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NH Maple Weekend 2017

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By Letty Barton

On March 25 and 26, New Hampshire Maple Producers will be celebrating their 22nd Annual Maple Weekend. It is a fun time when folks are invited to visit local sap houses and learn about the process of making liquid gold — as maple syrup is sometimes referred to. So bundle up the kids, pull on your boots (it is mud season), and head out for a sweet smelling and tasting experience.

This is an ideal way to learn about the age-old tradition that is such a part of our rural heritage. A right of passage to spring, a visit to a local sap house can be an educational family outing. See sap boiling, taste the finished product, walk around in the sugar bush, and enjoy nature while you are out there. Talk to the producer and learn more details about the process, the equipment, and the other products made from maple syrup. Learn about the new grading system, which went into effect two years ago.

Sugaring has been around for hundreds of years, having been introduced in the 1700s by the indigenous people. Things have changed significantly since our ancestors boiled sap outdoors in an open pot hanging from a tripod, or heated rocks placed in the pot to make the water in sap evaporate. Some sap houses still fire their evaporators with wood. Others have gone to a more tech savvy system with computer-run oil-fired evaporators.

New Hampshire produced close to 90,000 gallons of maple syrup last year. This production is no small feat. It takes many hands and many man-hours to tap trees, collect the sap, and boil it down to maple syrup and then filter and bottle it. Methods of collecting and boiling vary from sap house to sap house but the basic process and the end result are the same. Your visit may introduce you to the latest and most modern collection techniques and help you appreciate the work that goes into making one gallon of syrup from 40 gallons of sap. Be sure to take home some maple syrup and have it on your

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A Loudon sap house is ready for the season.

Dates to Note

Wednesday, March 1. MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT. 7 p.m. Community Building

Thursday, March 9. MVSD ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING. 7 p.m. at MVHS Auditorium

Tuesday, March 14. TOWN ELECTIONS
8 a.m.–7 p.m. Town Hall, Clough Hill Road

Friday, March 17. OPEN HOUSE AT NEW TOWN OFFICE BUILDING! 10 a.m.–Noon / 4–6 p.m.

Saturday, March 18. TOWN MEETING
9 a.m. Loudon Elementary School

HHS Deputy Commissioner To Be In Loudon to Answer Health Insurance Questions

New Hampshire's second-highest ranking health official, Deputy Commissioner of Health & Human Services Lori Shabinette, will be in Loudon on Monday evening March 13, to meet with residents, talk about the various forms of health insurance available to New Hampshire citizens, and answer residents' questions about the qualification requirements for various programs, application processes,

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Mission Statement...

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

Town of Loudon Office Hours Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541 • selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Robert P. Krieger, Chairman (*term expires 2017*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Steven R. Ives (*term expires 2018*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org
Robert N. Fiske (*term expires 2019*) selectmanfiske@comcast.net

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.–Thur.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Building/Code Enforcement

PO Box 7032 • 798-5584 • 8 Cooper St., Fire Dept.
codeoffice@loudonfire.com • 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: Tuesday–Thursday by appointment only. Office hours and donations accepted: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Closed Fridays.
For more information or to see if you qualify for services, call Sue at 724-9731 or email info@loudonfoodpantry.org

Loudon Representatives REPRESENTATIVES — U.S.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan. (603) 622-2204. www.maggiehassan.com
U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. (603) 647-7500. Shaheen.senate.gov
U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter. (603) 251-9653. info@shea-porter.com
U.S. Rep. Ann M. Kuster. (603) 226-1002. Kuster.house.gov

REPRESENTATIVE STATE SENATE (DISTRICT 17)

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

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State Rep. Michael Moffett. (603)491-0553. Michael.Moffett@leg.state.nh.us

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

State Rep. Howard Pearl. (603)231-1482. hpearlpsf@aol.com

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc. are encouraged to submit articles to the *Loudon Ledger*. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, “attaboys,” etc. are all welcome.

Please note, however, that the *Ledger* will uphold its mission:

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

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

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

In other words, any article submitted must present *all sides* of an issue in a factual, unbiased manner so that the reader may form his/her own opinion based on the information presented. To paraphrase Eric Severard: “You should 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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“The Loudon Ledger” 2017 Schedule

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February 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/20 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/23

March 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/20

April 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/20

May 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/17

June 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/22

July 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/19

August 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/21 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/24

September 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/21

October 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/18

November 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/20 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/23

December 2017 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/20

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Web Site and Article Submissions: Kathy Pitman — Loudonwebmaster@comcast.net

Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Senior Pastor • Pat Testerman, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbenh.org
Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday Worship Hours: 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School: 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. Shirley Marcoft, Interim Minister
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
For information on upcoming events, please contact Gayle Doyle, Clerk at 603-435-0496 or email: gad022948@gmail.com. For other information, call Henry A. Welch, Head Trustee at 603-435-6510 (please leave a message if no answer).



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time
Tuesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Healing Prayer Service: 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Joshua T. Johnson, Lead Pastor
Rev. Dallas Tharp, Intergenerational Discipleship Pastor
Rev. Mike Matthews, Visitation Pastor
33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LNBnazarene.org
Sundays:
Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants–3-year-olds.)
Jr. Kids Church (3-year-olds–Kindergarteners.) Children’s Church (Grades 1–5)
Discipleship Hour: 11:00 a.m. for all ages.
Second Tuesdays: OASIS Potluck Luncheon (for folks 50+): 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Wednesdays: Teen Bible Quizzing Practice: 5:30 p.m. (for monthly Quiz Meets)
Games, Food & Fellowship for Everyone: 6:30–7:00 p.m.
Youth Groups (Grades 6–8 and 9–12): 7–8 p.m.
Adult Bible Studies and Kids Time (PreK–Grade 5). 7–8 p.m.



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

CHURCH NEWS

Faith Community Bible Church

Faith Community Bible Church, 334 North Village Road, is offering a “Praying Life Seminar” at the church on March 11th at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome but preregistration is requested. You may call Alicen Twardosky, Secretary, at 783-4045 or register online at www.fcbenh.org. ■



Loudon Food Pantry News

The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Update

The LFP Challenge To Fight Hunger is held every February, March, and April. The donations from this challenge help to restock our food and funds after the holidays and during the time of the year when donations are low. As of February 16th, we have received \$314.35 in food, \$529.01 in funds. That’s a total of \$843.36.

Starting Date: February 1, 2017. Ending Date: April 30, 2017
Our 2017 Goal is \$10,000 in food and funds.

To be part of this effort...

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

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

How can you donate?

You can mail or drop off donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307-0734.
We also have drop off locations at the following:

Canterbury: Elkins Library, *Food*
Chichester: Camping World, *Food*
Epsom: Care Pharmacy, *Cash Bin*
Loudon: 106 Beanstalk, *Cash Bin*
Loudon: Egg Shell Restaurant, *Cash Bin*
Loudon: Loudon Station, *Food and Cash Bin*
Loudon: Loudon Village Country Store, *Cash Bin*

Please spread the word! With your help, we can feed households in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions please call Sue at 724-9731.

Volunteer Needed

Volunteers are needed to help us process the food that was received during the holiday season. We need to have UPS’s marked out, expiration dates marked on cans, food logged in, labeled, and sorted. Help is always needed to bag and carry out food that we give out as well, among other things.
To volunteer, just drop in during the following days and hours. Even if you can come in just for an hour, it will help! Thank you!

Our Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and/or 3:00–6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and/or 3:00–6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and/or 3:00–6:00 p.m. ■



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2017 Loudon Town Warrant

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

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Time: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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

Articles 1-2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road. Articles 3-14 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street.

Article 01:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year

Article 02:

Zoning Amendments

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2017-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add Section 509, Accessory Dwelling Unit to include:

509.1 Purpose:

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

509.2 Requirements:

A. Only one Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be permitted per Single Family Dwelling Unit.

B. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be located within the Single Family Dwelling Unit or attached to a Single Family Dwelling.

C. The property must be owner-occupied.

D. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not exceed two bedrooms.

E. The Accessory Dwelling Unit must meet all current Building Codes.

F. Accessory Dwelling Units must be no smaller than 750 square feet and no larger than 1500 square feet.

G. Suitable septic disposal facility shall be provided and conform to all NHDES regulations.

H. Off street parking shall be provided with at least 2 spaces for Principal Dwelling Unit and 2 spaces for the Accessory Dwelling Unit.

I. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall only be permitted on a lot that meets the minimum required lot size (frontage, area, etc.) for a single-family dwelling in the respective district.

J. A Building Permit must be obtained prior to construction from the Town of Loudon Building Department.

K. Interior door between Single Family Dwelling Unit and Accessory Dwelling Unit is required.

509.3 Limitations:

A. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted subordinate to a two-family or multi-family dwelling.

B. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted in Open-Space Conservation subdivisions.

C. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be segregated in ownership from the principal dwelling unit.

Reason: Senate Bill 146, NH's Accessory Dwelling Unit law, takes effect on June 1, 2017. The new ADU law requires municipalities to allow ADUs in all zoning districts where single-family dwelling units are permitted.

Add in Appendix: Definitions:

Dwelling Unit, Accessory: A room or rooms arranged for the use of one or more persons living together, being subordinate to another attached dwelling unit, and having separate and independent sleeping, cooking, eating and sanitary facilities. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall include direct access to the outdoors and direct access to the attached dwelling unit.

Reason for proposal: To establish a definition for Accessory Dwelling Unit.

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2017-2 proposed and recommended by the Fire Department for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add Section 203.6 (#3), 204.6 (#3), 205.6(#3), 206.6(#3), 207.6(#3)

Bulk Storage: To allow propane tanks up to 1,000 gallons.

Reason: Current ordinance allows for a 500 gallon propane tank and industry standards continue to change; 1000 gallon propane tanks are more commonly used.

Article 03:

Purchase of a Loader Backhoe

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,900 for the purchase of a Loader Backhoe, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 04:

For reclaiming and paving S. Village Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,135 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving S. Village Road and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$115,135 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 05:

Town Website

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of contracting with Virtual Towns and Schools to create a Town of Loudon website, with services to include full content development, website design, secure hosting, staff training and ongoing support; and to appoint the Loudon Communications Council in conjunction with the Selectmen as agents to carry this purpose into effect. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 06:

False Fire Alarm Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a False Fire Alarm Ordinance. Such ordinance would allow the town to charge for repeat false fire alarms. A false fire alarm is defined as an alarm activation or sprinkler activation due to a malfunction. The Board of Selectmen has the authority to set the fee structure. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 07:

Cemetery Trustee

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 289:6 II-a providing that the Selectmen serve

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whom to contact if you have questions about coverage, and costs.

The program will be at Charlie's Barn Community Building off South Village Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on March 13. It is sponsored by State Representatives Howard Moffett and Michael Moffett (representing Loudon and Canterbury in Merrimack District 9), and Howard Pearl (representing Loudon, Canterbury, and three other towns in Merrimack Floterial District 26), as one in a series of meetings with constituents in Loudon and Canterbury.

Ms. Shibinette will open with a brief overview of public and private health insurance options available to New Hampshire residents, followed by a question-and-answer exchange with members of the audience, up until approximately 8 p.m. The program will not be a political debate about the merits or criticisms of the federal Affordable Care Act or our own state-designed Medicaid expansion program (the New Hampshire Health Protection Program) — rather, it will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of insurance questions that come up for residents seeking health care under one or another form of health insurance.

Time permitting, and for as long as attendees remain, the sponsoring state representatives will stay to discuss pending state legislation with residents who have questions about current legislative issues. ■

Public Notice

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Loudon Town Offices at 29 South Village Road on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. At this session Supervisors will accept any additions or changes to the checklist and make any address corrections. This is the last day to register to vote until the Town Election on March 14. (RSA 654:8, 27, 28; 669:5; 659:12).

Francine Clave, Tracy Huckins, Marge Schoonmaker
Supervisors of the Checklist

Candidates for Town Office and School Board

Selectmen

Jason S. Fiske
Jeffrey C. Miller

Zoning Board

Charles Aznive
Howard Pearl

Tax Collector

Helen L. McNeil

Treasurer

Melanie C. Kiley

Planning Board

Robert A. Cole
Dennis B. Jakubowski
Stanley H. Prescott

Trustee of Trust Fund

Susan E. Kowalski

Library Trustee

Alice Tuson

School Board

Bobbi-Jo Michaels, *Loudon Seat*
Kristen Byron, *At-Large Seat*
Louise Andrus, *At-Large Seat*

**Don't Forget to
Vote
on
Tuesday
March 14, 2017
8 a.m.–7 p.m.**

**Loudon Town
Hall
Clough Hill Road**



Thank you for your generosity!

In response to our article in last month's *Ledger*, the Communications Council received individual and business donations, as well as new advertising revenues sufficient to keep the *Ledger* up and running to — and through — the end of this fiscal year (June 30). We are stunned by the amazing generosity of a few folks whose contributions will mean so much to so many!

The dictionary defines “generosity” as being “characterized by a noble or kindly spirit.” According to 17th-century philosopher Jean de la Bruyère (don't worry, until we looked up “generosity,” we hadn't heard of him either!), “Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment.” Fortunately, in Loudon, there truly are noble, kindly spirits who not only gave much, but also gave at the right moment!

From the very bottom of our hearts, thank you! ■

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for the term of elected office as the cemetery trustees indefinitely until specific recession of such authority by subsequent Town Meeting by voting the following “Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the Board of Selectmen?” *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Article 08:

Solar Energy System Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for a property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with a Solar Energy Systems. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the value of the Solar Energy System under these statutes. *BY PETITION.*

Article 09:

MVSD Withdrawal Feasibility Study

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Merrimack Valley School Board to establish a committee to study the opportunities and liabilities to the Town of Loudon to withdrawal from the Merrimack Valley School District pursuant to RSA 195:25 Procedure to Withdrawal. This study committee shall submit a feasibility report of their findings to the NH Board of Education within 180 days. *BY PETITION*

Article 10:

Hiring two Full-time Firefighters

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,502.44 for the sole purpose of hiring two full-time Firefighter/AEMT or Paramedics. \$77,646.44 to be added to Town of Loudon Budget Line 41969 Employee Benefits. \$89,856.00 to be added to Town of Loudon Budget Line 01-42190-100-125

Ambulance Wages FF/EMTs. *The Selectmen recommend this article. BY PETITION*

Article 11:

To raise and appropriate for established CRF

To see if the town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$499,500 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 \$5,000
- 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
- Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) \$30,000
- Town History Capital Reserve Fund \$10,000

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 12:

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.

Article 13:

For general municipal operations.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,429,399 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Article 14:

To transact any other business

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2017, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the usual posting places, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk

Robert P. Krieger, *Chairman*
Steven R. Ives, *Selectman*
Robert N. Fiske, *Selectman*

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

New Town Office Building Project Update

Photos and update by Bobby Fiske, Selectman



Here are a few interior views of the new Town Office building. The project is moving along and on Friday, March 17, you can see the progress yourself during the Open House. Visit the building from 10 a.m.–noon and 4–6 p.m.

From top to bottom:

A view of the first floor.

Part of the heating/cooling system.

The basement and vault area.



Plastic, Plastic... Everywhere There's Plastic!

By LeeAnn Childress, Loudon Recycling Committee

Recently I had the privilege of being part of a group of environmentalists trying to convince our state government to take the first step by allowing NH towns to ban plastic bags; or put a fee on them in order to cut down on plastic pollution and get people to use more sustainable bags. It was HB 481. Ultimately, the governing committee that oversaw it decided to recommend the House not approve it.

It's fairly easy for me to give up plastic shopping bags; there are plenty of cloth options that work just fine. However, I have started taking a hard look at everything plastic in my day-to-day life, not just plastic shopping bags. Now my eyes are open to everything else plastic, like: plastic water bottles, dental floss picks and toothbrushes, straws, plastic forks, spoons, knives, and cups, and Tupperware-type food containers, bread bags, and so much more.

Now I'm challenging all of us to start reducing everyday plastic that we all have taken for granted, such as:



Plastic Containers

When you store food in plastic and then heat it in the same container, the plastic will leach into your food. Even BPA-free isn't safe. *Start storing your leftovers in glass or stainless containers.*

Produce Bags, Boxes, and Mesh

Spinach comes in plastic boxes, oranges come in mesh, and the thin plastic produce/meat bags are hanging around everywhere. Too much is available in prepackaged containers. *Bring your own fabric and/or mesh bags and pick your produce from the bins. Or better yet, go to your local farmers markets.*

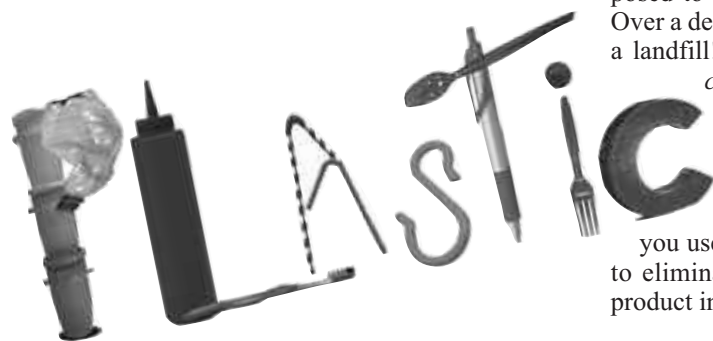
Toothbrushes

The plastic toothbrush is a tough one, especially since we get it for free from our dentist. We're supposed to change our toothbrush every three months. Over a decade one person will send 40 toothbrushes to a landfill! *Start using bamboo alternatives and then compost it.*

Here's a website for more ways to eliminate plastic in your life. <https://myplasticfreelife.com/plastic-freeguide/>

Now it's your turn. What plastic item do you use in your everyday life? And are you willing to eliminate it and use an environmentally friendly product instead?

The Loudon Recycling Committee would love to hear about your efforts to recycle. Visit us at <https://facebook.com/Loudonrecyclingcommittee/> and share your ideas with us. We'd love to hear from you! Better yet, join the Recycling Committee! ■



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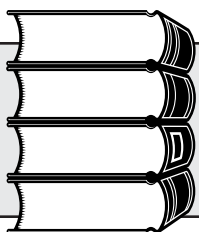
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Maxfield Public Library News

Story Time

On March 7 and 9 the Story Time attendees will get groovy with *Pete the Cat* by James Dean. Come join us for music and a craft with our favorite cat.

On March 14 and 16 wear something green to story time in celebration of St. Patrick's Day! After reading Teddy Slater's *The Luckiest St. Patrick's Day Ever* and *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* by Natasha Wing, the children will make leprechaun hats to wear while hunting for gold!

On March 21 and 23 story time celebrates "Puppy Day" (March 23), by listening to *Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook* by Anne Vittur Kennedy and *It's Only Stanley* by Jon Agee. The children will be able to put on their own puppet show after craft time by creating puppy marionettes.

On March 28 the children will look at the color of feelings in Jessica Young's *My Blue is Happy*. We'll pair that book with Todd Parr's *The Feel Good Book* and the children will end the story hour by creating a colorful rainbow that hints at spring. What color makes you happy?

Every Child Ready to Read Program

Join us for a special story time on Thursday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. Debbi Gadwah Lambert will continue the *Every Child Ready to Read* program, which provides parents and caregivers with the tools and strategies to practice early literacy education. This month, the program will focus on Art and Literature.

Beating Fatigue

Join us Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m., for an informative session on using simple strategies to get your energy back.

This session will be led by Valerie Ferland, MS, Health Outreach Coordinator with the Center for Health Promotion (Concord Hospital).

Please sign up for this free event.



Michelle Smith's cooking demonstration was very popular with library patrons.

Imperial Russian Faberge Eggs

The library has received a grant from the NH Humanities to bring Marina Forbes and her program on egg painting in Russian culture on Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m.

NH Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org. This program is free and open to the public.

Red Cross Blood Mobile

The blood mobile will be at the library on Thursday, March 30 from 1–6 p.m. You don't need a special reason — just your own reason to donate.

Meditation

Join Fran Nash, Wednesday March 1 at 6 p.m., for an hour of soothing meditation. Cost per session is \$5.00.

Sit 'n' Stitch

The sit 'n' stitch group meets every Wednesday night in the children's room, at 6 p.m. Join us March 22 for a new project! We will be crocheting a "Casual Friday Handbag." This is a perfect project for beginners! Come in to the library and pick up a materials list.

Yoga

The library offers yoga classes on 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.

Movie Matinee for Adults

On Tuesday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. watch as a man decides to fight back against human trafficking.

Spiritual Living Discussion Group

Join us Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m., as we discuss Mindfulness.

Tai Chi

Call the library for more information on our Tai Chi classes with Marcia Wyman held on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 pm.

Book Club Mash-Up

The next book is *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James. We will be watching the movie Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m.



Reading to Grammy.

Library News — cont. from 8

Book Group

The next book club is Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Library Closed for Town Meeting

The library will be CLOSED Saturday, March 18 for TOWN MEETING; we hope to see you there.

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.

Web Site

For the latest schedule, please see our website: www.maxfieldlibrary.com. ■



Notices for all Public Meetings are posted at the following sites:

- Town Office
- Maxfield Public Library
- Beanstalk Store
- USPS
- Transfer Station
- Web Site



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.

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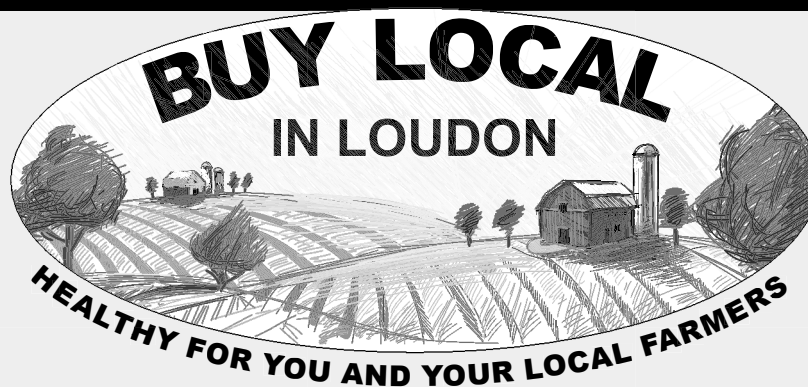
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Richard Brown House News and Events

By Lois Scribner

Like everyone else, Richard Brown House residents and staff have been grappling with snow in recent weeks. Our visit from Maxfield Librarian Deborah Gadwah-Lambert had to be rescheduled in January. Deborah met with several residents and came up with the plan of the library co-sponsoring a Games Afternoon open to all, utilizing the large Community Room, on Saturday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m.

We were also thrilled to receive calls from a couple of Loudon residents volunteering to come in during this spring. One was Mary Jane Leblanc, who organized a crafts morning, where some of the residents made Valentine's gumball machines for candy, taking an idea she had seen on Pinterest. MJ's offer to return and make cards was much appreciated. Sharing a skill in this way and bringing materials to make it happen is a gift and treat.

We also received another new offer of support from some local middle school students who are going to organize a Sunday afternoon of "Manicures and Conversation" during the school vacation. We hope to send pictures of that for the April Ledger!

Our Wednesday educational session in March will be a presentation by Charlie Zola of the AARP, on the subject of driving later in life, called "It's Time to Talk." All are welcome to this program on Wednesday March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

And a heads up for anyone interested in Diabetes: we have the Diabetes Association from Massachusetts coming on Wednesday, April 12 for an educational session.

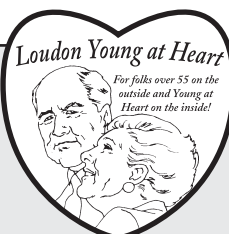
As ever, if any reader has a skill, gift or interest they would like to share, please be in touch. You can call Lois Scribner, Resident Service Coordinator on 798-3190 or email lois.scribner@voanne.org ■



Above: A long-awaited visit from Maxfield Public Library's Deborah Gadwah-Lambert, Librarian. We're now looking forward to a Games Afternoon on March 11 at 1:30!



Below: Mary Jane Leblanc organized a crafts morning for us. Residents made Valentine's gumball machines for candy. She has promised to return for more crafting fun!



Loudon Young at Heart

By Maureen Prescott

Forty four members of the Young at Heart met on February 14th at Charlie's Barn for their monthly meeting. Since this was Valentine's Day, red was the color worn by many of the members to celebrate.

Letty Barton, President began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by announcing the agendas for the next two meetings:

- **March 14th** — VNA Exploring Forgetfulness as We Age
- **April 13th** — 12:00 p.m. at Shaker Table (this is a Thursday and the menu offered is Scandinavian and Russian dishes). Sign-ups will be held at the March meeting. The cost is \$12.00.

Two new people joining the Young at Heart were recognized: Judy Campbell and Liz LeBrun.

Once all announcements were made Bingo began. Michaela Warren and Letty Barton called out the numbers. Several different games of Bingo were played and many members received winning prizes along with four door prizes that were handed out. There were several Bingo and door prizes donated. Thank you to all who contributed to these items.

The meeting concluded with pizza for lunch and visiting with friends.

The next meeting is March 14th at 10:00 a.m. at Charlie's Barn. Hope to see you all there and if possible bring a donation for the Food Pantry.

Until then, stay healthy and warm!!!! ■

UNH Cooperative Extension Upcoming Spring Workshops

Dot Perkins, Livestock Field Specialist, has planned a BUNCH of livestock events. The registration links are all listed below. All of the events are held at the Merrimack County UNH Cooperative Extension office located at 315 Daniel Webster Highway (Rte. 3), Boscawen. All workshops run from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and cost \$10.00 per person. Most allow 4-Hers for free, if accompanied by a registered adult. A link to our events pages includes the flyer to print with directions and an on-line registration link for each event. If you have any livestock questions, please contact Dot Perkins via email: dorothy.perkins@unh.edu or 796-2151. If you have questions about the registration, please contact Mary West at mary.west@unh.edu.

RAISING BROILERS — Tuesday, February 28, 2017

https://extension.unh.edu/events/index.cfm?e=app.event&event_id=42883

BACKYARD TURKEY PRODUCTION — Tuesday, March 7, 2017

https://extension.unh.edu/events/index.cfm?e=app.event&event_id=42921

RAISING HEALTHY RUMINANTS (COW, SHEEP, AND GOATS) — Tuesday, March 14, 2017

<https://extension.unh.edu/events/files/9E48DA66-5056-A432-4F3F556EEC044377.pdf>

PRODUCING SAFE HIGH-QUALITY MILK — Tuesday, March 21, 2017

<https://extension.unh.edu/events/files/98E2530C-5056-A432-4FAF08D63494C0B5.pdf>

RAISING GEESE AND DUCKS — Tuesday, March 28, 2017

https://extension.unh.edu/events/index.cfm?e=app.event&event_id=42927 ■

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Concord Hospital Trust Accepting Scholarship Applications

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

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

The Concord Hospital Trust Scholarship Committee, a volunteer sub-committee of the Trust's Stewardship Committee, has developed scholarship eligibility guidelines and will make decisions on Fund awards. With approximately \$35,000 awarded annually, scholarships typically range from \$1,000–\$3,000.

Scholarships are 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 graduated from a high school within the service area, or who are employed by Concord Hospital, 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 postmarked by April 30, 2017. Award decisions will be completed by mid-June.

For more information about the Scholarship Fund, the eligibility requirements or to apply, visit ch-trust.org or contact Concord Hospital Trust Office at (603) 227-7000, ext. 5209. ■

McNeil/Cummings Scholarships Now Available

Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships are now available. Please visit LoudonNH.org or stop in to the Selectmen's Office for an application. High school applications are due May 4, 2017 and college applications are due June 1, 2017. ■

Bartlett Wins Second Conference Title

Warren Bartlett, a sophomore Track and Field Athlete at Plymouth State University, won his second consecutive Little East Conference title in the 1000 meters. Bartlett won the race February 10, 2017 at the Southern Maine University conference championship with 2:34.41. He also ran the school record time on February 4, 2016 in the mile at the Dartmouth College Indoor Classic with a fourth place finish out of 43 runners and a time of 4:17.30 and was named the LEC indoor track and field runner of the week. ■



Dates to Note

Wednesday, March 1.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT.

7 p.m. Community Building

Thursday, March 9.

MVSD ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

7 p.m. at MVHS Auditorium

Tuesday, March 14.

TOWN ELECTIONS

8 a.m.–7 p.m. Town Hall, Clough Hill Road

Friday, March 17.

OPEN HOUSE AT NEW TOWN OFFICE BUILDING!

10 a.m.–Noon / 4–6 p.m.

Saturday, March 18.

TOWN MEETING

9 a.m. Loudon Elementary School

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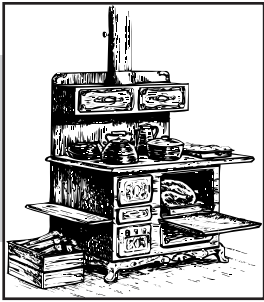
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What's Cookin'?

Maple Recipes to Celebrate Maple Weekend

By Jenn Pfeifer

A big thank-you to Letty Barton, who shared all of these recipes that have been enjoyed by B&B Syrup families. They suggest using the darkest NH (preferably from Loudon) syrup you have available for best flavor when cooking. I am personally excited to add these recipes to my ever-growing collection.

MAPLE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES — Real, Old-Time Maple Cooking by Beatrice Vaughan

- 1/2 cup of peanut butter
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup of maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 egg beaten in
- 2 cups of flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder

Blend together well, the peanut butter and shortening; beat in the brown sugar and maple syrup. Add eggs and beat well. Sift flour with baking soda, powder, and salt. Add to the first mixture, beating well. Turn out on a floured board and divide in half. Shape each half into a roll about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap well in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Cut into slices about a quarter of an inch thick and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350° oven for about 12 minutes or until light golden brown. *Makes about 4 doz. cookies.*

OATMEAL MAPLE DROP COOKIES — Recipe from Real, Old-Time Maple Cooking by Jan Siegrist

- 1/2 cup of margarine
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 egg one
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. of salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 cup of milk
- 1-1/2 cups of rolled oats
- 1/2 cup of raisins
- 1/2 chopped nuts (optional)

Cream together the margarine and maple syrup up in a large bowl. Add the remaining ingredients in the order listed. Mix well; the batter will be stiff. Drop by tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated 375° oven for 12–15 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool. Makes 36–42 cookies

MAPLE HERMITS — Recipe from A Collection of Maple Recipes by New Hampshire Maple Producers Association

- 1/2 cup of shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup raisins
- 2-1/2 cups flour
- 1-1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2 tbsp. strong coffee
- 1/2 cup nuts, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. nutmeg

Heat oven to 375°. Grease large cookie sheet. Combine shortening, sugar, and eggs. Beat until fluffy. Stir in the coffee, raisins, and nuts. Sift flour salt, soda, and nutmeg together into the first mixture and stir to blend. Spread on cookie sheet and bake 10–12 minutes or until set. Cut into squares when cool.

MAPLE PECAN SQUARES — From Elaine Moore, Gilmanton. From A Collection of Maple Recipes by members of NH Maple Producers Association

- 1-1/2 cups of flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup of chopped walnuts

Combine flour, 1/4 cup of brown sugar, and butter in a bowl. Mix with fork until consistency of corn meal. Press into a 9X13 greased pan and bake for 15 minutes at 350°. Combine 2/3 brown sugar, 1 cup maple syrup in a sauce pan, simmer 5 min. Pour over beaten egg slowly, stirring constantly. Stir in remaining ingredients except nuts. Pour mixture over baked crust. Sprinkle with nuts and bake at 350° for 20–30 minutes. Cool in pan. Cut into squares.

MAPLE SHREDDED-WHEAT BREAD — From Real, Old-Time Yankee Maple Cooking by Beatrice Vaughan

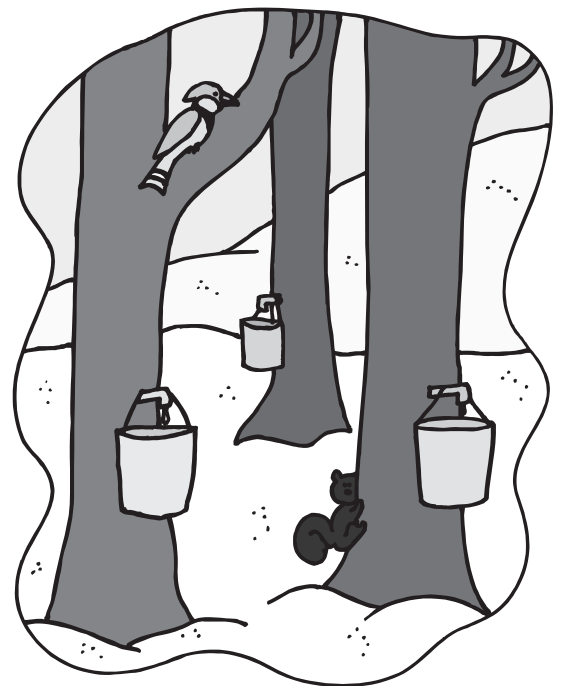
- 2 shredded wheat biscuits
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1 envelope dry yeast
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 5-1/2 cups ± of sifted flour

Cover crumbled shredded wheat biscuits with boiling water. Add shortening, syrup, sugar, and salt; stir to melt shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in lukewarm water then add to shredded wheat mixture. Add flour gradually to make firm dough. Knead until smooth. Put in greased bowl, cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled; turn out on a floured board in need again. Shape into two loaves and place in greased, standard size loaf pans. Cover and let rise until double. Bake in 375° oven for about 50 minutes or until bread test done. Cool on wire rack before slicing. Brush tops with melted butter while bread is still hot if a soft cross is desired.

MAPLE PUDDING CAKE — From Maple Sampler by Jen Siegrist

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1-1/2 cups of maple syrup
- 3/4 cup of water
- 2 Tbsp. butter

Mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and milk. Pour into greased 8-inch square pan. In a small saucepan combine the maple syrup, water, and butter. Heat just until the butter melts. Pour warm sauce over the batter; DO NOT STIR. The pudding-like sauce forms as the cake bakes. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 45 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.



See the next two pages for places in Loudon to buy your maple syrup.
If you have any ideas for future columns, please contact Jenn at jtpfeifer@comcast.net. ■

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pancakes, waffles or French toast the next morning.

Loudon has about 20 maple operations, which vary in size from the backyard enterprise of 50 or so taps to the full-scale business with thousands of taps. We have made a concerted attempt to contact each of them for this article. Below are listed the ones who have indicated they are participating in Maple Weekend, information on how to find them, and what each operation will be featuring. They are listed in alphabetical order by business name. Enjoy your visit.

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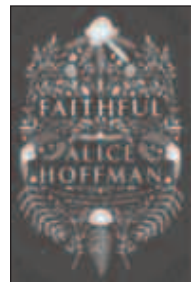




Between the Covers: Spring Best Sellers

By Kate Dockham

Although it is hard to tell from looking out the window, the first day of spring is March 20th. This brings many wonderful thoughts to mind. Warm weather, kite flying, baseball and bike riding. It is also a time for a new batch of bestsellers to hit the shelves. Here are some titles catching the most buzz this season. I tried to pick one each of some different genres, so hopefully you'll find something you like here.



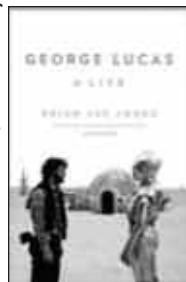
First is *Faithful* by Alice Hoffman. This novel is a soul-searching story about a young woman struggling to redefine herself and the power of love, family, and fate. Growing up on Long Island, Shelby Richmond is an ordinary girl until one night an extraordinary tragedy changes her fate. Her best friend's future is destroyed in an accident, while Shelby walks away with the burden of guilt. Filled with emotion—from dark suffering to true happiness — *Faithful* is the story of a survivor, a moving portrait of a young woman finding her way in the modern world. Shelby is fan of Chinese food, dogs, bookstores, and men she should stay away from. In New York City she finds a circle of lost and found souls — including an angel who's been watching over her ever since that fateful icy night.

Another noteworthy new novel, but more of a thriller, is *Everything You Want Me to Be*, by Mindy Mejia. Reminiscent of *Gone Girl* and *Girl on a Train* this story is full of twists and turns. *Everything You Want Me to Be* reconstructs a year in the life of high school senior Hattie Hoffman, a dangerously mesmerizing young woman. Hattie has spent her whole life playing many parts: the good student, the good daughter, the good citizen. When she's found brutally stabbed to death on the opening night of her high school play, the tragedy rips through the fabric of her small town community. Local sheriff Del Goodman, a family friend of the Hoffmans, vows to find her killer, but trying to solve her murder yields more questions than answers. During the investigation, the small town's darkest secrets come to the forefront. Powerfully told from three points of view — Del, Hattie, and the new English teacher whose marriage is crumbling — *Everything You Want Me to Be* weaves the story of Hattie's last school year and the events that drew her ever closer to her death.



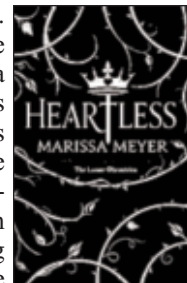
If you prefer a bit of romance, try *Wait for It* by Mariana Zapata. 29 year-old Diana Casillas moves to a new town to raise her nephews after the death of her brother. And she will readily admit she doesn't know what the hell she's doing half the time. Being a grown-up wasn't supposed to be so hard. But this feisty Mexican-American has almost everything she could ever ask for; a new house, a giant dog, a job she usually loves, more than enough family, and friends. The one thing Diana does not have is a man in her life. Enter Dallas, the older, married but separated neighbor. While it takes quite some time for Diana and Dallas to even admit, yet ignite their attraction, Zapata does a great job portraying her relationship with the boys. The exhausting, frustrating, yet loving relationship between this single mom and her young children is well written. Meanwhile, Zapata builds page-turning worthy tension between the adults. Full of heart, *Wait for It* does not disappoint.

As for not disappointing, try the definitive biography of George Lucas, one of the most influential filmmakers ever, in *George Lucas: A Life* by Brian Jay Jones. This is the long-awaited and revealing look into the life and times of the man who created Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Indiana Jones. If *Star Wars* wasn't game-changing enough, Lucas went on to establish another blockbuster series with Indiana Jones, and he completely transformed the world of special effects and the way movies sound. His innovation and ambition forged Pixar and Lucasfilm, Industrial Light & Magic, and THX sound. In this book, Lucas's colleagues and competitors offer glimpses into his life. Nothing is off limits including his relationships with innovators like Steven Spielberg and Francis Ford Coppola, and actors such as Harrison Ford. Of course, the very technologies that enabled the creation of his films — and allowed him to keep tinkering with them long after their original releases is also discussed. Like his unforgettable characters and stories, the influence of George Lucas is unmatched.



Marissa Meyer is known among readers of Young Adult fiction for turning fairy tales on their heads. In her *Lunar Chronicles* series, Meyers masterfully intertwines the stories of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Sleeping Beauty into futuristic page turners. Now Meyers is taking on Wonderland. *Heartless* is the story of a girl that wants to fall in love, long before she even dreams of being the Queen of Hearts. Catherine may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland and

a favorite of the unmarried King, but her interests lie elsewhere. A talented baker, she wants to open a shop and create delectable pastries. But for her mother, such a goal is unthinkable for a woman who could be a queen. At a royal ball where Cath is expected to receive the King's marriage proposal, she meets handsome and mysterious Jest. For the first time, she feels the pull of true attraction. At the risk of offending the King and infuriating her parents, she and Jest enter into a secret courtship. Cath is determined to choose her own destiny. But in a land thriving with magic, madness, and monsters, fate has other plans. A fate that changes Cath, and Wonderland, forever.



Laura Thalassa also writes of fates intertwined in *Rhapsodic*, the first installment of the *Bargainer Series*. Thalassa weaves a story of intimacy, vulnerability, betrayal, and forgiveness between two very flawed souls — Callie, a 23-year-old siren and Desmond, the King of Night. We see Callie evolve, leveraging a past of abuse and horror to become the woman we meet at age 23. Through flashbacks the reader feels her Callie's past pain and hope for her future happiness. Then there is Desmond, the man who broke Callie's heart after deserting her seven years ago. Desmond is immune to Callie's siren gift and takes charge as Callie's protector. Despite the pain he's caused Callie, Desmond is someone she still deeply loves and the pair need to solve the mystery of Desmond's warriors are going missing one by one. Only the women are returned, each in a glass casket, a child clutched to their breast. And then there are the whispers among the slaves, whispers of an evil that's been awoken. If the Desmond has any hope to save his people, he'll need the help of the siren he spurned long ago. Only, his foe has a taste for exotic creatures, and Callie just happens to be one.

In spring they say "everything old is new again." I hope you find a new book to read among this month's titles. Until next time, keep turning those pages. ■

Celebrate Archeology Month!!

April is "Archeology month" in New Hampshire and the Loudon Historical Society will be hosting a presentation by the New Hampshire Archeology Society. Come and learn how professional and amateur archeologists carefully uncover clues about those who lived in NH before us, going back over 12,000 years!

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Local Dance Students Raise Money for Animal Rescue Farm

Students of Alicia's School of Dance, located in Loudon, NH, raised over \$400 for Live and Let Live Farm Inc. in Chichester, NH. The students of Alicia's School of Dance sold 2017 Live and Let Live Farm calendars to raise the money. A portion of the proceeds from the calendar sales assisted the students of Alicia's School of Dance with dance competition fees, costumes and monthly tuition. The remainder of the proceeds went to Live and Let Live Farm Inc. Calendars are \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Sisters Savannah Shepard and Aubrey Larochelle were top sellers with a combined effort of 30 calendars sold.

Pictured back row left to right Savannah Shepard, Alicia Brooks, Teresa Paradis. Pictured front Aubrey Larochelle.



Several students from Alicia's School of Dance will be participating in dance competitions beginning in March. Students began competition preparations in August. Dance competition classes meet once a week for several hours. The competition students also participate in other dance classes during the week to continue building their skills. Students put forth a great deal of effort in learning and perfecting each dance. "The students work really hard for several months for their chance to shine at these competitions. I truly enjoy the process of teaching the dances. Helping each student reach their personal goals and build their confidence is really what it is all about," commented Alicia Brooks, owner of Alicia's School of Dance.

Live and Let Live Farm Inc., located in Chichester NH, is an animal shelter that rescues abused and unwanted animals, mainly horses, and provides them either a temporary or permanent safe place to interact with people. When applicable, the farm will try to find appropriate homes for rehabilitated animals. Those animals that are considered unadoptable will be given lifetime care at the farm. In 2013, Live and Let Live Farm Inc. was awarded Verified Status from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Verification means that Live and Let Live Farm Inc. meets the criteria of a true equine sanctuary/rescue and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals.

Live and Let Live Farm Inc. encourages groups to get involved in the calendar fundraiser. It is a great way to earn money for organizations and it helps to raise much needed money for Live and Let Live Farm Inc.. The average hay bill for the animals of Live and Let Live Farm Inc. is \$6000 per month. This does not include medical care and other food and necessities. "I really love to see kids get involved with the farm. They are the future of the farm and animal welfare in general," said Teresa Paradis, Executive Director and Founder of Live and Let Live Farm Inc..

Volunteers and those interested in adopting a rescue animal(s) are always in demand at Live and Let Live Farm Inc. The 2017 calendars are still on sale and advertising sponsorship has begun for the 2018 calendar. Please check out their website at www.liveandletlivefarm.org. Facebook Likes are always appreciated.

Alicia's School of Dance will be participating in 2018 Live and Let Live Farm Inc. calendar sales again beginning in November of 2017. Please check out the Alicia's School of Dance website for Spring Specials beginning in March at www.aliciasschoolofdance.com. Facebook Likes are appreciated as well. Best of luck to the Alicia's School of Dance competition students! ■

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 e-mail address:

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Remember When: Stories of Days Past

By Letty Barton

You may notice our title this month is a little different. That's because I have chosen to talk about making maple syrup in the olden days — and I didn't grow up in Loudon. A favorite memory of spring in northern Vermont is going on a family outing to my Dad's cousin's sugarhouse. Part of the fun was riding the sap sled into the woods behind the high-stepping workhorses. It was a bumpy ride to say the least! Unfortunately, one year one of my sisters or I fell between the traces on our way into the woods and that ended the rides on the sap sled.

At that time, his sap was all collected and transported with horses. They stopped when asked and slowly made their way from tree to tree so the buckets of sap could be emptied into the gathering tank.

When my present family began sugaring in the 1970s, we used a team of 4-H oxen to haul the sap sled. At the time, traffic on our road allowed it.

Nowadays, we see lines stretched from tree to tree, which deliver sap to a holding tank, or in some cases, directly to the sap house. I can't imagine what our forefathers would think of that!

Drip, drip, drip — once that was the predominant sound after maple trees were tapped. It was always one of my favorite sounds because it meant sugaring season was underway.

The old timers never tapped their trees until after town meeting day. Now, with the greenhouse effect and warmer winters, folks are scrambling to tap the minute we have three or four days of temperatures in the forties, this year being a prime example.

Some things about sugaring never change — like the dependence on the weather, the evaporation process, the hard work, and that awesome aroma when one walks into a sap house.

Today's technology has advanced beyond collecting sap in buckets for the most part. In addition to using plastic lines for collecting sap, power drills or tappers are used. That's a far cry from using an auger to drill holes. Another plus to modern sugaring is the camaraderie workers and visitors share as sugarhouses are much more accessible to the public.

Making maple syrup has been a part of early spring ventures in New England for hundreds of years. New Hampshire is near the top of the list in maple production, standing third behind Vermont and Maine in the northeast.

So is the building where maple syrup is produced called a sap house or a sugarhouse?? Today it is commonly referred to as a sap house because that is where all the sap is processed. As a kid in Vermont, we always called it a sugarhouse. Why? I believe it is because in the early days maple syrup was cooked beyond the syrup stage and made into sugar. Sugar was easier to store and transport. It was then reconstituted by adding water as it was needed. Does anyone else have a take on this?

As you travel the back roads of New Hampshire this time of year, keep a watchful eye out for billowing steam coming from maple sugarhouses. Many of them are tucked down in hollows or on the back side of a hill. The folks hard at work inside will always welcome your visit and be glad to explain what is going on. You might even get roped into helping or enjoy a warm sample of syrup.

Your input for this column is always welcome. You must have a story or two to tell about earlier times. Please give me a call and we can go from there. Letty at 783-4341 or lbarton@myfairpoint.net. Help me keep the stories coming. ■

*The Loudon Communication Council
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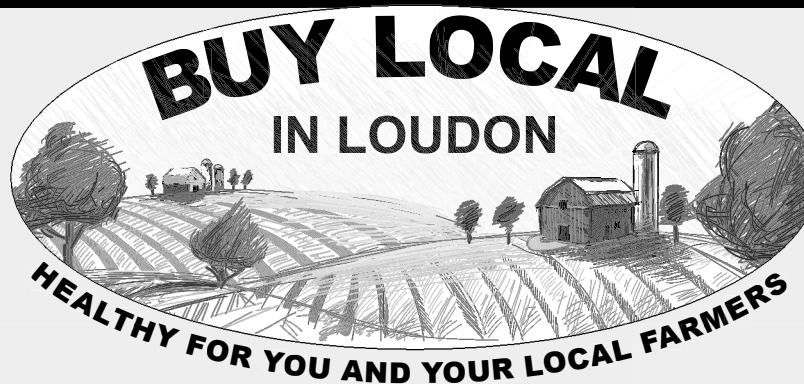
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(603) 964-7810
Preservation of endangered poultry and livestock, offering heritage chicken, duck and goose and fresh eggs
www.elevagedevolailles.net
info@elevagedevolailles.net

Hill Top Feeds
11 Storrs Drive
(603) 783-4114, (603) 491-4483
Live stock feed, shavings, hay, dog and cat food. Farm equipment and supplies.

Purely Wholesome Farm
557 Lower Ridge Rd
(603) 660-9108
Raising Nubian and Nigerian Dwarf goats. Goat milk soap and products.
purelywholesome@gmail.com
purelywholesome.com

Lone Wolf Farm
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lonewolfarm@comcast.net

Aznive Farm
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(603) 435-7509
Hay, Beef.





CONCORD REGIONAL
VISITING NURSE
ASSOCIATION

March Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Senior Health Clinics on March 28 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need a ride in Loudon, please call 783-9502. 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) 224-40123 or (800) 1224-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

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 will be held Monday, March 6, from 1–4 p.m. 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. ■

MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Merrimack County Nursing Home is looking for volunteers to help manage the on-site gift shop. As a gift shop attendant you will provide a warm, friendly, and positive shopping experience for residents and visitors. Attendants are responsible for conducting sales, making change, and bagging items. You must be able to interact well with residents, be outgoing, and count and handle money. Days and hours are flexible. For more information contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Lynne Joyce, at 796-3242.



Home Staging: Do It Yourself or Hire a Pro

Jack Prendiville
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Staging can be an essential part of selling a home. Staged homes tend to attract more buyers, add value to the home and ultimately, bring in more money than unstaged homes. As you prepare to sell, start thinking about whether to stage the home yourself or call in a professional. Ask yourself these questions to determine which is right for you.

Do you have time? A lot of time and preparation go into selling a home. Do you want to add staging to your to do list? Hours spent planning room layouts, shopping for décor and rearranging can add up quickly. Hiring a pro leaves all the work up to someone else and gives you more time to focus on other tasks.

Can you separate yourself from the home? Staging should appeal to a broad audience. What you consider to be your home's most attractive features may be different than what buyers want. Can you stage your home to fit a general audience, even if it means changing aspects that you enjoy? If not, hiring a professional who can evaluate your home with fresh eyes may be more effective.

Do you already have stylish furniture and décor? Professional stagers will bring in décor that will appeal to buyers and fit the style of your home. Do you already have furniture and accessories that are up to the test? If so Do It Yourself may be easiest. If not, are you willing to spend the money on new items, or would you rather spend the money on a professional? Home staging can make all the difference when it comes to selling your home. Whether you Do It Yourself or hire a professional, do what fits into your budget and schedule. ■

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND "RAY" MUZZEY

Raymond "Ray" Muzzey, age 57, passed away, Saturday, February 4, 2017 in Strafford after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Ray was born August 5, 1959 in Concord, NH and was a life-long resident of Loudon, NH.

Ray was predeceased by his parents Harold Lawson Muzzey Sr. and Gertrude (Welch) Muzzey and his brother Kenneth Muzzey of Loudon.

Ray is survived by his loving sisters Evelyn Timmins and husband Carey, Carolyn Stinson and husband Willard, devoted brother Pastor Harold L. Muzzey Jr. and wife Diana; an Aunt, Ellen (Muzzey) Desmarais and 2 nieces, 5 nephews, 5 great nieces, 6 great nephews, cousins and many close friends.

Ray loved listening to music and had a special love of dogs, especially his beagle Shiloh. Ray was an avid baseball and hockey fan, and especially loved the Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching WWF Wrestling.

A graveside service will be held in the Spring in the family lot of the Soucook Cemetery in Concord, NH. Pastor Harold Muzzey will be officiating. ■



Agriculture Commission Minutes — November 3, 2016

Members:

Chris D Koufos – 2016 President
Doug Towle – 2018 Vice President
Carole Soule – 2017 Secretary
Cindy Shea – 2016 Member
Bruce Dawson – 2017 – Member
Kay Doyon – 2019 – Alternate

Attendees: Kay Doyon, Carole Soule, Cindy Shea
Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Old Business

1. Minutes from the October 6, 2016 meeting were accepted with no corrections.
2. Workshops — Have concluded

3. Grants and fund raising — needed to keep track of funds. Tabled for next month.

4. Website and Social Media — No updates.

5. Newsletter — no updates.

6. Master Plan / Planning Board — No updates; tabled for this session.

7. *Loudon Ledger*: Cindy sent in an article about putting your garden to bed. Other ideas for articles: Year end roundup, Other equipment, Flash freezing, grain mills.

8. Other Old Business — elect officers, tabled for December

New Business — none

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Agriculture Commission Minutes — December 1, 2016

Members:

Chris D Koufos – 2016 President
Doug Towle – 2018 Vice President
Carole Soule – 2017 Secretary
Cindy Shea – 2016 Member
Bruce Dawson – 2017 – Member
Kay Doyon – 2019 – Alternate

Attendees: Kay Doyon, Carole Soule, Cindy Shea, Doug Towle
Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Old Business

1. Minutes from the Nov 3, 2016 meeting were accepted with corrections.
2. Workshops

- Soule moved, Dawson seconded and it was approved to pay Cindy Shea's receipts when grant money is received.

- The Final report for the NH Mini Grant will be submitted by Soule before the Dec 30th deadline.

- In January the board will review the suggested list of possible workshops.

It was agreed that the board should contact the NH Small and Beginner Farmers for workshops including how to use freeze dryers. Other workshops might include Fish and Game presentations on predators. Other ideas are making your own flour, growing grapes.

3. Grants and fund raising

We should look at the NEFF grant opportunity again as well as consider the NH Mini Grant again. It was suggested that a chicken raffle might be a good fund raiser.

4. Website and Social Media

- It was suggested that we list the County Extension farm equipment that is available for rent on the web-

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- site. Dawson has done website updates.
5. A recap for 2016 for the Town Report is needed. Shea offered to write the review.
 6. Master Plan / Planning Board — No updates; tabled for this session.
 7. *Loudon Ledger*
 - Two possible farms should be contacted to be included in the farm list: Red Gate Farm and a farm on Bee

Hole Rd. Dawson thought there was a farm on Upper City Rd that might be included.

8. Other Old Business — it was decided to ask for donations at our scheduled workshops.
 9. The following officers were elected:
 - President: Doug Towle
 - Vice President: Chris Koufos
 - Secretary: Bruce Dawson
 - Treasurer: Cindy Shea
- Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Agriculture Commission Minutes — January 5, 2017

Attendees: Doug Towle, Bruce Dawson, Cindy Shea, Carole Soule, Kay Doyon, Steve Doyon, Stanley Prescott
Called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Old Business

1. Minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting were accepted with corrections.

Confirmation of action items:

2. Cindy Shea has not yet been paid; neither has Carole. Cindy and Carole agreed to wait on their payments so we can go for another grant with our full funds.
 - The Mini Grant Final Report was submitted to the NH Dept. of Agriculture.
 - SBFNH, and others were contacted for workshops. There was a discussion about “bunnies” vs. “rabbits” — rabbit raising versus rabbit processing. The TriCounty/SBFNH will let us demonstrate the freeze drier (Contact: Christine).
 - The Extension Service doesn’t have farm equipment that’s available, but the SBFNH does, as does the Merrimack County Conservation District, which was on the LoudonAg.org web site.
 - A 2016 Recap for the Town Report was not made, but Cindy will do it.
3. Workshops for 2017. There was significant discussion about workshops, and a request for a petition to the Town Meeting. The following workshops ideas were considered:
 - Cooking — no one on the board seemed to be interested in this.
 - Food Canning — Bruce will check with the UNH Extension Service about workshops
 - Solar — this was already done — maybe another one next year.
 - Food Waste — this was already done by the town’s recycling committee.
 - Backyard Gardening — on one on the board seemed to be interested in this.
 - Fruit Trees — Doug will investigate to see what workshops are available.
 - Soap Making — Cindy will follow-up on this.

- Kay and Steve are willing to do another Chicken workshop in early June. Attendees will have to pay a fee, bring their own knives, and use Kay and Steve’s chickens. There may be more emphasis on raising chickens than processing them this time.
 - The Ag Commission and NHSBF are looking into holding a collaborative rabbit raising workshop.
4. Grants and Fund Raising: Carole indicated the grants she was considering required matching funds. The NH Mini Grant deadline is at the end of February 2017. Fundraising was tabled for now.
 5. Websites and Social Media: Bruce indicated that the Ag Board’s mailing list (not the web site) is getting hit with a lot of spam. Ways of countering this are:
 - Changing the mailing list name.
 - Unpublishing the mailing list and require people to use the contact form on the web site.
 - Using another service that provides screening (Carole pointed out that these usually cost money). Bruce will consider using a combination of the first two suggestions.
 6. Newsletter: Has only gone out to announce workshops.
 7. Master Plan / Planning Board: Stanley Prescott said it meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. They’ve been doing a lot of work.
 8. *Loudon Ledger*: The latest issue had the article from Cindy in it, but not the list of farms. Cindy will talk to Debbie K to find out what happened.
 9. Other Old Business: none.

New Business

1. Carole has not yet made any progress looking at NEFF grant opportunity and a chicken raffle.
 2. Contact farms for the Loudon Ledger Farm List: Red Gate Farm on Bee Hole Road, Upper City Road
 3. We need to get “The Box” from Chris Koufos that we keep all the Agriculture Commission’s documents in.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Conservation Commission Minutes — February 6, 2017

Members in attendance: Rob Buzzell & Sandra Blanchard

Alternates in attendance: Sandy Sims & Polly Touzin

Others in attendance: Martha Butterfield, Sam Durfee (CNHRPC), Herb & Nancy Huckins, Jeff Moore, Curtis Rude & Carole Soule

The Loudon Conservation Commission met on February 6, 2017 at 6 p.m. in Charlie’s Barn.

The commission met with Carole Soule of Miles Smith Farm to discuss a potential conservation easement project on her property located on Beck Road. Ms. Soule informed the membership about the property. Ms. Soule would like to put the majority of her 25 acre farm into a conservation easement. Chairman Buzzell asked what amount of compensation Ms. Soule would be looking for or if she would be willing to gift the easement to the town. Ms. Soule stated that she would like some form of compensation for the easement, but is not looking for the highest amount that the property could bear. Chairman Buzzell described the process for the town to carry a conservation easement project from start to finish and mentioned that there were other people who had already come forth looking to do an easement project in town. The commission showed interest in this project and will look forward to talking more about it in the future.

The commission then shifted focus to the trails committee for an update on their progress. Sandra Blanchard stated that there was a tremendous amount of progress in the last couple of months with the trails committee. Ms. Blanchard has been working closely with representatives from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to help focus the goals of the trails committee.

Ms. Blanchard discussed three potential trail projects in the town that are focused primarily on use of town land and class VI roads. Ms. Blanchard talked in detail about a potential trail project using the town forest on Youngs Hill Road. Sam Durfee of CNHRPC showed the commission maps of the property with areas that Ms. Blanchard and himself had walked that could be converted to a trail with relative ease. Chairman Buzzell mentioned that there was another parcel of town land located directly behind the town forest and expressed interest in trying to utilize that parcel in conjunction. Ms. Blanchard mentioned that there was a lot of interest in a trails committee with other town boards and citizens. Ms. Blanchard described two other potential trail projects

one off of Lovejoy Road and the other in conjunction with the upcoming Route 106 highway project.

Chairman Buzzell then asked for a monitoring update from Sandy Sims and Polly Touzin. Ms. Sims and Ms. Touzin stated the field monitoring for 2016 was complete and the reports are almost complete.

The commission then shifted focus to renewal of annual dues and other requests. The Clough Pond Association sent a letter to the commission asking for a donation of \$1,000 to aid with the lake host program on Clough Pond. The commission discussed the value of having the lake host program at Clough Pond and the work they do. *Ms. Touzin made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Clough Pond Association. The motion was seconded by Chairman Buzzell and all members were in favor.* Chairman Buzzell discussed renewing annual dues for membership in the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists. Discussion ensued about the merits of being a member of both associations. The commission agreed that being involved with both organizations is valuable. *Chairman Buzzell made a motion to renew memberships for both organizations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sims and all members were in favor.*

Chairman Buzzell mentioned a need for additional members for the commission. Chairman Buzzell asked Jeff Moore if he would be interested in becoming an alternate member. Mr. Moore has been attending meetings for a few months now and has expressed interest in helping the commission. Mr. Moore was receptive and accepted the invitation. Chairman Buzzell will draft a letter to the selectmen to appoint Mr. Moore to be an alternate member.

Chairman Buzzell mentioned that the commission now has printed many copies of an informative brochure about the commission and distributed some to the members and audience. Discussion was had about having these brochures available in the town office and other public notice distribution areas.

Chairman Buzzell asked if any new or old business was in need of discussion. No other new or old business was brought up by the membership.

Ms. Touzin made motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Sims. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rob Buzzell, Chair*

TOWN DEPARTMENT WEB SITES

Selectmen’s Office, Town Clerk, Planning/Zoning, Tax Collector, Building/Code Enforcement, Transfer Station, Highway Department, Fire Department:
loudonnh.org

Loudon Police Dept.: **www.loudonpolice.com**

Loudon Elementary School/MVHS/School District:
https://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpdpride.org/district/home

Maxfield Public Library: **www.maxfieldlibrary.com**

Loudon Food Pantry: **www.loudonfoodpantry.org**



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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 17, 2017

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

Also Present: Police Chief 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 10, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief.

Chief Burgess submitted a letter that he received in the mail regarding a personnel issue.

Chief Burgess asked if a decision has been made regarding the part-time employee that he proposed hiring last week. Chairman Krieger said he has no problem with it. Selectman Ives said he spoke to a couple people and they both had high praise for him. Selectman Fiske said Chief Burgess indicated that this would make five part-time people, but he counted and it looks like this would be six. Chief Burgess agreed that this would make six because Officer Emerson stayed on part-time. Selectman Fiske asked if the Pittsfield administration should be asked about this. Selectman Ives asked how they can prevent him from taking a part-time job. Selectman Fiske said because of his job. Chairman Krieger said the proper background check was done and they have the equipment for him. Selectman Ives verified with Chief Burgess that he is short-handed right now so this would help. Selectman Fiske asked when he would be working. Chief Burgess said mostly weekends and maybe a couple of afternoon shifts as well. Chief Burgess said he is highly trained and has been in this work for over 20 years. *Selectman Ives made a motion to appointment Jeffry Cain as a part-time patrolman effective January 17, 2017. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. Majority rules. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger said that he asked Chief Burgess and Janice Morin to get together about the letter that she brought forward last week. Chief Burgess said he continues to stand where he stood last week. Selectmen Ives and Fiske said they stated their opinions last week.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an anonymous letter regarding plowing. Chairman Krieger said they will hold the letter until the Road Agent is in attendance. Selectman Fiske asked if there is a signature on the letter. Chairman Krieger said there is not. Selectman Fiske said that years ago, previous selectman said they wouldn't address a complaint without a signature.

The Board received a letter from Roger Maxfield regarding the Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Maxfield explained that they are adding names to the Memorial. He said it was advertised that they were looking for names. Mr. Maxfield explained that ten applied;

seven qualified. He explained that there is an insert in the monument that will be taken out and sent to Vermont for laser printing of the seven names. Selectman Fiske asked how long it will be away. Mr. Maxfield said they will have it done and back for Memorial Day. Mr. Maxfield said that Bob Colarusso is very familiar with granite having worked at Swenson's so he will be helping to remove it. Chairman Krieger thanked Mr. Maxfield, Mr. Colarusso and all the people and their families that are on the memorial.

The Board received information from the Town Attorney regarding the Letter of Intent from NHMS about a concert. The Board will take this under advisement.

Chairman Krieger explained that last week they discussed the petition to accept Bert Lane; the discussion was tabled until this week so it could be looked into further. Chairman Krieger explained that Stan Prescott looked into this for them. Mr. Prescott said he looked at the as-built plans and the approved road plans. He said the regulations say they should show the bottom of the detention basins; the lowest elevation and the top. Mr. Prescott said that is what is shown on the construction plans and should be shown on the as-built plan. He said the whole access road should be shown, there should be a draft deed from Mr. Aversa to the town before approval; it should show all metes and bounds. Mr. Prescott said the June 2007 Planning Board minutes say that Mr. Aversa agreed to clear and grub the road so Mr. Ordway can get back to his lot and it could be used for future development. Selectman Fiske asked if the road has been clear and grubbed or not. Mr. Prescott said it wasn't a year or so ago when he was there, the road agent said it has been. Mr. Prescott said the as-built doesn't show the culvert that goes across this access road and should be. He said the biggest thing is that the bounds should be set for the access road. The Board agreed with Mr. Prescott. Chairman Krieger said the information will be forwarded to Mr. Aversa. The Board thanked Mr. Prescott for researching this for the board.

Chairman Krieger 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 — 7/01/2017 to 06/30/2018. The Hearings will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building, located behind the Town Offices. The proposed Budget will be voted on at the March 2017 Town Meeting. Loudon Board of Selectmen, Robert P. Krieger, Chairman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman, Robert N. Fiske, Selectman.*

Chairman Krieger explained that they would start with the budget; he said if anyone has questions they should ask. He

explained that they decided on a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for employees.

Chairman Krieger explained that the part-time office line for the selectmen's office increased due to the number of hours needed in the office. The mileage line has decreased because there will be mailboxes at the new town office.

The Landfill testing line, the Historical Society and the Conservation Commission lines all remain level funded.

The Town Clerk Assistant Clerk line has been zeroed out and those funds are combined with the Deputy Town Clerk line.

The Election budget has decreased 63.52% because there are no federal elections.

A mileage line has been added to the Treasurer's budget because the bank in Loudon closed and she has to go to Concord now. There has also been a line added for office equipment for a new computer.

The Legal line is down 25%, a settlement has been reached with NHMS regarding taxes.

NH Retirement line has increased; more of the cost is being handed down to the towns.

The Planning Board and Zoning Board secretary wages are down 48.14% because the position is now part-time.

The governments building and town cemetery lines remain level-funded.

Health and dental insurance is up 12.22%.

Unemployment and worker's comp insurance is down, property and liability insurance is up.

Police salaries is up 6.72%. This is to cover the 2% COLA as well as the police chief's salary. The part-time secretary line is up 63.83%, this line is to cover Janice when she takes time off. Dispatch and office supply lines are up.

Chairman Krieger explained that last year Chief Burgess took the cruiser out of the budget, it is back in this year. Dustin Bowles asked if it time to put the police cruiser in as a capital reserve. He said then it wouldn't have to go in and out of the budget as a line item every year. They would be saving for one like they do every other department. Roger Maxfield said they took it out of the capital reserve fund because there was a lot of debate each year as to whether they needed it or not. Selectman Ives said they will take that under consideration.

Health Department wages are up 2% for COLA everything else is level-funded.

Ambulance wages are up 2.32%, part-time wages are up 22.99%. Chairman Krieger explained that the Fire Chief is finding it harder to cover the ambulance with standby.

Fire Department wages are up 2%, dispatch and medical expenses are up.

Compliance wages are up 2%, assistant wages are up 3.57%. Everything else is level-funded.

Emergency Management and Forest Fire are level-funded.

Highway Department wages are up .39%, overtime wages are up 7.32%. Telephone is up 68.57%, gas & oil is down 11.11%. A gentleman from the audience asked about the increase in telephone. Selectman Ives explained that an alarm system was installed at the highway garage and there needs to be a dedicated line for that. Highway Block Grant money is up 17.63%. Chairman Krieger explained that is money that comes from the State and is spent specifically for roads.

Animal Control, Community Action Program, J.O. Cate Van, Welfare, and Recreation are all level-funded. Roger Maxfield explained that when money is given out for welfare and the person owns a home a lien is put on the property. He said that this year the town was reimbursed about \$3,500 for that.

Patriotic Purposes, Loudon Old Home Day, Economic Development and Contingency Fund are level-funded.

Loudon Communications Council is up 25%.

The total budget is 4,429,399 up 2.68%. Chairman Krieger explained that they meet with all the department heads; there isn't a lot of wiggle room in their budgets and the town is lucky to have the people they do.

Selectman Ives said he'd go over the Estimated Revenues. He explained that the revenues are projections based on history, the economy and money from outside sources.

Selectman Ives explained that the first section reflects money owed in interest on overdue property taxes. He said they made the very hard decision a couple of years ago, to take houses due to unpaid property taxes so that number is lower than what it used to be.

Land Use Tax estimates are the same. Tom Blanchette said the gravel tax estimate seems low considering all the gravel he sees moving down 106. Selectman Ives said it may be coming from towns other than Loudon. Mr. Blanchette said there is a lot coming from the greenhouses. Chairman Krieger asked if he knows for sure this is happening because he knows that lady from the State has looked into it.

Building permit fees are estimated at \$10,000.

Motor Vehicle Registrations are estimated at \$900,000.

Meals and room tax is \$280,265.

Highway Block Grant is \$172,515. Selectman Ives explained that as Chairman Krieger explained earlier; this money comes for the state and is spent on roads.

Reimbursement for things such as plowing a road in Gilmanton, Church reimbursement, department revenues all amount to an estimated \$21,175.00

Landfill revenues total approximately \$83,550.00. This includes recycling, septage, etc.

Selectman Ives said the total estimated revenues not including property taxes is \$2,348,412.

Selectman Fiske read the following: **Article 01:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year

Article 02: Zoning Amendments
Add Section 509, Accessory Dwelling Unit to include:

509.1 Purpose: To provide expanded affordable housing opportunities, provide

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

509.2 Requirements:

A. Only one Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be permitted per Single Family Dwelling Unit.

B. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be located within the Single Family Dwelling Unit or attached to a Single Family Dwelling.

C. The property must be owner-occupied.

D. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not exceed two bedrooms.

E. The Accessory Dwelling Unit must meet all current Building Codes.

F. Accessory Dwelling Units must be no smaller than 750 square feet and no larger than 1500 square feet.

G. Suitable septic disposal facility shall be provided and conform to all NHDES regulations.

H. Off street parking shall be provided with at least 2 spaces for Principal Dwelling Unit and 2 spaces for the Accessory Dwelling Unit.

I. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall only be permitted on a lot that meets the minimum required lot size (frontage, area, etc.) for a single-family dwelling in the respective district.

J. A Building Permit must be obtained prior to construction from the Town of Loudon Building Department.

K. Interior door between Single Family Dwelling Unit and Accessory Dwelling Unit is required.

509.3 Limitations:

A. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted subordinate to a two-family or multi-family dwelling.

B. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted in Open-Space Conservation subdivisions.

C. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be segregated in ownership from the principal dwelling unit.

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

Add in Appendix: Definitions:

Dwelling Unit, Accessory: A room or rooms arranged for the use of one or more persons living together, being subordinate to another attached dwelling unit, and having separate and independent sleeping, cooking, eating and sanitary facilities. An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall include direct access to the outdoors and direct access to the attached dwelling unit.

Reason for proposal: To establish a definition for ADU.

Selectman Fiske explained that this is required by state law and the Planning and Zoning board are doing their best to protect the Town of Loudon. Roger Maxfield asked if state law is mandating this. Selectman Fiske said yes, it is mandated by law.

Article 03: Purchase of a Loader Backhoe

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,900 for the purchase of a Loader Backhoe, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 04: For reclaiming and paving S. Village Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,135 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving S. Village Road and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$115,135 to be raised by taxes and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Dustin Bowles asked if this is going to start at the bridge and go all the way to 106. Chairman Krieger said it is and it includes widening in the area of the VOA.

Article 05: Town Website

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of contracting with Virtual Towns and Schools to create a Town of Loudon website, with services to include full content development, website design, secure hosting, staff training and ongoing support; and to appoint the Loudon Communications Council in conjunction with the Selectmen as agents to carry this purpose into effect. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 06: False Fire Alarm Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a False Fire Alarm Ordinance. Such ordinance would allow the town to charge for repeat false fire alarms. A false fire alarm is defined as an alarm activation or sprinkler activation due to a malfunction. The Board of Selectmen has the authority to set the fee structure. (Majority vote required.)

Roger Maxfield asked how the Selectmen feel about this article. Chairman Krieger said it is his understanding that there are a few places in town that the fire department goes to quite a bit; some weekly, they refuse to get their alarm fixed. Mr. Maxfield asked what the definition of repeat is. Chairman Krieger said he believes it will be three times. He explained that they do not want to discourage people from having alarms. Selectman Fiske explained that for example if the Fire Chief goes to a commercial structure and see's that there is a faulty compressor, tells the owner that it needs to be fixed and then gets called down there 2-3

times. That's the type of thing that they are talking about.

Article 07: Solar Energy System Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for a property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with a Solar Energy Systems. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the value of the Solar Energy System under these statutes. BY PETITION (Majority vote required)

Article 08: To raise and appropriate for established CRF

To see if the town of Loudon will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$489,500 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 \$5,000

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

Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund \$100,000

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

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

Stan Prescott mentioned that the Town History CRF voted in at last year's town meeting is missing. The Board agreed; it will be added. MaryAnn Steele asked why they are still putting away money for the new town office. Selectman Fiske said the quotes came in high and they need the money to complete the building. He said specifically for the elevator or they will complete it without the elevator. Selectman Ives clarified that isn't actually an elevator it is a lift. He explained that the elevator would have cost about a quarter of a million and the lift is about \$75-80,000. Ms. Steele said they thought last year was the last year to put money in this CRF. Chairman Krieger said they were hoping that. He said the building will be built but they will need money for the lift. Selectman Ives said they are trying to save money everywhere they can but the fact of the matter is that the bids came in higher than they hoped.

Article 09: 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 10: For general municipal operations.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,429,399 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately." (Majority vote required)

Article 11: To transact any other business

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Chairman Krieger explained that they are planning on an Open House at the new Town Office building the day before town meeting. He said it won't be completely done at that point but it will be enough that people can get an idea of what they are getting for their money. Selectman Ives said it's amazing what has to be done behind the walls that can't be seen and how much money is spent on that. Ms. Steele said word really needs to be spread about the Open House. Chairman Krieger agreed. He said maybe Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts can sell hot chocolate or something at the open house.

Dustin Bowles asked if any consideration has been given to RSA 72:28b which allows all veterans to receive a credit. Chairman Krieger said he hasn't actually seen the wording. Mr. Bowles said it isn't mandated but people have been asking him about it. Roger Maxfield said this would make all veterans eligible not just veterans of foreign wars. Mr. Bowles said he read that a survey could be sent out with tax bills to see what how many would be eligible so the tax impact could be estimated. Selectman Ives said he was at the auctions of properties that the town took due to unpaid taxes and anytime you start messing around with the tax base it effects the bottom line. He said somehow, we need to raise four million; it needs to come from somewhere. Selectman Ives said there are those on fixed incomes and if they can't pay their taxes they will lose their house. He said he doesn't want to take any more houses it is an awful, awful thing to see.

Chairman Krieger thanked everyone for coming and closed the budget hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 7:21 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 24, 2017

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

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

Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Krieger explained that last week they discussed the petition to accept Bert Lane; the discussion was tabled until this week so it could be looked into further. Chairman Krieger recognized Web Stout, representative of Dan Aversa, Loudon Woods Estates. Selectman Ives explained that he discussed this with the Planning Board. It was explained that when this development was approved there was an easement to an accessing lot that was moved to create one of the new lots, the Planning Board approved this subdivision with the town owning a 50' wide piece to the back properties so that nothing would be landlocked. He said the only way to change that would be to go back to the Planning Board and amend the plan. Selectman Fiske asked about the deed. Mr. Stout said Mr. Aversa has an attorney drafting a deed. Roy Merrill asked if anyone has every measured the width of Bert Lane; 4' shoulders are supposed to be maintained on both sides. Selectman Ives said the town engineer and the Road Agent have looked at it. Chairman Krieger said they will have the Road Agent take another look at it.

Chairman Krieger explained that a couple of weeks ago, the board received an anonymous letter regarding plowing; parts of the roads aren't being plowed and there is still snow on the edges of the roads. Chairman Krieger said they will discuss it with the Road Agent next week.

The Board received a bill from Capitol Alarm for the Town Hall monitoring. They received a quote from a company that is monitoring the alarm at the highway garage and it is substantially cheaper. The Board agreed that they should go with the other company.

The Board received a resignation letter from Tracy Huckins. She will be resigning her position as Supervisor of the Checklist. Ms. Huckins will do the school and town elections and will officially be done at the end of this budget year. Chairman Krieger said she has done a fantastic job for the town and he thanks her. Selectman Ives agreed; adding that it was fun seeing Tracy and her mother doing elections.

Chairman Krieger explained that they received information from the Town Attorney regarding a letter that the track would like the Board to sign regarding a concert. Chairman Krieger said he spoke recently to Mr. McGrath; the track is moving forward with talks between Canterbury, the town attorney and Canterbury's Planning and Zoning. Selectman Ives said that he wants to stay out of it until they resolve it; he doesn't want to put this town in any kind of liability,

he see's problems with the Letter of Intent. Chairman Krieger suggested they send an email saying that they remain neutral until there is clarification by the town attorney and a judge. Selectman Fiske agreed.

Chairman Krieger said they received more information about the proposed easement for the Magoon's on Clough Pond Road. The Town Attorney advised that the language he wrote stay the same. The Board all agreed that they are taking the Town Attorney's advice on this; the language will remain as written.

The Board received a letter from Nobis Engineering regarding DES required sampling. Mr. Andrews volunteered to come in and discuss it with the Board. A meeting will be arranged.

The Board received information from NH Municipal regarding cemetery trustees. An article will be added to the warrant making the Selectmen the cemetery trustees which will give them the authority to appoint a sexton.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received Military Orders for Juan Posada for annual training.

The Board received the Maxfield Library Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2017. Selectman Ives said the trustees are doing a heck of a job.

The Board received a copy of information regarding HB 324. Chairman Krieger read that this bill will strip the towns of the ability to assess utility properties giving that authority to the Department of Revenue. He read that the intent of the bill is to reduce assessed property values statewide by billions of dollars raising tax rates and shifting tens of millions of dollars in property taxes onto residential and commercial properties. There is a request to get as many representatives from municipalities as possible to the hearing tomorrow.

The Board received a copy of the updated warrant articles. Chairman Krieger stated that the next hearing will be Wednesday, February 8th at 6pm in the barn.

The Board received a memo and copies of the submitted Town Report Articles for their review. Selectman Fiske will take a picture of the new town office for the front cover of the report. Selectman Ives will write the Selectmen's report.

Chairman Krieger submitted a change in the personnel policy regarding annual leave. He explained that it is the information that he each of the selectmen last week to review and consider. Selectman Ives and Fiske agreed to the change. *Selectman Ives made a motion to change the personnel policy, amending the annual leave policy, to change the fifth paragraph page 13 to read as follows:*

Permanent fulltime employees shall accrue leave per the formula below.

<i>1st year</i>	<i>5 days for the first completed months of service.</i>
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2nd–5th years 10/12 day per month of completed service.

6th–20th years 15/12 day per month of completed service.

21st–26th years 20/12 day per month of completed service

27th–end year 25/12 day per month of completed service.

Salaried employees will start at the 6th year for annual leave and will continue as listed above with the following years of completed service. Unless the employee's status with the town changes from hourly to salary and they have more than 20 years, they will then fall into the listed years above as to the amount of service with the town.

6–20 15/12 (year one)

21–26 20/12 (years 6–10)

27–end 25/12 (years 11–end)

Selectman Ives said this is adopted January 24, 2017. *Seconded by Selectman Fiske. Chairman Krieger asked that this be made retroactive to January 1, 2017. Chairman Krieger clarified that this change is to the Personnel Policies Manual For The Town Of Loudon, revised 12/16/14. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Krieger said that on Friday, March 17 from 10-12 and 4-6 there will be an Open House at the new town office.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 6:29 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Robert N. Fiske, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 31, 2017

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

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

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

Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.

Mr. Houle explained that during the last snowstorm truck #3 lost an oil pan.; it has been replaced.

Mr. Houle explained that the spinner motor on the one-ton has been leaking; he's waiting for parts for that.

Mr. Houle said they've been cutting up dead trees on the sides of roads.

Mr. Houle said they've cleaned up their parts room which was a total disaster.

Selectman Fiske asked Mr. Houle about road widths. Mr. Houle said it has been brought up to him that roads don't meet specs because of the shoulders. He explained that on Bert Lane he believes it does meet specs that the four-foot shoulder meets the pavement and slopes down to the ditches. Selectman Fiske asked if the engineer approved it with those shoulders. Mr. Houle said he didn't have the actual plan he had an as-built plan. Mr. Houle said it also depends on the contour of the land as it goes away from the road, people might bring their lawns right to the shoulder so it doesn't look like it's there. Selectman Ives said if Mr. Houle is happy with the road and the town engineer is, he is.

Chairman Krieger gave Mr. Houle information regarding a loader quote that was given to the Board. Mr. Houle said when it's time he is going to get more prices.

The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Wright explained that he requested and received a price quote of \$4,000 for the update to the Local Emergency Operations Plan that he mentioned a couple of weeks ago, he said the last update was done in 2006. Chief Wright said he and Chief Burgess met with Homeland Security Emergency Management Representative to review the contract, proposal, grant application process, and a possible update to the EOC. He said the grant for the update to the EOP has been applied for.

Chief Wright said the Loudon Hazard Mitigation Plan has been revised by Central NH Regional Planning. The plan was reviewed by Chief Wright and his Office Manager; several changes needed to be made. The plan will be made submitted to Homeland Security for conditional approval, the Board of Selectmen for adoption and then to FEMA for final approval.

Chief Wright said they had their first meeting with the new EMS Paramedic trainer. He said it was a very good training. Chief Wright said they had almost 100% participation by their EMT's.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said he currently has two full-time positions open and he would like to propose someone to fill one of those positions. He explained that the candidate is a

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full-time police officer in Goffstown, she has six years of experience, very reliable, she has received numerous awards including one for not calling in sick for an entire year, as well as other awards from her Chief and Kelly Ayotte, she is very involved with community events. Chief Burgess said the Chief from Goffstown highly recommended her, and background has been completed. Chief Burgess said she asked if she could start with two weeks' vacation Chief Burgess explained that she went to the academy with two of the officers that currently work for Loudon, and he would like to start her at \$21.52 per hour. Chairman Krieger asked how Chief Burgess came up with that number. He explained that he took those two officers pay added them together and divided it by two to come up with \$21.52. He said both of those officers also have six years' experience. Chairman Krieger said they have been hiring with a six-month period and then bringing them up in pay. Chief Burgess explained that Emily Crosby has come to realize that she isn't a city type patrol officer she wants to work in a small town. Selectman Fiske said they usually meet applicants. Chief Burgess will see if she is available to come in next Tuesday.

Chief Burgess said they sold the firearms. The Town Treasurer has the check for \$3,000.

Chairman Krieger recognized Representative Howard Moffett.

Mr. Moffett explained that every representative is assigned to one of the twenty-two standing committees in legislature. He explained that his assignment is Science, Technology and Energy. Mr. Moffett said for the most part the committee deals with things such as energy issues and use, electric rates, telecommunication. He explained that HB 324 — Valuation of Utility Property was before them last Wednesday for public hearing. Mr. Moffett explained that in a nutshell this bill would have taken away from the towns in NH the authority to appraise utility property transferring that authority to NH Department of Revenue Administration. He said the hearing was three hours long with testimony for and against the bill. Utility companies liked the bill because it would generally reduce the property taxes that they pay to each town. Mr. Moffett showed the Selectman a chart that shows the differences between the valuations. He explained that Loudon's fair market value utility assessment is \$14,966,80 and DRA's Utility value is \$8,325,766 a difference of \$6,641,034. Mr. Moffett said that means every property owner in Loudon will have a substantial increase in their property taxes to make up that difference. Mr. Moffett said

that at their executive session this afternoon the committee voted unanimously (20 to 0) to retain the bill rather than to recommend passing the bill. He said this means they will keep the bill and appoint a sub-committee to study the bill to decide whether the bill should be amended, killed or passed. Mr. Moffett said there are some serious issues problems with utility valuation in NH. There is a lot of inconsistencies in towns. He explained that the utilities can challenge the towns and often the judge rules in favor of the town and upholds the valuation. Mr. Moffett said the sponsors of this bill would like to see a more uniform across the board way of assessing utilities across the state. Mr. Moffett said he would welcome input on this, any meetings regarding this will be open to the public; people can listen or voice their opinions.

Chairman Krieger recognized Dave McGrath from the audience.

Mr. McGrath explained that he came in to speak about the letter of intent that was submitted regarding the country musical festival this summer. Chairman Krieger said there is concern about the end times for the bands he said that in the past it has been 10 p.m. Mr. McGrath said the promoter would like to go until 11 p.m., he would like to split the difference and go for 10:30. Selectman Ives said he would go along with that if it is music off at 10:30 not 10:31. Mr. McGrath agreed. Selectman Ives explained that he wouldn't have a problem giving Mr. McGrath a letter saying they wouldn't stand in the way of this taking place if all procedures have taken place and he thinks Planning Board approval is necessary. Mr. Ives said he feels it is a change of use from a parking lot to a concert venue. Mr. McGrath said they can look at this; in his opinion they aren't doing anything permanent, they aren't building anything it is an accessory use change. He explained that they will bring in and set-up a stage, take it down and three days after the event you'll never know it was there. Selectman Ives asked what the area is used for now. Mr. McGrath said Tough Mudder, camping during NASCAR events, and in the winter the snowmobile trail goes through it. Selectman asked if the primary use is parking. Mr. McGrath said the primary use is camping. Mr. McGrath said it sounds like more of a Zoning issue than a Planning Board issue. Selectman Ives said he won't be willing to sign a letter if they aren't willing to go to the Planning Board. Mr. McGrath will look into it. Selectman Fiske asked how regional impact fits into this. Mr. McGrath said it doesn't; if there is a change to the land use then they would have to go through that process but because it's only a temporary concert it isn't. He explained that the attorneys don't feel it's necessary because it is just an acces-

sory use change on property that they are already zoned to use for what they are asking to do with it. Selectman Fiske said in his opinion the Tough Mudder is a racing event; whether it's running or cars. He said concerts don't fit into that. Selectman Fiske said he would like it clarified by the attorney's whether it is of regional impact. Selectman Ives said one reason for a Planning Board hearing would be so the public would be notified and be able to voice their opinions. He explained that if it appears that they are trying to sidestep that they will get screamed at. Chairman Krieger said the Planning Board meets the third Thursday. He asked if Mr. McGrath could attend and discuss it with them. Mr. McGrath said he will talk to his attorneys about it and speak to the Planning Board secretary about the meeting. Selectman Ives will fill the Chairman of the Planning Board in on the conversation. Chairman Krieger will talk to the town attorney about the letter.

Selectman Ives moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:41 PM.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Fiske — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to come out of non-public session at 7:00 PM.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Fiske — yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger — yes; Ives — yes; Fiske — yes.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding a Ladd easement deed amendment. *Selectman Fiske made a motion to authorize Selectman Ives to sign the deed amendment. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the ESMI Self-report for December 2016.

The Board received the Cate Van Minutes for October 2016.

The Board received a memo regarding Town Report Articles.

Randy Cicchetto from the audience asked if the Board is going to discuss Bert Lane. Chairman Krieger said they are not; they are waiting for a deed. The gentleman said the deed was sent in today. The Board said they have not seen it. He asked why the town wants to take an easement/right of way when they could be collecting taxes on it. He said it really has nothing to do with Bert Lane. Selectman Ives explained that the plan approved by the Planning Board includes this right of way and they don't have the authority to change or modify that. He said if Mr. Aversa wants to go back to the Planning Board to change it he can go see them. Selectman Fiske explained that after much investigation he agrees with the way the Planning Board handled it.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, Chairman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman
Robert N. Fiske, Selectman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 8, 2017

Present: Chairman Krieger and Selectman Fiske.

Also present was Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 31, 2017 as written. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess explained that as the Board requested last week he brought Emily Crosby, candidate for a full-time position, in to meet them. Chief Burgess explained that she comes with 6 plus years of experience, 3 years of dispatch and three years on the road, he said that he heard that she is very reliable, has received numerous awards, one award was for not calling in sick for an entire year, very involved in community events and the special Olympics, and she received a community service award from Kelly Ayotte. Chairman Krieger asked

about her dispatching. Ms. Crosby explained that she dispatched for Goffstown Fire Rescue and Police as well as Weare Fire Rescue. Chairman Krieger asked what academy she went through. Ms. Crosby said she went to part-time academy in 2013 and the full-time academy in 2014. Chairman Krieger asked where she lives and what her interest is in coming to Loudon. Ms. Crosby said she lives in Goffstown. She explained that she heard about the opening from Officer Posada and came in and met with Chief Burgess. Ms. Crosby said after discussing the job she realized it fit with her career goals which is to be a community officer, to get involved with the DARE program and would get her back to her small-town roots. Selectman Fiske explained that because his name is going to be on the appointment paper he would like to review the background. Chief Burgess explained that he would like to get her hired as soon as possible. Chairman Krieger agreed with Chief Burgess. He proposed that Selectman Fiske

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review the file and they make a decision right away; not waiting another week. Selectman Fiske agreed. Chairman Krieger said that he spoke to Selectman Ives who agreed to go along with whatever was decided. Selectman Fiske said this is nothing against Ms. Crosby it's just that they have a big responsibility signing that paper. He said he should be able to read through that paperwork and sign the appointment paper. Chairman Krieger said he is all set to hire her as soon as Selectman Fiske is all set. *Chairman Krieger made a motion that Emily R. Crosby be hired as a full-time patrolman with the caveat that Selectman Fiske review the folder.* Chairman Krieger explained that Selectman Fiske contacted the town attorney who said he can review the information. Chief Burgess said he is a little confused and he would like to address it; he would like to know why. He said he isn't aware of this happening with any other employee. *Selectman Fiske seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Krieger said with all intents and purposes this will happen fast. Chief Burgess asked if she can give her two weeks' notice. Chairman Krieger suggested she wait until tomorrow.

Chief Burgess said he has two issues; one that needs to be in public session and one in a non-public session. Chief Burgess explained that he is disappointed about the undermining and micro-managing that he has been going through; specifically, with one person. He said he is disappointed and embarrassed and it needs to come to an end. Chief Burgess said he isn't sure what he has done to this individual but he would like to hash it out. Chairman Krieger said if Selectman Fiske wants to talk about it now he can but his recommendation is that they meet and talk about it. Chief Burgess said they have done that, they've been down that road and honestly, he's growing tired of it. Selectman Fiske said they've had this conversation, they were going to meet and didn't, he's going to say very little about it because he has a lot to be vocal about too. Selectman Fiske said that when he gets vocal it will be in nonpublic session because of what his feelings are and what has been going on. Chief Burgess said he doesn't see why it needs to be in a nonpublic session. Selectman Fiske said because of what he has to say. Chief Burgess said he has nothing to hide. Selectman Fiske said he didn't either, he said he stated his point and there is nothing against Mr. Burgess whatsoever. Chief Burgess said that is not how it feels. Selectman Fiske said he has no hard feelings, some of the things that have been going on he is not keen to, he asked very nicely about viewing the background check on that young lady just because he wondered why they are so anxious to recommend her. He said she could be the best police officer in the State of NH but he does not see any harm in reading it. Chief Burgess asked if he has reviewed any other

employees background packet. Selectman Fiske said he has inquired about that yes. Chief Burgess asked if he has ever refused to sign other people's appointment papers. Selectman Fiske said yes, you know that, your personal one. Chief Burgess said myself, and Jeff Cain. Chief Burgess said he is strongly embarrassed that it was taken out on Jeff Cain because of him. Selectman Fiske said nothing has been taken out on Jeff Cain. Chief Burgess said there was a conversation that took place the next morning. Selectman Fiske said if he wants to go into nonpublic session they can do that. Chief Burgess said he doesn't want to go into nonpublic session he wants to address it now; the townspeople need to know the true colors. Selectman Fiske said they will know it but it's not going to be vocal. Chief Burgess said he's not looking for a screaming match; he's handling this as an adult. Chairman Krieger said it looks like Selectman Fiske isn't willing to get into this debate right now so without his participation it is a one-sided conversation. Chief Burgess said he just would like to know what he did. Selectman Fiske said he would strongly suggest that Chief Burgess follow Chairman Krieger's lead, he sees nothing in hashing this out and that's all he has to say. He said there isn't anything to hash out but he'll give him his side of the feelings, that's all, end of story.

Chief Burgess said he needs to go into a nonpublic session about another employee. Selectman Fiske moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 5:44 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to come out of non-public session at 5:54 PM; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Fiske – yes.

Chairman Krieger recognized Mary Ann Steele and Janice Morin from the Communication Council. Ms. Steele explained that they always keep money in reserve for the *Ledger* and they probably have enough until the town's money kicks in in July. She explained that they are doing all kinds of things such as looking into grants to find money. Ms. Steele is looking for reassurance from the Selectmen that if they can't make it to July the town will pick up the refund for the advertisers. Chairman Krieger asked if it would be safer to ask the town for more money at town meeting. Ms. Steele said the problem with that is that the money won't be available until July. Dustin Bowles asked about the by-laws regarding asking the town for money to fund it. Ms. Steele said no, not the by-laws but a minimum of a third of their funding has to come from another source to maintain their 501(c)3 status. Ms. Steele explained that they have been losing money steadily every month. She said they have been reluctant to raise ad rates. Ms. Steele explained that they don't expect they'll need it but it's against

their principles to spend the money and then hit June, find out they can't run the issue and somebody has paid for advertising for the month. Ms. Steele suggested that the Board hold aside money from the contingency fund in case they need it. She explained that this really is a crisis call. Chairman Krieger suggested that if they get up at town meeting and ask for money it might spark interest in advertising. Ms. Steele said they are considering for the next issue having a list of sustaining sponsors; people that give a contribution but are not trying to advertise. Chairman Krieger said he has no problem supporting it if the people want to. Chairman Krieger said they will look into the contingency fund.

Chairman Krieger opened the budget hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Krieger explained that here are no changes to the budget or the revenues since the last budget hearing. He asked if there are any questions about those. There were none.

Chairman Krieger explained that there are changes to the Warrant. Selectman Fiske reviewed those changes.

Selectman Fiske said that on page two the following was added: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2017-2 proposed and recommended by the Fire Department for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add Section 203.6 (#3), 204.6 (#3), 205.6(#3), 206.6(#3), 207.6 (#3) Bulk Storage: To allow propane tanks up to 1,000 gallons.

Reason: Current ordinance allows for a 500 gallon propane tank and industry standards continue to change; 1,000 gallon propane tanks are more commonly used.

Selectman Fiske said that Article 07 was added and he read it aloud: *To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of*

RSA 289:6 II-a providing that the Selectmen serve for the term of elected office as the cemetery trustees indefinitely until specific recession of such authority by subsequent Town Meeting by voting the following "Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the Board of Selectmen?" The Selectmen recommend this article.

Selectman Fiske said Article 09 was added and he read it aloud: *To see if the Town will vote to direct the Merrimack Valley School Board to establish a committee to study the opportunities and liabilities to the Town of Loudon to withdrawal from the Merrimack Valley School District pursuant to RSA 195:25 Procedure to Withdrawal. This study committee shall submit a feasibility report of their findings to the NH Board of Education within 180 days. BY PETITION*

Selectman Fiske said Article 10 was added and he read it aloud: *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,502.44 for the sole purpose of hiring two full-time Firefighter/AEMT or Paramedics. BY PETITION*


Selectman Fiske said under Article 11 the following was added: *Town History Capital Reserve Fund \$10,000.*

Chairman Krieger asked if there were any questions on the changes or on any of the articles. There were none. Chairman Krieger closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 6:10 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 19, 2017

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Cole, George Saunderson, Henry Huntington, Steve Ives and alternates Alice Tuson and Dustin Bowles.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 15, 2016 Regular Meeting — Mr. Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Moore. All were in favor. Motion carried.

December 15, 2016 CNHRPC Meeting — Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

December 8, 2016 — Mr. Ives made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Saunderson. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion:

LEF Greenhouses, Canterbury Planning Board — Mr. Huntington and Mr. Cole recused themselves from the discussion. Todd Bookman from NHPR was present in the audience and recording the discussion. Hillary Nelson from the Canterbury Planning Board spoke about the Canterbury residents complaints regarding the greenhouses. Mrs. Nelson said they would like the Loudon Planning Board to re-open the site plan for the greenhouses as they did for ESMI when there were noise complaints. Mrs. Nelson believes that Mr. Huntington will put up the blackout shades when he is able but would like this added to the site plan and not just be his word. Mrs. Nelson said if something were to happen to Mr. Huntington what would happen then with the blackout shades, this concerns residents. Tom Snyder a Loudon resident questioned what Mrs. Nelson was talking about with ESMI. Mrs. Nelson said a precedent was set when the board re-opened ESMI's site plan to adjust hours and she would like this done again. Mr. Snyder asked if this was something that could be done. Chairman Dow said he wasn't familiar with this being done for ESMI and he would have to look into

this. Mr. Snyder asked if he was correct by saying that a study wasn't done for the greenhouses. Chairman Dow asked what kind of study? Mr. Snyder said a study done to see what the ecological, psychological, physiological, biological, and environmental impact of the lights. Chairman Dow said there was not. Mr. Snyder said this has destroyed the beautiful view he has from his home. Many people stop on his property to take pictures and he said he doesn't see that happening now with this huge source of light. Ralph Reil asked what the plan is from the planning board. Vice Chairman Prescott said there was a meeting held by the Selectmen and at that meeting a plan was made. Mr. Riel said they sent him to the planning board meeting and that they need to join forces with the Planning Board. Vice Chairman Prescott said they do and there is a Selectman on the Planning Board in attendance tonight. Mr. Riel read a statement he brought in that came from the dark sky association. The injuries and wide spread use of artificial light at night is not only impairing our view of the universe, it is adversely affecting our environment, our safety, our energy consumption and our health. The moments of light pollution include glare, excessive brightness, sky glow, brightening of the night sky over its inhabited areas, light trespassing, light falling where it is not intended or needed, clutter, excessive groups of light source. This also has an effect on animal habitat glare of the lights affects wetlands, habitats, amphibians like frogs and toads whose nighttime dark is part of the breeding ritual. Mr. Riel added a quote "The sun, the moon and the stars would have disappeared long ago had they happen to be in within reach of predatory human hands. 1923 The Dance of Life. Someone had a vision even then. This is where we stand today folks, we have this glow in our front yards and we need to get together as a community and fight this. Don't let them pass this, get a restriction on these lights and get them under control. Glen Warner from Epsom asked for a layout of what has been done, when was it approved, non residential site plan review, re-hearing period? Chairman Dow stated he was not involved in the public hearings but

they took place in June and July 2015 with preliminary discussion in May. Residents have 45 days to appeal a decision from the board. Mr. Warner asked if there were any conditions about lighting. Chairman Dow said there is not. Mr. Warner asked if any abutters were present. Chairman Dow said none. Mr. Warner said this happened in the dark then? Chairman Dow said this was posted around town as well as abutters were notified but nobody came to the meeting with concerns, greenhouses are approved in the C/I district and have been since zoning started in 1985. Mrs. Nelson said that the board did not vote on regional impact and it is a regional impact issue. Sean Muzzey a Loudon resident spoke about the Selectmen's meeting he attended and said someone had mentioned an issue Mr. Huntington's other greenhouses caused so he didn't understand why that wasn't noted at the time of approval. Also a light variance was requested? Chairman Dow said there was a waiver for the outside lighting not indoor. Mr. Muzzey said so they can legally put off that much light? Chairman Dow said that he doesn't think anyone realized that the greenhouses were going to put off that much light. Mr. Muzzey said 2 years is a long time to fix this issue and when his shades are closed they glow orange. Chairman Dow said he appreciates him and everyone in this room telling the board how they are affected by this. The message has been received by the board and the selectmen have heard from the public. Mr. Muzzey said that Mr. Huntington did say the lights won't be on much in the summer. Mr. Muzzey said he was under the impression that the lights were on more on cloudy days so why the lights couldn't be turned on during the day when this isn't affecting people. Mr. Riel spoke about his property values as he is looking to sell his home in the next year or so and who will want to buy in Loudon? Mr. Snyder asked if Loudon had a view tax? Chairman Dow said he didn't know tax information. Mr. Snyder said he believes he pays for his view and it is unfair that he is being taxed for a view that is now being ruined. Molly Spirito, a Canterbury resident said that orange glow wakes her up every night she wonders about the surrounding communities Canterbury, Belmont, Chichester and if maybe they could come together to make change. She believes waiting 2 years to fix this is not good enough. Dennis Jakoboski spoke, what hasn't been talked about yet is how the greenhouses have washed out the stars we would be seeing. We have lost somewhere near 10% of the stars we would see. I emailed over a copy of a dark sky ordinance to the board members and wasn't sure if any members were able to look at that or perhaps are working on incorporating some dark sky ordinances into Loudon's zoning. I have worked in jurisdictions that go by the dark

sky ordinances and they were very easy to comply with, it was very simple. If you want to put a light in a parking lot you must use a light that shines down and not all over the place. This wasn't a burden to businesses to follow this. Mr. Jakoboski asked the board if they have looked at it or are willing to look at it. Chairman Dow said he hasn't had a chance to read the entire thing but has started reading it.. Mr. Jakoboski asked if there were ordinances in town? Chairman Dow said yes but not for everything not every little thing. Mr. Jakoboski asked then why have them? Chairman Dow said not everyone follows the rules. Mr. Jakoboski said that is exactly why this might be needed. Mr. Saunderson said that it is too late this year to add this to the ballot, if Mr. Jakoboski would like to speak to the board they can arrange a discussion in a more controlled and similar meeting. Mr. Jakobowski said he would like to do that. Kent Ruswick from Canterbury Planning Board said he doesn't know the board and have never been before you before. When we do one of these things Mrs. Nelson a board member says get a study on the lights. He said it seems like you had a member on the board who knew this was going to be an issue with the lights and it never came up and thinks the board needs to put their heads together and come up with something to reassure the community that this will be addressed. He said as a board member that is what he would have to do when these things come up like a campground that had come before the board and it raised a lot of hackles. Mr. Huntington spoke on behalf of the LEF greenhouses and said he has lived in this town for 40 years and the greenhouses have been a business in this town for 40 years. He said they love this town and have done a lot for the town and the last thing they want to do is upset their neighbors. He said they found this commercial property that seemed perfect for our company to expand and built a business that is extremely sustainable. Mr. Huntington said this provides local food for people who don't want their food trucked across the country, so many things that are really good for this region and the last thing that they thought was that this would be an issue. Mr. Huntington said they have lights at the greenhouses on Pleasant street and dealt with timing of lights at that location so it has little impact on neighbors. Mr. Huntington said this is modern agriculture and how agriculture will be in the future if we want local safe food that we know where it is being grown.. Mr. Huntington said they never realized the lights would be this big of an issue and they will fix this and have already explained that. Mr. Huntington said right now there isn't time or resources to fix it and in terms of if something happened to him tomorrow and he died he guarantees this is a family business and the philology,

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vision and values will continue on. Mr. Huntington said they have 3 of their next generation involved in this business and if they aren't worried about this then he doesn't know who is. He said this is going to happen; as a family they have given their word and if the planning board thinks that this should be reopened then they will reopen it. He said at this point this is what they are going to do, they have minimized the use of the lights in terms of when they are operating, they have added CO2 into our greenhouses so they can use the lights even less and in a few months they will be on very little, during the summer time they won't be on at all. He said when they expand they will put up the blackout curtains and that other facilities that are using the blackout curtains have had success with completely blocking the light. Mr. Huntington apologized on where they are at, they have made a huge investment in this operation and can't afford to shut down right now. Mr. Huntington said to put up the blackout curtains would require them to completely shut down, that just can't be done right now and that is why he is asking for some patience so they can get this done. Mr. Huntington said the planning board works hard for this town to make sure it has good development and good planning and if people don't like it volunteer, run for the board, get involved. He said he is happy to serve on the board not because he thinks it's a benefit to him but he believes he owes it to the town and that is why he does it that is why every single member sitting at the table does it. Glenn Warner spoke again to question the zoning board's involvement in a variance on lighting. Chairman Dow said there was a waiver for indoor lights not outdoor and it was done by Planning Board. Mr. Warner said indoor and outdoor lighting seems like it should go together. Mr. Merrill helped clear up the lighting waiver, he said he thinks people are under the impression the planning board allowed them extra lights. Vice Chairman Prescott said at the time he was acting chairman, normally they require a lighting plan but Mr. Huntington only has 3 or 4 outdoor security lights. Mr. Merrill said many other site plans include more lighting. Vice Chairman Prescott said yes just the outside lights and like it has been said many times, if anyone thought there would be so many issues with the lights people would have spoke up and they didn't expect this and have apologized. Vice Chairman Prescott said it has gone to the board of permit and selectmen and Mr. Huntington said he will take care of it. Mr. Ives spoke on behalf of the selectmen, Mr. Ives said he served on the zoning board with Mr. Huntington's father and he has always been a man of his word. He said they held a meeting and invited the Huntington's in to discuss this problem and provide a forum to voice their concern and at the meeting a plan was made to fix the lights. He said they didn't foresee the light that would come out of the building, the Huntington's didn't

foresee this. Mr. Ives said they are paying for this, it is costing them a lot of money to light up the sky and didn't realize they would be losing all this light they are paying good money for, it makes economic sense for them to trap the light. Mr. Ives said there is a problem, we all agree and he believes this family is true to their word and they will take care of the problem it will just take some time. Mr. Riel asked about using burlap screens that he is familiar with from working at greenhouses. Mr. Huntington said that wasn't possible. Matt Raymor a Loudon resident asked why this needs to take 2 years? Mr. Huntington said the operation needs to be shut down to install blackout curtains for 4-5 months and at this point we can't afford to do that. Mr. Huntington said someone asked about running the lights during the day and that they are currently are doing that. Chairman Dow asked if anyone had any new information that they haven't heard. He said we are all in this together and to give the Huntington's the benefit of the doubt. Chairman Dow thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Huntington and Mr. Cole returned to the Board.

New Business:

Proposed Zoning Amendment 2017-1 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment on accessory dwelling units and asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Chairman Dow informed everyone in the room that the state passed an RSA that we must comply with to allow accessory dwelling units. Mr. Moore said that the abbreviated ADU should be spelled out as accessory dwelling unit. Mr. Huntington said under reason it should be added that we are complying with a state ordinance. Mr. Huntington said this is required to be added by the state and people should be aware of that. Vice Chairman Prescott agreed and said it should be added at the beginning. If the town does not come up with their own amendment then the town must go by what the state sets up. Chairman Dow closed the public hearing to the public and opened it up to the board for a vote. *Vice Chairman made a motion to add the amendment to the ballot with the changes; seconded by Mr. Moore. All were in favor.*

Proposed Zoning Amendment 2017-2 — Chairman Dow read the proposed amendment on bulk storage. Mr. Moore said it should be added that currently 500 gallon tanks are allowed and we are increasing it to 1,000 gallons. Mr. Ives said it should be noted that this was proposed by the fire department. Mr. Jakubowski asked why the fire department wants to allow bigger tanks. Chairman Dow said that 1,000 gallon tanks are more commonly used. Mr. Ives said that it is safer to use 1,000 gallon tank than use 2 500 gallon tanks. Chairman Dow said this will make it so people do not have to come in and spend the time and money on a special exception. *Mr. Huntington made a motion to add the amendment to the ballot with the changes; seconded by Mr. Bowles. All were in favor.*

Application 17-1 — Apparently Unique Equipment, change of use

— Jeff Green represented the business. Mr. Green said there would be no changes to the outside of the building or pavement. They would like to add a display area up front and add a load and un load area. Mr. Green said they will be adding a bathroom and have an approved leach field. They are looking to hold 12-15 tractors in the display area and smaller equipment will be stored inside. Vice Chairman Prescott asked about the loading area, can we come up with an area they will be. When the tractors were there it was trailers all over the place. Jeff Green said the display area will be neat in front and the loading area will be in the back. Mr. Bowles said he wasn't sure when they would expect deliveries, there was an issue with tractor trailers sitting on the side of 106 like when the trailer sales was there. Jeff Parent owner of the company said deliveries will be small and many picked up by himself. Mr. Green said deliveries will be during business hours, this is used equipment sales so will be more local not trucking in lots of new tractors. Mr. Ives said he doesn't want to see 30 junk tractors sitting out back. Mr. Green said this will be small scale, a used piece of equipment will come in they will do any repairs and put it out for display. Mr. Saunderson asked if Mr. Parent would be against limiting the amount of tractors. Mr. Parent said he would not mind limiting the number of tractors but the small equipment he can bring in is different. Mr. Green said it is hard to guess how many will fit in the display area. Some tractors may have additional parts stored. Mr. Huntington said would it make sense to not set a number but just have it limited to what fits in the display area. Mr. Jakubowski asked about a light plan. Mr. Parent said only a sign will be added. John and Mary Ellen Koyriazis owners of flintlock apartments are abutters to this property and have concerns about DES will be wanting to test the well more often with a garage so close. Mr. Saunderson asked when this would be opening. Mr. Parent said he is hoping for April 1st. Mrs. Tuson questioned the amount of parking. James and Diane Hoffman abutters were also present and questioned hours of operation and how much noise. Mr. Parent said 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and possibly 4 hours on Saturday and the noise will not be much just the occasional start up of a machine for a few minutes. Mr.

Prescott said he believes they need to talk with DES to see if the Flintlock apartments will be affected. Chairman Dow asked about the right of way off Mudgett Hill and told them to speak to the road agent to see if they can use that as a driveway. Vice Chairman Prescott made a motion to continue this until next month and check with DES as well as show loading area on map, seconded by Mr. Bowles.

Report of the ZBA:

There is one application for a reduced set back for a driveway.

Report of the Board of Permit:

None

Board Discussion:

Mr. Ives said they talked about accepting Dan Aversa's road Bert Lane as a town maintained road. Vice Chairman said the ROW is a deeded road and to except Bert Lane the deed must include the ROW.

Chairman Dow asked Mr. Huntington if he would be willing to discuss adding to the greenhouse site plan the blackout curtains. Mr. Huntington is concerned about putting a date on the curtains. Mrs. Tuscan said it may help to keep the community happy. Mr. Huntington said he would think about this.

Adjournment:

Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Bowles. All were in favor.

*Submitted by,
Danielle Bosco
Administrative Assistant*



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Planning Board Meeting Minutes — w/CNHPRC — January 19, 2017

Meeting with CNHRPC

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Cole, Henry Huntington, George Saunderson, Steve Ives, Dustin Bowles and Alice Tuson.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Tardiff began the meeting by talking about trails. Sam Durfee also joined Mr. Tardiff at the meeting. Mr. Durfee spoke about the possibility of making a trail system and has been in contact with the Loudon Conservation Commission. Mr. Durfee said with how busy 106 is, it would give a safe place for people to walk and bike. A few members of conservation commission attended the meeting. Getting a trails

committee started is the first step to making this happen. The hope is to tie a trail system into Concord and Belmont and possibly make an entire route from Belmont into Concord. There is TAP funding that would pay for 80% of the project, the town will need to help advocate for this. Vice Chairman Prescott thinks this is a great idea that someone is looking to start a trails committee. Mr. Tardiff also spoke about transportation, the 106 improvement plan and speedway.

The board set a date and time February 16, 2017 to meet with Mike Tardiff at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Danielle Bosco

Next Loudon Ledger Deadline: Friday, March 17 For the April 2017 Issue

Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — January 26, 2017

Present:

Chairman Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Charlie Aznive, Earl Tuson and alternate George Saunderson.

Minutes:

Regular Hearing. Mr. Pearl made a motion to accept the minutes of December 22, 2016 as written; seconded by Mr. Merrill. All were in favor.

Discussions:

None

Public Hearings:

Application #Z-17-01, Steven Leclair — Mr. Leclair came to the board to discuss a special exception for a reduced setback for a driveway in the RR district map 11, Lot 89. Mr. Leclair presented a map of his property with his house plans as well as a letter from an abutter saying they don't mind if Mr. Leclair puts in his driveway right up to their property line. With the layout of the land and the house plan the only place to put the driveway in is to have it 5 feet from the

property line. Chairman Lizotte read the application and Mr. Leclair answered the questions from the application. *Mr. Tuson made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Charlie Aznive—yes, Ned Lizotte—yes, Roy Merrill—yes, Howard Pearl—yes, Earl Tuson—yes. Unanimous — APPROVED.*

Board Discussion:

The Board revised the Rules of Procedure at the last meeting and revised copies have been sent to all members. The board agrees on the revised writing and will vote on that next month.

Adjournment:

Mr. Pearl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Aznive. All were in favor.

Submitted by,
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2nd Sunday of the month

2–4pm•Loudon Historical Society Museum Open

1st Monday of the month

5pm•Library Trustees Meeting
6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg.
6pm•Yoga @ Library

1st Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
6:30pm•Prayer Meeting @ Cong. Church
7pm•Lions Club @ Library

1st Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
7pm•Village Arts Group @ Library
7pm•Historical Society @ Museum

1st Thursday of the month

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
10:30am•Meditation @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
3:30pm•LEGO Club @ Library
6pm•Yoga@Library
6:30•PTA @ LES
7pm•Agriculture Commission @ Com. Bldg.

2nd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library
7:15pm•MVSD School Board

2nd Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen, Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.
6:30pm•Prayer Meeting @ Cong. Church

2nd Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library

2nd Saturday of the month

4:30–6:00pm•Family Bible Church Community Dinner

3rd Monday of the month

6pm•Yoga @ Library

3rd Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
6:30pm•Prayer Meeting @ Cong. Church
7pm•Lions Club @ Library

3rd Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88

3rd Thursday of the month

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
10:30am•Meditation @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
3:30pm•LEGO Club @ Library
6pm•Yoga@Library
7pm•Planning Board @ CB

3rd Saturday of the month

5:30pm•Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Fellowship Supper

3rd Sunday of the month

9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time

4th Tuesday of the month

9am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
10:30am•Story Time @ Library
1pm•Yoga @ Library
6pm•Selectmen @ CB
6:30pm•Prayer Meeting @ Cong. Church
7pm•LYAA @ Library

4th Wednesday of the month

2–4pm•Open Studio — Loudon Village Arts @ Library
6pm•Meditation @ Library
6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library
6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library

4th Thursday of the month

10:30am•Story Time @ Library
10:30am•Meditation @ Library
11am•Low-Impact Yoga @ Library
3:30pm•LEGO Club @ Library
6pm•Yoga@Library
7pm•Zoning Board @ CB

EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES

March 1

7pm•MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT @ Com. Bldg.
6pm•Meditation @ Library

March 9

7pm•MVSD MEETING @ MVHS

March 11•8:45 am•“A Praying Life Seminar” @ Faith Community Bible Church

9am•“Turn of the Screw” Book Club Mash-up Movie @ Library

March 12•DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 13

6:30pm•HHS Dep. Com. Shibinette Meets w/Residents @ Com. Bldg.

March 14•TOWN ELECTIONS•8am–7pm

2:30pm•Movie Matinee for Adults @ Library
6pm•Spiritual Living Discussion @ Library

March 16

6pm•Beating Fatigue @ Library

March. 17•LEDGER DEADLINE OPEN HOUSE @ NEW TOWN OFFICE BUILDING. 10–12am & 4–6pm St. Patrick’s Day

March 18•9am•TOWN MEETING @ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 20

6pm•Communications Council Meeting
FIRST DAY OF SPRING

March 22

6pm•Sit 'n' Stitch @ Library

March 23

7pm•Book Club @ Library

March 25

11am•Faberge Eggs @ Library

March 30

1–6•Blood Drive @ Library

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