. Landscape architect Helen Hayes will offer an abundance of ideas on how to recreate and revitalize your garden space, be it large or small. The program will take place on March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Please pre-register with Fran to help us plan seating and hand-out sheets.

Book Groups

Fiction/Nonfiction Group

Windswept castle, mysterious, brooding master of the house, orphan struggles, Gothic romance — *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte has it all. While many of us may have read it in high school, the book offers discussion topics galore when pondered from an adult perspective. The group will meet on March 19 at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.



Story Time readers work on Valentine's Day projects.

Classic Book Group

Due to weather-related delays, the group will discuss both *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, and *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins on March 24 at 2:30 p.m.

New Books

Fiction

Beaton, M.C.	<i>Death of a Liar</i>
Brandt, Harry	<i>The Whites</i>
Gardner, Lisa	<i>Crash & Burn</i>
Kendrick, Beth	<i>New Uses for Old Boyfriends</i>
King, Laurie R.	<i>Dreaming Spies</i>
LeCraw, Holly	<i>The Half Brother</i>
Nicholson, William	<i>Amherst</i>
Tyler, Anne	<i>A Spool of Blue Thread</i>

Nonfiction

Beckert, Sven	<i>Empire of Cotton: A New History of Global Capitalism</i>
Duchovny, David	<i>Holy Cow: A Modern-Day Dairy Tale</i>
Foner, Eric	<i>Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad</i>
Lieber, Ron	<i>The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart about Money</i>
Pinker, Steven	<i>The Better Angels of Our Nature</i>
Sheraton, Mimi	<i>1,000 Foods to Eat before You Die</i>
Thomson, Graeme	<i>George Harrison: Behind the Locked Door</i>
Venkatesh, Sudhir	<i>Gang Leader for a Day</i>

New DVDs

The Best of Me, The Book of Life, The Boxtrolls, Downton Abbey: Season 5, Dracula Untold, Dragonheart, E.T., Far and Away, Giant, The Great Santini, Great Classic Films: Romantic Dramas, The Judge, Lucy, A Million Ways to Die in the West, My Old Lady, Take This Waltz, This Is Where I Leave You, A Walk among the Tombstones, When the Game Stands Tall

Story Time

On March 3, 4, and 5 the story time theme is unicorns. The children will hear *Unicorn Dreams* by Dyan Sheldon and *Uni the Unicorn* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. In the craft time to follow, the children are encouraged to use their imagination as they create a mixed media unicorn to bring home.

On March 10, 11, and 12, we'll take a look at Grandfathers. The books for the week will be Jean Reagan's *How to Babysit a Grandpa* and *My Grandfather's Coat* by Jim Aylesworth. The children will try their hand at tailoring as they recreate the story of Grandfather's coat.

On March 17, 18, and 19, story time will compare blue skies to grey ones. A unique painting style will follow Dianne White and Beatriz Ferro's books, *Blue on Blue* and *Caught in the Rain*.



Maxfield Public Library Passes!

Passes are available to museums and points of interest around the state for Library borrowers! We suggest reserving in advance either by phone (798-5153) or in person. Call for details.

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 discounted admissions of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 18. Children under 6 free.

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Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4. Children under age 1 free.

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Story Time readers always have fun after their story.

On March 24, 25, and 26, story timers will listen to *Spring Thaw* by Steven Schnur and *The Happy Day* by Ruth Krauss. Every child will become a master gardener, leaving the library with a vibrant spring flower garden.

Join us March 30, 31, and April 1, to hear *Pete the Cat: Big Easter Adventure* by Kimberly and James Dean and *Here Comes the Easter Cat* by Deborah Underwood. After making their own Easter baskets, the children are invited to stay for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Book Sale

You'll find absolutely unbeatable bargains at the next book sale on March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To keep informed of upcoming sales, stop by or call Fran, at 798-5153 with your email address or telephone number.

Town Meeting

The library will be closed on Saturday, March 14, for Town Meeting. Held at the Loudon Elementary School, the meeting starts at 9 a.m. See you there!

Library Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1–9 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■

Handling The Risks Of High Home Humidity

(NAPS)—A few simple steps can help you avoid a common situation that could put a damper on your indoor fun and good feelings.

The Problem

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, health problems associated with poor indoor air quality include eye irritation, allergies, headaches, and respiratory problems such as asthma. These can be directly related to the presence of mold and dust mites in the home.

Research has found that common household dust mites may be a factor in as many as 80 percent of asthmas, hay fevers and other allergic ailments. Along with respiratory symptoms, high levels of dust mite allergens have also been correlated with atopic dermatitis, characterized by itchy, irritated skin.

Dust mites are microscopic but hardy creatures that live and multiply easily in warm, humid places. They thrive at temperatures at or above 70 degrees with a relative humidity of 75 percent to 80 percent, but, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, you can reduce dust mites if you keep your home's humidity below 50 percent.

Mold is a fungus that feeds on organic substances and survives in moist conditions. Besides causing allergies, they produce harmful chemicals such as VOCs (volatile organic compounds) and mycotoxins. Health hazards from mold include coughing, wheezing, running eyes and nose, skin rashes, muscle aches, loss of appetite, inability to concentrate, and fatigue.

The Signs

While some evidence of excess moisture may be obvious, such as condensation on windows, often-times, they are hidden in the crawl spaces and basement of the house. From there, this polluted air eventually moves into the rest of the house, often carrying odors, contributing to poor indoor air quality and causing uncomfortably high humidity levels. Studies show that as much as 50 percent of the air in a home comes from these below-grade areas.

A Solution

One answer is effective moisture control. Dehumidifiers can reduce the risk of serious health issues by controlling moisture levels in the home.

Several organizations, including the Environmental Protection Agency, American Lung Association, and American Medical Association, recommend using dehumidifiers to maintain humidity levels of 50 percent or less indoors.

The high-capacity dehumidifiers from Santa Fe are the most energy efficient around and designed to effectively operate in the cooler temperatures of a basement or crawl space while helping to maintain the structural integrity of the house.

Learn More

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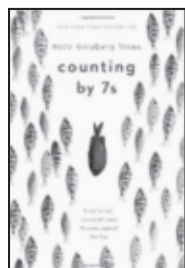


Between the Covers: Great Stone Face Book Awards

By Kate Dockham

It's March and intermediate students across the state are getting ready to vote for their favorite book. The Great Stone Face Book Award, sponsored by the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire, is given each year to an author whose book receives the most votes from fourth through sixth graders throughout the state. The students choose from 20 nominees from recently-published titles. The vote takes place every April and the winner is announced in May. The purpose of the award is to promote reading enjoyment, to increase awareness of contemporary writing, and to allow children to honor their favorite author. Last year's Great Stone Face Award went to *Buddy* by M.H. Herlong. Buddy is the story of a boy, his newly-found dog, and Hurricane Katrina. While this is a classic boy-and-dog tale, Herlong gives a realistic portrayal of the struggles of living through Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

This year's list has a little something for everyone. There are seven realistic fiction books on the list. These are books set in present day with no elements of magic or fantasy.



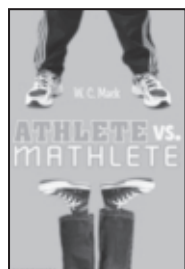
1. Holly Goldberg Sloan has written *Counting by 7s*. This is a powerful book about grief, family, and being different. Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. You'll cheer for Willow as she pushes through her grief and manages to find a new "family."

2. *The Saturday Boy* is another impressive entry. 10-year-old Derek's dad is sent back to Afghanistan to fly Apache helicopters for the U.S. Army. All Derek has left are the letters from his dad, 91 to be exact. No matter what, each letter always says exactly what Derek needs to hear. But what he wants to hear the most is that his dad is coming home.



3. *Almost Home* by Joan Bauer also has a heavy theme. Twelve-year-old Sugar's grandfather dies and her gambling father takes off yet again. Then Sugar and her mother lose their home in Missouri. They head to Chicago for a fresh start, only to discover that fresh starts aren't so easy to come by for the homeless. Nevertheless, Sugar's mother has taught her to be grateful no matter what, so Sugar does her best. With the help of a rescue dog, Shush, a foster family, a supportive teacher, a love of poetry, and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can't control the hand life deals her, she can control how she responds.

4. *Mountain Dog* by Margarita Engle also shows how the love of a pet can help us through the hardest times. This complex story is written completely in poem form, which can be deceiving to the eye. Tony's mother is sent to jail and he is sent to stay with a great uncle he has never met in Sierra Nevada. It is an overwhelming move — Tony's new world is nothing like his previous one. There he meets Gabe, a search-and-rescue dog. Can his uncle, the mountains, and this wonderful dog help Tony put his troubled past behind him? Slowly, against a remote and remarkable backdrop, the scars from Tony's troubled past begin to heal. Tony learns how to track wild animals, is welcomed to the Cowboy Church, and makes new friends at the Mountain School. Most importantly, it is through Gabe that Tony discovers unconditional love for the first time. Our final two realistic fiction books are on the lighter side.



5. In M.C. Mack's *Athlete vs. Mathlete* twins Owen and Russell couldn't be more different. Owen is the school jock and Russell is the school brainiac. They've long kept the peace by going their separate ways, but all that is about to change. The new basketball coach recruits Russell for the seventh grade team and a jealous Owen has to fight to stay in the game. At the same time, someone tries to steal Russell's spot as captain of the Mathlete team. This is a lighthearted and hilarious

look at what happens when brains meets brawn meets basketball.

6. *The Short Seller* by Elissa Brent Waterman appears outlandish at first, but Waterman does a great job making it all seem real. At the outset, Lindy is content with life, her friends, and even her struggles with advanced math. But she gets bored when she is home alone with mono, and so she begins buying



and selling stocks online with \$100 her parents gave her for that purpose. And then she dips into her parents' account. Weissman makes Lindy's mistakes believable, all the while explaining the stock market, short selling, and insider trading in vivid terms. Lindy's shifting relationships with her friends and family are well described, with her father's upbeat outlook a necessary counterpoint to the dire SEC accusations being raised against him and Lindy. Fittingly, Lindy emerges poorer but wiser in the end.



7. The last title in this category, *Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made* by Chris Kurtz, is the lightest and tweenage funniest of all seven titles, similar to *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Big Nate* series. Meet "detective" Timmy Failure, the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps even the nation. Add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total. Throw in the Failuremobile, Timmy's mom's Segway, and what you have is Total Failure, Inc., a global enterprise destined to make Timmy so rich his mother won't have to stress out about the bills anymore. From the

offbeat creator of *Pearls Before Swine* comes an endearingly bumbling hero in a caper whose peerless hilarity is accompanied by a whodunit twist.

There are four mystery books on the Great Stone Face Award list this year.

1. *The Tell-Tale Start* by Gordon McAlpine is the first installment in his series, *The Misadventures of Edgar & Allan Poe*. Edgar and Allan Poe are twelve-year-old identical twins, the great-great-great-great-grandnephews of Edgar Allan Poe. They look and act so much alike that they're almost one mischievous, prank-playing boy in two bodies. When their beloved black cat, Roderick Usher, is kidnapped and transported to the Midwest, Edgar and Allan convince their guardians it's time for a road trip. Along the way, mayhem and mystery ensue. With a mix of humor, mystery, a little quantum physics, and fun extras like fortune cookie messages, letters in code, license plate clues, and playful illustrations throughout, this series opener is a perfect choice for smart, funny tweens.



2. In Dean Pitchford's *Nickel Bay Nick*, eleven-year-old Sam Brattle is already having the worst Christmas ever — his dad's bakery is going bankrupt and his mom is spending the holidays with her new family. To make things worse, Nickel Bay Nick, the anonymous Good Samaritan who leaves hundred-dollar bills around Nickel Bay at Christmas-time, is a no-show, so this year the rest of the town is as miserable as Sam. When he stumbles upon the secret identity of this mysterious do-gooder, Sam is stunned to learn that he might now be his town's only hope. But before he can rescue Nickel Bay, Sam has to learn the skills of a spy and unravel some even darker secrets that will change his life forever.



3. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein is another fast-moving mystery for this age group. In this book, Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the 12 kids who get to spend the night in the new town library, designed by the famous game designer, Luigi Lemoncello. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue and every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route. In this cross between *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *A Night in the Museum*, Agatha Award winner Chris Grabenstein uses rib-tickling humor to create the perfect tale for his quirky characters. Readers will become enthralled with the crafty twists and turns of this ultimate library experience.



4. *Wake Up Missing* by Kate Messner is for the older range of this age group. Following a traumatic head injury, 12-year-old Cat knows what it's like to be missing pieces of your self. Then she's accepted at I-CAN, a "miracle" treatment center for neurological disorders in the Florida Everglades. The program is known as the best in the world, but as days pass, the kids begin to suspect they are subjects in an experiment that goes far beyond treating concussions...and threatens their very identities. After overhearing a sinister conversation, Cat and the others do some snooping, where they learn the miracle cure is a ruse. They'll have to overcome their injuries — and their differences — to escape through alligator-infested swamps ahead of hired thugs. This is suspenseful though ultimately reassuring, as the enemies are punished and the children are saved.

The award list also has a graphic novel and adventure and fantasy books. We'll take a look at those titles next month. Until next time...keep turning those pages. ■



Loudon Elementary School News

Fifth Grade Exhibition

Capstone Experience of the PYP

Exhibition is commonly referred to as the culminating event of a student's experience in the Primary Years Program. It is a collaborative, in-depth, student-led inquiry project that results in students taking action on a topic about which they are passionate. Throughout the exhibition process, fifth grade students demonstrate how they can apply the attributes of the Learner Profile, the attitudes, and how they can research, collaborate, communicate, and reflect through the use of the trans-disciplinary skills. They demonstrate their growing understanding of the eight key concepts they have been working with throughout their time in elementary school. In short, exhibition allows students to show how they learn.

At Loudon Elementary School the fifth grade students will be working in groups to research topics they feel are relevant and significant to their community. Their classroom teachers and exhibition mentors will guide them through this process. However, the students lead the research, action, and reflection that result in the sharing of their work on Exhibition Evening. This year's Exhibition Evening is scheduled for April 22nd. Last year, the students looked at such diverse topics as preventing animal abuse, helping senior citizens and veterans, bullying, and food security. We are eager to learn what this year's fifth graders will tackle!



Upcoming LES Events

- March 4** 4th Grade NAEP Assessment
- March 5** MVSD Annual Meeting. MVHS Auditorium. Polls open at 6 p.m. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.
- March 13** Trimester 2 Grades Close
- March 20** Trimester 2 Report Cards, Grade 2
- March 22** 5th Grade DARE Hockey Game
- March 27** PTA Snack Cart Day
- March 28** PTA Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.



100 Days at LES

On February 12th, students and staff celebrated 100 days of school in the 2014–2015 school year. Kindergarten students designed a display of 100 items of their choice. First grade students designed hats representative of the event. Second grade students created posters to celebrate the day. Creativity was the theme of this day!

What is Reader's Workshop?

Reading instruction at LES is delivered using the Reading Workshop instruction model. This model focuses on the strengths and needs of each individual reader. Teachers model reading behaviors and provide direct instruction on reading strategically. Students are given time to read, an opportunity to choose their reading selections and time to talk about books and strategies.

Components of Reading Workshop

The lesson begins with a **mini lesson**. The teacher guides the class through instruction centered around a specific reading strategy or skill based on the needs of the students. Picture and chapter books are read as the teacher thinks aloud and models the skill or strategy that is the focus of the lesson.

At the conclusion of the mini lesson students are provided with **independent work time**. Students read self-selected "just right books" as they practice what they were just taught in the mini lesson. Often, students respond to what they have just read in a reader's notebook. Students may participate in book clubs to practice reading and talk about their books with their peers. Teacher's conference with students about what they are reading and the skills and/or strategies they are practicing. During this time, teachers provide instruction in small, guided reading and strategy groups.

Before a reading lesson ends, the entire class participates in **sharing time**. Students share what they have read and how they have applied the day's mini lesson to their reading. This may be done as a whole class or in small groups. Written responses and book recommendations are shared as well.

In the Reading Workshop instructional model, assessment is ongoing. Teachers closely monitor their students' progress through notes and running records taken during conferencing and small group work. Rubrics are used to assess students' fluency, comprehension, written responses, and participation in the workshop. A significant strength of this model is the emphasis on authentic reading and writing opportunities. (Referenced from: <http://www.unit5.org>)

LES Updates and Reminders

Congratulations to Evelyn Belo, winner of the LES Geography Bee!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The LES PTA made a generous donation from the Tech Fund. With this donation, LES will be able to significantly increase the amount of technology students have access to within the classrooms.

Please keep clipping those Box Tops and Labels for Education! In addition to the over \$2,000 that has already been earned through Box Tops, we recently received \$250 from Labels for Education.

Please make sure students are prepared for outside recess daily!

Dismissal changes should be communicated to LES before 3:00 p.m. in order to ensure messages are delivered to all effected.

The phone number for the MVSD transportation department is 753-1421. Should a bus concern arise after school hours please contact their office directly. ■





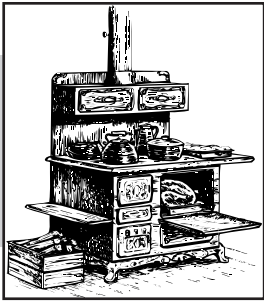
Discover Wild New Hampshire Day Set For Saturday, April 18, 2015

You might be surrounded by mountains of snow, but spring is on the way, and so is Discover WILD New Hampshire Day. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's biggest community event of the year is set for Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, N.H. The event will be extra special this year, as Fish and Game celebrates its 150th anniversary. New attractions for 2015 include an entire tent devoted to hunting and fishing exhibitors.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and legacy of outdoor traditions. Come browse exhibits from environmental and conservation organizations throughout the state. See live animals, big fish and trained falcons. Try your hand at archery, casting, fly-tying and B-B gun shooting. Watch retriever dogs in action. Get creative with hands-on craft activities for the kids. N.H. Department of Environmental Services staff will be on hand to help you discover new trends in recycling, environmental protection and energy-efficient hybrid vehicles.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day is hosted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and sponsored in part by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, Fish and Game's nonprofit partner (learn more about the Foundation at <http://nhwildlifeheritage.org>). Watch for more details about Discover WILD New Hampshire Day at <http://www.wildnh.com>. ■

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What's Cookin'! Sliders

By Jenn Pfeifer

Sliders have become a new favorite at my house — specifically sliders made on King's Hawaiian rolls. The rolls are soft, slightly sweet, melt in your mouth, and pair perfectly with savory foods. Sliders are great for parties and little kids just love little finger foods. We started off with basic burgers and ham and cheese sliders but have graduated to some more interesting recipes. Believe it or not you can make some really yummy desserts, too. Check out lots of fun recipes at king-shawaiian.com/recipes. (Thank you for the article idea Alex!)

HAWAIIAN HAM & SWISS SLIDER — by: Kari L.

- 24 Slices of deli honey ham
- 6 Slices of Swiss cheese, cut into fourths
- 1/3 Cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1½ Tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 Cup butter melted
- 1 Tablespoon onion powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 12-count packages KING'S HAWAIIAN Original Hawaiian Sweet Dinner Rolls

Cut rolls in half and spread mayo onto 1 side of the rolls. Place a slice or two of ham and slice of Swiss cheese in roll. Replace the top of the rolls and bunch them closely together into a baking dish. In a medium bowl, whisk together poppy seeds, Dijon mustard, melted butter, onion powder, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour sauce over the rolls, just covering the tops. Cover with foil and let sit for 10 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Uncover and cook for additional 2 minutes until tops are slightly browned and crisp. Serve warm.

GRILLED PEPPERONI PIZZA SANDWICHES — by: Marti C.

- 1 Package sliced pepperoni
- 1 Jar pizza sauce
- 1 Package mozzarella cheese
- Butter or margarine as needed
- 1 package KING'S HAWAIIAN Original Hawaiian Sweet Dinner Rolls

Cut rolls in half. Butter each outer side of roll. Put one tablespoon of pizza sauce inside roll. Add 3–4 slices of pepperoni. Top with mozzarella cheese. Place top of the roll on top of layers to form a sandwich. Grill or cook sandwiches on both sides until brown and cheese has melted.

SALMON BLT SLIDERS — by: Chef AC Boral

- 8–12 Ounces fresh salmon filet
- 1/2 Cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tablespoons capers, roughly chopped
- 2 Tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- 1½ Tablespoons lemon juice, about a half lemon
- 4 Strips bacon, cooked and cut in half
- 2 Roma tomatoes, sliced thinly
- 1 Cup arugula leaves
- 8 King's Hawaiian Original Sweet Dinner Rolls

Mix to combine capers, cilantro, lemon juice, and mayonnaise. Hold in refrigerator until assembling sliders. Break down salmon filet into portions that fit on dinner rolls (about 1–1½ oz.). Season salmon with salt and pepper and sear in a skillet on medium-high heat. Flip after about 2 minutes and remove when both sides have formed a nice crust. Slice dinner rolls in half and toast lightly. Assemble sliders with caper mayonnaise spread on the bottom bun, followed by the salmon, bacon, tomato, and arugula. Serve with lemon wedges and a side salad.

GRILLED THAI SPICE CHICKEN SLIDERS — by: Marla Meridith

- 9 King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Dinner Rolls
- 1 Pound ground chicken
- 1/4 Cup chopped green onion
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 Tbsp Thai roasted red chili paste
- 2 Tsps. fish sauce
- 2 Tsps. lime juice
- Pinch garlic powder
- Pinch black pepper
- 9 Bok choy leaves
- Fresh cilantro
- Vegetable oil

Season a grill or grill pan with vegetable oil, turn to medium high heat. Split the King's Hawaiian Dinner Rolls. When grill is hot, heat both sides of the rolls until

you have grill marks. Set them aside. In a bowl season the meat with some garlic powder and pepper. Mix in the chili paste, fish sauce, lime juice, cilantro, and green onion. Form 9 small slider patties. Add some more oil to the grill pan if needed. Grill the burgers for a few minutes on each side until cooked through. Spread some Sriracha on each piece of bread (top and bottom) Place a piece of cilantro and bok choy on one side, place the slider on top of that and the other half of the bun.

Sriracha Mayo Sauce:

- 1/2 Cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon Sriracha

Whisk together the Sriracha sauce, mayonnaise, and a pinch of black pepper.

ZUCCHINI PARMESAN SLIDERS — by: Megan D.

- 1 Large zucchini
- 1/2 Cup Flour
- 2 Large eggs
- 1 Cup+ panko bread crumbs
- 4 Tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Red pepper flakes to taste
- 1½ Cups marinara sauce
- 5 Slices Provolone, cut into 4 pieces
- 1/4 Cup Parmesan cheese, shredded
- 12 King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Dinner Rolls
- 1 Garlic clove, minced
- Fresh basil leaves chopped optional

Preheat oven to 350F. Slice zucchini into ¼-inch rounds. Sprinkle both sides with salt and pepper. Heat 2½ tablespoons of olive oil in an iron skillet over medium heat. Divide flour, eggs, and panko into separate small bowls. Whisk the eggs with a tablespoon of water. Dunk the seasoned zucchini in the flour, then eggs, and then panko. Set aside. Continue with all the zucchini. Place half of the zucchini rounds in the hot skillet until crispy. Flip and toast up the crumbs on the opposite sides. Remove and crisp up the remaining zucchini slices. Either place zucchini in the iron skillet or in an oven safe dish. Cover with marinara sauce. Place provolone over each zucchini round. Sprinkle with Parmesan, salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes. Bake at 350 for 25–30 minutes or until cooked through and a fork inserts easily into the rounds. Meanwhile stir garlic into remaining 1½ tablespoons of olive oil. Brush onto sliced slider buns. Toast on a grill pan until crispy. Remove the zucchini Parmesan from the oven. Serve on toasty buns with fresh basil.

FRIED APPLE BACON BUNS — Submitted by: Kathy P.

- 24 Slices bacon, cooked crisp, cut in half
- 5 or 6 Apples, sliced (pink lady, honey crisp)
- 1 16-ounce tub cream cheese
- 2 Tablespoon Coconut oil
- 3 or 4 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 or 2 Tablespoons cinnamon
- 1 Dash of salt
- Squeeze of lemon
- 24 King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet 24-pack Dinner Rolls

Mix sugar, cinnamon, and salt in bowl and set aside. Slice apples. Heat oil, cook apples until slightly brown, place on paper towels to drain excess oil. Toss apples in the sugar mixture. Squeeze of lemon. Split Rolls. Thick layer of cream cheese both sides. Stack fried apples, 1 crispy cooked bacon half. Close, Enjoy!

KING'S HAWAIIAN CREAM PUFFS — by: Chef Brittany Delval

- 8 Ounces whipped cream, store bought or homemade
- 8 Ounces dark chocolate chips
- 1 package King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Dinner Rolls

Pull apart each piece of bread and use cupcake corer or knife to core the center of each roll ¾ of the way down, being careful not to break all the way through the bottom. Toast the rolls at 325F for 3–5 mins until lightly toasted, set aside. Fill a piping bag or zip lock bag with whipped cream topping. Pipe the whipped cream into each roll, taking care not to overflow the rolls. Melt the chocolate in the microwave 30 seconds at a time, stirring with a rubber spatula in between increments until fully melted. Dip the top of each cream puff in the chocolate and keep in fridge until ready to serve. Before serving, top off each cream puff with a swirl of more whipped cream! This dish is best served shortly after preparing.

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

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Merrimack Valley High School Art Awards

Eleven Merrimack Valley High School students were recognized for their outstanding achievement in art. The Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire recognized these artists at a statewide exhibit held at The Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy on Sunday, February 8. The following Loudon artists were part of the group honored: Emily Masse, Melissa Chaput, Emily Robbins, Heather Stevens, Raegan Dombrowski, and Rowenna Rodrigue. ■



Emily Masse. "First Day." Gold Key



Melissa Chaput. "Descending Madness." Gold Key



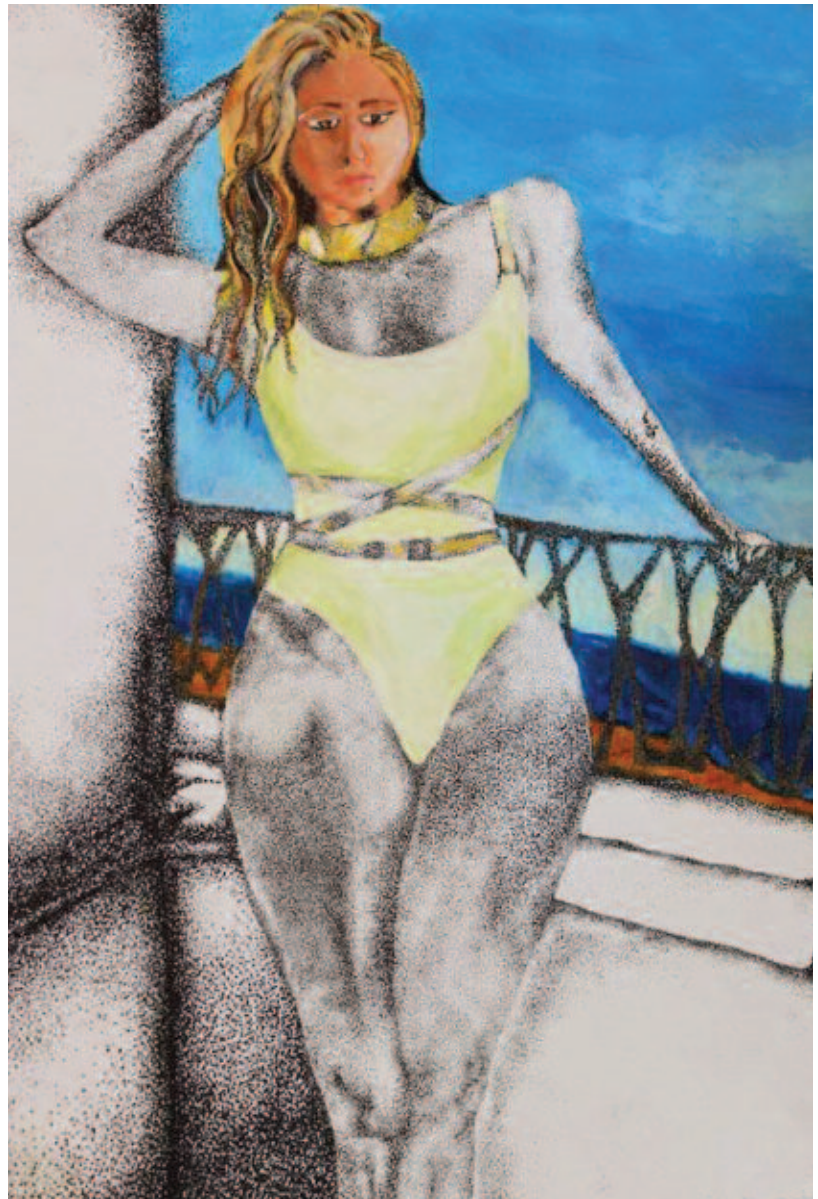
Raegan Dombrowski. "Mom's Spaghetti." Honorable Mention



Emily Robbins. "Purple Reflections." Silver Key



Heather Stevens. "Fond Hope." Silver Key



Rowenna Rodrigue. "Stipple & Gold." Honorable Mention.

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Following is a list of local farms and some of the products they sell.
Remember: MARCH is Maple Syrup month and Maple weekend is March 28th and 29th.

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(603) 783-9625
Sustainable Farming

Windswept Maples
845 Loudon Ridge Road
(603) 267-8492
Vegetables, Beef, Maple Syrup, Eggs

Ridgeland Farm
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www.ridgelandfarmnh.com*

Potpourri Acres
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larrabeers@comcast.net*

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(603) 783-4669
*Pigs & Poultry.
www.luckystarfarmnh.com*

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(603) 435-6587, (603) 435-6883
Maple Products: Syrup, Candies & Cream.

B&B Syrup, the Barton Families
227 Flagg Road
(603) 783-4341, (603) 783-9123

Miles Smith Farm
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(603) 783-5159
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www.milesmithfarm.com*

Our Place Farm
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(603) 798-3183
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ledgeviewgreenhouses@gmail.com*

Loudon AG Commission meets the 1st Thursday of every month (Charlie's Barn behind Town Hall) at 7pm. If you wish to add your farm to our list please email cindy_shea@comcast.net



ANNOUNCING The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger
Starting Date: February 1, 2015
Ending Date: April 30, 2015

To be part of this effort...

- Donate In-date Food (It will be counted as \$1.00 per item.)
- Donate In-date Meat or Produce (It will be counted as \$1.00 per pound.)
- Donate funds (It will be counted dollar for dollar.)

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

Our 2015 Goal is \$12,000
As of February 13, 2015 we’ve received \$454.92 towards this new challenge (\$254.92 in food and \$200.00 in funds).

Please spread the word! Our challenge thermometer is posted on LoudonFood-Pantry.org and will be updated daily. With your help, we can feed households in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions please call Sue at 724-9731.

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger is replacing The Feinstein Challenge. This year The Feinstein Foundation has decided to postpone their challenge indefinitely so it can concentrate on scholarship funding.

How and Where to Donate

You can mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, NH 03307. But if you find you’re not in the neighborhood you can drop off at one of these convenient locations:

Business	Town	Collection Type
TD Bank	Loudon	Food & Funds (speak with any teller)
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
106 Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Yellow Submarine	Concord	Funds
Camping World	Chichester	Food

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors for all your donations and help throughout the year! ■



Workshops Offerings

Blueberry & Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration
Sat., March 7, 2015. 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Blue Moon Berry Farm
195 Waldron Hill Road
Warner, NH

Suggested donation \$5 at event — snow, rain or shine — dress appropriately.
Bill Lord and Amy Papineau, of UNH Cooperative Extension, will demonstrate how to properly prune blueberry bushes and various fruit trees to keep the plants productive and healthy.
Pre-registration is appreciated by contacting Mary West at 796-2151 or mary.west@unh.edu.

Raising a Piglet in Your Backyard
Thursday, April 9, 2015 and Thursday, April 16, 2015

Both from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

UNH Cooperative Extension office
315 Daniel Webster Highway (Rte 3)
Boscawen, NH

Come listen to Dot Perkins, UNHCE Livestock Field Specialist, to get all the facts and many practical tips pertaining to raising and caring for pigs in New Hampshire.
Session 1 will cover information about the different breeds, getting ready for the animal, including housing and spacing requirements, basic care, and an overview of processing.
Session 2 will focus on swine nutrition, their health, and how pasture fits in.
Cost: \$10 per person /per class. 4-Hers are free, but must be accompanied by a registered adult.
For more information or to register on-line, call or email: merrimack.agext@unh.edu at UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County, 603-796-2151. ■

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AND GET YOURS NOW!
ALSO REMEMBER TO STOP BY OUR RECYCLING
DISPLAY AT THE NEXT TOWN MEETING
MARCH 14, 2015.

Kids' Corner



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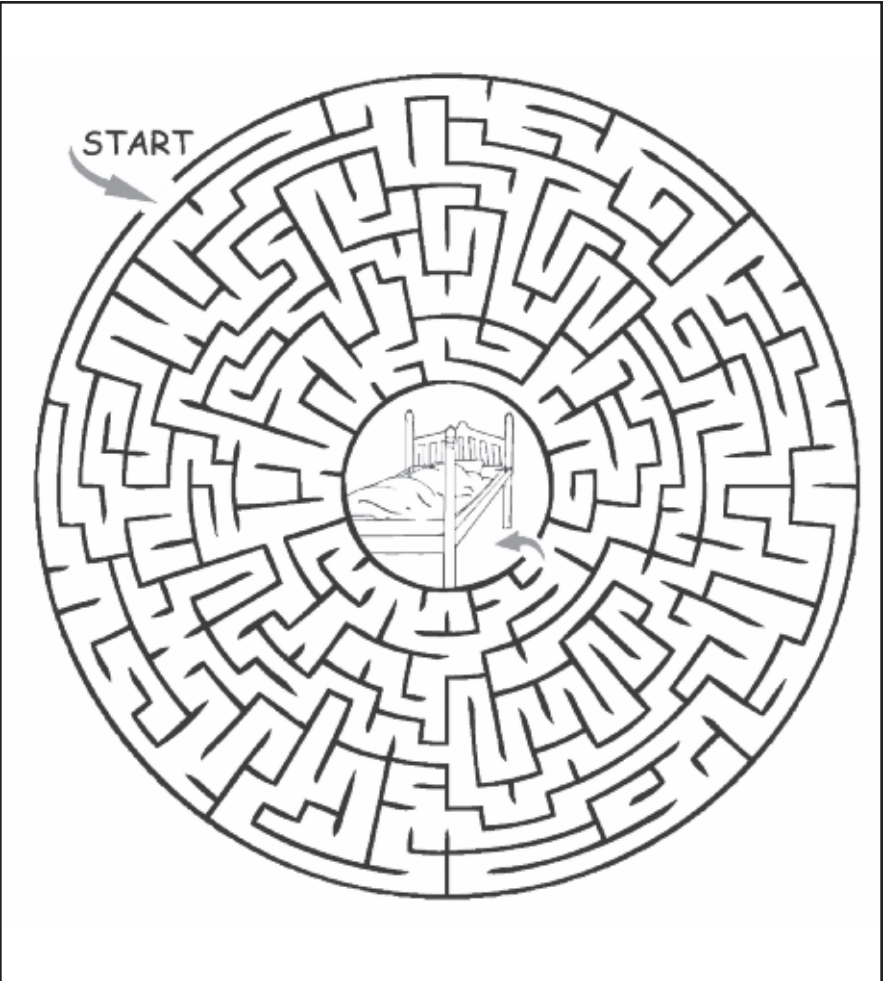
Above: Spring animals coloring page.

Below: Answer to last month's "snowflake" search.

Snow is Falling!

The word "snowflake" appears 17 times in the puzzle!
Did you find them all?

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Happy 150th, N.H. Fish And Game!

This is a big year for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, as the state's wildlife agency celebrates 150 years of fish and wildlife conservation in the Granite State. A growing collection of stories and photos celebrating Fish and Game's fascinating history is being gathered on the Department's website at <http://wildnh.com/150>. Visit often!

The anniversary theme will be incorporated into many Fish and Game activities throughout the year. If you meet up with a Fish and Game Conservation Officer, notice the special 150th commemorative "warden" badges being worn throughout 2015. The Department's spring outdoor festival, Discover WILD New Hampshire Day (coming April 18 at Department headquarters in Concord) will feature historic Fish and Game trucks and artifacts and activities exploring the 150th anniversary theme. Weekly Facebook posts are underway at <https://www.facebook.com/nhfis-handgame> observing memorable moments in Fish and Game history. And watch for messages each month with perspectives on the colorful past — and future outlook — for Fish and Game's many different program areas.

"Thanks to the work of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department over the past century and a half, we have healthy wildlife populations, fish to catch, and open land to enjoy — resources that contribute to a healthy economy and a high-quality lifestyle," said Fish and Game Executive Glenn Normandeau.

New Hampshire's wildlife was in trouble in 1865, before the State Legislature took action to set up the first Commission on Fisheries. Some species had been hunted, fished and trapped to extirpation. Wild turkeys had disappeared, and deer, moose and beaver were scarce. Dams powering the new industrial economy prevented fish from migrating up our rivers.

The Fisheries Commission soon expanded to include oversight of the state's wildlife resources. Conditions gradually improved as laws and enforcement put a stop to over-hunting and fishing. In the early 1900s, license fees provided a modest funding source. Scientific advances and federal funding through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts helped make management efforts more effective.

In recent years, Fish and Game's responsibilities have expanded beyond traditional fish and wildlife management to include search and rescue, marine fisheries management, public boat access, nuisance wildlife control, Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle education and enforcement, and endangered wildlife and habitat protection.

"Over the years, a proportionally small investment in the Fish and Game Department has brought enormous benefits to the state," said Normandeau, pointing out that wildlife-associated recreation generates \$556 million in economic activity for New Hampshire.

The anniversary year was launched with a special issue of *New Hampshire Wildlife Journal* magazine focused on Fish and Game history. The issue is packed with historical photos and includes features by New Hampshire author Jack Noon, a timeline of Fish and Game milestones, a profile of renowned biologist Helenette Silver, and excerpts from former Director Charles Barry's new book of memoirs. The anniversary issue's Warden's Watch column features "the Legend of Slim Baker" and tales from the Fish and Game Newsletter archives. New subscribers can request a free copy of the anniversary issue (January/February 2015). Visit http://wildnh.com/Wildlife_Journal/WJ_mag.htm.

To mark the occasion, special "Since 1865" merchandise, including t-shirts and sweatshirts and hats with the 150th anniversary logo have been designed and are available at <http://wildnh.com/Shop/shop.htm>. All sales benefit the Fish and Game Department.

Two New Hampshire firearms manufacturers, Ruger and LHR Sporting Arms, have created limited edition guns engraved with the Fish and Game 150th anniversary logo and an exclusive serial number (see <http://wildnh.com/150/ltd-guns.html>). A portion of all sales of the commemorative firearms will benefit the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of N.H., Fish and Game's nonprofit partner. A grant from the Foundation helped fund outreach materials and historical research for Fish and Game's anniversary.

"This anniversary is an important time to reflect on the difference an effective Fish and Game Department has made for New Hampshire," said Normandeau. "As we look at the successes over the past 150 years, we must also look ahead. Adequate funding to perform our various missions is critical. This Department works every day to connect people to life outdoors, to strengthen New Hampshire's economy, and to preserve our wildlife legacy for future generations. That's something to celebrate."

Have fun exploring more Fish and Game history at <http://www.wildnh.com/150>.



Crossover Move: Markos Joins Speedway After 14 Years with Boston Celtics

New England native hired as New Hampshire Motor Speedway's new vice president of ticket sales and operations

From the parquet to the fast lane, New Hampshire Motor Speedway officials announced today the hiring of Steve Markos as the new vice president of ticket sales and operations. Markos joins the Magic Mile family after spending the last 14 years with the Boston Celtics. Markos climbed the ladder rung by rung for the 17-time world champions, starting as a public relations intern before exiting as the team's director of corporate partnerships.

"Steve brings an impressive sports pedigree and a proven track record of success," said Jerry Gappens, executive vice president and general manager for the speedway. "His passion, interpersonal skills, sense of urgency and relationship-building are just a few of his attributes that will make a positive impact in his new role here."

As vice president of ticket sales and operations, Markos will oversee credentialing, renewals, camping and sales incentive programs for fans, while creating and enhancing new revenue opportunities for New England's largest sports and entertainment facility. With his focus on NASCAR events, he will oversee a staff of more than 15 full- and part-time employees in the ticket office and in group sales.

"I think there's a direct correlation between the Celtics and NASCAR, and that's sports entertainment," said Markos. "I have a lot of respect for NASCAR fans. They are diehard, loyal and very knowledgeable. To have an opportunity to connect with that fan base really intrigued me to make the switch."

Markos joined the C's in a full-time capacity as an account executive in June of 2001. Over the next decade, Markos would hold several positions within the company, ascending to the team's corporate partnerships manager before making the final jump to director. During this stretch, Markos earned a championship ring thanks to the Celtics' title-winning season in 2008.

Markos graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Sport Management from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst. Markos resides in Bradford, Mass., where he lives with his wife, Kristen, and their two children, Zachary, 8, and Kian, 6. ■



Steve Markos, who spent the last 14 years with the NBA's Boston Celtics, has been named the new VP of ticket sales and operations at NHMS.



Walking the Doggies

By Carole Soule

Dog owners do it. Joggers do it. Even children do it. They all walk the dog. I want to as well. While I don't have a dog, I do have Scottish Highlander cows, bulls and calves. So I decided to walk my Scottish Highlander calves as in, "Git along little doggies, git along."

I start socializing our calves early, some as young as a few days old. It's always a surprise to see how a baby will react that first time on a lead rope. Some calves leap two or three feet into the air. Those we call "flyers." Felix, a gray, six month old Scottish Highlander steer would jump straight up, like he was on a pogo stick. Others, like Felix's buddy Milo, would throw themselves on the ground in a tantrum. Some will plant their feet, lean back and not move. All of these tactics are just forms of resistance which can be defeated by patience. I wonder if training a child is similar? Usually after 20 or 30 minutes the calf, like a good child, figures out it is easier to walk than fight. When the calf finally does move or get up, the best reward is to release tension on the lead rope for a moment and repeat the lesson until they get it. Daily walks reinforce that initial training for most calves.

Some never quite accept human leadership and continue to fight. This is when I start the "tractor or ATV walk." With the calf tied to the ATV and someone walking behind to keep the calf out of trouble, I'll drive slowly around the barn yard with the calf walking calmly behind, maybe. Stewart, our largest calf at 420 pounds, tried to take the ATV for a walk. He planted his feet bringing the ATV to a full stop. When he did finally start walking it was a stiff-legged march where he snapped one leg forward at a time like the

walk of the wooden soldiers.

Calves that have been trained to (follow a) lead usually grow up to be calm cows around humans and are safe to handle. It's one thing to fight with an 80-pound calf on the end of a lead rope, quite another to try the same thing with an 800-pound steer. Like kids, its best to train them young.

That is why I decided to walk at least two calves everyday. Interacting with each calf helps them get over their fear of humans and we all learn to work together. Well not actually together — I lead and they learn to follow. Unless it's Stewart, who would rather walk backwards than do anything I ask. Know any kids like that?

Come by the farm to help us walk our "little doggies." You'll get some great exercise and learn how to fit into the herd. You'll also find out why we name our



calves. Or read my next column, I'll tell you why. Until then just "git along with your doggies." ■

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Tips On How To Improve Your Chances To Be Approved For a Mortgage

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Moving to a new town, starting a family or just sick of paying rent — there are lots of reasons why you might be ready to buy a home. Before you start picturing your housewarming party you are going to need a mortgage. The following tips can help you secure that mortgage and take your next step toward owning a home.

Come prepared.

Lenders today are more cautious when awarding loans, so make sure you have the paperwork you need to prove you can be a responsible borrower. Before you complete any loan application make sure you know your annual and monthly income, debts, credit score, potential down payment, and the price range you can afford. Start with an online mortgage calculator. It allows you to simulate the mortgage process so you can see what price works for you.

How's your credit?

Knowing your credit score before you apply for a mortgage is essential, but it's also important to know what that credit score says about you. The higher your credit score, the better your chance of obtaining a loan. However, if your credit score is not at least 680–700, you'll probably need to find a reputable co-signer.

Find the lender that's right for you.

Choosing the right lender not only increases your chances of being approved for a mortgage, it can also save you thousands of dollars over the course of the loan. Shop around for the best mortgage rate and contact any bank or credit union you already do business with. If you have a successful history of working with this financial institution, it will increase your chances of being approved for a mortgage. ■

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — Dec. 4, 2014 (approved)

Members present:

Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea,

Absent:

Larry Stone (alternate), Chris Koufos, Annette Batchelder

Officers:

Cindy Shea — 2016 President
Chris D Koufos — 2016 Vice President
Carole Soule — 2017 Secretary
Larry Stone — Alternate — 2016
Bruce Dawson — 2017
Annette Batchelder — 2015

Old Business

1. Minutes from November 6, 2014 meeting were approved

2. Website presentation

Still waiting on the logo for the web site. Dennis Schafer is working on it

There is an RSS feed to the website so news articles are posted

We will look for grant money to help enhance the website

Board members can add articles of interest and links to the website

<http://www.loudonag.org/>

The website needs to be upgraded to Drupal 7

Cindy will contact Deb K to get the board information and meeting dates updated on the Communications Council Website <http://www.loudonnh.org/>

3. The grant from NEGFF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) for \$1,000 was received May 4, 2011 “for graphic design and/or printing of a local farm map to highlight and raise awareness of local resources.” An additional \$200 was collected in 2011 from 8 farms (\$25/farm). For \$25 other farms can also advertise in the brochure.

Dennis still working on a copy of the Town Symbol to incorporate with an Ag Commission symbol.

Map was published in the December Loudon Ledger. We are waiting for feedback. Cindy will send out an email for suggestions for the back of the brochure. If there is no response the board will publish farming pictures we have. The brochure will be posted on the Loudon Ag Website.

We are still on track to have the brochure completed with copies available at the March Town Meeting.

4. Current Use issues were discussed. It was decided to submit the following to the Selectmen for consideration in the Town Warrant: “Equipment and moveable or temporary structures including fencing and watering facilities that support agriculture should not be assessed Current Use penalties.” Moved by Carole, Seconded by Cindy, Approved

5. It was agreed that more attendance at meetings is needed before workshops are scheduled. Some proposed workshops include:

- Beth McGwin would like to present from 5 Rivers about conservation easements
- Grant writing for farmers
- Website set up and design - Basic/Beginners course
- Farmers Social Meet and Greet — Pot Luck
- Bee Keeping
- Farm to Table
- Building Barns
- Sustainable Farming
- Pig Workshop
- UNH Cooperative offerings?

Holding a “local farm” food tasting event was discussed. Carole will research available grants and Cindy will help with writing if an appropriate grant is found.

We would like more farmers to attend meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Jan 1, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — Jan. 1, 2015 (approved)

Members present:

Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Larry Stone (alternate), Chris Koufos

Absent:

Annette Batchelder

Officers:

Cindy Shea — 2016 President
Chris D. Koufos — 2016 Vice President
Carole Soule — 2017 Secretary
Larry Stone — Alternate — 2016
Bruce Dawson — 2017
Annette Batchelder — 2015

Old Business

1. Minutes from Dec. 4, 2014 meeting were approved

2. Website presentation

Board members can add articles of interest and links to the website

<http://www.loudonag.org/>

The website has not been upgraded to Drupal 7

We will include the map on the website as a PDF after it has been “released” on March 1st.

Dennis Schaeffer is interested in helping with the website setup and design.

**You are invited to attend
Candidates Night to meet this
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School Board members on
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7
p.m. at the Loudon Community
Building (Charlie's Barn).**

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3. The grant from NEGFF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) for \$1,000 was received May 4, 2011 “for graphic design and/or printing of a local farm map to highlight and raise awareness of local resources.” An additional \$200 was collected in 2011 from 8 farms (\$25/farm). It was decided that rather than provide special advertising for these 8 farms in this release of the brochure, we will hold the \$200 for the next release of the map.

The map is complete as is the cover page. Board members were asked to review the wording and make suggestions for changes before the next meeting.

The draft map was published in the January *Loudon Ledger*. Feedback has been received from the posting in the December *Ledger*. Several farms have sent photos to be included.

We are still on track to have the brochure completed with copies available at the March 2015 Town Meeting.

Dennis Schaefer received three quotes for printing 1,000 copies.

\$590.62 — HN Print & Label
\$668.00 — Kemptone
\$607.50 — Paper Graphics

A decision on the printer will be made at the February meeting.

4. The following will be presented to the Selectmen for consideration in the Town Warrant: “Equipment and moveable or temporary structures including fencing and watering facilities that support agriculture should not be assessed Current Use penalties.”

5. Suggested forums for future meetings include the following but before we take action on any of these forums, it was decided that we need more feedback from the community about what to present:

- Beth McGwin would like to present from 5 Rivers about conservation easements
- Grant writing for farmers
- Website set up and design — Basic/Beginners course
- Farmers Social Meet and Greet — Pot Luck

- Bee Keeping
- Farm to Table
- Building Barns
- Sustainable Farming
- Pig Workshop
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New Business

1. Cindy Shea located a grant opportunity from the State of NH, The NH Agricultural Promotion Mini-Grant, provided by the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds for promotional efforts designed to increase the demand for NH agricultural products in existing markets, as well as to identify new markets and build product demand.

Carole Soule will contact the NH Dept. of Ag. to clarify the application process.

Ideas for this grant application included:

- Creating a community garden similar to Boscawen’s
- Promoting “Eat Local in Loudon”
- Contact NH Humanities Council to provide agricultural presentations

It was moved by Cindy Shea and seconded by Chris Koufos that Carole and Cindy will submit a grant application for \$1,000 to the NH Agricultural Promotion Mini-Grant program to provide outreach for outreach workshops to publicize Loudon farms and educate the public about farming activities.

2. The Loudon Master Plan was discussed. Cindy had invited the Master Plan board to present to our Commission. It was noted that page 7–30 of the draft plan states, “Continue the formation of the permanent Agricultural Commission to coordinate the protection of farmland and develop a seasonal farmer’s market to help promote the Village.” The Ag Commission would like more input to the Master Plan and would like to discuss our role with them.

3. Carole Soule will draft a summary of the year’s events for the Town Report. Cindy Shea will finalize the report and submit it to the Selectmen.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Feb 5th at 7 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — Feb. 5, 2015 (not approved)

Members present:

Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Chris Koufos

Absent:

Larry Stone (alternate), Annette Batchelder

Officers:

Cindy Shea — 2016 President
Chris D. Koufos — 2016 Vice President
Carole Soule — 2017 Secretary
Larry Stone — Alternate — 2016
Bruce Dawson — 2017
Annette Batchelder — 2015

Old Business

1. Minutes from January 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

2. Website: www.loudonag.org

The website has been upgraded to Drupal 7

The farm map is on website as a PDF.

Dennis Schaeffer and Bruce Dawson will meet to work on enhancing the website

The board needs to review the site for errors and to make suggestions

We would like to send a newsletter from material on the website.

3. NEGFF: The grant from NEGFF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) for \$1,000 was received May 4, 2011 “for graphic design and/or printing of a local farm map to highlight and raise awareness of local resources.”

The map is complete. Two wording changes were suggested and accepted.

Quote for printing 2250 copies was presented from Bridge & Byron Printers, Inc. for \$501.67. *Carole Soule moved to accept the bid, seconded by Bruce Dawson. Motion was approved.*

Dennis Schaefer presented a bill for \$500 for graphic artwork. *Carole Soule moved to accept the bill, Bruce Dawson accepted. Motion was approved.*

4. Current Use: Carole Soule and Cindy Shea met with the Town Tax Adjusted who shared RSA 79-F which pertains to Current Use Taxation of farm building taxes on current use land. The board collected 25 signatures to have put this RSA on the 2015 Town Warrant to be voted at Town Meeting on March 14.

5. Grants: Carole Soule and Cindy Shea met with the Selectmen to request \$500 to be used as a matching grant to present three workshops to the Town. These funds will be matched against \$250 the board has, as well as a request for \$500 from the NH Dept. of Agriculture Mini-grant program provided by the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food. Workshops we would like to host include:

- Beth McGwin would like to present from 5 Rivers about conservation easements
- Grant writing for farmers
- Website set up and design — Basic/Beginners course
- Farmers Social Meet and Greet — Pot Luck

- Bee Keeping
- Farm to Table
- Building Barns
- Sustainable Farming
- Pig Workshop
- UNH Cooperative offerings?
- Loudon Seasonal Farmers Market

6. The Loudon Master Plan was discussed. The Planning Board has suggested that we attend one of their meetings to discuss further. Planning Board meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month. Board members will try to attend the March 19th or April 16th meetings.

7. A summary of the year’s events was submitted for the Town Report.

New Business

Town Meeting: The board will have a table at the March 14th Town Meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend and support the Commission as well as speak out in favor of RSA 79-F.

The following will be needed for the meeting:

- Clipboard for names and addresses
- Short questionnaire
- Workshop suggestions
- Volunteer requests
- Banner
- Flowers (Spring flowers)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 5th at 7 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

MV School Board Meeting Minutes — January 12, 2015

Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Karin Page, Laura Vincent

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Catherine Masterson, Chris Foley; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Heidi Conlon; Administrator for Special Education Elaine Dodge

OTHERS PRESENT:

Louise Andrus, Salisbury Resident; Roy Merrill, Loudon Resident.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Karin Page, to approve the December 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes (pages 1–5 in the

packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None

SAU Report on MV Business & Finance:

BUSINESS:

Business Administrator Robin Heins reported on the following Citizen Correspondence (page 6 in the packet):

12/08/14. Louise Andrus

Inquired about when the draft copies of the proposed budget and warrant articles to date would be available to the public. Robin Heins responded on 12/08/14.

12/10/14. Louise Andrus

Emailed to inquire if the July packet was missing pages. Mark MacLean responded on 12/10/14.

12/11/14. Louise Andrus

Questions regarding budget prep (health/retirement, and overages). Robin Heins responded 12/12/14.

12/12/14. Louise Andrus

Health and retirement information for 13–14 to 14–15 rate increase. Robin Heins responded 12/15/14.

12/15/14. Louise Andrus

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Emailed to inquire when the annual meeting and public hearing would be held, and the deadline for petitioned warrant articles. Robin Heins responded 12/16/14.

01/05/15. Louise Andrus

Additional clarification of budgeting. Robin Heins responded 01/05/15.

01/05/15. Louise Andrus

Capital project fund request detailed expense reports and interest earned. This request is pending.

FINANCE:

Robin Heins reviewed the list of overages (page 7) and the FINANCIAL REPORT included in the packet (pages 8–21). *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the 2014-2015 Financial Report as presented (pages 8–21 in the packet). After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.*

Good News:

Heidi Conlon, Elaine Dodge, Pam Hill, Catherine Masterson, and Mark MacLean reported on good news items throughout the District.

Committee Reports:**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Troy Cowan reported on the December 8, 2014 and January 5, 2015 Finance Committee meetings (minutes on pages 31–35 in the packet).

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to close the building trades account and use the funds for technology and industrial arts equipment and supplies at the high school. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Laura Vincent, to increase all lunch prices by .25 effective March 2, 2105. Motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Normandie Blake reported on the December 15, 2014 Transportation Committee meeting (minutes on page 36 in the packet).

Old Business:**2015-2016 DRAFT CALENDAR:**

Chris Barry and the Board reviewed and updated the draft 2015-2016 School Calendar (page 37 in the packet). *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar with tonight's updates. Motion passed unanimously.*

POLICY JI:

Policy JI, Student Rights and Responsibilities, is included in the packet (page 38) for a second read. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to approve Policy JI, Student Rights and Responsibilities,*

as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

DRAFT WARRANT:

Robin Heins and the Board reviewed the draft Warrant included in the packet (pages 39-41).

PROPOSED BUDGET:

Troy Cowan and the Board reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 budget included in the packet (pages 42–47). *Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Troy Cowan, to approve this draft budget for presentation at the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mark MacLean and the Board reviewed the draft MVSD Budget Information document included in the packet (pages 49–53). Lorrie Carey suggested we include identifying non-local tax payer money coming into the District.

New Business:**BUS STOP REQUEST:**

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Karin Page to deny the bus stop change request included in the packet (page 48). Motion passed unanimously.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously. Manifests and journal entries were circulated for Board member signatures.

Board Chairman's Report:

None

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reminded the Board of the upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments and related preparations going on in the schools.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark MacLean commented on the Good News items suggesting students are receiving a well rounded education.

Mark reported on ongoing meetings with teachers new to the District.

Mark and the Board briefly discussed the Rapid Alert call systems as some Board members, parents, and employees have reported they did not receive the January 8th alert even though they had received the December 3rd alert.

Topics for Next Board Meeting:

The Board discussed topics for the next board meeting.

Public Comment:

Roy Merrill, Loudon resident, commented that he also did not receive the call alert for last week's delayed opening. Roy thanked Will Renauld for speaking up for using the building trades account funds for the Industrial Arts program as that is who earned the money. Roy suggested the High

School not do Senior Project Night on the same date as the Dare Program night in the elementary school. Roy also suggested the Board think more about the elderly instead of those buying lunch and playing sports.

Non-Public Session:

RSA 91-A:3II (b,c).

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II (b,c) at 8:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Karin Page, Laura Vincent

A. Personnel: See Non-Public Minutes.

Return to Public Session

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to go out of non-public session at 9:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Mark Hutchins, Jim Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, Karin Page, Laura Vincent

Action from Non-Public Session if Needed:

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Seelye Longnecker, to approve the following nominations:

Matthew Waters, Penacook Elementary School, Teacher, prorated Step 1 of the Bachelor's plus 15 Track, \$19,049. Karen Miller, Middle School, Science Teacher (permanent sub), prorated Step 1 of the Bachelor's Track, \$19,049.

Rebecca Thomson, High School Math Teacher (permanent sub), prorated Step 10 of the

Bachelor's Track, \$23,694

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Karin Page, to accept the retirement request from Kathy Bush consistent with the collective bargaining agreement in collaboration with the association. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to expend up to \$44,000 to change the year-round support staff from annualized pay to pay as you go. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess to January 27, 2015

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to recess the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and to reconvene immediately following the Public Hearing on January 27, 2015. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 20, 2015

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 13, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright discussed the paramedic intercept fee. He explained that the town adopted RSA 41:9-a which allow the Selectmen to set or adjust fees. Chief Wright said he would like to move forward with that and recommends \$525.00 because that is what other towns charge. Chairman Ives said that they would have to hold a public hearing, to allow for proper notification they scheduled that public hearing for Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

Chief Wright said they pumped the dry hydrant at the dam on S. Village Road on January 9 and again yesterday; it was frozen both times. He said they were able to remove the ice with water from the truck and were able to free it up. Chief Wright said it takes too long if there is a real fire. He said somehow they need to get more cover on the pond side where the pipe is to get it protected more. Discussion ensued about how and when it should be worked on. Selectman Bowles asked him to get a plan together and as soon as the river drops enough they will get either the highway department or a contractor there to get it fixed.

Chief Wright said Harry O. fixed the two bollard lights at the War Memorial and they got the circuit back on. He explained that the light they bought the new bulb for that looks up at the POW MIA flag worked for a couple of days and went out. They changed the bulb, still didn't work, noticed ice in it, Harry O. is going to take a look at it.

Chief Wright said that Deputy Lake met with Mike from the Highway Department to go over the proper operation of the one-ton and plowing hydrants after a storm.

Chief Wright said he received one quote for bodywork for the one-ton, he'd like to get at least one more. Chief Wright said he'd also like to get a couple prices for the mechanic side of things.

Chairman Ives explained that they will be opening sealed bids for a mobile home that they took for nonpayment of taxes. Chairman Ives said there are two bids to open. He opened the first bid from Patience Chatfield for \$603.00. Enclosed with the bid is a deposit check for \$100.00. Chairman Ives opened the second bid from Rosann Gregory for \$950.00 with a deposit check in the amount of \$100.00. Ms. Gregory said her application for park approval is pending. *Selectman Krieger made a motion to accept the bid from Rosann Gregory for Map 68, Lot 002 in the amount of \$950.00 pending approval from park. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Ives thanked Patience Chatfield for her bid, her deposit check will be returned.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a Memo and information from assessor Chris Murdough regarding RSA 79-F.

The Board received an example of a Conservation Easement Deed from Julie Robinson and an email from NHMA regarding the procedure for accepting the easement.

The Board received an email from Chief Wright regarding Paramedic intercepts fees. The suggested fee will be \$525.00. The Board will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2015 to discuss the fee.

The Board received an email from FCBA Lighthouse Homeschool Co-op regarding swim lessons. The Board will ask

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a representative to attend a selectmen's meeting to discuss the request.

The Board received the Conservation Commission minutes for January 5, 2015.

The Board received the NH Highway Safety notice FY 2016 Financial Assistance. This information will be forwarded to the police department.

The Board received a Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale.

Chairman Ives recognized Shawn Jones from the American Legion. Mr. Jones explained that the Legion Post has had some declining revenues so they are looking for assistance in the cost of putting on the Memorial Day parade. He said last year it cost them \$630.00, \$500.00 of that was for the MVSD band, they rent porta-potties, give the three pastors \$25.00 each, and there is a rental fee for the sound system. He asked if the town can help with the parade expenses by paying for the band. Chairman Ives said they do have a patriotic line in the budget; maybe they can increase that line by \$500.00 and decrease another line by that same amount. The Board will take it under advisement and contact Mr. Jones once a decision has been made.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Ives opened the Budget Hearing for the proposed 2015–2016 budget. Chairman Ives stated they would first go over the 2015–2016 Budget — Rev #3.

Chairman Ives pointed out that there is no increase to the Selectmen's salaries. He pointed out the increase in the Selectmen's office part-time line and explained that they made a full-time position in the office part-time so the part-time line has increased and the full-time line has decreased. Chairman Ives read through the lines of the remainder of the Selectmen's budget pointing out that where they had to increase a line they found a place to decrease so the Selectmen's budget has a zero percent increase.

Landfill – level funded.

Historical/Conservation – level funded.

Town Clerk – salary for the assistant clerk is up due to the 1.5% cola. The Town Clerk's salary is up more than that because when she started she was not making what the previous clerk was making and now with her experience they want to compensate her. Her budget for dues and seminars was dropped because she hasn't been using the funds. The Town Clerk's budget overall has increased 1.44%.

Election – down 17.02%. Chairman Ives said the decrease is due to the number of elections this year; there are only town elections.

Trust Funds – level funded.

Audit – level funded.

Assessment/Maps – increased 7.35% primarily because of utility assessments.

Tax Collector – down 2.77%

Treasurer – Chairman Ives stated that our treasurer has been doing a great job and hasn't gotten a raise in quite a few years so they gave her one. Overall her budget is up 3.85 %.

Legal Services – down 12.5%. Chairman Ives said there is still a large case pending, they are in arbitration hopefully it can be settled out of court. It's with NHMS regarding tax valuation.

Employee Benefits – up 1.93%.

Planning Board – down 2.72%, primarily from the consultant fee line.

Zoning Board – up 3.05%. This is mostly for a raise in the stipend that the Zoning Board members receive. Selectman Bowles stated that Planning Board members also got a raise.

General Government Building – up 4.73%. Chairman Ives said a lot of that increase is for natural gas; planning for heating a new town office and heating the building the office is in now.

Cemeteries – increased 30.77%. Chairman Ives said the town will be taking over the cemetery behind the Congregational Church so they increased the line for maintenance.

Employee Benefits – down 1.63%. Chairman Ives said they shop for health insurance and get creative when setting up the plans so that line is down this year.

Property Taxes – level funded.

Police – up 2.2%.

Special Events – level funded.

Health – up 2.15%.

Visiting Nurse – level funded.

Ambulance – up 1.71%

Fire – up 2.85%. Chairman Ives stated that they are very pleased with the job Chief Wright is doing and decided to give him the cola plus 1.5%.

Compliance – up 2.07%

Emergency Management – level funded.

Forest Fire – level funded.

Highway – up 3.07%

Block Grant – level funded

Solid Waste/Landfill – up 0.85%

Animal Control – down 33.33%.

Community Action Program – down 0.03%.

Welfare – level funded.

Recreation – down 15.23%. Chairman Ives explained the decrease is primarily because after discussion with town counsel they decided they are not going to hire a lifeguard. They hired one last summer and had to let him go because he wasn't doing his job. He said they found out that there is less liability for the town to put up signs and not hire a lifeguard. The beach will still be open there just won't be a lifeguard.

Library – up 0.9%

Patriotic – level funded. Chairman Ives said after the earlier discussion tonight they may increase that line to help with the parade.

Economic development – level funded.

TAN Interest – level funded.

Contingency fund – level funded.

General Fund – *Total Budget* – increased 0.60%. Chairman Ives said he doesn't think there is any wasted money; they have presented a pretty lean budget.

Chairman Ives asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Ives stated they will go over the Revenues next.

Selectman Bowles explained that the revenues are anticipated so they look back in the history and guess what might happen in the future.

Land Use Change Tax – level funded.

Yield Tax – level funded.

Gravel Tax – level funded.

Cobra – level funded.

Commercial Hauler Fees – level funded.

Building Permits – up 14.29%.

Motor Vehicle Permits – level funded.

Dog Licenses – level funded.

Business Lic., Permits & Fees – level funded.

Rooms & Meals Taxes – up 8.64%.

Highway Block Grant – up 1.58%.

Forest Land – level funded.

Road Toll – level funded.

Restitution – down 6.62%.

Landfill – Septage – down 9.87%.

Sale of Town Property – level funded.

Interest on Dep. – Treasurer – level funded.

Parking Fines – level funded.

Town Ordinance Violation – level funded.

Insurance Reimb. – level funded.

Welfare Reimb. – level funded.

Other Rev. – local sources – level funded.

Other Rev. – Sate Govt. – level funded.

Sale – Voter Checklist/Postage – level funded.

General Fund – Revenues – up 1.02%.

Selectman Krieger read the following:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500 for the purchase of a mower and trailer. Funds to be raised by taxes. Selectman Krieger said the highway department really needs this mower. He said they need a bigger one especially for the ball fields and a trailer since they have never had one.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,000 for the purpose of grinding and paving 4,665 feet of Lovejoy Road. \$100,000 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and \$142,000 to be raised by taxes. Selectman Krieger explained that instead of just putting pavement down on these roads they have been taking care of drainage and everything so these roads will last and won't have to be redone every couple of years.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000 for the purchase of a used Aerial Ladder Truck and Equipment with said funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Krieger explained that this won't affect the tax rate because they have already saved the money in the Capital Reserve Fund. He explained that a lot of people think that the town needs a ladder truck for the race track but he explained that the aerial truck is good for things like chimney fires; especially for homes with metal roofs, barns, the town has a couple of apartment buildings, and it can be used for ice rescue.

ARTICLE 6: Petition possibly being submitted by Carole Soule. Selectman Krieger explained that they will be discussing this later in the meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will approve the following resolution "Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote."

Selectman Krieger explained that this basically a way to tell the people in Concord that we are unhappy with the current \$600,000+ that we send to the school every month. He said this article will probably be seen in a lot of other town meetings it was mass mailed.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$491,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund \$50,000

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

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

Library Collection Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$7,000

Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

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

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

Conservation Commission Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

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

(Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be placed in the previously established Expendable Trust Funds:

Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund \$20,000

Septage Lagoon Expendable Trust Fund \$10,000

Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund \$30,000

(Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,167,034 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations to the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Selectman Krieger said he would like to push hard for the fire apparatus; it is a life safety item and it is not just for the race track. Carole Soule asked what size the ladder is on the truck. Chief Wright said about 100' with a platform at the end. Ms. Soule asked what the maximum height is for a residential structure in Loudon. Chairman Ives explained for example that even if a house is only 35' the truck doesn't go right up against the house, it sits back and it goes up at an angle to get at a chimney. Selectman Bowles said he believes the maximum height is 35' without a special exception. Chairman Ives said a church would be exempt from that and there are quite a few in town. Ms. Soule asked if the ladder truck being replaced is the one the race track paid for and why won't they pay for another one. Selectman Krieger said because this isn't specifically for the race track it's for everyone in town. Chairman Ives said that Chief Wright did a lot of research and is extending

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the life expectancy of the fire trucks from 20 years to 24 years and by doing that they are able to afford this truck out of the capital reserve fund.

Chairman Ives closed the budget hearing.

Chairman Ives recognized Carole Soule, Secretary of the Agriculture Commission and Cindy Shea, President of the Agriculture Commission from the audience to discuss RSA 79-F. Ms. Shea explained that the Commission would like the Selectmen to add RSA 79-F as a warrant article. She explained that 79-F:3 defines farm structures more clearly and 79-F:4 gives farms discounts for the land underneath the structures on current use land. Chairman Ives stated that he would prefer that they get the

required signatures and submit a petition to include it as a warrant article. Selectmen Krieger and Bowles agreed with Chairman Ives. Ms. Soule asked the Board if they will support the article. Selectman Krieger said he would have to read it before he decides that, Chairman Ives and Bowles agreed that they would also have to read and research it more before deciding whether to support it. Ms. Soule explained that if this RSA is accepted there is an application that a person would need to fill out. Discussion ensued on how the petition should be written. Selectman Bowles reminded them that the petition submission deadline is February 3.

Ms. Shea asked if the Board would give the Agricultural Commission \$500.00. She explained that they have \$1,250.00, \$1,000.00 of that is going to a farm map that is to be printed. They have the ability to apply for a matching funds grant. They

would like to take the \$250.00 they have and \$500.00 from the town and apply for a \$1,500.00 grant. Ms. Shea explained that they want to provide outreach to the community for farming related programs. Selectman Bowles asked what the money would be used for. Ms. Shea said they would use it for advertising, to pay for speakers and for supplies. Ms. Soule said this is a onetime thing. Selectman Bowles recommended that the Agricultural Commission connect with the Historical Society, the Conservation Commission and the Young at Heart to promote their organization. He also said he would like to take this under advisement and think about it. Selectman Krieger asked how many people are in the agricultural commission. Ms. Soule said there are six board members. Ms. Shea said twenty farms chose to be on their farm map. Ms. Soule said the grant is due February 19.

Chairman Ives said they'll look into this and get an answer for them next week.

Selectman Krieger said that Senator Kelly Ayotte was in the Community Building last Friday for a town hall meeting. He thanks her for taking the time out of her busy schedule to come to Loudon and speak with the residents. He said that State Reps Howard Moffett and George Saunderson were also at the event.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 3, 2105

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Chief Fiske and Donna White, Planning/Zoning Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Ives explained that the Selectmen discussed with Donna that there was an opening in the Code Enforcement office for an assistant. He said that Donna has time on her hands with the Planning and Zoning Board her work load is not sufficient to keep her busy. Chairman Ives said that to be prudent and to make best use of the towns resources they'd like to have her fill the position as part-time assistant in Code Enforcement. Chairman Ives said they are looking at Donna's hours for Code Enforcement being Monday through Thursday either 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., whichever works best for that office. He said she would be in the Planning Office Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Chairman Ives said it was their understanding that mornings are best for Code Enforcement. Chief Fiske said his preference would be 3 six-hour days; Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday like they've had it, that's what is in the *Ledger* and all over the place. Donna asked Chief Fiske what hours on those days. Chief Fiske said 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donna said that would really cut her out of the other office; she explained that she tried to make it so she would be evenly at both places. She explained that she ran it by Tom Dow, Planning Board Chairman and Dave Powelson, Zoning Board Chairman and by doing it this

way it allows her to meet her office deadlines. These hours would also allow her to return messages and emails in her office the same day as she gets them. Selectman Bowles said in his opinion these hours are workable, he's not concerned about what hours are posted now, they can all be changed. He said that he thinks if they all work together they can make this work for the betterment of the town. Donna asked Chief Fiske what she would be doing. Chief Fiske said she would be going through building permits; making sure that all the paperwork is in order, a lot of filing, septic systems to file, everything that has to do with building which is quite extensive. He said answering telephones for building and code. Chairman Ives said he believes that with her background with septic and reading plans for the Planning Board it is a win-win situation for the town and for the taxpayers as far as keeping her busy and keeping the budget tight. Donna explained that she has no problem doing it and after reviewing the hours with Tom and Dave they all felt that these hours would be fair to all departments. Chairman Ives said Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. would be 18 hours. Chief Fiske said he's the only one there at 7:30 a.m.; the earliest she could start would be 8:00 a.m. Selectman Bowles asked why she couldn't start at 7:30 a.m. with filing if he is there. Chief Fiske said he is there periodically at 7:30 a.m. not every day. Chairman Ives asked if Donna would have extra time on the weeks that she doesn't have minutes or deadlines. She said yes; if she's in the middle of something she could stay extra. She explained that she just doesn't want to commit 9-3 out of her 8-4 day. Chairman Ives said he would think it would be better to have a partial day at each office. Donna said if she doesn't have minutes to get back to do on a Monday she can stay longer, on the

Wednesday's that she doesn't have to meet a deadline for the *Concord Monitor* she can stay longer. Chairman Ives asked if the others agreed that the hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Selectman Bowles agreed; he stated that she has the experience and knowledge and if everyone pulls together this is very doable. Donna asked if they are in but not open on Friday's. Chief Fiske said he is in and out on Friday's; that is the day that he does what he has to on the outside so to speak. Donna said that she also has Friday's that are flexible. Chairman Ives asked if Selectman Krieger has anything to add. Selectman Krieger explained that Donna would be going into a different environment; people that she may know might be under arrest, there could be fighting, a lot of words that people don't like to hear; all things to consider. He said he's sure she can handle it but there is a lot that goes on in the Police Department that nobody on the outside knows. Selectman Krieger said there are things that can't be talked about. Chief Fiske concurred with that. Chairman Ives and Donna said that would be for anybody. Chairman Ives said that in the next year or so Code Enforcement will be in the new town office building. Chairman Ives asked when Chief Fiske wants to implement this action. Chief Fiske said it was up to Donna. Selectman Krieger suggested Monday, February 9. Discussion ensued about timesheets and pay. Donna will keep track of her hours for each office but at this time all of her pay will come out of the Planning and Zoning budget. Selectman Krieger suggested that in fairness to Donna and Chief Fiske that this be a trial run and they come back and talk

about how it's working. Chairman Ives and Selectman Bowles agreed. Chairman Ives said that is why they don't want to change the budget at this time. Selectman Krieger suggested they get back together the beginning of May unless it's not working and someone wants to meet sooner. Selectman Bowles asked when the new schedule would start. Chief Fiske said Monday.

The Board met with Chief Fiske.

Chief Fiske said he met with Keith Cota from NHDOT regarding the intersection of 106 and Staniels Road. He explained that they have redone the municipal agreement that they want the Selectmen to sign. Selectman Krieger suggested that they have an attorney look at the agreement. He said the first priority is the safety of the people using the roads during construction and the second is the town's liability during the construction. The Board will have it sent off to get an attorney's opinion. Chief Fiske said that he noticed a typo in the "Town of Loudon Policy for Flagger and Uniformed Officer in Work Zones"; he amended the policy. *Selectman Krieger moved to amend the policy stating that under Authority: the RSA was 105:2-a it was amended to RSA 105:9. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chief Fiske explained that during the last storm Rob, owner of the Beanstalk, didn't have any tankers coming in and was low on fuel. His intent was to maintain 500 gallons for emergency vehicle use. Chief Fiske thanks him for doing that; it eases his mind for the future.

Chief Fiske said the owner of the Village Store is going to be seeking an off premise

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sign permit to be on vacant property on the corner of Chichester Road and 106.

Chairman Ives commended the highway department for a phenomenal job and for all the hours they put in being short handed; their work is appreciated. Selectman Bowles agreed.

The Board recognized Martin Anderson. Chairman Ives explained to Mr. Anderson that they could go into a non-public session if he would like to. Mr. Anderson said it wasn't necessary. Mr. Anderson explained that he and his wife moved to Loudon in October 2013. He explained that he did not receive any tax bill for 2014. The first thing he received was a delinquency letter that evidently went out to the wrong address, was returned and sent out again with the correct address. Mr. Anderson said that he has now accumulated \$258.52 in interest which he has paid but is asking to be refunded. Selectman Bowles clarified that Mr. Anderson did not receive his July and December 2014 bills. Mr. Anderson agreed; he said that the town office said they sent

them out, he didn't receive them but they were not returned. He said he came right down to pay the bill as soon as he received the notice. The Board agreed that the \$258.52 in interest will be refunded.

Chairman Ives read the following: **PUBLIC NOTICE: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm to establish and set an Emergency Medical Services Fee for Paramedic intercepts. At the Loudon Community Building, located behind the Town Office. Selectman Bowles moved to open the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.** Chairman Ives explained that Fire Chief Wright came to them and explained that they have a paramedic in the department now. He said that other towns charge \$525.00 for paramedic intercepts. Chairman Ives said we pay other towns for paramedic intercepts so now that we have one in Loudon we should charge when he/she gets called out. **Selectman Bowles made a motion to establish a fee of \$525.00 for Emergency Medical Services for Paramedic intercepts to take effect February 3, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in**

favor. Motion carried. Chairman Ives closed this public hearing.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the Road Agent Job Posting for review. Discussion ensued about the job and when it should be posted. The Board decided to post the job and get it in the newspaper as soon as possible with an application/resume deadline of Tuesday, February 17.

The Board received a letter from the Tax Collector.

The Board received letters of recommendation from Julie Robinson for Sandra Blanchard as a full member and Sandra Sims as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission. **Selectman Krieger made a motion to appoint Sandra Blanchard for a three-year term to expire March 31, 2018 and Sandra Sims as an alternate for a one-year term to expire March 31, 2016 to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.**

The Board received a copy of a request for permit modification to NHDES from ESMI.

The Board received ESMI's 4th Quarter Host Community Fee Report as well as their December 2014 Self-Report for review.

The Board received an email from Chief Wright regarding a quote from Harry O Electrical Corp., to replace the light at the POW-MIA flagpole. The Board approved the quote and stated that the funds will come out of the War Memorial Fund.

The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding a Sugarloaf Ambulance refund check in the amount of \$132.00 for overpayment of the new ambulance due to last minute changes.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Krieger thanked all the departments; it appears that everything went smoothly during the past few snow storms.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 15, 2015

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

Attendance:

George Saunderson, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Alice Tuson

Bob Ordway and Alice Tuson were appointed as voting members in the absence of Tom Moore and Henry Huntington.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 18, 2014 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

December 18, 2014 Zoning Workshop — Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

December 29, 2014 Zoning Workshop — Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

January 3, 2015 Rattee Site Visit — Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

January 12, 2015 Zoning Workshop — Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Discussion:

CNHRPC Master Plan update — Mike Tardiff and Sam Durfee were present to talk with the Board about the ongoing revision of the Master Plan. Mr. Tardiff informed the group that he and Mr. Durfee met with Donna to discuss the Community Facilities chapter. Donna has pulled together information from department heads, Sam met with the library, and Mike is working on broadband, utilities, and public services. They are ready to bring in an updated version of equipment lists, etc. and would like to attend the next Planning Board meeting. Mike said Joanne Cassulo will be working on the energy chapter; he asked for three names for that sub-committee to run over the next six to eight weeks. Bob Cole, Bob Ordway, and George Saunderson volunteered. Mike said he would like to do some small scale visioning over the next few weeks and would like someone from the Board to work with them. He said he hopes to be working with the PTA, fifth graders, and Young at Heart. Mike said he could see the update being finished by the end of summer. Stan Prescott told Mike that he could probably get on the March agenda for Young at Heart; Mike has the contact info. Mike will get dates for the small sessions to Donna and see if anyone is interested and available.

Sheldon Cassady, M33, L6 — Mr. Cassady explained that he has recently purchased the property from his sister. He is renting the house to a friend right now but is thinking he would like to live out there as well so came to discuss the possibility of subdividing the land. There are just over sixty acres with frontage on Pleasant Street Extension (Class VI) and a 50' access in off Young's Hill Road. Mr. Cassady said he talked with the road agent before doing some repair to the road to make it passable. He said the 50' access on Young's Hill Road is an owned access, not a right-of-way/easement. The Board reviewed the parcel (which has sections on four different tax maps) and discussed the 50' access on Young's Hill Road. It was felt that the lot was approved for one home since it does have 50' of owned frontage on the Class V road. Per the subdivision regulations, the Class VI road would have to be upgraded if the lot was subdivided. It was suggested that Mr. Cassady could talk with the ZBA at their next meeting to see if there were any other options with regard to using the 50' access for a new lot.

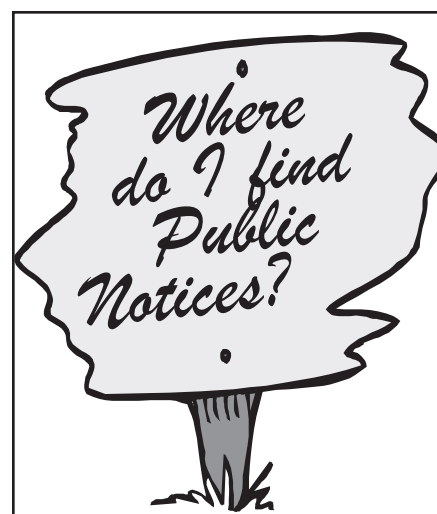
Old Business:

Application #14-12, Debra Rattee — Minor Subdivision in the RR District, Map 46, Lot 35. Abutters Warren & Paula Wells, Greg Wells, Kevin Wells, Sarah Dalrymple, Sherry Blanchard, Joe Eggleston, Laura Jarmoc, Patricia & Donald Vanwormer, Michael & Susan Mavris, and Robert Mann were present. Jeff Green represented the applicant. Mr. Green explained that this is a

19.55 acre lot that they are re-subdividing into a two acre lot and a lot with the remaining 17.55 acres. He stated that the wetlands have been delineated, the access for the existing lot/house is on Rainbow Drive, and the access to the new lot would be via a 33' access on School Street owned by the applicant. Mr. Green said he added some notes to Sheet 2, one being the DES approval number, one being a note for M46/L35 to join a road association maintenance agreement if one exists or is created, and one being a note for M46/L35-1 to join a road association maintenance agreement if the access to the lot ends up on Rainbow Drive. Mr. Green said he reached out to find out what is in place currently and was told there is nothing, to mind his own business as it is a private road and the Town of Loudon has no right to tell them what to do. He said his only option at that point was to add the two notes. Mr. Green said the deeds would have the same language about joining in an agreement. **Bob Cole moved to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.**

George Saunderson asked if would be correct that this is the last subdivision of this parcel. Mr. Green said he could not say that but did say there could be nothing more in this particular area. Abutter Sherry Blanchard asked who Mr. Green spoke to about the road, noting that they do have an association and it is not up to one person. Mr. Green said Sarah Dalrymple gave him her

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number at the last meeting, saying she is the current “road agent.” He said he called Ms. Dalrymple and she questioned why he was calling her, telling him there is no agreement in place. He said he also spoke to a gentleman by the name of Bernie, a previous “road agent,” and was told Rainbow Drive is a private road and the town has no business out there. Mr. Green said he understood that there was a meeting of the Rainbow Drive Co-op, but he could not get any minutes or other information about it. Mrs. Blanchard said she started the Co-op in 1976, residents agreed to contribute to the road maintenance, several have been “road agent” and her files were given to Bernie. She had copies of bills and minutes if the Board was interested in seeing them. Mr. Mann has owned on the road almost as long as the Blanchards. He said it is recognized as a private road and everyone does chip in. Mr. Green said he feels he did his due diligence by calling the people he was told to call. He said this lot is the only one that will be required to participate. He said he was told that letters were put in everyone’s mailboxes, but Ms. Rattee did not receive one, and he could not get a copy of that letter. Sarah Dalrymple stated that she and Bernie do the “road agent” job together. She said she could not figure out why the Board of Selectmen wants the particulars about the association. The chairman explained that the Board is trying to help the residents out as the day will come when the current owner does not own the road. He said it would be better to have something in place. Mr. Dow said the Board heard testimony last month about road concerns so they instructed Mr. Green to approach the group and work on an agreement. He said Mr. Green attempted to do as asked and everyone is now put in an awkward position. Mrs. Blanchard stated that there was a meeting at the Wells’ house and there was a good showing of residents. She said the road maintenance agreement was discussed and she is shocked to hear what Mr. Green was told. She said she is concerned that the right-of-way (ROW) is owned by Ms. Rattee but not maintained. Mr. Green explained that the road is land in-fee, not a ROW. He said the Wells family owned it originally and it was sold off. He spoke about the 33’ easement that was given to cross, maintain, bring power in, etc. He explained that Ms. Rattee did not want to keep the road but the buyer of the 180 acre piece did not want it so it was not included in that piece. Mr. Green said he has been told by his client that he could give the road to the Co-op if there is a way to do it as she does not want it.

Abutter Joe Eggleston stated that he has lived at 31 Sunset for twenty years. He has done a complete review of the 2012 subdivision and 2014 lot line adjustment done by Ms. Rattee. He read from prepared notes, outlining questions, inconsistencies, and concerns. (A copy of the notes was submitted for the file.)

Stan Prescott said he was curious as to why the rest of the abutters have not said anything. Warren Wells said it has all been covered by others. He did note that Ms. Rattee’s property has always been part of the ROW/Rainbow Drive, and he wonders why it is not separate. Mr. Green explained that it is a strip of land owned in-fee. He said the deed included everything that was not sold off from the original parcel. He clarified that it is not a ROW but an easement for people to cross over her land. He said twenty plus people use it and he considers it a public way. Mr. Green noted that they are expanding the easement to 50’ at the first part of the road for better maintenance. He said the strip has to be attached to something; it cannot just be a floating strip of land. Mr. Wells asked, in the event it was deeded to someone else’s property, if that would eliminate abutters. He said it would seem to be more of a benefit to not have it deeded to someone else. Bob Mann said there have been implications by someone connected with the so-called association of a desire to maintain control of the current easement. He said there are probably as many opinions on that as there are residents on the road. Mr. Mann said he does not think the Board should assume any kind of consensus of residents on that at all. He said he is not aware of any formal agreement and for forty years it has been the default position that the residents get together once a year to discuss maintenance and related costs. Mr. Mann said there has been an informal agreement as to who would plow and what the costs would be per household, etc. but there is no formal association. He said he knows the issue of the maintenance of Rainbow Drive is not the Board’s issue to resolve. Mr. Mann said most of them are here because there were implications that the Planning Board was going to be involved in the formation of a maintenance agreement. Tom Dow said the Board heard about the road conditions and encouraged the group to get together with some sort of agreement. Sherry Blanchard asked what is done for the Hardy Road Village District. Dustin Bowles explained that the district has their association fees assessed on their members’ tax bills.

Mrs. Blanchard said residents tried to have their mailboxes taken off School Street onto Rainbow Drive. She said the post office was in support for the safety of the mailperson and residents, but Ms. Rattee was not in favor. Donald Vanwormer asked if his driveway is a ROW or easement or owned by Deb Rattee. Tom Dow said the plan reads that it is owned by Deb Rattee. Mr. Vanwormer said his deed reads that it is a ROW. Stan Prescott reviewed Mr. Vanwormer’s deed, noting that it says for ingress and egress meaning they can drive in and out. Mr. Vanwormer asked where it ends and if it extends onto the lot on the plan. Warren Wells showed a 2008 plan done by Richard Bartlett & Associates with the ROW going right back to the back of the lot. Jeff Green said the piece was given for access. There was discussion about how the

access was represented on various plans. Paula Wells stated that the frontage continues to be a question, asking if pieces can be added together to get the required frontage.

The chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Stan Prescott said he needs to sit down with the notes provided by Joe Eggleston and the plans to which he referred. He said he wants to read them and digest his concerns. Jeff Green asked what concerns were raised as he did not hear any. He said he does not feel there should be discussion behind closed doors. It was noted that the Board has the right to review the notes, not in a closed meeting but on their own time. Dustin Bowles said he is confused by several items. There were several questions about how the frontage was created, the 33’ width of passage creating Rainbow Drive, and where Mr. Green considers the frontage for the area on the other side of Rainbow. The Board reviewed the lines. Tom Dow suggested that maybe the plan should be reviewed by the town’s engineer for an independent review and professional opinion. Mr. Eggleston said he would leave his marked-up plan. Board members agreed to have the plan reviewed at the applicant’s expense per the Land Development Regulations. Mr. Green said he would withdraw the application before having it sent to an engineer. George Saunderson said he feels the matter should be continued for a month as they need time to review the notes and further review the plan. There was discussion about meeting with Mr. Green and Mr. Eggleston so he could explain his comments. It was then suggested that the plan be reviewed by CNHRPC at the client’s expense. Mr. Green said he cannot authorize payment without talking with his client; he will talk with her and get back to Donna. Stan Prescott made a motion to send the plan to CNHRPC for review and have a work session after receiving their review, as well as Joe Eggleston’s information, before

having another public hearing; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. Donna will get an estimate from CNHRPC to Jeff Green. The hearing will be continued on February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

The Agriculture Commission has asked to have one or more Planning Board members attend one of their meetings to talk about the Master Plan with regard to agriculture in Loudon. It was agreed that it would be preferable for their group to come to the Planning Board. Donna will invite them to an upcoming meeting.

Tom Dow spoke about information received on a course on Planning and Zoning Laws in New Hampshire. It will be held on five consecutive Mondays, starting on March 9th. Donna will get the details out to the Board.

Report of the ZBA:

This month’s agenda includes a special exception for fuel storage tanks on Chichester Road and an appeal from an administrative decision on Loudon Ridge Road.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there was discussion on M42/L14, Ledgeview Greenhouses. The owners want to add a house to the property and there was some concern about being able to do so without subdividing the lot. The group’s consensus was that it is a 10.79 acre lot and it can be done without subdividing as both uses are allowed in the district.

Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — January 22, 2015

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — Ned Lizotte made a motion to adopt the minutes of December 29, 2014 as presented; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application #Z14-14, Inisfree Investments, LLC — *Special Exception for bulk storage tanks, RR District, Map 11, Lot 12.* Abutters Kenny Lynn & Ed Dempsey were present. Jeff Green represented the applicants. Mr. Green informed the Board that he spoke with his client who feels this is a permitted use of the zone. He said the Zoning Ordinance does not tie bulk storage to any particular use. He stated that they are asking for approval for six 6,000 gallon vertical tanks and one 15,000 horizontal tank. Earl Tuson asked if the application has not changed since it was submitted as he does not see any gallonage given on the application; he felt this information should be on the application. Dave Powelson stated that the plan attached to the application shows

the tanks; he asked if the original plan is the location proposed. Mr. Green said they would probably have to be put there since that is how the application was submitted. He explained that he had proposed to the Planning Board that the tanks be moved, putting them over the 200’ mark from the abutter. Mr. Powelson asked about the use for the heating and diesel fuel being stored. Mr. Green stated that any tanks over 500 gallons require special exceptions, and the use is not tied to the request. Howard Pearl referred to Section 204.6 of the Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with Section 701.3. He pointed out that #2 addresses the proposed use being injurious or detrimental, #4 addresses excessive demands on municipal services, and #6 addresses not having adverse effect on the environment. Earl Tuson read from notes on the plan that said the intention was storage of fuel for use onsite as well as distribution. He said the Board is being asked to approve the stated use which they cannot do as distribution is not permitted. Howard Pearl said the applicant might need to adjust their request. Mr. Green said the application does not include distribution. He noted that the amount is given on the plan but not the application, and the use is on the plan but not on the application. He said the reason he did that is because the application is not for a use but



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the size of tanks being increased over 500 gallons.

Ned Lizotte read from an email of November 12, 2014 from the Town's attorney with regard to handling this application. He said the special exception would be for use on the property which is excavation. Mr. Green noted that the attorney's reference to the gravel pit as a grandfathered non-conforming use is incorrect. He said gravel pits are permitted in the district. It was noted that they are permitted by special exception. Earl Tuson stated that this is not about the gravel pit but about tanks for the gravel pit. Howard Pearl said reasonable fuel storage is what they would use for equipment use. Ned Lizotte asked why they do not continue to have movable tankers onsite. He said he cannot say they are not setting up for something more down the road.

Roy Merrill said it has recently come to his attention that he is an abutter to this property, therefore he recused himself from this matter. George Saunderson was appointed as a voting member for this case.

Abutter Ed Dempsey said he would like not to see this at the edge of his property, noting that moving them from 150' to 200' does not make a big difference. It was noted that the application before the Planning Board was rejected as incomplete on December 18, 2014 as the applicant did not have the permitted use of distribution.

Howard Pearl said he understands the desire to save on bulk purchase but he has some serious concerns about the amount, particularly where it has been said to be for their own use. He noted there is an indication of distribution on the application. Earl Tuson said the plan reflects that the fuel would be for onsite use and distribution. He said bulk storage is to store and use, not distribute.

The chairman said the Board should go through the points of the application and see if all points are met. Pt. 1: Mrs. Dempsey spoke of her concern of 51,000 gallons in a residential area. Pt. 2: Mrs. Dempsey stated her concern about their property value being affected and the possibility of more truck traffic in the future. Pt. 3: Mr. Powelson said the applicant is stating this will comply with the rest of the Ordinance. There was no discussion. Pt. 4: The chairman noted that there was some discussion at a previous meeting regarding additional fire protection and truck traffic on the road. Howard Pearl asked if there is any plan for fire suppression. Mr. Green said there is not at this point; that would have to go on the State plan. Pt. 5: Howard Pearl said this raises concern as they are using it only onsite. He noted that previous testimony was that the applicant uses 2,000 gallons per week. Jeff Green stated it would be a tractor trailer load every other week. Mr. Pearl said he is not sure traffic volume would be an issue as there is already gravel traffic. Ned Lizotte said delivery trucks in addition to the gravel traffic could make a difference. Pt. 6: Howard Pearl asked Mr. Green if he knows if there is a difference in regulations that apply for bulk storage for use versus distribution. Mr. Green said there are no differences. Mr. Pearl asked if 1,000 gallons would have the same requirements as 51,000 gallons. Mr. Green said that was correct; he spoke about requirements for containment, etc.

Chairman Powelson said the Board has to decide if they have properly addressed the seven questions. He said he is not sure this really fits into point #3, special conditions. Howard Pearl again referred to Sections 204.6 and 701.3, saying he has concerns on point #2. He said he is having a problem getting by that one as this seems an excessive amount of fuel for use onsite. Ned Lizotte said he has concerns about the pro-

posed location so close to a residence when they have the entire gravel pit. He said if bringing fuel in to a storage trailer has worked, why not just have a second trailer. Mr. Lizotte said he still feels something more is coming along. He said he has an issue with it so close to the Dempsey's property. Howard Pearl stated that the Board has to weigh the needs of the applicant but they also have to weigh the effect on the neighborhood. He said this is an excessive amount for the applicant's use. Ned Lizotte said when seeing the location in relationship to houses it is not ideal. He said by using trailers as they are currently doing the operation can be kept away from houses. He also said he doesn't feel they need bulk storage of that excessive amount for their current use. Mr. Green pointed out that trailers would not have the safety features, containment, etc. as compared to tanks for 51,000 gallons. He said they are asking for bulk storage. Ned Lizotte said he cannot get past where they are putting them. Earl Tuson noted that the Board can put conditions on an approval. Charlie Aznive stated that the bottom line is that it is detrimental to the neighborhood. Earl Tuson said the applicant is not constrained by the plan that was submitted unless conditions are placed. Howard Pearl explained that one challenge of the ZBA is that they are required to make discretionary decisions, such as being asked for 51,000 gallons for use onsite by the applicant but having a hard time getting to that.

Dave Powelson asked Mr. Green if his contention is still that this is for use in trucks. Mr. Green said that was correct, for onsite use. Earl Tuson noted that the application refers to two delivery trucks each day and one to two tractor trailer loads. He asked if this is meant to the site or from the site. Mr. Green said there are two delivery trucks now so two tractor trailers would be the only additional traffic. Howard Pearl asked if Mr. Green is asking the Board to either approve 51,000 gallons or deny the application. Mr. Green said he just needs an answer, either with conditions or a denial. There was discussion about how much fuel is in a trailer load and how many tanks would be needed to satisfy the applicant's use. Dave Powelson asked how many types of fuel would be involved. Mr. Green said it would be on-road and off-road diesel. Earl Tuson stated that there would not be onsite use of heating oil. Howard Pearl asked if the intent is to go to the depot and bring back one tractor trailer of straight fuel, not mixed. Mr. Green said that was correct. Mr. Pearl said he was trying to come up with a way to allow a tractor trailer of two fuels for storage. He said two 6,000 gallon and one 15,000 gallon tanks would work. Dave Powelson said 51,000 gallons is the wrong number; the application could be denied on that and the applicant could come back with an application specific to onsite use. He said it seemed that Howard was inclined to approve some smaller amount. Mr. Pearl said he understands the pricing importance. There was brief discussion about what others have had for storage for onsite use. Howard Pearl stated that the most he had at his farm's peak was 8,000–9,000 gallons which was for a season.

The chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Ned Lizotte made a motion to deny the application based on point #2, excessive storage capacity for current business needs; seconded by Earl Tuson. Mr. Tuson said that it has been pointed out that there is no specific gallonage in the Zoning Ordinance. He said point #2 is that the proposed use is not to be detrimental, and the gallonage plays a big role in being injurious or detrimental. He said 51,000 gallons would be injurious or

detrimental, noting it would be equivalent to 102 households of allowed storage. Howard Pearl noted this is a business, not households. Mr. Tuson addressed point #4 by saying that the fire department was here at an earlier meeting and expressed their concern. He said every structure adds to demands which are incremental to use. In addressing point #5, Mr. Tuson said he understands trucks of material. On point #6, Mr. Tuson said that DES has extensive regulations that the applicant would have to meet and those regulations are in place because uses could have a very large impact on the natural environment. On point #7, Mr. Tuson said monitoring never makes potential impacts go away, it only catches problems if lucky. He said the Board never got a good answer on their groundwater questions. He said the application, in two places, refers to delivery and distribution which are not permitted.

The points were reviewed as a Board.

#1: Howard Pearl said an argument could be made either way. Earl Tuson said for storage only, not for delivery and distribution. Mr. Pearl said he cannot see that they fail #1. George Saunderson said it technically might be allowed. Ned Lizotte said they do not meet #1 as they have it listed for storage and distribution, referring to note #10 on the plan. He said it lists heating and diesel fuel and he feels heating fuel would lean toward distribution. It was realized some members did not have the most recent plan that was submitted at the October meeting (a copy was not received for the file). Mr. Tuson pointed out that the newer plan has clear reference to distribution. Members reviewed that plan. It was agreed that the applicant does not meet point #1.

#2: All agreed that the applicant does not meet point #2.

#3: Earl Tuson stated that a special condition of the parcel would be the gravel pit. He said a gravel pit does not need heating oil. Others agreed.

#4: Howard Pearl said if fire suppression was included in the plans they have recognized what could occur. Earl Tuson said 51,000 gallons of heating and diesel fuel warrants more than just acknowledging. Four members agreed that #4 is not met; Howard Pearl disagreed.

#5: It was agreed the point was met.

#6: It was agreed the point was met.

#7: Dave Powelson said the answer for #6 will affect #7.

Earl Tuson moved to amend the motion to include points #1 and #4; seconded by Ned Lizotte. A roll vote was taken on the amendment to the motion: George Saunderson – yes; Howard Pearl – No; Dave Powelson – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Earl Tuson – yes. Yes – 4; No – 1. MOTION AMENDED.

The motion now reads “to deny the application based on not meeting points #1, #2, and #4.” A roll vote was taken: Earl Tuson – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Dave Powelson – yes; Howard Pearl – no; George Saunderson – yes. Yes – 4; No – 1. DENIED

Roy Merrill returned to the table.

Application #Z14-17, Bonnie Martin – Appeal from an Administrative Decision,

Map 35, Lot 5. The applicant and her attorney, Rob Dietel, were present. Mr. Dietel read from the cease and desist that was issued by the code enforcement officer. He said he is asking for the cease and desist to be vacated. Mr. Dietel said he has looked at the code enforcement file and found no indication of her living in her garage. He explained that the applicant owns a five acre parcel in the AFP district and has a single family home and a garage on the property. Attorney Dietel stated that the applicant filed for a building permit in 2012 to renovate the second floor of her garage with the plan to use it for recreational purposes. He said the applicant was the only person living there at the time and she wanted a recreational area. He went on to say that Bob Fiske approved the building permit. Mr. Dietel stated that Ms. Martin's son and two grandchildren now live in the home with her. He explained that on November 4, 2014 Ms. Martin reported a neighbor for tapping her trees. She had asked the neighbor to remove the taps and that did not happen so she called the police department. Mr. Dietel noted that the neighbor is not here nor is Bob Fiske. He asked that the Board vacate the order so his client can use the area as planned for family recreation.

Dave Powelson asked to confirm that the claim is that she is not living in the apartment. Ms. Martin said that was correct. She said she called the police so the problem is with the neighbor and then a month later this happened. Attorney Dietel said there may be the perception on an apartment but she clearly lives in the house with her son and grandchildren. Ms. Martin stated that there is no kitchen and no bedroom in the garage. Howard Pearl wondered why they are asking to vacate the order, noting that the cease and desist is a moot point if she is not living there. Charlie Aznive said Bob Fiske feels it is being used as an apartment. The attorney said it needs to be more than the word of a neighbor. He said there was never a site visit nor phone calls made to Ms. Martin. He said the order threatens fines, etc. but she is not living there. He said there is nothing in the record that proves she is; this is a cease and desist based on no facts. Mr. Dietel said it seems a very reasonable request to be able to use the area as initially proposed. Ms. Martin said she met with Mr. Fiske and told him she was not sure why she was there as she did not have an apartment. She said she would have liked him to visit before issuing the cease and desist.

Roy Merrill said a site walk would prove one way or another. Mr. Dietel said the code enforcement officer has the right to do a site visit but did not. Ned Lizotte said a site visit would give clarity to the situation. Howard Pearl said it would show their due diligence. The attorney said the burden before us is that there is no evidence to contradict Ms. Martin's statement and there is no one here tonight to speak about the matter. He said the Board could vacate the order, giving

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direction to the code enforcement officer, and the code enforcement officer could do a site visit. Ms. Martin said she is the only one paying at this point. Ned Lizotte said seeing the property would end the confusion. Roy Merrill said the Board is being asked to take an applicant's word against Bob Fiske's but the Board's first obligation is to the Town's employee. Earl Tuson said it would be nice if the code enforcement officer was sitting here right now.

Attorney Dietel said this is an issue between neighbors, noting that the record has no support for someone living in the garage. He said the easiest solution is to vacate the order, the code enforcement officer look at it, and reissue the cease and desist if he finds a problem. Charlie Aznive said there would be a record if the Board went to look at the situation. The attorney said there is no other evidence in the record. He said zoning allows the chairman to have an applicant make a statement under oath. Roy Merrill said he would not vote to vacate the decision without seeing the structure. Dave Powelson stated that the applicant has the option to write a letter that she would comply with the terms of the building permit. He said the property assessment card has a reference to a possible apartment. Donna informed the Board that Assessor Chris Murdough said she would be glad to go out to the property as well; she will need to know exactly what is there for the files. Howard Pearl said they could pass a resolution to vacate the order with the condition that Bob Fiske does an inspection and comes back with a recommendation; that would put the onus on him. He said no onsite inspection appears to have been done.

Attorney Dietel said if Chief Fiske has a position on this they are entitled to have him here so this can be resolved and he made the decision not to be here tonight. Mr. Dietel noted that this was a properly noticed meeting. Chairman Powelson stated that the office received a memo from Bob Fiske earlier today. He read the memo (original is in the file) and then it was handed around for the Board members to review. Mr. Dietel said it is perplexing that Mr. Fiske refers to it being an apartment as that is not what the plans were submitted as and there have been no changes from the plan. He said they do not have a problem with anyone going there and he spoke about single family units being allowed. Roy Merrill asked where it says that apartments are allowed. Mr. Dietel said the district permits residences, including accessory uses, the garage is an accessory, and allowing a bedroom is customary to the use. He said none of that really matters though as Ms. Martin is not using it as an apartment. Mr. Dietel said the most efficient resolution is as suggested by Howard Pearl, to vacate the order with the condition that Chief Fiske do an inspection. If he finds additional grounds beyond a neighbor's complaint he could reinstate the order or Ms. Martin could apply for a modified building permit to meet the findings.

Charlie Aznive said a site visit should be done, including Bob Fiske. Roy Merrill said he does not feel the Board should touch this unless they go for a site visit. Dave Powelson said he agrees that the Board must do their due diligence to determine what is there since they have the word of the code enforcement officer and a resident and her attorney. Attorney Dietel said it suggests some sort bad faith by Chief Fiske by not picking up the phone and talking with Ms.

Martin. He said he appreciates the Board's perspective but there is no evidence, only an unsubstantiated report, and no other facts. Howard Pearl said he felt it would be in the best interest of the applicant for the Board to go to the site if it is felt that something was not right in the way the code enforcement officer handled the matter. Attorney Dietel said he is not calling out Chief Fiske; he knows that Mr. Fiske was put in a tough spot by a disgruntled neighbor. He said he would be more comfortable if there was just something more in the evidence. Mr. Pearl said that is a very valid concern. Charlie Aznive said the fast way to settle this is for the ZBA to do a site visit, asking Bob Fiske to attend, and have all parties involved.

There was lengthy discussion of a site visit. Attorney Dietel said he is trying to avoid further costs to his client and would once again ask that the Board vacate the order and that Chief Fiske do an inspection. This would eliminate the need for him to be at a site visit, as well as not have the ZBA as supervisory code enforcement. Ned Lizotte explained to Mr. Dietel that he does not have to go on the site walk. He said the Board does not want to vote to vacate the order, they want to address the situation,

and a town officer has asked them to look at it. Earl Tuson said when the ZBA hears an appeal they are supposed to listen to two sides. He said the letter is Bob Fiske's side; the evidence should not be hearsay. Attorney Dietel asked that the matter be continued to the next meeting to allow them to reach out to Chief Fiske regarding him doing a site visit. After brief discussion, *Howard Pearl made a motion to grant the applicant's request to continue this hearing to next month's meeting and allow the applicant to attempt to resolve with the code enforcement officer; seconded by Ned Lizotte. Roy Merrill was opposed; the other members were in agreement with the motion.* The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; there will be no further notification.

ADJOURNMENT

Roy Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

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