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Thank You!

The Communications Council is delighted to welcome eight new members who answered the Council's call for volunteers. Thanks to them, the future of the *Ledger* and the Communications Council looks very bright indeed! Welcome aboard Katie Ambrose, Letty Barton, Deb Foss, Nancy Kraus, Janice Morin, Roy Perlmutter, Curtiss Rude and Mary Sartwell. On behalf of the community as a whole, we want to extend our thanks and our warmest welcome!

Annual Town Meeting To Be Held Saturday, March 12

There are several signs of Spring in rural New Hampshire: mud, sap buckets, and town meeting! Loudon begins its town meeting season on Tuesday, March 8 at 8 a.m. when residents are given the opportunity to vote for town officials. This is the First Session of Town Meeting. In addition to voting for town officials, you'll also be voting on several amendments to the town's Zoning Ordinances.

Voting takes place at the Town Hall located on Clough Hill Road. Polls are open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you haven't yet registered to vote, you may register that day if you bring proof of Loudon residency (a utility bill, tax bill) and your license.

The following positions are open. The names that appear on the ballot are shown here as well as the term length.

- **Moderator** — *A two-year term.* Sharon Drake.
 - **Selectman** — *A three-year term.* Running for the single opening are Jeffrey C. Miller, Robert N. Fiske, and Roger A. Maxfield.
 - **Supervisor of Checklist** — *Two-year term.* Francine Clave.
 - **Trustee of Trust Funds** — *A three-year term.* Running for the single opening are Kathleen Fisher and Thomas L. Moore.
 - **Library Trustee** — *Three-year term.* Running for the single opening are Carrie L. James and Katherine A. Bollenbach.
 - **Planning Board** — *A three-year term.* There are two openings on the Board; only one person has signed up to run: George Saunderson.
 - **Zoning Board** — *A three-year term.* There are two vacancies on the board. Two people have signed up to run: Earl Tuson and Roy Merrill.
- Write-ins are acceptable for all positions.

Zoning Amendments

These are the amendments being proposed. They will also be voted on during the First Session of Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 8.

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2016-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Amend Section 204.3 RR District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception by adding (P) Outdoor Event Venues, for non-recurring events such as weddings or reunions, not to exceed eight events per year; and Amend Section 205.3 AFP District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception by adding (M) Outdoor Event Venues, for non-recurring events such as weddings or reunions, not to exceed eight events per year?*

Reason: Venues that hold weddings, reunions, and other such non-recurring events may be compatible with typical uses in the district, but the current ordinance does not allow such activities to be held. Permitting them by Special Exception would allow some reasonable conditions to be placed to assure neighbors that such venues will be entirely compatible.

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2016-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Add under Definitions — FARMING: All such activities included under NH RSA 21:34-a?*

Reason: As the ordinance does not currently define farming, this definition would clearly refer to the existing state definition.

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2016-3 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Amend Section 203.3 Village District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception by adding (N) Meeting halls and lodges for non-profit social, fraternal, and club organizations; Amend Section 205.3 AFP District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception by adding (M) Meeting halls and lodges for non-profit social, fraternal, and club organizations; Amend Section 206.3 CI District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception by adding (Q) Meeting halls and lodges for non-profit social, fraternal, and club*

Town Meeting — cont. on 5

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.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. & 5–9 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 7032 (8 Cooper St., Fire Dept. side of Safety Complex) • 798-5584
Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612 • chief@loudonfire.com
To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: www.loudonnh.org→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.

Loudon Elementary School

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

Transfer Station

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

Library Director: Deborah Gadway-Lambert • 798-5153 • maxlib@comcast.net
Mon.: 2–7:30 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Wed.: 2–7:30 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon
Intake Hours: 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

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U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte. (603) 622-7979. Ayotte.senate.gov
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U.S. Representative Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. Kuster.house.gov

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State Representative Jason R. Parent. (603)387-4626.
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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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February 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/22 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/25

March 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/22

April 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/21

May 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/18

June 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/20 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/23

July 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/20

August 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/18

September 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/22

October 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/19

November 2016 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/17

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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.fcbcnh.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: 9:30 a.m. for all ages

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 M. Young, Pastor

433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307

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

Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.

For information on scheduled events, call Gayle Doyle at 435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For general church information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 608-5833 (days) or 435-6510 (evenings).



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cormier

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org

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

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@debbiegraphics.com

LOUDON CHURCH NEWS

Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

**March 19, 2016 — Dinner at 5:30 p.m. —
Entertainment at 6:30 p.m.**

Come join us for a Fellowship Pot Luck Supper celebrating the arrival of Spring. Entertainment provided by one of our favorite groups, the “DUMP RUN GANG” from Gilmanton. Live entertainment by Don Smith, Country Gospel Singer. Enjoy delicious homemade food and a great night of music. Bring your family and friends. The Supper is free, but we ask that a DONATION be brought for our local Food Pantries. For further information, please call Lorraine Welch at 603-435-6510 or Gayle Doyle at 603-435-0496 / gad022948@outlook.com

Loudon Congregational Church

Easter Breakfast and Service: The Loudon Congregational Church invites you to an Easter Sunday morning breakfast buffet on March 27th at 8:15 a.m. The breakfast will be followed by the regular worship service at 9:30 a.m. Won’t you please join us for this Christian celebration? The church is located at 7018 Church Street, Loudon. For information, please call Rev. Moe Cormier at 783-9478. ■



**DON’T FORGET
TO VOTE!!!
TOWN ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
8 A.M.–7 P.M.
at The Town Hall
Clough Hill Road**

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
Serving Dinner: 4:30-6:00 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.*



News From American Legion Post 88

By Commander Shawn Jones



To my Legion family,

We held our February meeting on the 17th with 11 members present. We heard a presentation from our building committee regarding bid proposals for the renovation of our new building. After much discussion a vote was taken to award the bid to one of the two local contractors. The vote was 10 in favor and 1 abstaining. I signed the contract and renovations will begin once we receive the necessary permit(s) from the town. Thanks again to the time and effort that Stan Prescott and Gary Tasker put into this endeavor. We will be holding off seeking a grant from Home Depot due to certain restrictions they have. Thanks to Shane Labonte for gathering the information and making contact with Home Depot. In the future we may be able to apply for a grant once we have a known project that will meet their criteria. Shane was also able to help one member obtain hearing aids from the Manchester VA.

Please come to our March meeting where we will be accepting nominations for post officers. If you want to run for one of the many positions let it be known so that you can be nominated from the floor. If you want to continue to serve in your present position we will need to know that as well. Swearing in for all officers will be held at the April meeting. We'd love to see some support from our membership. Our Post is moving in the right direction with our new post building and our support of Legion programs and community service, so why not be a part of it.

We need at least six members to make 100% for 2016. Our membership as of February 11, 2016 is 91.78%. According to Department figures, we have six members who had not renewed for 2016, but by the time you read this, a few of those members will have renewed. Thanks to Larry Hemphill for his efforts in talking to these members. I've also heard from a couple of our members that they have individuals who want to join. With any luck we will exceed 100% membership and grow our post roster.

Our Americanism Chairman Michael Hartt has been hard at work promoting the High School Oratorical program. On February 6th District Five held its first HS Oratorical contest in two years. The contest was held at Faith Community Bible Church in Loudon and the winner was Sophomore Hana Testerman of Chichester. She has advanced to our state competition to be held on February 27th at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. She did an excellent job with her oration on a section of the US Constitution and one of its Amendments. For her efforts she was



Hana Testerman is congratulated by D5 Adjutant Gerard LeDuc on her winning the D5 High School Oratorical Contest on February 6, 2016.

awarded \$200.00 from the District. We all wish her well on the 27th. We would like to thank State Representatives Dan and Carol McGuire for coming over and judging the contest and to the people who turned out to watch. We'd also like to thank FCBC for allowing us the use of the church for the morning.

We received two letters from the Loudon Food Pantry for our financial donations in November and December. The NH Veterans Home in Tilton also sent us a thank you letter for our December donation. I brought in a large number of thank you letters and drawings from the third grade students at Loudon Elementary School. The students wrote personal letters thanking the Legion for the donation of dictionaries that we made possible working with the Loudon Lions Club. Your letters of thanks were very much appreciated.

I reported that I sent a letter to the Loudon Selectmen thanking them for supporting our post and the veterans we

serve. I am selling this year's NH Department Legion convention pins for \$3.00 each. They feature the Old Man of the Mountain with the emblems of the AL, SONS, AUX and ALR. If you would like to purchase one, please contact me. I am also helping out the Department's 100th Centennial Committee by offering for sale raffle tickets for \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. Prizes are as follows. \$2500, \$1000 and \$500 to be awarded at the Legion's convention in May. Contact me if you are interested in purchasing tickets. I have a limited number available.

Our Commanders Fund Raffle winners were: \$50/H. Stevens, \$25/R. Morin, \$10/K. Hart, \$10/J. Sweeney and \$5/G. Lofaro. Congratulations to this month's winners.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 1900, at Charlie's Barn. Think Spring! ■

LYAA Baseball & Softball Registrations

Spring is near and we are getting ready for our 2016 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:

- **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** Brookside Pizza. 5:30–8:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 3, 2016** Brookside Pizza. 5:30–8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 6, 2016** Brookside Pizza. 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 9, 2016** Brookside Pizza. 6:00–8:00 p.m.

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

Family discounts (siblings) \$5 off each registration

Minors & Majors Tryouts

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Please email Breanne Mullen with questions: MBMULLEN98@GMAIL.COM ■

Concord Hospital Trust Accepting Scholarship Applications

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 health-care professions to enrich their lives, while ensuring the continued availability of quality health care to the Greater Concord community.

Concord Hospital Trust's 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 have lived within Concord Hospital's primary service area for more than one year or who graduate from a high school within the service area are eligible to apply. The application is available on Concord Hospital Trust's Web site at ch-trust.org. All applications must be received or post-marked by April 29, 2016. Award decisions will be made by mid-June.

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

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.

Town Meeting — cont. from 1

organizations; and Amend Section 207.3 CR District – Uses Permitted by Special Exception by adding (P) Meeting halls and lodges for non-profit social, fraternal, and club organizations?

Reason: This seems to be a reasonable use for any district in town; has been allowed in the RR District since the Zoning Ordinance was created.

Session Two of Town Meeting

The Second Session of Town Meeting is held on Saturday, March 12 at the Elementary School in the gym. It begins at 9 a.m. When you arrive at the meeting you'll want to check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist to get your voting card. These are colored cards that are raised during hand votes and can be used for any ballot votes that may be called for. The cards insure that only registered voters vote. Below are the articles you'll be asked to vote on. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion before each article is voted on.

Article 03:**Purchase of a skid-steer loader.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of purchasing a skid-steer loader and authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. A NH The Beautiful Grant has been applied for with a maximum award of \$5,000. If funds are awarded they will be applied to this purchase. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 04:**Purchase of a Dump Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a Dump Truck and Equipment, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 05:**For reclaiming and paving Wales Bridge Rd.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,635 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Wales Bridge Road and authorize the withdrawal of \$43,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$54,635 to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 06:**To hire a full-time Police Chief**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to hire a Full-time Police Chief. This amount plus \$40,000 (included in the Police operating budget) represents the salary from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 after which the position, if approved, will be funded entirely through the Police operating budget. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

Article 07:**Adopt Mount Hope & Moore Cemeteries**

Are you in favor of adopting the Mount Hope and Moore Cemeteries as Town Cemeteries and instructing the Board of Selectmen to initiate any legal documentation necessary to acquire said Cemeteries. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 08:**Town History**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Town History Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of writing a history of the Town of Loudon and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)*

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

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
- Loudon Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000

Spectacular Response to Communications Council's Call for Volunteers

In last month's *Ledger*, the Communications Council published an urgent call for volunteers. We knew it sounded a little ominous, but we needed our readers to understand that the *Ledger's* future truly depended on finding volunteers who would be willing to step up and serve on the Council as members, directors and officers, and commit to upholding the Council's philosophy, mission and bylaws. As we said then, "We continue to believe that the *Loudon Ledger* fills an important function for our community. For some of us, it's a nice way of staying caught up with what's going on in town. For others, it can be a lifeline, particularly for the elderly and the disabled. *The Ledger* is unique – there is not another publication like it anywhere in New Hampshire."

As that February issue went to print, we were guardedly optimistic about reaching others who shared our enthusiasm and our desire to provide an accessible, unbiased source of information about organizations, businesses and government in Loudon. We also understood that those high hopes should be tempered with reasonable expectations. The response we received was so overwhelming, it helped us realize just how much the *Ledger* has become part of the fabric of our community. Many thanks to Katie Ambrose, Letty Barton, Deb Foss, Nancy Kraus, Janice Morin, Roy Perlmutter, Curtiss Rude and Mary Sartwell for stepping up to the challenge and agreeing to join the Council. If you enjoy receiving the *Ledger* every month and look forward to more news and information about the community in the future, be sure to say thanks to our new members: Let them know how much you appreciate their willingness to lend a hand so all of us can enjoy the *Ledger* for years to come. ■

- Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) \$30,000

The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

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

The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 11:**For general municipal operations.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,313,713 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *(Majority vote required)*

Article 12:**To transact any other business**

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

Town Reports will be available at the Town Office and various locations around Loudon usually two weeks or so before the meeting. In it you'll find the detailed budget, including last year's expenditures and this year's proposed expenditures and revenues. In addition you'll be able to read reports from the individual entities within the town, including the Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, Library, etc. You'll also find a wealth of information about recycling, vital statistics, and part of the auditor's report. It's well worth reading!

We hope this overview of the Town Meeting process and makes it easier for you to get involved with the government of your town. ■

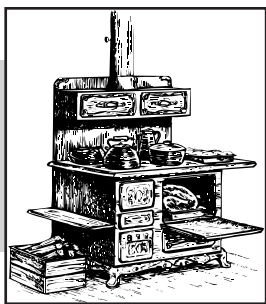


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What's Cookin'! Maple Syrup Goodness

By Jenn Pfeifer

Maple syrup season is here and sugar shacks around the state are gearing up for another sweet year! Maple Weekend in NH is March 19–20, 2016. For a directory of producers in NH please visit nhmapleproducers.com.

Maple Snow Taffy

This is a fun simple recipe that kids and adults love.

- 2½ cups maple syrup
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter
- Fresh snow you've collected in a large bowl
- Wooden popsicle sticks

Warm the maple syrup and butter in a small saucepan over medium until the boiling bubbles are small (if using a candy thermometer heat until it registers about 235°F) about 25 minutes or so. DO NOT walk away. You're going to want to watch it carefully and reduce the temperature if at any point the mixture looks like it will boil over. When it reaches the desired temperature, remove the pan from the heat and let it cool slightly. Spoon 1 tablespoon maple syrup mixture on some of the snow in the bowl. If the syrup sits on top of the snow, thickens and can be lifted by the popsicle stick, it's ready. If it doesn't, return the pan to medium heat for a few minutes and then try again. When the syrup is ready, drizzle blobs of the syrup mixture on the snow in whatever pattern or non-pattern you prefer and then pick up with the popsicle sticks and enjoy.

MAPLE SYRUP DUMPLINGS — By Saveur

- 1¾ Cups maple syrup
- 1½ Cups flour
- 4½ Tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 Tsp. kosher salt
- 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter, frozen
- ¾ Cup milk

Bring syrup and 1¼ cups water to a boil in a 6-qt. Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, whisk flour, baking powder, and salt in a bowl; set aside. Grate butter on large holes of a box grater into flour and toss to coat; add milk and stir with a fork until dough forms. When syrup mixture reaches a boil, use a spoon to drop large clumps of dough into syrup. Cover pot; simmer until dumplings are cooked through, 10–15 minutes. Spoon dumplings and sauce into 6 bowls and serve.

MAPLE SYRUP BARS — By Simply Stacie

Base

- ½ Cup butter, softened
- ¼ Cup brown sugar
- 1 Cup flour

Topping

- 1 Cup maple syrup
- ¾ Cup brown sugar
- ½ Cup walnuts, chopped
- ¼ Cup butter
- 2 Eggs
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- Pinch of salt

To make the base:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine butter, brown sugar and flour and stir until the mixture is crumbly. Press mixture into an 8 inch baking pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove and set aside.

To make the topping:

In a saucepan, combine the maple syrup, brown sugar and walnuts and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook over medium-low heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add butter and stir until melted. In a bowl, beat the eggs with the flour and salt. Add egg mixture to maple syrup mixture and stir to combine. Pour over the base and bake for another 25 to 30 minutes, or until set. Cool completely before cutting.

MAPLE SYRUP MARSHMALLOWS — By DessertForTwo.com

- ¾ Cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 Cup maple syrup

- Pinch of salt
- 6 Tablespoons cool water
- 1 Packet (2½ teaspoons) unflavored gelatin powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon maple extract (or vanilla extract)
- 1/2 Cup powdered sugar

Have ready a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and sprinkled with a light layer of powdered sugar. In a medium sauce pan, stir together the granulated sugar, maple syrup, salt, and 3 tablespoons of the water. Turn the heat to high and bring to a boil without stirring. Clip a candy thermometer to the edge of the pan, and boil until it reaches 238-degrees Fahrenheit. Meanwhile, add the remaining 3 tablespoons of water to a large bowl and sprinkle the gelatin on top. Let sit for a few minutes without stirring. When the sugar syrup reaches 238, slowly begin to stream it into the gelatin mixture while constantly beating with a hand mixer (not a stand mixer). Do not splash the syrup on the edges of the bowl, or it will harden immediately. Go slow, and take your time. Beat the mixture for a full 10 minutes on medium speed. Spray a mini cookie scoop with cooking spray, and make a test marshmallow on the baking sheet. Does it hold its shape relatively well? If not, scoop it back into the bowl and beat on high for 2–3 minutes until the mixture is more stiff. Stir in the maple extract and mix until combined. Using a mini cookie scoop that you spray with cooking spray between each scoop, scoop out 18–20 marshmallows onto the prepared baking sheet. Let the mixture set uncovered for at least 90 minutes. The longer they sit out uncovered, the more they take on the texture of store-bought marshmallows with a firm crust. Sprinkle the marshmallows with the extra powdered sugar and allow to dry. Store the marshmallows in an air-tight container at room temperature. They will keep for 2–3 days.

MAPLE PULLED PORK — By yummys.com

- ½ Cup kosher salt
- ½ Cup brown sugar
- 4½ Lbs. boneless pork shoulder butt
- 1 Cup maple syrup
- Juice of half a lemon
- ½ Cup grainy mustard
- Freshly ground pepper

Dipping sauce:

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Small onion, finely chopped
- ½ Cup reserved maple mustard
- 1 Tbsp butter

In a small bowl, combine salt and brown sugar. Rub mixture all over the pork, cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 300 degree F. Wipe off the salt-sugar mixture from the pork with paper towels. Place the pork in a roasting pan. Set aside. In a bowl, combine together maple syrup, lemon juice, mustard and freshly ground pepper. Reserve ½ cup of the mixture for dipping sauce.

Baste about ½ of the remaining maple-mustard mixture all over the pork. Roast in the oven for 6 hours or until meat is fork tender, basting the pork with the rest of the maple-mustard in the last hour of cooking.

Make the dipping sauce:

Heat oil in a sauce pan over medium heat. Add onion and cook until translucent. Stir in ½ cup reserved maple-mustard sauce. Reduce heat and let simmer for a minute. Add butter and whisk until sauce is silky smooth. Season with freshly ground pepper. Tear and shred the pork into chunks and place on a serving platter. Serve as is with the dipping sauce or as a sandwich.

MAPLE SYRUP ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS — By Amanda Finks

- 1½ Lbs. Brussels sprouts
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- ½ Teaspoon salt
- ¼ Tsp. ground black pepper
- 3 Tablespoons maple syrup

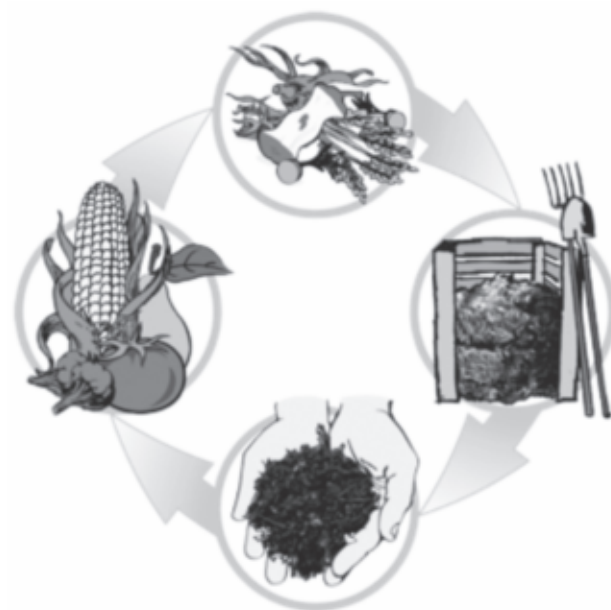
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Trim the stems of the sprouts. Remove any outer leaves that are wilted. Cut the sprouts in half. Add the Brussels sprouts, oil, salt, and pepper to a large bowl. Toss to fully coat the sprouts. Spread the sprouts onto a large baking sheet in a single layer. Roast for 15 minutes. Stir the sprouts, trying to

Composting Seminar

Thursday, May 12th 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Loudon Community Center
(Charlie's Barn)

Come and learn everything you ever wanted to know about backyard composting. It's fun, it's easy, it's the right thing to do! This FREE event is hosted by the Loudon Recycling Committee. And there will be a 50/50 raffle for a fundraiser — \$1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

Follow the Loudon Recycling Committee on Facebook for more information.



RSVP by April 23rd to be entered to win a door prize donated by Cole Gardens. (Must be present to win.)

RSVP to loudonrecycles@comcast.net subject line Compost Seminar

Or call Barbara Parent 520-5516 • Barb Burr 219-6863 • LeeAnn Childress 396-4950

Meet the Presenter!

Ruth H. Axelrod is a UNH cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteer with advanced training in composting. She learned to love gardening as a child and has been studying and practicing it ever since. She gardens, both indoors and outdoors, for natural beauty, food, environmental sustainability and the spiritual pleasure of mucking around in the dirt.

Recipes — cont. from 6

flip over as many as you can. Roast for 10 minutes. Drizzle the maple syrup over the sprouts and stir to coat. Roast for 8–10 more minutes.

MAPLE SYRUP-ROASTED TOMATOES — By Saveur

Maple syrup intensifies the sweetness of tomatoes in this recipe. Serve these with toothpicks as an appetizer or on salads, pizza, or pastas.

- 16 Cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 Tbsp. maple syrup
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 Sprigs fresh thyme, stemmed
- 2 Cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 250°. Arrange tomato halves cut side up on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet. Whisk together syrup, oil, thyme, garlic, and salt and pepper in a bowl and then drizzle over tomatoes. Bake until tomatoes are half-dried and concentrated, 3–4 hours.

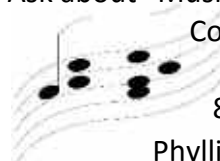
If you have any questions, comments, recommendations or suggestions please e-mail me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■

Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: March 18, 2016

For the April 2016 Issue

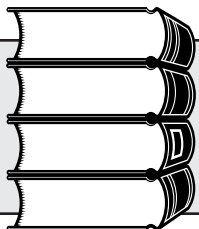
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Maxfield Public Library News



Relaxing with T'ai Chi.

Coloring For Adults

Join us every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for coloring and coffee, and de-stress from everyday pressures.

Yoga

Yoga is good for the mind, body and spirit. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced yoga participant, Fran gives a nice blend of warm ups and traditional postures for every person's physical level. Classes are offered Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Low-impact chair yoga is offered Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. The cost per session is \$5.00

Story Time

On March 1, 2 and 3, story time will read about the fiercest animal around — the lion. After hearing *There's a Lion in my Cornflakes* by Michelle Robinson and *The Loudest Little Lion* by Joy Elizabeth Hancock, the children will create a hand-sized lion to bring home.

Story time will take a look at weather on March 8, 9 and 10, while reading *Waiting* by Kevin Henkes and *The Fox with Cold Feet* by Dennis Kendrick. A fox craft will slyly follow the stories.

On March 15 and 16, the children will hear two stories about lost dogs: *The Stray Dog* by Marc Simont and *A Dog Wearing Shoes* by Sangmi Ko. After hearing

The Library hosted a program presented by the Mariposa Museum that extolled the virtues of chocolate.



how these dogs found their way home, we'll end the hour by making puppy puppets that will learn to speak at the touch of a hand.

Come dressed in green on March 17, as story time celebrates St. Patty's Day! Each child will find a leprechaun and a special treat in the craft time following Alice Schertle's tale *Jeremy Bean's St. Patrick's Day*.

The week of March 22, 23 and 24, story time will be celebrating Easter. Join us to hear *The Bunny Who Found Easter* by Charlotte Zolotow. After creating a special basket, the children will go on an egg hunt throughout the children's room.

On March 29, 30 and 31, the children will hear how strong the wind can be, as they listen to *Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round* by Teri Sloat and *Peggy* by Anna Walker. The children will make wind chimes to add music to the gentle breezes of the coming spring.

Meditation

Come join us the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. for a relaxing time out. This is a time for you to unwind and rejuvenate. All you need to do is join Fran and she will do all the work! You will be guided on a different journey every month. The cost per class is \$5.00.

Black Bear Happenings In NH

Join us March 16, at 6 p.m. for this informational program sponsored by the NH Fish and Game Wildlife Stewards Program. Come learn about the natural history of the native black bear and how it relates to its natural habitat.

Adult Craft Club — Make It At The Maxfield!

On Saturday, March 19 at 9 a.m., the library will be hosting a Natural Body Care Class (body lotions, lip balms, bath salts, body scrubs...) with Maria Noel Groves, Clinical Herbalist. Each participant will go home with their own samples. Cost is \$5 per person.

Book Group

Book group will meet Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Please call the library for more information.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
Saturday, March 12, for TOWN MEETING

Library Hours

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



Small readers have lots of fun with Craft Time.



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.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Each pass entitles the bearer up to 4 discounted admissions of \$4.50. Children under age 1 free.

CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART

Each pass entitles the bearer to 2 free admissions.

MCAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER

Valid for admission to exhibit halls for 4 people.

MOUNT KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM

Free admissions for 2 guests per day.

SEE SCIENCE CENTER

Free admission for a family.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

\$3 trail admissions for 2 people per day plus 4 additional discounted admissions of \$10 each.

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

Free admission for a family.

WRIGHT MUSEUM

Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (under 18 years).



CONCORD REGIONAL
VISITING NURSE
ASSOCIATION

March Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold a Senior Health Clinic on March 22 at VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

March Walk-In Immunization Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinic for children and adults who are uninsured, underserved, and who have no access to these needed services in order to lead a healthy lifestyle. This month's clinic is Monday, March 7, 1–4 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre St. in Concord. A fee of \$10 is requested per person. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

March Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a free monthly Walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Friday, March 4, 9:30–11 a.m..

Blood Pressure Clinics are at the Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Rd. in Concord. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. For more information, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815. ■

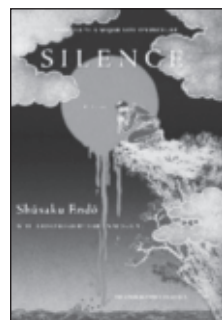




Between the Covers: The Book vs. The Movie: Which Is Better?

By Kate Dockham

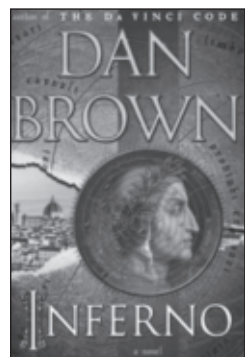
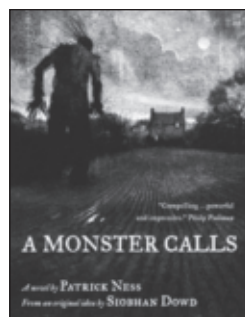
“The book is better than the movie.” An often-heard sentiment from readers and I would agree, mostly. There are times when an author is too wordy for me to pay attention to the plot but to watch the story reveal itself on film was magical. Great Expectations by Charles Dickens is a perfect example. Dickens goes on and on in the English dialect of the 1860s and I am daydreaming before I get to the end of the page. I did force myself to finish the novel for my book club, but to watch the cold-hearted Miss Havisham wield her revenge was spellbinding. As I have mentioned before in this article, watching a movie first can sometimes make a difficult text easier to read. My example here is the Harry Potter series. Rowling creates many creatures in the books and gives them odd names, something some children would get stuck on and abandon these great adventure stories. Once the first movie is watched and the viewer gets a feel for Rowling and her creatures, the viewer can easily become a reader. Whichever category you fall into, these are some of the most anticipated book adaptations to come out at the movie theaters this year.



The movie version of *Silence*, written by Shusaku Endo, 1966, has been talked about for the last 10 years. With a 2016 to-be-announced release date, the feature film is directed by Martin Scorsese and stars Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver and Liam Neeson. Set in the seventeenth century, two Portuguese Jesuit priests, played by Garfield and Driver, travel to Japan to locate their mentor, Neeson. The priests hope to further Christianity in a country where feudal lords force the faithful to renounce their beliefs. The two are captured and forced to watch unimaginable cruelties that test their own beliefs. Eventually the priests separate and one travels the countryside, wondering why God remains silent while His children suffer.

With Scorsese behind the camera the film promises to be beautiful yet tragic.

Neeson also stars in *A Monster Calls* based on Patrick Ness's 2011 novel of the same name. Ness has spun this tale from an idea of award-winning author Siobhan Dowd, whose death from cancer prevented her from writing it herself. Thirteen-year-old Conor's mother is terminally ill with cancer. Since her treatments have begun, Conor has had the same nightmare almost every night. But when a monster appears at his bedroom window, it is not the monster from his dream, as he expected. This tree monster, played by Neeson, is ancient and wild and wants something terrible and dangerous from Conor — the truth. Neeson is joined by newcomer Lewis MacDougall as Conor, with Felicity Jones as his mother and Sigourney Weaver as his Grandma. This darkly funny fantasy seems to have met its perfect match in director J.A. Bayona. The film is due out in October so there is still plenty of time to read the book.



Felicity Jones also joins Tom Hanks and Director Ron Howard in *Inferno* by New Hampshire author Dan Brown. I know I have mentioned before that Tom Hanks does not ring true as the main character of these books, Robert Langdon. I love Dan Brown's books, but I could take or leave the movies. Robert Langdon is a Harvard professor of symbolology. In this fourth book installment of the series, Langdon is drawn into a world centered on Dante's dark poem *Inferno*. After waking up in a Florence hospital with no memory on how he got there, Langdon finds himself the target of a manhunt. Dr. Sienna Brooks, Felicity Jones, helps him escape and try to solve the most intricate riddle he's ever

faced. The first two movies from this team did well at the box office; this movie is also due out in October.

Due out in March is the first part of the final book of the Divergent trilogy, *Allegiant*. Veronica Roth did an amazing job of bringing the series to an end in one book, so Hollywood must just be trying to get more money out of us. In the book Roth switches back and forth in the narrative between Tris and Four, a powerful move that lets the readers finally see the inside of their relationship. Edith Prior's tape blew the lid off the secret history of the factions and how they evolved to be the organizing force in society. Now, one group shouts “Death to the factions!” while the other writes the Allegiant Manifesto, declaring that factions are the way society was meant to be. Divergents like Tris are no longer considered rejects, but instead are declared Genetically Pure. Four, once a proud Dauntless



leader, now struggles with the knowledge he is Genetically Damaged and a second-class citizen in the eyes of many. Tris and Tobias struggle to come to terms with their respective family histories and their love for each other. Like the previous books, this story involves gunplay, deaths, loyalty, forgiveness, romance and lots of intrigue and double crossing. Roth brings it all together with an ending that delivers a wallop. Shailene Woodley returns as Tris and Theo James as Four. The first two movies were blockbusters, the last two — out in March of this year and June of 2017 — seem to be right on track to succeed.



Two childhood classics, *The BFG* and *The Jungle Book* are getting big screen adaptations this year. Roald Dahl's book, *The BFG*, has had an animated for TV adaptation made, but this time around Stephen Spielberg is making a live action version! *The BFG*, or Big Friendly Giant, doesn't seem all that friendly at first. He creeps down a London street, snatches little Sophie out of her bed and bounds away with her to giant land. He's not really all that big either, when compared with his evil, carnivorous cohorts, who



bully him for being such an oddball runt. After all, he doesn't eat children, and while the other giants are snacking on little boys and girls, he's blowing happy dreams in through their windows. *The BFG* is one of Dahl's most lovable character creations and in the capable hands of Mr. Spielberg we should all be spellbound. Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* will also get a live action makeover this spring by *Iron Man* director Jon Favreau. Kipling's book is a collection of stories, most likely written for his daughter, and first published in magazines in the 1890s. The stories are fables using the animals of India, where Kipling spent his youth, to teach moral lessons. Among the stories are three tales of Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle, “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” the story of a heroic mongoose and “Toomai of the Elephants,” the story of a young elephant handler. As with the previous adaptations of the book, much of the new movie will revolve around Mowgli being raised by a pack of wolves, a bear and a black panther. Many famous voices are lending their talent to the film including Ben Kingsley, Scarlett Johansson, Lupito Nyong'o and Bill Murray. While both movies will be family friendly, they will each have their moments of darkness and fright. Be sure to check www.com-monsensemedia.org before heading to the theater to ensure these are the right choice for your children.

Another choice for families this year is *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, due out in November. If you're a Harry Potter fan, then you will recognize the title as one of the textbooks used at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. JK Rowling herself wrote the screenplay and David Yates, director of three Harry Potter films, returns to direct this movie. The book, written by Newt Scamander, is an alphabetical listing of creatures from the magical world with notations as to what they look like, what they eat, and of course, where they can be found. The movie follows Newt Scamander in New York City while he was researching and writing the book in 1927. His research — looking for, finding and following these creatures — leads to many adventures. This story takes place 70 years before Harry arrives at Hogwarts and even though they are magical, there are no familiar characters.



Lastly, due out on Christmas day is *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. A favorite read of tweens, teens and adults alike, this is the first in a series of books a little on the creepy side. As a child Jacob loves to listen to Grandpa's stories of the peculiar children. At fifteen, when his beloved Grandpa starts ranting about monsters coming to get him, Jacob no longer believes in the stories and thinks Grandpa has lost his mind. When Jacob goes to check on Grandpa, he finds him dying and comes face to face with the monster that killed him. This sends him on an adventure that will change his life. He goes to Cairnholm Island and Miss Peregrine's Home where he finds the peculiar children, children with superpowers. Jacob's adventure continues as he begins to fall in love with one of the children from the home and helps to fight the monsters out to kill them all. Starring Asa Butterfield as Jacob and Eva Green as Miss Peregrine, this movie found a perfect match in director Tim Burton and should be a spectacular screen debut.

For now we'll have to keep the book vs. movie argument going. Save me some popcorn and until next time... keep turning those pages. ■

Loudon Elementary School News

Drums Alive!

Drums Alive master, Annie Poirier, joined us for three days in December. Each classroom attended an interactive performance session with her and Ms. Staples. Students and staff learned how to make different sounds and rhythms with our hands, noodles and drum sticks.

Drums Alive is a great aerobic workout that is performed to the rhythm of a variety of songs! Most of the drumming occurs on an exercise ball while you move your body around the ball and share the ball with others. Each student was able to participate at the physical level they were comfortable. The kids enjoyed some great exercise to awesome music!

At the end of the final day, several classes performed in front of the whole school. It is always fun to learn about different ways to be fit and healthy! It was a fantastic three days.



Geography Bee

On January 27th, ten fourth and fifth grade Geography Bee contestants competed for the top prize in the National Geographic Bee Contest. Lucas Godoi was the winner and will be representing LES at the NH Bee. Noah Byron was the runner up.

Mrs. Hermann organizes this annual event and all students in the fourth and fifth grade participate in preliminary rounds in order to narrow the field to the top ten.

Congratulations to all of the participants! We wish Lucas luck as he moves on to the next round!



Upcoming Events

- 3/3 MVSD Annual Meeting
- 3/4 PTA Snack Cart
- 3/4 Monarchs Night
- 3/8 39th Army Band Performance
- 3/19 PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- 3/19-20 PTA Easter Basket Making at the Mall
- 3/31 Incoming Parent Info Night ■



11th Angels 5K Road Race & Fitness Walk

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Friday,
May 6, 2016
6:15 PM

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Contact: Michele York 396-2362
Or Cynthia Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com

Collaring Complete for Third Year of NH Moose Study

A helicopter capture crew has completed the work of collaring additional moose for the third year of a study being undertaken by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in partnership with the University of New Hampshire (UNH). NH Fish and Game moose biologist Kristine Rines reports that 45 additional moose were collared this January — 36 calves and 9 cows. The current moose mortality study in northern New Hampshire began in 2014 and will continue for a total of six years.

The capture crew from a company called Native Range (of Elko, Nevada) used net-guns and tranquilizer darts to capture the moose so that they could be collared. Blood and other samples were collected during collaring to help evaluate the health of the moose. Earlier in January the same crew collared 107 moose in Maine for a similar study; they were headed off next to collar moose in New York.

The collared animals in New Hampshire will be monitored for as long as the collars keep transmitting. Graduate students from UNH track the moose, documenting how long the individual moose live. When a moose dies, the collars transmit a special signal, allowing researchers to find the moose as soon as possible to determine the cause of death.

“When this study is done, we will have collected several years of information on calf moose mortality and how that is affected by differing tick loads and moose densities, as well as multiple years of information on adult mortality,” explained Rines. “We hope that this data, coupled with that coming out of Maine, will help us determine the weather patterns and moose densities that lead to increased tick mortality.”

Approximately 45 moose cows and calves were collared in New Hampshire during the first year of the current study (2014), and researchers recorded 64% mortality for moose calves and 5% mortality for adult cow moose. In 2015, 44 additional cows and calves were collared. That year, 74% of calves and 5% of adults died because of winter tick. This year’s collaring will allow NH Fish and Game to maintain monitoring of 53 adult cows (9 collared this year and the remaining alive from previous collaring’s) and 36 calves.

“It’s clear that we need to learn more about the causes of moose mortality and how our changing weather patterns and different moose densities may be affecting both the causes and rates of mortality in our moose herd,” said Rines. “What we learn will help our moose management team anticipate and respond to changing moose mortality and productivity.” A similar study was conducted in New Hampshire from 2001–2006.

“While regional moose populations are indeed facing some serious threats, moose are not on the verge of disappearing from the New Hampshire landscape,” said Rines. “We are hopeful that a combination of research and management efforts will allow us to do all we can to understand what the future holds for Granite State moose.”

Read an article about New Hampshire moose research by Kristine Rines, published in the November/December 2014 NH Wildlife Journal, at www.wildnh.com/pubs/documents/samples/whats-bugging-our-moose.pdf

Updates on the study will be published at www.wildnh.com/wildlife/moose-study.html.

The research is funded by federal Wildlife Restoration Program dollars, generated by an excise tax on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment, with the support of matching funds from the University of New Hampshire. ■

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Birth certificate, immunization records, your child's most recent physician's exam and two (2) proofs of residency (a lease agreement/mortgage statement or tax bill and a major utility bill).



Recycling Committee Tours the NH Motor Speedway

The Loudon Recycling Committee, Barbara Parent, Barbara Burr and LeeAnn Childress, toured the New Hampshire Motor Speedway to become familiar with their trash and recycling procedures. Tour guide Steven Fay did an outstanding job showing them around and answering all of their questions. They also enjoyed meeting Jeff Kennett, who really loves his job and driving around the Big White Trash truck. He even let Barbara Burr operate the controls.

The committee was very impressed with the smooth operation that Steve has put in place to quickly remove all trash and recycling materials. The extra efforts put into place really ensure the Speedway and the land around it are in pristine condition.

One example of the maintenance crew going the extra mile is the crew picks up trash along Route 106, expanding the footage that is considered Speedway property area. And they do this twice a year! ■



Above: Steven Fay, tour guide, poses with Recycling Committee Member Barbara Burr and driver of Big White Trash, Jeff Kennett. Below, left to right: Steven Fay, with Recycling Committee members Barbara Parent, Barbara Burr, and LeeAnn Childress. Left: Barbara Burr "operates" Big White Trash!



Include Your Family Tree In The Loudon Town History!

The Loudon Historical Society is looking to have a Loudon Town History written. We will be asking for help in different areas and one of those areas will be a genealogy of each family in town and sending us your family tree. Write your genealogy in Word using Times New Roman 12 point font and send it to The Loudon Historical Society's



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Pigs In The Bathroom!?

By Carole Soule



Momma Sarah and her many colored piglets are comfy in the hay after spending some warm-up time in the bathroom in the house!

The bathroom was a mess. It looked like a pig had spent time there. Not a part-time pig but a professional, four-legged, curly-tailed version. In fact, fourteen of those “professional” pigs had spent a few hours in my bathroom the day before. When you live on a farm, the farmhouse often becomes a heated “hospital” for sick or newborn animals.

Until about midnight I had been drying off the newborns as they arrived and putting them next to mom, under a blanket, while they learned how to suckle. It was at 2 a.m. on Valentine’s Day, the coldest night of the year, that I decided to take fourteen newborn squiggly piglets from the farrowing shed to the bathroom in the farmhouse. The bathroom was best suited because the tub was a perfect pen and the room is always overheated. I zipped four piglets in a soft thermal bag and put four in a huge plastic/fabric grocery bag and carried them to the running diesel truck outside the shed. I left the truck running not only for the heat but because diesel vehicles often don’t start in the extreme cold. Earlier that evening I had broken the plug for the engine block heater so it was either leave the truck running or risk it not starting.

After I delivered those first seven to the bathroom, I went back to collect the remaining babies. To keep the two groups separate, I put these seven on the floor next to the radiator. I needed to know who had been taken from Mom first. Most babies fell asleep in the warm bathroom, some played and squeaked and chattered. The cat was a bit confused but husband Bruce was a trooper, even helping me carry the “squiggles” up the stairs. While the babies got toasty, I crawled under my quilt for a nap. Even though I was gagging and hacking from a cold, I managed to fall asleep almost instantly.

About 3:30 a.m. the first group was reunited with Mother Sarah who was still recovering from labor. After the first group finished nursing, the second group was ferried down in my warm truck to Mom.

There was a propane heater going full blast in the pig shed and we had sealed the doors and cracks earlier in the day. Even so the room was barely above

freezing. I put a blanket over Sarah and the babies so they could nurse in warmth. The blanket was alive with squiggling pigs nursing, fighting over teats underneath.

Sixteen piglets were born, two were stillborn and two others died within six hours. Twelve of them are still with us. I’m thrilled that so many made it. The babies learned to run to the heated safe cove we designed so they could get away from their six hundred pound mom. Not only do they need to stay warm, the one-pound babies need to stay out of Mom’s way

when she lies down or walks around. She is very careful but accidents do happen.

While Sarah, the pig, could have picked a warmer day, none of the babies died due to the cold. Sarah did squish three babies. One squished baby, now named Wilhemina, needed extra care and once again resides in the bathroom. I’m not sure how long she’ll be a “house pig,” but if she takes after her mother, in a year Wilhemina will be 400 pounds and a little big to make it up and down the stairs. Let’s hope she’s well enough to join her siblings soon. ■

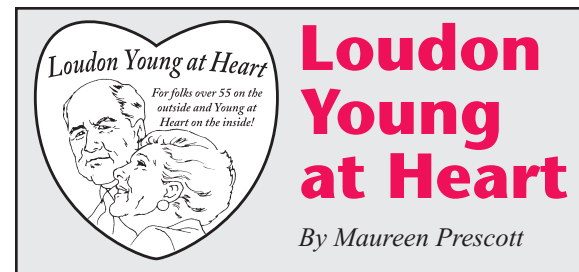


The New Hampshire Humanities Council and the Loudon Historical Society are proud to present:

Adair Mulligan, speaking on
“A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes”

Northern New England is full of reminders of past lives: stone walls, old foundations, and a century-old lilac struggling to survive as the forest reclaims a once-sunny dooryard. What forces shaped settlement, and later abandonment, of these places? Adair Mulligan explores the rich story to be discovered in what remains behind. See how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues in the landscape. Such a project can help landowners know what to do if they have archaeological sites on their land and help stimulate interest in a town's future through its past.

When: Wednesday, April 6th
Where: 29 S Village Road, Loudon
 Charlie's Barn
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: Free
Contact: cbabonis@gmail.com or Michele York 396-2362



On February 9, 2016, thirty-one members of the Young at Heart came out on slushy roads to meet at Charlie's Barn for their monthly meeting. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roger Maxfield giving a brief overview of the Town of Loudon Budget process and reviewing the Warrant Articles that will be voted on at this year's Town Meeting.

The next item of interest was Bingo. Michaela Warren purchased a Bingo game for the Young at Heart and donated the Bingo Cards. The Bingo game was put to use right off the bat! There were several games of Bingo played and the winners were: Diane Burr, Janet Graves, Barbara Hemphill, Marilyn Dubuc, Joanne Arsenault, Letty Barton, Sarah Lampron, Edith Colby, Jan Rachdorf, Connie Ives, Genny Merrill, Connie Raney, Irene Jeffers and Maureen Hudson.

The meeting ended with pizza for lunch and cupcakes for dessert. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time together.

The next meeting will be held on March 15th, the third Tuesday (one week later than normal due to the Town elections.) The topic will be "Book Binding" by Tom Ives.

Thank you to all who brought donations for the Loudon Food Pantry. Let us all try to remember to continue to donate to the Food Pantry.

See you all next month; stay warm and safe!! ■



Don't Forget To Vote For Town Officials on Tuesday, March 8, 2016!

Where: Loudon Town Hall, Clough Hill Rd.
When: 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.



Annual Town Meeting Saturday, March 12, 2016

Where: Loudon Elementary School
When: 9 a.m.

Concord Hospital Invests \$43.8 Million In Community Benefit Programs And Services

As a charitable organization, Concord Hospital develops and implements an annual community benefits plan each year to meet the broad health needs of patients and residents in Concord and surrounding communities. In fiscal year 2015, Concord Hospital invested \$43.8 million in programs and services to meet those needs, demonstrating its long-term commitment to its charitable mission. These investments make the organization worthy of both tax exemption and philanthropic support.

“Our annual community benefits investments reflect our commitment to Concord Hospital’s charitable mission and the important responsibility we have to respond to the health needs of our community members,” said Robert P. Steigmeyer, president and chief executive officer. “We are proud to provide the necessary programs and services to ensure access to care and to support the health of people served by our hospital.”

Key investments made included:

- **Charitable Care — \$6,131,654.** Concord Hospital provides free or discounted medical care to low-income, uninsured or underinsured members of the community, serving as the medical safety net for many area residents. Investments include:
 - ✧ Providing free or discounted medical care to 5,817 Concord Hospital and Concord Hospital Medical Group patients valued at \$6 million;
 - ✧ Providing dental care to 474 patients valued at \$98,107.
- **Subsidized Health Services — \$30,096,061.** Concord Hospital provides a full range of essential health services to the community, despite incurring financial loss for many programs. Investments include:
 - ✧ \$8.2 million in Concord Hospital Family Health Center operations including medical, dental and behavioral health care for 13,492 patients;
 - ✧ \$2.3 million invested to provide 1,384 patients access to emergency behavioral health services in Concord Hospital’s Emergency Department in collaboration with Riverbend Community Mental Health;
 - ✧ \$477,819 invested to provide care to 3,060 Concord Hospital Breast Care Center patients;
 - ✧ \$8.4 million invested to provide access to primary and specialty care at Concord Hospital Medical Group practices to 39,818 individuals;
 - ✧ More than \$1.2 million invested to provide programs and services to patients managing chronic health conditions including cardiac, pulmonary, diabetes, cancer and obesity.
- **Community Health Services — \$2,096,617.** By providing access to health education, prevention and wellness tools, Concord Hospital supports individuals on their journey to good health, ultimately enhancing and improving the health of the community. Investments include:
 - ✧ \$670,653 invested to provide community health and wellness education to 9,124 individuals;
 - ✧ \$129,308 invested to provide health screenings for 1,933 individuals;
 - ✧ \$528,284 invested to provide financial counseling and prescription assistance to more than 8,000 individuals.

- **Health and Professional Education — \$4,268,716.** Providing health education for health professionals illustrates Concord Hospital’s commitment to the future of health care and the overall health of the community. Investments include:

- ✧ \$2,277,787 invested to support the NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency at Concord Hospital;
- ✧ \$826,731 invested to provide medical education to more than 2,500 medical professionals

in Concord Hospital’s Forrest D. McKerley Simulation and Education Center.

- **Research — \$93,673.** Providing Concord Hospital and Concord Hospital Medical Group patients access to the latest clinical trials and research assists in hastening cures and easing pain and suffering.

For a complete list of Concord Hospital’s 2015 Community Benefits investments visit concordhospital.org. ■

New Hampshire Fish & Game Advises Caution on Ice



and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over a waterbody.

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

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

Tips for staying safe on the ice:

- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Don’t go on the ice during thaws.
- Watch out for thin, clear or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.
- Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents and wave action that weaken ice.
- Don’t gather in large groups or drive large vehicles onto the ice.
- If you do break through the ice, don’t panic. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. A set of ice picks can help you pull yourself out if you do fall through the ice; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

To download a brochure from Fish and Game called “Safety on Ice — Tips for Anglers,” visit www.wildnh.com/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.html. ■

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Loudon PSU Freshman Places First

Loudon's Warren Bartlett, a freshman at Plymouth State University, placed first on February 13, 2016 in the men's 1000m run at PSU during the Little East Conference and New England Alliance Indoor Track and Field Championships. As the LEC 1k champion, his time of 2:34.28 qualified him for the DIII New England and ECAC track meets at MIT and Staten Island, NY. ■



Loudon's Recycling Efforts Are Making A Difference!

This information is from the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) — a local organization that works directly with the Loudon Transfer Station in arranging for the best possible return on our recycling materials.

Congratulations on being such active recyclers!

Below is a chart showing the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Great job Loudon Residents!

Thank you for recycling and remember to follow the Loudon Recycling Committee on Facebook!

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2015	Environmental Impact! Here is only one benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	5,813 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 591,763 hours!
Electronics	46,187 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 7 houses for one year!
Paper	214 tons	Saved 3,650 trees!
Plastics	47,839 lbs.	Conserved 35,879 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	144.6 gross tons	Conserved 144,407 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	8.8 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 512,720 hours!

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OBITUARIES

CALVIN L. COUCH

Calvin L. Couch passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. He attended John Jay High School in San Antonio and worked for Cardinal Automotive before moving to New Hampshire and going to work for Elektrisola Inc. where he retired after 35 years of loyal service.

He leaves behind his wife of 36 years Laurie Couch; two daughters, Stephanie Couch of Concord and Lynette Couch of Pittsfield and longtime boyfriend, Mark and there baby to be; a sister, Brenda Crouse of Freeport, Maine; a nephew, David Couch Sr. of Auburn Maine; a great-niece and great-nephew.

He liked to fish and hunt and watch Nascar, he was a member of the NRA. He will be sorely missed.

JANET MAXFIELD BROWN

Janet Maxfield Brown of Loudon passed away at her home Thursday, Feb. 4, surrounded by her loving family. She was 84 years old.

Janet was the daughter of Amy Storrs Maxfield and Ralph H. Maxfield. She was born June 27, 1931, in Loudon at Amity Hall.

Janet was the wife of the late Robert L. Brown. She is survived by her six children Pamela Morabito and her companion, Fred Perron; Robert Colarusso, Jr. and his wife, Dawn; Deanna Tranfaglia and her husband, James; Gregory Colarusso and his wife, Diane; Amy Shepard and her husband, Tracy; and Katy Maleski and her husband, John. Janet also had five step-children Bobbie Powers, Marilyn Munts, Richard Brown, Curt Brown and Michael Brown. Janet had 26 grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Wow!

Janet was one of seven children. She leaves behind a sister, Violet Woodsome; and brothers Edwin Maxfield, Roy Maxfield, Ronald Maxfield and Roger Maxfield. She was predeceased by her brother, Ralph Maxfield.

First and foremost, Janet loved life! She was a friend, a mom and a kind and gentle soul, who always had time to share a story or listen to a problem, no matter how large or small. She loved to travel and visited many faraway places, but was always glad to be home. She was a wonderful cook, raised a large garden every summer, loved to sew and crochet, and always had a pot of coffee on the stove.

Donations may be made to the Loudon Food Pantry in Janet's name.

ZACHARY TYLER FANCY

Zachary Tyler Fancy, 18, of Loudon passed away at home unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 8, 2016.

Zachary was born in Concord on Nov. 15, 1997, to Patricia Lynn Fancy. He grew up in the Concord area and attended Merrimack Valley High School from freshman to junior year. He transferred to CSI Charter School in Penacook for senior year and had just completed his first semester of studies. Zach had recently joined the team at Dunkin Donuts in Loudon.

Zach was an avid musician and artist. He played three types of saxophone with the Merrimack Valley band and he had a natural gift for drawing that began developing when he was a small child. He was also skilled in technology; having built his own computer and participated in national gaming competitions. Zach was a Cub Scout when he was little and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and archery his whole life. Described by his family as a happy, easy, quiet kid with a wonderful sense of humor, Zachary was an incredible friend to many and he will be deeply missed.

Zach is survived by his loving mother, Patricia L. Fancy and her partner, Jay Belisle; his cherished maternal grandparents, Roy and Lori Fancy; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Zach's life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Donations in Zach's memory may be made to the Merrimack Valley High School Music Department, made payable to MVHS-Music and mailed to 106 Village St., Penacook, NH 03303.

MARGOT DUNBAR BLEIER

Margot Dunbar Bleier, 70, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at Concord Hospital in Concord, in the company of her daughter after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Margot was born May 28, 1945, in Lynne, Mass. and was the daughter of the late Roger Mackay Dunbar and the late Jessie Matthew (Schermerhorn) Dunbar of Marblehead, M. and Center Harbor.

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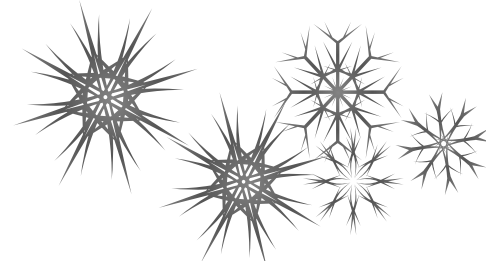
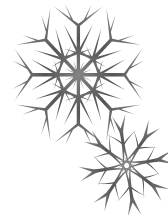
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Gray, White and Black: Home Décor Trends for 2016

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

If you did any home decorating in the past few years, you probably consulted Pinterest, the photo sharing website known as a “catalogue of ideas.” In an analysis of pinning habits of over 100 million users Pinterest was able to predict some of the home trends that will dominate 2016.

The study found that many interior design trends will continue to focus on neutral colors with bold accents and a sprinkling of geometric patterns. So why do people love this style so much and what does it mean for home buyers and sellers? Let's take a closer look:

Neutral with a pop of trendy

From paint colors to furniture, muted colors are here to stay. Homeowners and decorators are investing in quality, neutral pieces and spicing things up with trendier accents. People tend to love this style because it allows them to go bold with accessories and easily switch them out as the seasons and trends change. Some key colors to stick with are grays, blacks and whites. These shades, when combined with one or two brighter accent colors, look cool, calm and collected. Patterned throw pillows, bright wall décor or an accent wall all make great options for adding a bit of adventure to a mostly neutral environment.

Get the look

If you're looking to sell your home, keep this décor direction top of mind. It will be much easier for buyers to envision themselves in your home when you keep the color scheme and design relatively soft. Not only will your home seem on trend, but you can create the perfect foundation for future trends. ■

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She leaves a beloved daughter, Kimberly Dunbar Bleier-Woods of Loudon and her husband, Travis Woods; two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Caroline Woods; and a grandson due to be born on April 12. She also leaves a sister, Christine D. Kuhn of Middleton, Mass. and Sandwich; a brother-in-law, William C. Wimer of Byfield, Mass.; two nieces, Karen D. Wimer of Portsmouth and Deborah W. Bauer of Laconia; a nephew, W. Eric Wimer and his wife, Karen, of Norfolk Mass.; and four grand-nieces, Samantha and Rachel Bauer and Caroline and Elise Wimer. She was predeceased by her parents and her eldest sister, Diane Dunbar Wimer, of Byfield Mass. in 2011.

Margot grew up in Marblehead, Mass. where she spent her childhood and early years, and until recently, her summers were spent at the family cottage on Squam Lake in Center Harbor.

She graduated from the Mary A. Burnham School in Northampton, Mass. in 1963, and Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio in 1967. Most of Margot's adult life was spent living in Concord and Bow, where she enjoyed her long career as a travel agent. She retired from Garber Travel in 2011 and moved to Loudon to be closer to her family. Margot was an avid reader and she cared deeply for animals. She loved to travel, especially to Scotland where her family originated. But her greatest joys were her granddaughters, Elizabeth and Caroline, to whom she was known as Gigi. She took great pride in the fact that she was able to help raise them. Margot adored her family, her many friends, her time at Squam, and her Sheltie Hope.

Funeral arrangements will be private, but in the spring there will be a celebration of her life for all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester. One of Margot's dreams was to feel well enough to volunteer at the farm and work with their rescue horses.

RICHARD P. HOBART

Richard P. Hobart, 73, a resident of Loudon for the past five years, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at the Concord Hospital following a period of failing health.

Richard was born in Plymouth, Sept. 19, 1942, son of the late Lawrence C. and Marion E. (Danforth) Hobart. Richard spent his part of his youth in Plymouth and attended schools there; he later lived in Grafton and many years in Bristol. He served as a volunteer with the Bristol Fire Department for many years. He was



Loudon Food Pantry News

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Update

As of February 16th we have collected \$232.67 in food and \$455.00 in Funds. That's a total of \$687.67 toward our goal. Don't know about our challenge? Then please read below.

Start Date: February 1, 2015 **End Date:** April 30, 2015

The challenge is to make our goal of \$9,000 so we can continue to fight hunger! 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.)

We have received some donations via PayPal. If you wish for your donation to be included in our challenge, put that in the note section. Your donations must be noted “LFP Challenge” if you want it included or let us know verbally. Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry!

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Canterbury	Elkins Library	Food
Chichester	Camping World	Food
Epsom	Care Pharmacy	Cash Bin
Loudon	106 Bean Stalk	Cash Bin
Loudon	Egg Shell Restaurant	Cash Bin
Loudon	Loudon Station	Food & Cash Bin
Loudon	Loudon Village Country Store	Cash Bin
Loudon	Red Roof Inn	Cash Bin
Loudon	TD Bank	Food & Funds (they will deposit directly into our account; speak with any teller)

Please spread the word! Our challenge thermometer is posted on LoudonFood-Pantry.org. With your help, we can feed those in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions call 724-9731 and ask for Sue. ■

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Merrimack Valley School Board Minutes — January 11, 2016

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, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resource Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals David Miller, Pat Severance, Catherine Masterson; Assistant Principal Shaun St. Onge; Learning Center Administrator Julie Gaudette; Facilities Director Fred Regan.

Others Present: Deb Corey, Penacook Resident; Louise Andrus, Salisbury Resident; Roy Merrill, Cynthia Merrill, Jen Mercier, Jason Masse, Emily Masse, Amanda Masse, Loudon Residents; MVHS Teacher Janine Lescrinier.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Mark Hutchins.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: In the Joint Meeting of Selectmen and Councilors Minutes, Lorrie Carey's name needs to be added. Normandie Blake's name was entered twice. Superintendent Mark MacLean distributed copies of Louise Andrus' statement for the Board to read over so they could be included in the December 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Will Renauld requested that legal counsel be consulted as to whether Louise's statement should be added to the minutes; this will be posed to legal. *A motion was made by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea to accept the Board Meeting Minutes as written and the Selectmen and Councilors Minutes as amended. The motion carried.*

Public Comment: Jen Mercer stated that after last month's meeting, she was approached by a Board Member and told that it was against the law to record a meeting without the knowledge of those present. She researched it and found no ruling against it. Caroletta Alicea acknowledged that she was the one who had approached Jen, and stated that she told Jen that those present should know as a courtesy and that she did not state it was against the law. Jen replied that she thought that Caroletta stated it was against the law, then added, "so I'm letting you know it's being recorded."

Presentation: MVHS Principal David Miller introduced Janine Lescrinier, MVHS ELO Coordinator, and students Isabel Gatabrand and Lauren Masse to present their involvement in the Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELO). This program allows the student to have a more tailored approach to their learning experience through various opportunities in and out of the building. Sixty students are participating in VLACS courses and twenty-five ELOs are in the community this school year. ELO

credits are graded as a pass/fail and the VLACS courses earn a letter grade.

Isabel is involved in an Ethics and Economics Challenge (through Dartmouth College) and has access to many resources including books by John Locke and Adam Smith. Her College Professor is not only a great resource, but has helped with scholarship opportunities. Lauren is involved in Elliot Medical Explorers and is able to observe and learn hands on in many departments such as xray, labor and delivery, and labs in order to give her ideas on the field she would like to pursue in medicine.

SAU Report on MV Business & Finance: Business Administrator Robin Heins reported on the following citizen correspondence (page 10 in the packet).

12/16/15 Louise Andrus:

Requested minutes of 12/9/15 transportation minutes, 12/14/15 Board minutes, and manifests signed. Robin Heins provided the available information 12/16/15.

12/17/15 Louise Andrus:

Wondering the deadline to submit petitioned warrant articles. Robin Heins responded 12/17/15.

Finance: Robin Heins directed the Board to the overages (page 11 in the packet). She stated that there was not a lot of change. There was an increase in line 2722 due to homeless transportation and new out of district placements. *A motion was made by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld to approve the Business and Finance Report. The motion carried.*

Good News: Superintendent Mark MacLean introduced MVHS Principal David Miller as the host for tonight's meeting. He directed our attention to the packet (pages 27-42) and asked if anyone had anything to add that was not in the packet. David Miller gave a formal introduction of the Administrative Staff present at the meeting and gave them an opportunity to comment on the question given. MVMS Principal, Pat Severance gave an invitation to visit the photo exhibition in the main hallway at MVMS. The exhibit by Becky Fields is titled *Different Roots, Common Dreams* and will be on display until January 21st. Two hours after Becky gave a presentation to the eighth grade class, Pat received an email from a student thanking her for the presentation, as she could identify with the other immigrant families' experiences. Pat acknowledged eighth grade teacher, Laura Culp, for spearheading this event.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: BobbiJo gave a report on the Finance Committee Meeting (page 45 in the packet). The impact fees with the towns were referred to counsel for clarification to make sure statutory regulations were being followed and to clarify some conflicting statements. BobbiJo discussed a presentation given by Food Services this evening which showed that breakfast prices at cost are \$1.18 and charged at \$1.25. She requested that a

motion be made to increase the price of breakfast from \$1.25 to \$1.50 effective February 29, 2016. Will Renauld made the motion seconded by Normandie Blake. Discussion was made concerning families impacted being encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunches, checking breakfast prices in surrounding districts and finding that \$1.50 was the average price. Mark Hutchins brought it to a vote, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld to allow Mark MacLean and Fred Regan to look into finding other ways to finance replacing the high school gym floor and bleachers. This was also a request by the finance committee chair. There was some discussion involving different ideas, possible opportunities and costs. Mark Hutchins brought it to a vote, the motion carried.

Curriculum Committee: Laura Vincent gave a report on the Curriculum Committee Meeting (page 47 in the packet). She shared that the ELO presentation was very informational and, she was impressed with the vast amount of courses available. There was discussion concerning the need for a ELO Coordinator who would have the ability to go out into the community, rather than taking a valuable teacher out of the classroom. Laura reported on the IB update and stated that IB methods carry over in a seamless manner. It seems to be part of everything that is taught. Laura also reported on a recent audit given to the Special Education Department from the Department of Education. The DOE gave a few recommendations for minor adjustments.

Old Business:

2016-2017 School Calendar: Chris Barry brought our attention to the proposed school calendar (page 49 in the packet). She stated that there was 1 change. January 2nd has an X on it in order to comply with the MVSSA collective bargaining agreement having January 1st as a paid holiday. *A motion was made by Seelye Longnecker, second by Will Renauld to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar. The motion carried.*

MVSB Meeting Protocols: Mark MacLean directed the Board to pages 50-53 in the packet. Pages 50-51 were guidelines for committee meetings and 52-53 were guidelines for Board meetings. There was discussion concerning public seating and time limits during public comment. Mark MacLean asked the Board to send comments his way. Discussion was made concerning announcing when a meeting is being recorded and whether or not a meeting should be recorded if possible members of the public may not want to be recorded. A request was made to speak to legal counsel about this matter. No action was required at this time.

New Business:

Draft Warrant: Discussion was made concerning Article 1 whether the moderator was to be chosen by election or ballot. We are waiting to hear back from the attorney. There was a change in polling hours. The order of this year's warrant articles is unique. Collective bargaining articles are 1st, if passed the Operational Budget could be amended afterward. Food and Federal will be kept as part of the operating budget. It would be a more transparent and straightforward way of bringing the budget forward. Article 10 was included on the draft for Board to consider changing the wording to raise and appropriate finance through pri-

vate contributions. *A motion was made by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake to approve the draft with corrections and additions. The motion carried.*

Proposed Budget: *A motion was made by Bobbi-Jo Michael, second by Normandie Blake to bring the proposed budget of \$39,444,447 to the Public Hearing. The motion carried.*

Middle School Principal Search: Mark MacLean shared the proposed time line with the Board (page 77 in the packet). He met with the Middle School Faculty and sent out a survey with the Middle School Staff asking to pick 10 of the 20 responsibilities of an effective principal. The respondents suggest communication, positive culture, innovative, and input/consensus builder. The staff is looking for someone who will continue what Pat Severance has started. The input will be used to screen the candidate pool knowing the expectations of the staff.

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign: Manifests and journal entries were circulated for Board Member signatures. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by BobbiJo Michael to approve the manifests and journal entries. The motion carried.*

Board Chairperson's Report: Chairman Mark Hutchins received a letter of resignation from Karin Page. While there is an immediate vacancy, her position is up for re-election this year in the town of Webster. Filing for School Board Candidacy runs from Wednesday, January 20th-Monday, January 29th at 5:00 p.m. at the SAU.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: No report

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Mark MacLean wished everyone an official Happy New Year! He acknowledged that this is the busiest time of the year preparing for public hearings and district meetings for both districts. He is thankful for skilled people working hard on negotiations, and for staff and faculty members. He stated that the best way a student learns is to have skilled adults working with them. The people hired here make a great impact on our students. Therefore, we need to attract the best people that we can. This Board Meeting is different in that the meeting goes into recess until the Public Hearing and does not adjourn until the end of the Public Hearing. Annual Meeting is March 3rd, 2016. Polling hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the high school. There was discussion concerning the polling hours continuing until 7:30. It was felt that because the hours were extended, it would not be necessary, and legally no one should be refused if they were in the building at the time of closing. More discussion was made concerning the role of the School Board and possible expectations the public has toward the School Board during a public hearing.

Topics for Next Board Meeting: Delegate Assembly January 16th.

Public Comment: None

Non-Public Session: *Motion made by Will Renauld, second made by Seelye Longnecker to go into nonpublic session in accordance with RSA 91A:3, II (b) at 8:25 p.m.*

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

See Non-Public Session

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Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Action From Non-Public: Motion by Lorrie Carey, second by Seelye Longnecker to accept the resignation of Faith Green, effective June 30, 2016.

Motion by Audrey Carter, second Caroletta Alicea, to ratify the proposed three (3) year agreement with the Merrimack Valley Support Staff Association. Motion passed. (7 yes, 2 abstentions, James Lavery and Will Renauld).

Motion by Audrey Carter, second by Laura Vincent to ratify the proposed two (2) year agreement with the Merrimack Valley Administrators Association. Motion passed. (8 yes, 1 abstention, Bobbi-Jo Michael).

Recess Meeting: Motion by Will Renauld, second by Seelye Longnecker to recess the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion passed.

Non-Public Session Draft Minutes

Motion made by Will Renauld second made by Seelye Longnecker to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (b) at 8:25 p.m. Motion was passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Personnel: The Board reviewed a letter of resignation.

Negotiations: Administration provided the Board with a summary of the proposed agreements with the Merrimack Valley Sup-

Continuation of Recessed (1.11.16) Board Meeting January 26, 2016

Roll Call and Call to Order: The meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was reconvened (from the recessed meeting of January 11, 2016) on a motion by Mark Hutchins, second by Normandie Blake at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

port Staff Association and with the Merrimack Valley Administrators Association.

Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Seelye Longnecker to go out of non public session at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Vendt, MVSD Clerk
Approved 02.09.16

The Minutes of The March 5,
2015 Annual School District
Meeting are available on the
Loudon web site:
www.loudonnh.org.

They will also be published
in the Annual Report of the
School District.

Board Members Present: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Facilities Director Fred Reagan.

Others Present: Krysten Byron, Lisa Laughlin, Jen Mercer, Roy Merrill, Cindy Merrill, Dusty Bowles, Loudon Residents; Marcia Murphy, Sandy Miller, Louise Andrus, Salisbury Residents.

Discussion of Public Hearing: Robin explained that the Board needed to decide if they were going to take the proposed budget forward to Annual Meeting. The warrant could not be finalized until the February Board meeting because the deadline for petitioned warrant articles was not until next week. There was discussion related to the budget concerning the CIP and funding for the gym floor which will be investigated further. There was discussion concerning logistics if a petition warrant passed.

Action on Proposed 2016-2017 Budget: A motion was made by Bobbi-Jo Michael, second by Will Renauld to approve the 2016-2017 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Lisa Laughlin raised a concern that if the floor and bleachers were voted on to be paid for by the taxpayers, there would be little

incentive for fundraising. Sandy Miller asked for status on Transportation. Robin replied that there was 1 respondent to the request in a complete nature. The Transportation Committee meeting will be held February 8th.

Roy Merrill suggested that the awards normally given to students during the Annual District Meeting either be given on a different night or after the meeting. Louise Andrus asked if the drafts of the Bargaining Agreements were made available. Robin responded that they would be made available after the Annual Meeting. Discussion was made and clarified that the taxpayers vote on the money amount, not on the language of the agreements. Dusty Bowles encouraged the Board to continue to pursue a CIP which would improve communication with the towns and help them to better plan their budgets. A question was made concerning a threshold for the CIP. There was discussion on ways to set up different types of funds for future budgets. Roy Merrill thanked Fred Reagan for an excellent job. The Board agreed. Lisa Laughlin would like to see a lot of communication about the gym floor between now and the March meeting.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Lorrie Carey, second by Normandie Blake, to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Vendt,
MVSD Clerk
Approved 02.09.16

MVSD Public Hearing — Budget — January 26, 2016

Board Members Present: Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Audrey Carter, Lorrie Carey, Mark Hutchins, James Lavery, Seelye Longnecker, BobbiJo Michael, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Mark MacLean; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals David Miller, Catherine Masterson, Chris Foley, Jeff Drouin, Stephanie Wheeler, Administrators for Special Education Elaine Dodge, Mary Paradise; Assistant Principals Jennifer Moore, Bill Hinkle, Heidi Conlon; MVLC Administrator Julie Gaudette; Athletic Director Kevin O'Brien; Facilities Director Fred Reagan.

Others Present: Approximately forty people from the public were present. Chairman Mark Hutchins opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Hutchins began by giving guidelines concerning the operation of the Public Meeting. He explained changes in the order of the Warrant Articles, the extended polling hours, and the fact that the Moderator will be chosen by a ballot vote.

Chairman Hutchins summarized Articles I, II, III, and IV. There was no discussion.

Chairman Hutchins read Article V. Louise Andrus, Salisbury resident, addressed Article V. Bruce Johnson, Webster resident, asked a clarifying question relative to RSA 669:71 which was answered by Legal Counsel. Superintendent Mark MacLean, along with others, answered questions and addressed comments from the floor.

Bruce Crawford, Chairman of the Boscawen Planning Board, addressed Article XI in light of the present proposed Budget Committee discussion. There was discussion about the need for a Capital Reserve Fund within the budget in order to save up costly repairs to the towns in a more efficient manner. Mark Hutchins, Mark MacLean, Robin Heins along with others answered questions and addressed concerns on the floor. Chairman Hutchins brought the discussion back to Article V. There was no further discussion.

Chairman Hutchins introduced Audrey Carter to discuss Articles VI and VIII. Audrey brought everyone's attention to page 11 in the packet. Audrey noted changes in the health plan from HMO plan to a consumer driven high deductible plan giving the opportunity for substantial savings to the District if both agreements pass. There was a brief discussion regarding these articles.

Chairman Hutchins summarized and explained Articles VII and IX. There was no discussion.

Chairman Hutchins summarized Article X. Chairman Hutchins introduced BobbiJo Michael to discuss Article

X. BobbiJo discussed major functions in the proposed budget, indicated increases and decreases and brought to light factors that led to these changes. This proposed budget is based on expenses if the proposed bargaining agreements are not voted in. While reviewing the differences in the proposed budget (overview on page 2, Functions on pages 38 in the packet), BobbiJo explained that some of the increases are due

to the cost of contracted services (due to a loss of grant funding from the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services), the

cost of liability services, the cost of health insurance, meeting the 3rd year of the Collectively Bargaining Agreement for the MVEA (Teachers), and the cost of security equipment upkeep. Decreases are found in salary lines throughout the budget, savings in worker's compensations, projected savings in fuel and electricity, some savings in supply lines, and a projected decrease in legal expenses. BobbiJo also explained that a constructive and collaborative approach may provide a unique opportunity to mitigate increases in health and dental expenses. After reviewing the budget, BobbiJo and Superintendent Mark MacLean answered questions and addressed comments and concerns from the public.

Chairman Hutchins summarized Article XI. Chairman introduced Superintendent Mark MacLean to briefly address this arti-

cle. Mark explained that the purpose of this article on the draft warrant was to receive feedback. He also stated that a Capital Improvement Plan, with much of Fred Reagan's invested time, is almost complete. A facilities committee meeting will be held February 29th to discuss publishing the Capital Improvement Plan. There was a brief discussion regarding this article.

Chairman Hutchins read Article XII. Louise Andrus, Salisbury resident, addressed Article XII. There was a brief discussion regarding this article.

Chairman read Article XIII. There was no discussion.

After all the questions and comments from the public were completed, Mark Hutchins closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Vendt, MVSD Clerk
Approved: 02.09.2016



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Loudon Agriculture Commission Minutes — February 4, 2016

Members:

Chris D. Koufos – 2016, President
Doug Towle – 2018, Vice President
Carole Soule – 2017, Secretary
Cindy Shea – 2016, Member
Bruce Dawson – 2017, Member

Attendees:

Chris D. Koufos, Doug Towle, Cindy Shea, Bruce Dawson, Carole Soule

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Old Business

1. Minutes from the January 7, 2016 meeting were accepted with changes.

2. Website – the polling (surveys) software for the website does not match Survey Monkey abilities so we will continue using the free version of Survey Monkey.

3. Email Newsletters will be sent to the board before mailing to the mailing list. The letter will be sent out about once a month and will include a link to the article written for the *Ledger*.

4. The electronic survey indicated most interest in these workshops in this order:

- Solar power
- Fruit Tree pruning
- Backyard gardening/Food Canning
- Food waste/Maple Syrup

5. There was no communication from the Recycling Committee. Tabled

6. Grants and fund raising.

- Six fund raising letters were signed by President Koufos

- Funds for the NH Mini grant were received by the Town in December 2015. The secretary will request checks be written against funds

- An email from Julie Robinson and the Conservation Commission indicated that they were not interested in sponsoring joint workshops

- Kay Doyon and Steve Doyon were present to discuss the “Hands On Chicken Processing Workshop.” The workshop is open to the public with preference given to Loudon residents. Workshop fee will be \$50 per participant and each participant will leave

with a processed chicken. Each participant can bring a “partner” for an extra \$10 fee. Dot Perkins will help facilitate the workshop. Participants will have to bring their own knives, ziplock bags, ice and a cooler. Proposed date is the beginning of June. The board will apply for a matching grant from the NH Dept of Agriculture to help pay for the workshop. Date of the workshop is June 11th. The secretary will set up a Constant Contact registration form for participants. Payment will be by check sent to Cindy Shea who will document payments and give the funds to the Town for disbursement. The workshop will be publicized in the *Loudon Ledger* and through the Ag Commission newsletter.

- A workshop (fee to be determined) for training to use the Beginning Farmer Chicken Processing trailer will be provided. Secretary will investigate costs and availability.

- The Secretary was given approval to apply for the NH Dept of Ag Mini grant for proposed workshops.

7. The President will contact the Planning Board about the Master Plan and will report back via email to the Board.

8. The President will prepare a Loudon Ledger piece about gardening including the concept of planting a row to donate to the food pantry.

9. Agritourism was discussed. The secretary will contact the State Ag Committee for a copy of their proposed wording.

10. The Secretary will request to have a “booth” at the March Town Meeting. Residents can sign up on our email list. We will bring Town Farm map flyers and a newly designed questionnaire including the survey just sent out.

New Business

Approval was given to send an email to the mailing list about the Granite State Graziers conference to be held on Feb. 20 at the Audubon Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Loudon Conservation Commission Minutes — February 1, 2016

Attendance: Julie Robinson, Rob Buzzell, Sandy Blanchard, Sandy Sims, Pauline Touzin

Guests: Sally Cole

Julie started the meeting and welcomed Sally Cole. Sally is interested in joining the Loudon Conservation Commission. Julie thanked her for her interest and suggested that she attend a couple of meetings to see if this is really what she wants and then we will proceed. Julie updated the group on the Ladd easement. She was sent the final documents with the book and page numbers and Rob will add to the new Ladd file for monitoring. Julie wrote an article and submitted it to the *Loudon Ledger* it should be in the February addition. Julie again thanked Sally Cole for her and her family's work on making this happen.

Julie Spoke with Susan Knight at NRCS about a possible encroachment to the Heron Hill FRPP easement. Susan said it is best if the matter is handled through the town. Julie will contact Rick Wright (Code Enforcement) on the matter. Julie asked Pauline to contact the owners and let them know our plans.

Rocky Pond Association will be sending a request for funds to help with their milfoil issue. They have requested support in the past and the Commission has donated monies to their effort. The other towns that border Rocky Pond are also supporting the effort. Julie will look into what we donated last year and all agreed to donate the same amount.

Carol Soule, Secretary to the Agricultural Commission, contacted Julie about collaborating on workshops that the Ag Commission are looking to hold. They try to work through grant programs to offset the cost and are looking for match monies. Julie

discussed with the Conservation Commission the workshop topics, and although all seem very worthwhile, they do not fit into our conservation efforts so we would not be able to help. Julie will contact Carole and let her know we think the workshops are very worthwhile but are related to agriculture and not conservation. We will continue to look at other projects to work with the Agricultural Commission that follow our mission statement.

Now that the Commission is growing, Julie talked about communication protocols within the Commission. To make sure there are no miscommunications, requests from one member to another will be directed through the chair.

Sandy Sims updated the Commission on the monitoring effort in town and was happy to report they are 2/3 of the way done with the monitoring. Sandy and Pauline have been working very hard at completing the task and now Sandy Blanchard has started helping also. Julie thanked them for their efforts. Rob has been working to get all the updates into the files and suggested that we plan a Saturday work session to get everyone up to speed.

We discussed the need for a computer and new GPS units to continue with our monitoring effort. It would be best to have all information for the Commission on one computer and a dedicated unit to house the software for the GPS units. Rob has taken the lead on this project and has come up with a list of items that we would need.

Julie will talk to Brenda and see what is left in our budget for this year so we can obtain what we need. Once we get the equipment we will schedule the Saturday work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: March 18, 2016

For the April 2016 Issue

Loudon Historical Society Meeting Minutes — February 3, 2016

Attendees:

Michele York, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Stanley Prescott, Dan York, Ron Lane, Ashley Simonds, Lucy Gordon, Caroline Stinson, Diane Burr and Cynthia Babonis

Ron started the meeting by stating that he is drafting the town report. The group reviewed important information to be included.

Several members attended the budget hearing tonight to explain our request for the capital reserve fund of 10K to begin saving for the compilation of the town history. The selectmen gave a recommendation that we provide more education to the public about the request for the money and what is needed to complete a town history. Ron will draft a flyer and e-mail it to other members for editing. When complete it will be dispersed prior to the town meeting.

Michele confirmed that the Humanities Council presentation “A Walk Back In Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes.” The

presentation is scheduled April 6th at 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn.

The Museum is now open the 2nd Sunday of every month from 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Ashley has volunteered to staff it. She pointed out that we are quickly running out of space for our collection. Ron will draft a formal letter to the selectmen to state our interest in utilizing the current town office building when they move to their new location.

The group discussed ideas for obtaining/compiling historical information about the town for the history. Michele suggested that we organize a social gathering for long time residents of the town to reminisce. These interactions could be videotaped. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Next meeting March 2nd at 7 p.m. All are welcomed to attend.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Babonis,
LHS Secretary.*

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 19, 2016

Present: Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

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

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 12, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that last April he spoke to Arthur Colby and Bob Ordway about the cemetery by the Fire Station. He received paperwork that includes the name of the people buried there as well as the official name of the cemetery which is "Village Cemetery."

Chief Wright said the paperwork for the grant that he discussed last week has been submitted. He said they should hear something about it in March.

Chief Wright said he received a quote from Harry-O for the alarm system at the highway garage for a complete system; the price is \$9,700.

Chief Wright said the Faith Community Bible Church on Village Road hosted a Loudon Fire Department appreciation night on Saturday, January 16th. He said they provided dinner and music for everybody. He offered his thanks to the entire congregation for recognizing the members of the fire department and the auxiliary.

Selectman Ives explained that they received a request from presidential candidate John Kasich to use meeting space in Loudon to hold a town hall meeting February 1st. Selectman Ives said they expect 120-130 people so the community room isn't big enough. He asked Chief Wright if the Fire Station could be used. Chief Wright agreed that it can be used.

The Board met with Sergeant Kris Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess said he had seven pistol permits for review and signature.

Selectman Ives asked if Officer Posada has started. Sergeant Burgess said he has started and he is working out well; he comes with experience.

The Board met with Road Agent Lane Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that when they went to put the wing on the grader they found it had a bad valve so they took it to Nortrax and had it fixed.

Mr. Houle said he dropped his pick-up off at Phoenix Autobody for repair.

Mr. Houle said his new employee will be starting February 1st.

Mr. Houle said they've been busy plowing and treating roads.

Mr. Houle said he went around with someone from Pike to get estimates on roads. Selectman Ives said with this pricing

information they can make a decision as to what roads to include in the warrant article.

Selectman Maxfield said he noticed trees being cut around town and asked who is doing it. Mr. Houle explained that Asplundh is doing it for Eversource.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (i) at 6:15 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:23 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received Town Report Bid information. Selectman Ives explained that they only received one bid for printing of the report and one bid for the layout of the report. The Board opened and reviewed the bid from Evans printing. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the bid from Evans Printing for 1000 copies of the 2015 Town Report; up to 100 pages plus the cover, for \$2503.76. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives said this is about the same price a last year. He also explained that they used to print 2,500 copies but reduced it the last few years; he also explained that the specs are the same as the last few years. All in favor. Motion carried. After reviewing the bid for the layout Selectman Maxfield made a motion to award the layout and design of the Town Report to Debbie K. Graphics for the flat fee of \$1,000. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield said that both Deb and Evans have done a good job in the past.*

The Board received a letter from the Clough Pond Association with information and three requests. The Board will take this under advisement until next week.

The Board received the property transfers for December 2015.

The Board received an email from Mark Stewart a Democratic Presidential Candidate.

The Board received information regarding the Bert Lane Petition. The Board will take this under advisement until next week when Chairman Krieger is in attendance.

Selectman Ives read the following: *Notice Of Public Hearing, Town of Loudon in accordance with RSA 32:5-1, The Board Of Selectmen of the Town Of Loudon will hold public hearings for review of the Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 07/01/2016 To 06/30/2017. The hearings will be held Tuesday, January 19,*

2016 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Loudon Community Building located behind the Town Offices. The proposed budget will be voted on at the March 2016 Town Meeting.

Selectman Ives explained that they will go through the budget lines that have changed. He explained that if anyone has questions or comments to ask. Selectman Maxfield stated that the budget is up 4% which represents \$93,712. He explained that \$67,867 is medicare and retirement which they don't really have control over.

Selectman Ives stated that they decided to give out a COLA of 3% this year to all employees. He said they've kept the purse strings pretty tight the last few years and they decided this year to bring employees wages up so they can be competitive with other towns, so they can keep and maintain the good group of employees they have.

Selectman Ives said the Selectmen's salary is up the 3% COLA; which is the first time in seven or eight years the Selectmen have taken any kind of raise. Selectman Ives read through the Selectmen lines noting that the PT Office line is down 28.28%, the Office Wages are up 23.81%, telephone is up 13.64%, Data processing is up 11.11%, postage is down 25%. He explained that the changes reflect was expended this past year and anticipated for the new year so overall the Selectmen's office portion of the budget is up 2.81%.

Selectman Ives stated the following:

Landfill testing is down 33.33%.

The Town Clerk's portion of the budget is up 2.14% which includes the 3% COLA for the Town clerk and her Assistant.

Because of the additional elections this year the election budget is up 62.50%. Someone from the audience asked about the large increase in the election budget for postage. Selectman Ives explained that it is for absentee ballots and this is a purge year which requires the Supervisors to do a lot of mailing. He said this budget will decrease next year.

Assessments have increased 91.16% due to the revaluation that will be done. This is also a one year increase and will go back down next year.

Tax Collector budget is down 1.46%.

Treasurer is the same except for the COLA.

Selectman Ives explained that they were going through some litigation last year; things have been settled out of court so they dropped that budget by 42.86%.

FICA/Medicare and Retirement are up 26.82%.

Planning Board budget is down 5.10%. Selectman Ives explained that a lot of that is due to a new secretary that is making less than the previous secretary was making.

Zoning Board budget is down 6.86% again due mostly to the new secretary.

Government Building is down 1% due to a decrease in natural gas. Dustin Bowles

asked if the Board has given any thought to painting the Town Hall, it's been awhile. Selectman Ives said it looks to be in pretty good shape at this point. Selectman Maxfield said the community building needs some work especially around the cupola. Selectman Ives stated that with other increases such as the COLA they need to wait on some things and he thinks they can last another year.

Cemeteries no increase. Dustin Bowles asked if there is enough money to pay for the cemetery behind the Congregational Church if the warrant article passes.

Employee benefits are down 0.17%. This includes health and dental insurance, Unemployment insurance, workers' comp insurance and property-liability insurance.

Police Department regular salaries and part-time salaries are up. Selectman Ives explained that they've had a hard time getting part-time people due to the wages so they upped the rate so they are competitive with other towns.

Police Department due/subscriptions are up 233.33% which is actually only \$3,500. There was discussion about whether this is the appropriate line for the increase. This will be looked into this for the next budget hearing. Selectman Ives said the training line is up because they want to add additional training for the officers, gasoline is down. The overall police budget is up 4.05%.

Health Department is up 2.96% due to the COLA.

Ambulance is up 5.19% overall. Ambulance part-time is up due to increase per diem to cover when Deputy Lake is working Code Enforcement. Ambulance billing fee's are up; Concord Hospital no longer does billing so they had to go with a new company. Chief Wright said runs are up as well. Dustin Bowles asked if the .17% raise in the ambulance wages for fulltime is enough for 3% COLA. Chief Wright said it is because they have had people leave and the new hires start at less money.

Fire Department is up a total of 4.34% due to COLA's and an increase to lines such as medical expenses, building maint., gas/oil, and truck maint.

Compliance/Code is down .73% largely due to the change in personnel. The Compliance/Code Enforce Wages has decreased and the assistant wages has increased (full-time secretary).

Highway Department overall increase of 3.78% which includes the COLA and an increase in training. Selectman Ives said they are encouraging employees to get additional training.

Solid Waste/Landfill increased .58%. This includes COLA and an increase in telephone to bring it closer to what is actually spent.

Community Action Program asked for an increase from \$5,691 to \$6,000.

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Selectmen — cont. from 25

Welfare is up 2.79%. The part-time wage line is down 67.49%, the rent line is up 25%. Selectman Maxfield (Welfare Director) explained that rent is where the most money is spent and rents are up in the area.

Library budget is up .24%. The Library Director's wages are down 13.63% because there is a new director that isn't making as much as the retired director. FICA/Retirement went down because of that change. Reference materials, cleaning, building maint., elevator maint., nonprint material periodicals, and passes went up. Selectman Ives explained that there are repairs that need to be made to the building especially to the area around the children's entrance. Selectman Ives said the library is doing an excellent job working with the rest of town in keeping expenses down and their budget in line with everybody else.

The contingency fund was increased from 10,000 to \$15,000.

Selectman Maxfield asked the audience if he should read the warrant articles aloud. Those sitting in the audience stated that they had a copy and didn't need it read.

Article 3 — Selectman Maxfield explained that article 3 is for a skid-steer to replace the one that is at the Transfer Station. They believe that the one they have is 25+ years old and really worn out. He said the money will come out of the Transfer Station Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Article 4 — Selectman Ives stated that the road agent went out and got preliminary pricing for a new dump truck; it came in at about \$180,000 so they are asking for that purchase with the funds to come out of the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Ives explained that this purchase will include the plow, equipment and a stainless steel dump body. Selectman Ives said if the money is approved they will get additional bids before they buy the truck.

Article 5 — Selectman Maxfield said they haven't decided which roads they are going to do this year. They are considering School Street and a few other roads. Selectman Maxfield said they will have a decision and the cost for the next budget hearing.

Article 6 — Selectman Ives read the following: *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 with \$35,000 to be raised by taxes and \$40,000 coming out of the Police operating budget, to hire a Full-time Police Chief. This amount represents the cost from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police operating budget.* Selectman Ives explained that according to the Town Attorney the Selectmen do not have to go to the town for approval to hire a full-time Chief. He explained that according to their conscience and how things are done in Loudon they want to get the approval of the town's people; that since they voted for a part-time Chief they should have the opportunity to vote for a full-time Chief. Selectman Ives

said they reviewed Chief's salaries in the area to come up with the salary that they are proposing. He said this is not the lowest but certainly is not the highest; it falls somewhere in between.

Article 7 — Selectman Maxfield read the following: *To see if the town will vote to adopt the Mount Hope and Moore Cemeteries as Town Cemeteries and instructing the Board of Selectmen to initiate any legal documentation necessary to acquire said Cemeteries.* Janice Morin asked if there is money in the budget to take care of the cemeteries. Selectman Ives said there is, plus the cemeteries come with some money. He explained that if the town accepts the cemeteries an audit of their funds will be done and then turned over to the Town's Trustees.

Article 8 — Selectman Ives read the following: *To see if the town will vote to establish a Town History Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of writing a history of the Town of Loudon and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.* Selectman Ives said this was brought up by the Historical Society and he thinks it is a good idea. He said it's going to cost a lot to get the history written up and books printed; this will be a good start to the fund to get it going. Dustin Bowles asked if this fund will be built up before the project gets started. Selectman Ives said he believes that is the plan.

Article 9 — Selectman Maxfield read the following: *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

Dustin Bowles asked if they considered changing the amounts going into any of these funds. He said for example with the price of roads, they are not gaining in that fund. Selectman Maxfield said they did look at them. He said they decided to leave the Town Office building money in there for one more year because prices are coming in higher than they anticipated. He said this will be the last year for the Town Office Building Fund. Selectman Ives said they

discussed taking some of that money and putting it into other Capital Reserve Funds. Selectman Ives said these Capital Reserve Funds have saved the town thousands and thousands of dollars allowing them to purchase things without bonds and paying interest rates. Dustin Bowles said he wondered how much longer they would need to be putting money into the Town Office fund. Selectman Ives explained that the architect had an engineer doing the plans for the plumbing and electrical systems so that it could go out for contractors in town to bid on; the engineer dropped the ball causing the committee months of time. The committee decided to go with Harry-O Electrical because he can design and build it; he is in the process of designing it and giving a quote. Selectman Ives explained that they asked Denron Plumbing, whose owner lives in town, to design and quote the plumbing which has been done. He said things are progressing on the project. Dustin Bowles asked what the town's people can expect at town meeting. Selectman Ives said they can expect a completed budget and a rendering of the building. He said they don't expect to break ground until after town meeting. Selectman Maxfield said the goal is to be in the building by October 1st.

Article 10 — 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

Article 11 — Selectman Ives read the following: *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,_____ to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations to the same.*

Article 12 — Selectman Ives read the following: *To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.*

Selectman Ives said the revenues are an estimate of what they expect to take in. Selectman Maxfield said tax money is coming in very well this year.

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, January 20 through Friday, January 29 is the timeframe for filing for candidacy.

Thursday, January 21 is a Planning Board meeting.

Friday, January 22 at 2:30 is a meeting at the elementary school to discuss the February 9th election location.

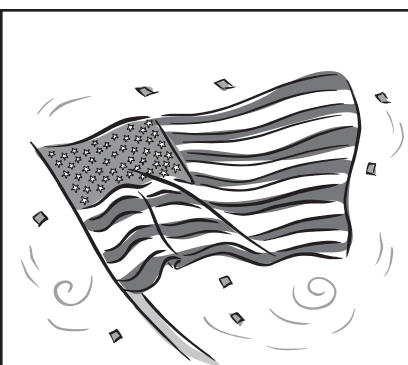
The Board recognized Bob Fiske from the audience. Mr. Fiske stated that he has grave concern about voting being held at the Elementary School; he wouldn't have a problem if the kids weren't at school but if they are he has concern for their safety. Selectman Ives said they are having a meeting on Friday with police, fire, school and selectmen to discuss that. Selectman Ives said the change to the school was proposed due to the expected turnout for the primary

and being the time of the year where having people stand outside could be a safety concern for things like hypothermia. Selectman Ives said the Fire Station is an option but the trucks outside would have to be left running all day so pumps won't freeze up. Selectman Ives said he won't discuss the safety procedures being put in place and personally feels that one of the biggest safety concerns he has is the people discussing it on Facebook and on the internet. Mr. Fiske said he wants to go on the record as saying he is totally against voting at the school. Dustin Bowles agreed with Mr. Fiske. Selectman Ives said these concerns will be brought up at the meeting on Friday.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 26, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 19, 2015 as written. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright submitted paramedic intercept paperwork for the Board to review and sign. Chairman Krieger signed the document.

Chief Wright reminded the Board about the discussion they had recently regarding ambulance service with the Town of Chichester. He explained that Chichester currently handles night time calls for two weeks and Loudon does two weeks. Chichester indicated that they want to do their own calls at night which means Loudon would do all of their own calls at night. Chief Wright explained that he wrote up an agreement based on the change for night calls. He asked that the Board sign the new agreement and will have Chichester sign as well. Chairman Krieger suggested that an escape clause be written into it. He said it should be worded so that if either Town wants to make a change to the agreement they have the ability. Selectman Ives suggested that it be written so that either town could change the agreement with at least a thirty day notice.

Chief Wright said that since the elections are being held at the Fire Station on February 9th he has scheduled a meeting with the people involved in the election for Tuesday, February 2nd at 9 a.m. at the Fire Station to discuss the setup and parking. Chief Wright said he has made arrangements to have most of his equipment inside election day.

Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:10 PM.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:25 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. Motion carries.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received Information from the Planning Board regarding Map 40, Lot

24, Terry Drive Ext. Selectman Ives recognized Mr. Cassette from the audience. Mr. Dave Cassette explained that he is in the process of buying the lot. Mr. Cassette said the town was stern in a letter that they wrote to the developer in 2001; he is hoping the town will change or reconsider what was written in the letter. Selectman Ives verified that Terry Drive Road Extension stops at the property line of the lot that Mr. Cassette is considering purchasing. Mr. Cassette agreed saying that when he spoke to the Planning Board they said he would have to continue the road in front of his lot. Selectman Ives said they have always required a road improve/upgrade to be done to the end of a lot to be developed. Mr. Cassette asked if there is any way to get a variance for this. Selectman Ives said Mr. Cassette would have to see the Zoning Board for a variance. Selectman Maxfield said the Selectmen have been consistent two times before in saying that the road needs to be extended to the length of the property and he thinks they should continue to be consistent. Chairman Krieger stated that he wouldn't want to change a decision that a previous Board made. Mr. Cassette showed the Board a map that shows that the developer of the lot next to this lot upgraded the road the length of that property. Mr. Cassette asked if the Board would be interested in getting the road paved in exchange for letting him sneak into his lot. Selectman Ives said no he would need to extend the road to build on the lot.

The Board reviewed seven overdue ambulance bills. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to send the following ambulance bill to collection: account #8676 for \$638.00, account #9216 for \$554.70, account #4685 for \$638.00, account #9312 for \$688.40, account #9088 for \$710.00, account #7831 for \$628.40, account #8673 for \$66.72. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a letter from NHDOT regarding the resurfacing of sections of Loudon/Pittsfield Road from 129.

The Board received information from the Sheriff's Office regarding a request for bids for a DVR Security Recording System.

The Board received the J.O. Cate Van September and October 2015 meeting minutes.

The Board received a scholarship recipient thank you letter from Zel Kerkel.

The Board received a letter from the Clough Pond Association. The Association requests copies of the testing that was done at the pond last summer; the results will be forwarded to them. They asked for a contact person within the town, in case they end up with adverse testing results; the contact will be Chief Rick Wright who is also the Health Officer. The Association also asked for approval to place a sign at the Town Beach

announcing their courtesy e.coli testing and directing people to the e.coli page on their website. The Board discussed it and decided that they cannot put a sign up on town property and if the Association would like to discuss it further they should make an appointment to meet with the Selectmen.

Selectman Ives explained that they accepted a Petition regarding the acceptance of Bert Lane. Selectman Ives said an inspection will have to be done by the town engineer. Selectman Maxfield said there are three houses built and two under construction, he said the road agent will also need to inspect the road. The Board decided not to set a date for the public hearing until the road has been inspected by the road agent and the Town Engineer.

The Board received the following reminders:

Thursday, January 28th at 7 p.m. is the Zoning Board meeting.

Monday, February 1st at 6 p.m. Presidential Candidate John Kasich will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Fire Station.

Tuesday, February 2nd at 9 a.m. there is an election setup meeting at the Fire Station.

Wednesday, February 3rd at 6 p.m. is a Budget Hearing.

Selectman Maxfield said the Board received a memo from Assessor Christina Murdough. He explained that the American Legion Loudon Post 88 purchased 45 South Village Road at a bank foreclosure on 7/8/15. The American Legion is a non-profit Veteran's organization that is typically exempt from property taxes. He read that

when the Legion purchased the property there were back taxes owed in the amount of \$3,252. The American Legion has submitted an abatement request asking that the total amount of taxes due be waived. Selectman Ives said he is torn on this issue because he appreciates the Legion but he also appreciates the tax payers in town. He mentioned splitting the amount due and waiving half the taxes. Chairman Krieger suggested that they ask someone from the Legion to come in and speak to them before a decision is made. Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield agreed. The American Legion will be invited to attend the next meeting.

Selectman Ives said they need to discuss which roads they are going to include in the warrant article for town meeting. After discussion they agreed to do Ilona Lane and Wales Bridge Road from Route 106 to S. Village Road. Selectman Ives said they will take \$43,000 from the road capital reserve fund and raise \$81,635 by taxes. Selectman Maxfield said they will be asking to put \$100,000 in the capital reserve fund and plan on doing South Village Road next year. He said he'd like to do School Street done the following year.

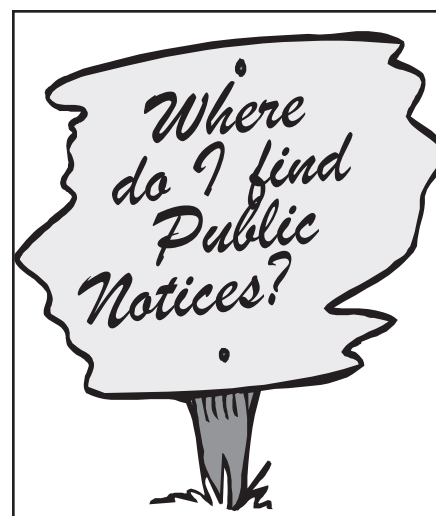
Chairman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 2, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

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

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 26, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle said he got the pickup back from Phoenix Autobody; he said they did an excellent job on the body.

Mr. Houle said they have been chipping brush on Wales Bridge Road, Pleasant Street and the corner of S. Village Road off 106.

Mr. Houle said they did a brake job on truck #3.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Houle if the highway department is all set with moving everything to the fire station for voting. Mr. Houle said they are.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright said about 135 people showed up at the Town Hall meeting last evening with John Kasich; it went very well. Selectman Ives explained that when these candidates use the building they come in and do all the set up and then take down; they are very efficient.

Chief Wright said the setup meeting for elections that they had that morning went very well and they should be all set for voting.

Chief Wright said that Marcia Flynn contacted the office with concerns about notification of election location. She suggested that the sign at the fire station be located at the corner of 106 and 129. Chief Wright said he could do that. Ms. Flynn also suggested that signs be put up at Town Hall and at the school stating that voting will be at the Fire Station.

Chairman Krieger explained that they received a letter from NHDOT regarding the street lights on 106. The letter says that they will only be leaving one out of the 21 street lights on. Selectman Maxfield explained that if the Town of Loudon wants more lights left on Eversource needs to be contacted to make financial arrangements. Selectman Ives suggested that a letter be written to the State stating their disappointment in the State adding that burden to the town.

The Board met with Sergeant Kris Burgess.

Sergeant Burgess reminded the Board about the quote he received from Harry-O for putting up a light post and replacing lights outside their building. Sergeant Burgess said that he thinks if the five wall mounts are replaced there would be suffi-

cient light and they wouldn't need to put up the post. He said he received a verbal quote for \$5,000 to replace the five lights. Chairman Krieger suggested that they get more than one quote. Mr. Houle said they had gotten a quote to run electric and get a light put up at the salt shed but instead of doing that he went to Home Depot and got a solar light that works great.

Sergeant Burgess submitted five pistol permits for review and approval.

Sergeant Burgess explained that he has the Central NH Special Operations Unit agreement for signature.

Selectman Ives said that he met Officer Posada last evening at the Kasich event and was impressed with him; they had a nice conversation.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received information from NHDOT regarding the Street lights. As discussed earlier a letter will be written to NHDOT.

The Board received a copy of the new Loudon Old Home Day Association By-Laws.

The Board received the J.O. Cate Scheduling Reports for November-January. Chairman Krieger said he can't say enough good about the people that run this; they are always in need of more help driving the van.

Chairman Krieger explained that when the American Legion bought the building on S. Village Road a few months ago somehow overdue taxes were not paid. He said they have a request from the American Legion for abatement of those taxes. Shawn Jones explained that the day of the auction when they purchased the building they signed paperwork with the auctioneer and were told that there were no taxes due. He was surprised when they received a tax bill from the town. Mr. Jones explained that they are a small post with limited revenue coming in. He said that they have renovations to do on the building; they will have electric and gas bills and insurance to pay. Mr. Jones said if the abatement is not granted it will limit how they can help people and veterans in town. He explained that the Legion is a non-profit organization that is exempt from paying taxes. Larry Hemphill, the Chaplain for the post asked that the town forgive that tax bill because it will take a chunk out of their already limited resources. He explained that the building is old and needs renovations. Joe Piroso a longtime member of the post said they dropped the ball on this but asked that the Selectmen give them any help they can. Chairman Krieger asked if there is anyone in the audience that would have a problem with the Board forgiving all or some of the tax. Chairman Krieger stated that somehow when the building was bought it was overlooked. He explained that as a Selectman he doesn't like to give money away because it's everyone's money but as a person that has served his country he's on that

side as well. Chairman Krieger explained that he is conflicted with what to do. Chairman Krieger said his heart says to forgive the tax so the Legion can move forward with helping the town. Selectman Ives said they are in a hard spot; he appreciates what the Legion has done for the town however they are in a tough spot because they took houses this year because people couldn't pay their taxes. He said like Mr. Piroso said this wasn't the town's fault, the ball was dropped, the Legion hasn't had to pay taxes so maybe they weren't aware or maybe they were misled by the auctioneer but that isn't the town's fault. Selectman Ives said he doesn't think the town should carry the full burden of this problem, it should be shared. Selectman Ives suggested that the town abate half of the tax and the Legion pay half. Selectman Maxfield thanked the Legion for coming in and explaining their side of this. Selectman Ives said that half would be \$1,626; the total bill was \$3252. Bob Fiske said he is in favor of the Legion getting the abatement. He said the building was a tax free police station, went to a residential residence and now it's the American Legion. Chairman Krieger said it's his opinion that the whole thing be abated. *Selectman Ives made a motion to abate \$1,652. There was no second. Chairman Krieger made a motion to abate the entire tax bill of \$3252. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Those in favor were Chairman Krieger and Selectman Maxfield. Opposed was Selectman Ives. Majority rules. Motion carried.*

The Board received the following reminders:

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. is a Hazard Mitigation Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. is the second Budget Hearing.

Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. is a School Board Meeting.

The Board recognized Audra Tassone, Operations Manager for the Timberman Triathlon and Lily Cennamo, Race Director from Timberman Triathlon. Chairman Krieger explained that they asked them to attend the meeting because they don't really want the Timberman in Loudon anymore. He explained that they got complaints about some of their people being rude, cones blocking off the Beanstalk and traffic being held up for as long as 45 minutes; he explained that it has become a real burden on the town. Ms. Tassone said that as far as the cones go they can make a change to the traffic pattern and place the cones so that they don't interfere with their business. She said that they can also talk to the business owners, add more signage and send out impact letters stating that between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Loudon will be congested. Ms. Tassone said they are willing to take any suggestions. She explained that the Timberman has been here for sixteen years and is a large Make-a-Wish fundraiser. Ms. Tassone said that they want to do whatever they can to make the communities happy. She suggested that maybe additional police coverage for the cross over at the 129/106 intersection would help. Ms. Tassone stated that they have addressed the rude workers from last year; they won't be back. Select-

man Ives said he sat at that intersection for 45 minutes; that can't be happening. He said he understands it's a timed event but they need to come up with some plan so there is a break for traffic. Selectman Ives said with the race track in town they have enough other events that impact the people in town. Chief Wright stated that when he met with Ms. Tassone she said that they could space the waves out further but he isn't sure that will help because by the time they get to Loudon they are spaced out. He said that it doesn't matter what color the lights are when they get to them they go. Selectman Ives asked if there is a different route they could take. Ms. Tassone said they've looked at different routes but they don't have shoulders on the roads so the bicycles are in the roadway. Selectman Ives asked if they could use the five-land at the track to turn around. Ms. Tassone said they reached out to the track before and didn't get a response. Chief Wright asked what time they start. Ms. Tassone said 7:00 a.m. but they can probably start at 6:30 a.m. Chief Wright said the earlier the better. Ms. Cennamo pointed out that Loudon's Boy Scout Troop 247 has been a huge part of their event and has received over the last sixteen years a charity donation of about \$30,000 so there has been good for the community; they just need to work out the rest. Chairman Krieger said when the businesses in town are blocked off for the race the locals don't go there so they are losing money; those are the people that the Selectmen have to answer to. He said the Selectmen have been watching this for a few years and it's a real burden for the town. He said he appreciates the charity work but he isn't sold on it. Selectman Ives said he'd like to have another meeting to see what changes can be made to alleviate the problems. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m.

The Board recognized Tom Blanchette, Director of Operations of the NH Motor Speedway. Mr. Blanchette explained that Mr. McGrath was unable to attend the meeting this evening but asked him to speak to the Board about proposed pay increases for the people that do special details for the track; they understand there is an ongoing discussion about increases for the fire and police departments. He explained that the budget cycle for the track runs differently than the town. Mr. Blanchette said their budget for the race season is set in October and November. He said that if the Selectmen are considering an increase that they get together in the near future to discuss it before a decision is made. Mr. Blanchette said maybe they could do a small increase this year and another one next year so it isn't such a big hit all at once. Chairman Krieger asked that Mr. Blanchette call and get on the agenda for a discussion at their February 23th meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Planning Board Meeting With CNHRPC & NHDOT — January 21, 2016

Meeting with CNHRPC and NH DOT, Mike Tardiff, Keith Cota and Mike Dugas

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Tardiff began meeting talking about how the Route 106 project has gained momentum over the last couple years, and that one of the things that came up was that it might be interesting to hear from DOT and see where it is in the 10 year plan, so Keith Cota and Mike Dugas came to share information.

Keith Cota said they operate productively under the 10 year transportation improvement plan which is updated every two years. He said it's been accepted from the governor's office and is now in the legislative branch for their review. Keith Cota said they expect action to be taken on this around May/June. He said it outlines four projects along 106.

Mike Dugas went through the handout discussing that at that time, based on the traffic, what was projected was high traffic. Mike Dugas stated that the recommendation was to open the road to 5 lane cross section with 90 ft wide of pavement. Mike Dugas added that since then Shaker Road was improved along with Concord Road in Belmont and the 5 lane cross section was not pursued. Mr. Dugas said it was restudied in 2012 and the traffic wasn't as strong as originally predicted. Mike Dugas said the recommendation was that a three lane cross section would be suffice for the volume of traffic, two single travel lanes and the middle lane would be a turning lane, or a passing section at intersections or places where there are no side roads or driveways. Mike Dugas added that this would be 60 feet wide instead of 90 ft wide, parts A and B in the three lane cross section are the most imminent at this time. Mike Dugas added that the ten mile segment would be divided into three phases, dividing it would make it easier to complete, and be easily handled by contractors. Mr. Dugas said phase one would be South of Shaker Rd and extend up to Ames Rd in Canterbury, past the speedway; phase two would be at 393 up past Staniels Rd and then phase 3 would be closing the gap between the first and second phase. Mike Dugas said to further subdivide phase one, there is a one mile segment near the speedway near Dudleys just south of Clough Hill Rd and extends to just past the south gate of the speedway. Mr. Dugas said the thought process was its beneficial to have that turn lane, implementing first near the speedway has the added benefit of further assisting traffic control. Mr. Dugas said there would also be three travel lanes plus wide shoulders, allowing greater flexibility and better access when they are running four lanes in/out of track, perhaps the fifth lane for emergency response. Mike Dugas also said the environmental rules have

changed and become stricter over the years. In talking about widening the highway it will be required for them to build treatment areas for the water that runs off the highway, those details are to come. Mike Dugas added that looking at the full extent of the 106 project, south of Shaker Road built in 1970's, the older segments north of Dudley's up to speedway are much narrower, as well as south of Wales Bridge Rd. Mike Dugas said that as they are looking to widen as well as build water treatment features, they will need to buy some kind of property to build on, but the details for that are to come.

Keith Cota said there is a report called NH 106 Interim Core Study and it's on the department's website. Keith Cota said it spells out the change in traffic in the sections talked about earlier. One additional item is that they've just finished the speed study for 106 and what is the appropriate speed for that area. Keith Cota said that 129 south towards Concord area requires a signal because of the traffic and will require 5 lanes like Staniels Rd. Keith Cota also said the study identified there is enough traffic at the Chichester Rd intersection to warrant traffic signals, so when improvements come to that area they will be looking at that. Keith Cota added that 129 single lane needs to be a two lane going through and North of 129 will not need to be so many lanes. Keith Cota reminded the board that this is in the legislation process now so they are moving forward to address the project. Mr. Cota said the first segment, the A project, is the priority area and the anticipated construction is for spring of 2018 and that this spring they will be coming out to do an informational session. Keith Cota said they anticipate because of the narrow right of way that they will have to acquire additional properties additional right of way and drainage easements, and slope easements so they will have to go through the formal public hearing process, and then after that they will start construction.

Mike Tardiff asked Keith Cota if there would be a change in approach as far as out of the ordinary, speeds being too high and would there be impacts in the design based on the speed study. Keith Cota said the speed study will set the base criteria for what the appropriate design/speed will be. Keith Cota said it's flat as pancakes and straight as an arrow so when trying to apply a design speed, there really isn't one. Mr. Cota said one of the concerns with Staniels Rd was the speed, and they deal with two kinds of speed which is posted speed and operating speed. Keith Cota said traffic signals and roundabouts help with speeding but roundabouts are not possible with track traffic, so when deciding on a speed Keith Cota said he'd leave it up to his traffic engineer because it will be difficult.

George Saunderson asked Keith Cota if the state will continue to put lights all along the roads. Keith Cota said their policy is that where they raise a median, that will be lit but beyond that lighting is not provided. George asked as far as run offs if it was largely salt. Keith Cota stated it was more for nitrates and phosphates; the standard approach is to treat enough of the area so that the post condition is no greater impact than the pre condition of water flow.

Henry Huntington asked if in the study it identified where they would be purchasing additional land or drainage easements. Keith Cota said it will show the slope line and the designated right of ways but will not show the drainage because they did not get to that yet.

Steve Ives said that the left turn lanes are high speed passing lanes so if there are any ideas to dissuade people to do that. Keith Cota said they want people to use those two lanes. Steve Ives said people are going 70mph. The board discussed how it's attracting speeders. The concern is that it will happen at other intersections as well. Keith Cota said this is something to look at.

This portion of the meeting ended at 7 p.m.

It was agreed that in 2-3 weeks the board would get back together with Mike Tardiff for a final master plan meeting.

Submitted by
Melissa Lucier



Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 21, 2016

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

Attendance:

George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Bob Cole, Ex-Officio Steve Ives, and Alternates Alice Tuson & Dustin Bowles

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 17, 2015 Regular Meeting — Bob Cole made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

December 29, 2015 Site Walk — Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Bob Cole. All were in favor.

January 6, 2016 Zoning Workshop — Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

January 18, 2016 Zoning Amendment Public Hearing — Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

December 17, 2015 meeting with CNHRPC — Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

Brandon Guilbault spoke about renting out a bay at Harry-O's garage bay at Map 30 Lot 24. He stated he would be selling one, maybe two vehicles at the most. Mr. Guilbault said he'd like to request permission to store and display at least one car. Brandon's mom and step dad Michael McDonald were

with him as well. Michael McDonald said that the license is for both Brandon and his mom and the dealer laws have changed, so they have to have a hard location to keep their license. Mr. McDonald stated they have been doing this for six years. Brandon stated basically they have to have a location to get their license renewed. Tom asked if it was a retail license, Brandon said yes it's a retail license. Bob Cole asked if it was indoor or outdoor display. Brandon said he's not sure if the state requires outdoor, the paperwork didn't say it had to be outdoor. Alice Tuson asked if Brandon would be doing any repairs or just reselling. Brandon said he was just reselling, no repairs. Brandon stated the car would never be seen, he has space he keeps his cars but he would like one car to be in the bay. The board discussed the uses of the bays in the past and how it was addressed for them. Donna White added the reason she sent him to the board was because it's a change of use, which is what we did for Dom Customs. The board discussed when one person leaves and another person comes in they need to fill out an application. A change of use application was given to Mr. Guilbault.

Jim McNeil — Map 21 Lot 11, LLA. Jim stated he's looking at buying a small sliver of land adjacent to his lot from Debra Carbone and he'd like to know if they can proceed in having the lot surveyed and adjusted. Henry Huntington asked if Debra Carbone would still have 200 ft. of frontage. Jim McNeil said yes, he hasn't had Web

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Stout look yet but he's guessing it's ½ acre. Donna White said she did some research when Debra called her because both sides of Plateau Ridge had that small strip and she wasn't sure if there was a reason, however there doesn't seem to be. Debra Carbone said her only concern was she still wanted to have sub-dividable portion of land. Donna White said their discussion was that as long as she had 4 acres and 400 ft. of frontage. Tom Dow asked if there was a house on that lot, Jim McNeil said Debra Carbone's house was on the lot.

Dave Cossette — Looking at purchasing Map 40 Lot 24. He said the town didn't have any record of this property so he did a scaled map. Dave Cossette said there was a concern with the width of the road; he cannot remember who he spoke with. Dave Cossette stated the turnaround was never put in; instead a 20 ft. driveway was done. Dustin Bowles stated this was what the land owner was asked to do. Dave Cossette said he wasn't sure if he needed a turn around. Tom Dow asked if his reasoning for coming was to talk about extending the road down and make the lot available to build upon. Dave Cossette said he's just looking at one lot and he's looking to not do everything to code and to be able to come in and just go to his land instead of bring the road all the way down. Stan Prescott said that he needs to have frontage. Dustin Bowles stated that in 2005 Bob Bollinger and Russ Pearl did work in there, and the builder didn't want to put his driveway the way it was in the plan, so Dustin said he was told if he made the driveway wide enough for a fire truck turnaround, which is why he made the driveway 20 ft. wide. The board discussed what next steps would be taken. It was discussed that Jason Fiske bought this lot to go with his lot in the front, as his well is on this lot. The board decided that before a decision was made, research needed to be done to find out how this was addressed in the past.

Old Business:

Application #15-15, Colin Cabot — Lot Line Adjustment, Map 16, Lots 2 & 25, RR District. Ross Evans of Holden Engineering represented the applicant. Abutters Sandra Hillsgrove and Sheri Kluesener were present.

Mr. Evans stated the plan has not changed; he was waiting to hear more information from the planning board from the site walk. The site walk was discussed and Tom Dow stated the board felt the right of way should be moved down to encompass where the driveway comes in and then the driveway could come out due to the slope, the telephone pole and the close proximity of neighbors it would be a better location. Stan Prescott agreed and noted that aside from that the board asked that the Carbone house be added to the plan. Stan Prescott asked if the intent was to put the land into conservation easement. Ross Evans said that is the intent. Sherry Kluesener said that she wanted to voice her concerns, which is

that looking at the zoning ordinance she would like it to be memorialized that it's not for building upon. Sherry Kluesener stated that this non conforming lot does not have 50 ft. frontage and she's concerned this will come back to haunt us, Sherry Kluesener said it should not be a buildable lot. Tom Dow said that because it's going into conservation it cannot be built on. Stan Prescott said he would like to see an executed document saying it's going to go into conservation easement. George Saunderson asked if they could grant permission contingent upon that agreement. Stan Prescott said it's important it's followed through. Henry Huntington said if this passes it would not be a lot line adjustment until the conservation easement is in place. Tom Dow stated they suggested last month to write an easement in the deed stating whoever owns this property will have the right to cross the property to get to it. Tom Dow said building a road up there isn't the best spot, with an easement they can come down the drive way and cross through the back right onto the property. Tom Dow stated this is the most efficient easiest way, this way there is not 50 foot right-of-way, just an easement for the right to cross. Ross Evans said he isn't opposed to doing that. The board discussed the easement being in place. Dustin asked if there needs to be frontage to go into conservation. Stan Prescott said he doesn't believe it needs to; there are no regulations for frontage. Henry Huntington asked who Colin Cabot would give the easement to and suggested to have them take that suggestion and have them start working on the easement.

Henry Huntington made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting on February 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

New Business:

No new business

Board Discussion:

Mike Tardiff would like to meet with the Board within the next few weeks. The next meeting is on February 18th, so Melissa will check in with him and see how long he needs and see if coming in before the public meeting would work

Report of the ZBA:

Michael Martel — Continuance for special exception for a reduced setback.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott said there was no board of permit.

Adjournment:

Dustin Bowles made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Melissa Lucier
Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — January 28, 2016

Present:

Earl Tuson, Ned Lizotte, Dave Powelson, Roy Merrill, Howard Pearl, and Alternate George Saunderson.

Minutes:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of December 23, 2015 as presented; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

Earl Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes of the site walk on January 9, 2016 as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

Discussions:

Tammy Farwell, Foster Rd (Map 29 Lot 29) — Melissa let the board know that Tammy Farwell had called the office to let the town know that although Ben Carter had already been to the board and had said it was not a business at his home but this was not true. Mrs. Farwell stated that she has video footage of the times and days that Mr. Rollins is there using the Carter's garage. Mrs. Farwell also stated that Mr. Rollins is there most days from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tammy Farwell said they are frustrated with the noise. The board reviewed the minutes of November 30th when Mr. Carter met with the Board. Dave Powelson stated it had been loosely defined as not a lot of vehicles and did not believe he was charging. Ned Lizotte said he had heard from John George that it was not a hobby at the Foster Road residence because several customers had come to John George asking where their vehicle was. Ned Lizotte said he told Mr. George since it's already been before the board and there wasn't anything to rule on, other people need to say something. It could then go to code enforcement and then back to the zoning board. Donna White stated that she spoke with Ben Carter today; he stated it was him who had been working in the garage and that Mr. Rollins hadn't been working out there for two weeks. Dave Powelson said to direct Mrs. Farwell's complaint to code enforcement; Bill Lake was at the last discussion so he knows what's going on.

Public Hearings:

Application #Z15-22, Michael Martel — Special Exception for Reduced Setback,

M28, L15, RR District. Abutters Hermel, Denyse and Natalie Fortier were present.

Mr. Martel explained that he and Hermel Fortier had come to an agreement since the last time they met. Mr. Martel stated that he's willing to change the measurements from 30'x60' to 28'x50' as well as plant trees behind it, and use a painted metal roof instead of galvanized. Hermel Fortier said the only thing he is worried about is the runoff from the roof. Mike Martel said he can take care of that with gutters or divert it. Mike said he's willing to do that as long as he can build it the same way. Roy Merrill asked if the 28' meant he was pulling it back in two feet. Mike Martel said yes, this way he can still pull a vehicle up there if need be. Ned Lizotte asked if instead of the 10' between the stonewall and the building it's 12'. Mike Martel said he believes so, when it's taped off it's hard to tell so to pull it back 2 ft. would easily be 10 ft. Ned Lizotte asked if the closest point was still 10 ft., Mike Martel said yes. Hermel Fortier stated he's okay with that; he doesn't want it flashing in his direction. Dave Powelson asked if Hermel Fortier had a preference on the color of the roof. Hermel Fortier said no, they spoke about brown and he was okay with that. Dave Powelson said he wants to be sure Mike Martel is asking for a 10 ft. setback. Mike Martel said yes.

Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the application with the changes that had been worked out; the building shortened to 50 feet, with painted roofing, gutters, and landscape improvements of planting trees. Dave Powelson stated the building would be 28'x50'. Seconded by Ned Lizotte. A roll call was taken: Earl Tuson — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Howard Pearl — yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.

Adjournment:

Howard Pearl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Melissa Lucier
Administrative Assistant*

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<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5pm•Library Trustees Meeting 6pm•Conservation Commission @ CB 6pm•Yoga @ Library 6:45pm•Victory Workers 4H, Pittsfield Community Center (Oct.–May)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>TOWN ELECTIONS 8AM–7PM @ TOWN HALL, CLOUGH HILL ROAD</p> <p>9am•Yoga @ Library 10:30am•Story Time @ Library 1–2pm•Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•Adult Coloring @ Library 6pm•Selectmen, Board of Permit @ CB 39th Army Band Concert @ LES</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library 2:30am•Story Time @ Library 6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 6pm•Beginners' Crochet Class @ Library 6:30pm•Cub Scouts @ Library</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga@Library</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>TOWN MEETING 9AM @ LES</p> <p>4:30–6:00pm•Family Bible Church Community Dinner</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>PTA Easter Basket Making @ the Mall 6:30pm•Easter Through Song @ Faith Community Bible Church</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>6pm•Happy Hill 4H @ CB 6pm•Yoga @ Library 6pm•Communications Council Mtg. @ Fire Station — NOTE LOCATION CHANGE.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am•Yoga @ Library 10:30am•Story Time @ Library 1–2pm•Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•Adult Coloring @ Library 6pm•Selectmen @ CB 7pm•LYAA @ Library</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library 2:30am•Story Time @ Library 6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 6pm•Beginners' Crochet Class @ Library 6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30am•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga@Library 7pm•Book Group @ Library 7pm•Zoning Board @ CB</p>	<p>25</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>EASTER</p>  <p>6am•Sunrise Service @ Gazebo w/Faith Community Bible Church 8:15am•Easter Breakfast @ Loudon Congregational Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm•Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am•Yoga @ Library 10:30am•Story Time @ Library 1–2pm•Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•Adult Coloring @ Library 6pm•Selectmen @ CB</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library 2:30am•Story Time @ Library 6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library 6pm•Beginners' Crochet Class @ Library</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30am•Story Time @ Library 11am•Chair Yoga @ Library 3:30–5pm•LEGO Club @ Library 6pm•Yoga@Library 6pm•Kindergarten Parent Info. Night @ LES</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p> 	<p>April 2</p> <p>9–2•Rug Hookers' Guild @ Library</p>

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