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Londonderry voters braved the snowy roadways to take part in the Town Deliberative on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

Maintenance Trust Fund Article Amended at Deliberative

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council and the Leach Library Board of Trustees held a joint meeting last week to discuss how the town should respond to the sudden and significant maintenance issues that forced the temporary closure of the Leach Library. The meeting set the stage for a major change to one of this year's warrant articles, ultimately resulting in an increase to the pro-

posed funding for the town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund at the Deliberative Session.

The discussion followed a press release issued by the Library describing the extent of the damage. "On the morning of Jan. 27, Leach Library staff discovered a ground-level radiator pipe had burst over the weekend, causing extensive flooding," the release stated. The burst pipe coincided with an ongoing leak near

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Conservation Commission Hears Mack's Farm-To-Table Proposal

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The proposal from Mack's Apples to add a farm-to-table restaurant came before the Londonderry Conservation Commission on Jan. 27, with Devine, Millimet & Branch attorney Laura Gandia presenting the farm's conceptual design and seeking early feedback. The plan calls for a roughly 4,000 squarefoot restaurant with seating for up to 99 customers.

"Mack's Apples wants to add a farmtotable restaurant on the back of the existing structure, so there'll be no changes

to the footprint of the building," Gandia said. "There'll be some cosmetic changes toward the back of where the restaurant's going to be. As part of our application, we are looking for some waivers."

Those waivers include skipping a wetland delineation plan and avoiding the requirement to pave a portion of the parking area. Conservation Commission Alternate Mike Speltz cautioned that a waiver involving parking within the wetland buffer may not be legally possible.

"When you have a new site plan, it takes

you up to current site plan regulations," Speltz said. "Under those regs, we wouldn't have a parking lot in the buffer, and we don't have the ability, neither the Commission nor the Planning Board, I don't think, to grant a waiver for parking. That's not one of the listed things we can allow as a conditional use."

Although the restaurant would be attached to the existing farmstand, portions of the property lie within the town's Conservation Overlay District and near a pond.

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Councilor Raises Concerns with New Purchasing Policy

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council held a public hearing at its most recent meeting on a proposed revision to the town's purchasing policy, brought forward by Vice Chair Shawn Faber.

According to a memo presented to the Council, the town's purchasing policy—originally adopted in 2002 and amended several times since, was renumbered as ADM910 in 2025.

Faber's proposal would make significant changes, including shifting approval authority for consulting agree-

ments and many other expenditures from the Town Manager to the Town Council. It also contains a section that would lead to removing the town's legal notices from this newspaper.

Faber said he and Town Manager Shaun Mulholland had worked together to reconcile two competing drafts. "I think we got to a good operational place with it," he said, noting he was ready to bring the proposal forward for a vote.

During the public hearing, Budget Committee Chair Joseph Gagnon voiced support for the change, particularly the

increased Council oversight of long-term contracts. "I think it's beneficial to the community," Gagnon said, adding that greater Council involvement would give the public a clearer view of future financial commitments. "The Town Council is elected, and this policy would allow them to make more of the final

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Utilities Committee Prepares for Launch of Community Power Program

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The Utilities Committee met on Feb. 3 to review progress on the town's Community Aggregation Plan as preparations intensify ahead of the anticipated April 1 launch of the Community Power Program. The meeting focused heavily on public outreach, resident education, and updates from Freedom Energy, the town's aggregation partner.

Committee Chair Martha Smith reported that Freedom Energy is finalizing a dedicated website for Londonderry residents, expected to go live by the end of the week. The site will serve as the central information hub for the program, offering details on energy rates, enrollment, and frequently asked questions. Smith

emphasized that the website is a key component of the town's effort to ensure residents understand how the program works before it goes live.

Freedom Energy also plans to film an informational FAQ program at the Londonderry Cable Center. The video will walk residents through the basics of Community Power, including how the opt out process works and what changes customers can expect once the program begins.

Committee member Anne Fenn asked whether residents would need to sign up before April 1. Smith clarified that the program is designed to be automatic for most households.

"All Londonderry residents who are Eversource customers are

going to be on this, and they're going to have to opt out of this plan," Smith explained. "It's automatic - everybody is going to be in."

A small number of residents will fall outside the automatic enrollment, including those not currently served by Eversource. Homes that rely on solar power or have third party energy contracts may also be excluded from the initial rollout. Smith noted that these exceptions are typical for community power programs across the state.

Public outreach was another major focus of the meeting. Committee member John Ferreira, who chairs the Cable and Internet Subcommittee, outlined an initiative to create accessible educational materials for residents. His

goal is to help people better understand the differences between Internet, cable, satellite, and streaming services - an area that often causes confusion, especially as more providers enter the market.

"First, I'm going to build an intro so people can understand the difference between Internet, cable access, satellite, and streaming," Ferreira said. He described plans for a series of webpages that will explain common terms, list available service options, and provide direct links to resources. "Basically, here are the different webpages where you can go find information about what something means: What is old style cable? What is fiber? What if a company claims they're fiber but they're not? It's an infor-

mation sheet."

If completed, this would be the first major project undertaken by the Cable and Internet Subcommittee. Ferreira set a three week goal for the initial rollout, noting that the information could help residents make more informed decisions about their service providers.

Committee member Jeff McGraw emphasized the importance of expanding the committee's outreach efforts. "We talked about this a couple times last year and the year before about doing public outreach, public access videos, and talks," he said. "If we had ten times the outreach we have now, we can get more people helping. Many hands make a light load."

The committee also discussed recent devel-

opments in regional Internet infrastructure. Ferreira noted that a fiber optic Internet provider is planning to expand service into New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts within the next year. While he did not go into detail, he confirmed that the company holds a franchise fee agreement and that the expansion could significantly increase Internet speeds for local residents.

"There are some legalities that I'm not going to mention here, but basically, we have a company that has a franchise fee," Ferreira said. He added that there are limits on how franchise fees for Internet services can be applied to customers, and more information will be available as the project moves forward.

Mack's

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"A portion of the existing farmstand is already encroaching into the CO district buffer," Gandia said, noting that many of the picnic tables currently on site sit near the pond. She added that the pond was dredged in 1958 by the Mack family for irrigation and qualifies as an agricultural farm pond.

Gandia suggested that New Hampshire's agritourism statutes may offer "other avenues" for addressing wetland-related requirements. Speltz, however, expressed concern about increased activity near the pond once the restaurant opens.

"I don't want parking that close," he said, pointing out that a restaurant would likely draw more visitors. Several commissioners rec-

ommended relocating parking or exploring ways to reduce the buffer impact.

Commission Chair Marge Badois raised questions about winter operations.

"Assuming this will be a yearround event and you'll have crowds during the holiday season, what plans do you have for snow removal, salting, and so forth close to that area?" Badois asked. "There's

going to be more people in the wintertime."

Gandia said the farm's current snowremoval practices would likely remain "unchanged," though she did not provide specifics. She also noted that under the town's zoning ordinance, agricultural uses,

including agritourism, are allowed within the buffer as long as chemical fertilizers and pesticides are not used.

"Just being there isn't a problem," Speltz agreed.

Commission members did not raise major objections to the restau-

rant concept but emphasized the need to monitor potential environmental impacts as the project moves forward.

The Conservation Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

Beware of Fake Town Invoices

The Town of Londonderry has been made aware that fraudulent invoices are being sent to some residents that appear to reference Town services or obligations.

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School District Office Warrant Article Moves Forward

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After years of exploring alternatives, a warrant article will appear on the March ballot asking voters whether to approve constructing an addition to Town Hall to house the School District Office.

The District Office previously occupied space adjacent to Town Hall but left due to overcrowding and concerns about the condition of the facility. In FY19, the District entered into a

10-year lease for its current location, which now costs \$220,000 in FY26. The intent was to use that decade to identify a long-term solution.

"Here we are seven and a half years later," School Board Chair Bob Slater said previously, noting the District remains in the same predicament. Several proposed projects since then, including a plan to use space at Moose Hill, have failed at the ballot.

The proposed warrant article outlines a shared funding model.

The Town would contribute \$2.5 million from its Fund Balance, to be repaid by the School District through interest-free lease payments of \$250,000 annually over 10 years. The District would also contribute \$1.4 million from its Unassigned Fund Balance, money the School Board had already set aside during its yearend fund balance decision.

The School Board voted 50 to recommend the article, which reads:

"Shall the School District authorize the

School Board to enter into a long-term build/lease agreement with the Town of Londonderry for the construction of School District office space on Town land adjacent to the Town offices on Mammoth Road, and to raise and appropriate \$3.9 million for this purpose with \$2.5 million to come from the Town (that amount to be repaid by the District's lease payments of \$250,000 over 10 years) and \$1.4 million to come from the June 30 fund

balance available for transfer on July 1? This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until June 30, 2032, or when the project is completed, whichever is first. This article is contingent on the Town voting to approve the long-term build/lease agreement."

The Town Council also voted 50 to recommend the article.

During the School District Deliberative Session, one resident suggested exploring office space outside the immediate area, even outside Londonderry, to accommodate the 22 District employees. Others disagreed.

"This is an item that really should be moving forward," Town Councilor Ted Combes said, noting he served on the joint Town-District com-

mittee that studied the issue.

Former Superintendent Nate Greenberg emphasized the importance of having the District Office located in town, citing the need to respond quickly to issues as they arise.

Budget Committee Chair Joseph Gagnon said the proposal would allow the District to exit its current lease and fully pay off the project in 10 years. "It just fiscally makes sense to vote yes on this warrant article," he said.

Officials also noted that borrowing from the Town interest-free would save significant money compared to bonding the project.

The warrant article advanced through both the Town and School Deliberative Sessions without any amendments.

Purchasing Policy

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Mulholland acknowledged that he and Faber had made "a number of improvements" to the original draft but said unresolved issues remain. He cautioned that the current policy already has shortcomings, and the new proposal does not fully address them.

"It's missing a lot of things," Mulholland said, recommending a more thorough review before adoption and urging that department heads be

given an opportunity to weigh in. He said he had hoped to implement a revised policy in the spring.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard also expressed concern about the process, saying the proposal had not been vetted by town departments. He noted that recent legal bills included charges related to work on the purchasing policy.

He said while he was looking at the bill for legal costs he noticed a number of calls and

emails made to the town attorneys by Faber and Dunn asked why the whole council wasn't included in these conferences.

He said, "What is the attorney saying about these changes? It hasn't been shared with all the council. I have an issue with that."

Bouchard added that the legal bill on these conversations is up to nearly \$7,000 and has no idea what was discussed. He also noted that "a resident" had discussions with the attorney on the policy that

was also in the bills.

Bouchard said he wanted to ensure all issues were addressed before a vote in order to review the legal opinion of the attorney. He invoked Councilor Privilege, which automatically delays action until the next meeting.

A copy of the invoices was requested, but the town did not provide a copy before the deadline for this story.

The Town Council is scheduled to vote on the policy at its next meeting on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Robert (Robbie) Pye Bigelow,



Robert (Robbie) Pye Bigelow, 84, of Londonderry, NH passed away on Thursday Feb. 5, 2026, at Hanover Hill Healthcare Center in Manchester, NH. Bob was born Oct. 9, 1941, in Concord, NH and was a son of the late Lyman W. Bigelow, Jr. and Josephine (Pye) Bigelow.

Bob earned a business degree from Burdett College and went on to build a career spanning more than 50 years as a truck driver. His work took him across this country, offering him the opportunity to experience countless places from behind the wheel, an aspect of the job he truly appreciated. In his spare time Bob enjoyed reading mystery novels and was an avid fan of the Boston Celtics. Whether immersed in a book, or cheering his favorite team, he found simple pleasures that brought his lasting happiness.

Bob is remembered by those who knew him as intelligent, soft spoken, loving and occasionally feisty. His quiet strength and thoughtful presence left a meaningful impact on many lives.

Members of the family include his loving wife of 52 years, Kathleen M (Joyce) Bigelow. Together they raised their daughter, Karen Anne Bigelow, and later found joy in their grandchildren, Mackenzie Anne Bigelow and Joseph Coleman Bigelow Harnois. He is survived by sisters-in-law Jean Joyce and Diane Joyce as well as many nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by a brother Lyman, and sister, Phyllis Hoar and her husband Kenneth. Brothers-in-law, William M Joyce and Richard J. Joyce and a nephew, Michael A. Joyce.

May Robert (Bob) Pye Bigelow's memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved him.

After cremation, Robert's family will hold a graveside service and committal of his cremated remains at Pillsbury Cemetery of Londonderry in the spring. The Peabody Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choosing.

Editorial

Choose Understanding in a Divided Time

Sometimes it's the small things that remind us of how fortunate we are: a roof over our heads, food in the refrigerator, clothes in the closet, the devices that keep us connected to the world. These everyday comforts fade into the background. The same is true of something even more precious: our freedom.

We rarely pause to appreciate the simple but profound liberties we live with every day, the freedom to live where we choose, to speak our minds, to worship in our own way, or to express political views publicly. At its core, freedom is the ability to choose. And even when we don't have the job we want, the house we dream of, or the bank account we wish we had, we still have a voice in how our community is governed. That is no small thing.

All around us are people trying to make the world better. Activists, volunteers, neighbors, individuals who work to bring people together, to bridge divides, to help us see issues from more than one angle. There is nothing wrong with a different point of view. In fact, democracy depends on it.

Yet we sometimes judge people or situations based on what others have told us, especially when the information comes from someone we trust. That shortcut can be dangerous. Each of us has a responsibility to understand what it might feel like to walk in someone else's shoes, to understand where they are coming

from.

People who step up to help others don't do it because they simply "feel bad." They act because they believe they must. Their sense of duty, shaped by their values, their upbringing, their faith, their service, or their personal code of ethics, compels them. That code becomes part of who they are. It guides their choices, shapes their identity, and gives meaning to their actions. It's not just a set of rules; it's a way of moving through the world.

If we want to make our communities stronger, we need to help people talk about those values openly and without fear, with the freedom to debate them, understand them, refine them, and respect that different codes will sometimes collide. Conflict isn't the enemy. Questioning isn't the problem. Refusing to listen is. That refusal leads nowhere and resolves nothing.

As a society, we need to stop assuming we know what someone else thinks or feels. Take a breath. Listen. Try to imagine what they're dealing with, and ask yourself honestly: What would I do in their place? How would I handle that situation?

If we practiced that kind of reflection more often, we'd be better equipped to understand not just one side of a debate, but all sides. And that is how communities move forward, not in perfect agreement, but in shared respect for different perspectives and approaches.

Letters

Alan Roy for Town Council

To the editor,

I've been a Londonderry resident for 15 years, my wife and I really like it here. We moved to Londonderry with retirement in mind and the idea to plant our roots here making this the last home purchase for us, our children and grandchildren.

I feel my run for a position in town is a run for "We the People by the People". Public office is for everyone. After all, what is done in our town should be voted on by everyone and each of us should have the opportunity that is afforded to every one of us. The usual 12-15% who come out at our local elections shouldn't be the only voices for Londonderry. Please stop letting a minority make decisions for you.

I worked in my trade for over 30 years and I've worked for a couple of financial companies. I talked with people all around southern NH. Hearing their concerns about possibly getting taxed out of their homes.

I now work part-time for a nonprofit organization which helps disabled people live independent lives. And some of them have had to sell their homes due to high taxes and expenses after a life changing injury. Experiencing an injury like that can happen to anyone at any time in your life. I got injured 20 years ago so I know firsthand what it's like living this change.

As taxes kept rising, someone recently said to me "If you can't afford it move" which is a selfish entitled comment from someone who does-

n't care about their community.

Londonderry has become our home town but it's losing its identity. We need to find our way back to what makes Londonderry a great place to live.

I don't see Londonderry as a town that has to compete with other towns, especially since those towns around us were at one point a part of Londonderry that got split off. Isn't it time we stop trying to compete and protect what we have here in Londonderry, and make it a place for us residents and our visitors?

If you're concerned about the direction our town has been heading in. Make the changes now before there's nothing left for us to remember Londonderry by and too many elderly and disabled people are misplaced from their homes because of the rising taxes funding projects we don't want and covering a population growth caused by someone else's money making development. So ask yourself, who's benefitting from it? The answer is not the home owners and not residents who didn't ask for this change. As they say "It's easy spending someone else's money". This is our money, step up and take responsibility. Elections are for everyone, do your part. Get out and vote!

I'm asking for your vote because I will listen to you and work for you. I can't be persuaded to vote against the residents' best interests.

Alan Roy
Candidate for
Town Council
Londonderry

When is a Citizen's Petition not a Citizen's Petition?

To the editor,

First let me state now that I urge you to support the Historical Society's Article 26 to protect the Morrison Meeting House.

It is well understood that to fully repair the meeting house and open it for public use with recommended site improvements will require bonding. This is the purpose of the Town's Article 4. Well before Article 4 had been drawn up, the Historical Society wanted to ensure that the Meeting House itself was protected. To that end, it was decided that the best safeguard was to focus only on the historic building and not to include the surrounding site improvements or facilities. Based on the report by Arcove and Structures North (who are experts in repair of historic structures), the cost of just fixing the roof, the floor, treating mold and maybe fixing the HVAC, came in just under \$1M. We prepared the appropriate warrant article, gathered the required number of signatures in support and delivered it to the Town within the appropriate time frame. All that was required now was to trust that it would pass review at the Deliberative Session and receive sufficient support at the ballot. The building could then be repaired to a state equivalent to that when it was in use by the Lion's Club.

What could go wrong? Between submission and the Deliberative Session, the Town added an addi-

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Letters

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 tional phrase to expand the scope beyond that of the historic structure. That gave them had an option to divert any designated funds to “surrounding facilities”. As most realize, it is difficult to gain support for changes to a warrant article at Deliberative Session. Consequently, our attempt to revert the article to its original intent failed.

None the less, I urge you to support both articles. The Historical Society one still safeguards the building itself provided the Town does not filter off the funding for “surrounding facilities”. The Town article bonds funding for the full repair and restoration to fully open the facility for

public use.

David Ellis
 Londonderry

Brian Crowley for Supervisors of the Checklist

To the editor,

On the March 10 Town ballot, I am running for the position of Supervisors of the Checklist. This position is responsible for maintaining an accurate record of voters for the Town of Londonderry, adding new voters, and removing names which no longer belong on the voter rolls due to death or moving out of town. This position does not create policy, but rather implements the policy created by the NH legislature.

There is currently pending legislation at Federal level named The SAVE Act. Many compo-

nents of that Act mirror parts already in place in NH – showing government issued photo identification, and providing proof of citizenship. These are common sense requirements, and part of the Supervisors of the Checklist processes.

Voter integrity is critically important to our constitutional republic. Voters need to have confidence that their vote counts. I will take the utmost care to work with my fellow Supervisors of the Checklist to ensure Londonderry’s voter rolls set the standard to which other communities aspire to.

On a side note, To all the new candidates, and the incumbents, competing for various positions throughout this election, I sincerely thank you for wanting to

serve this beautiful community we call home.

My name is Brian Crowley, and I respectfully ask for your vote on March 10.

Brian Crowley
 Londonderry

To the Residents and to Tara Koza, HR,

I want to offer a brief clarification and an apology regarding a statement I made during the Deliberative Session. In discussing the classification of poll workers, I misspoke when I suggested they could be treated as 1099 independent contractors.

After looking up the law and reviewing the applicable state statutes and federal guidelines, it is clear that poll workers are considered temporary municipal employees, not independent contractors. NH law defines election workers as public employees for the purposes of compensation, liability, and workers’ compensation. They are appointed, supervised, and required to fol-

low statemandated procedures, all of which place them firmly within employee status.

My intention was never to mislead, but to state what I believed to be true at the time. Accuracy matters, especially when we are talking about the people who help safeguard our elections. I take responsibility for the error, and I appreciate the opportunity to correct the record.

Healthy discussions and shared information make our community stronger, and I remain committed to ensuring that the public receives clear, factual, and reliable information.

Deb Paul
 Town Council
 Londonderry

Message on a Balloon

To the editor,

Recently, one of the members of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Londonderry found a deflated balloon with a note attached. The note was written by someone named Monica and

addressed to her dad, who was celebrating his “birthday in heaven.” She told her father he would be proud of his granddaughters. But life has not been kind to her lately and she hoped her deceased father might be able to help her if he had any power.

To Monica: we do not know how far the balloon traveled or where you live. But, if you, Monica, or anyone who is weary and needs a friend, read this letter, we want you to know we are here for you. You have been on our hearts and in our prayers. Our world can be harsh and lonely, and we seem to be in a time of greater disconnection in our world. We at St. Peter’s would extend a warm welcome to you and help in any way we can. We want you to know you are not alone and your note has been answered.

The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran
 and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
 Londonderry

Bandstand to Shine Blue and Yellow for SUDC Awareness

The Town of Londonderry will join communities across the country in recognizing March as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) Awareness Month, with the Town Common Bandstand illuminated in blue and yellow from March 6 – 9. The lighting is part of the SUDC Foundation’s global #ShineALightOnSUDC campaign, which honors children lost too soon and brings visibility

to a medical mystery that remains largely unknown to the public.

The Bandstand lighting offers a local space for reflection and solidarity, for families in Londonderry and surrounding communities who have experienced this loss. The blue and yellow colors represent hope, remembrance, and the ongoing push for answers.

SUDC affects approximately 500 children in the United States each

year. Despite being the fifth leading category of death among children ages one to four, SUDC has received no targeted federal research funding, highlighting the urgent need for awareness and advocacy.

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School Reviews Substitute Rates, Approves New Long-Term Sub Pay

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board spent considerable time at its most recent meeting discussing substitute teacher pay, a topic administrators say has become increasingly urgent as the district struggles to attract enough substitutes to cover daily classroom needs.

Human Resources Director Lisa Drabik outlined the issue in a memo to the Board, beginning with a clarification of how the district classifies substitutes. Daily substitutes fill in on an as-needed basis, often with little notice. Long-term substitutes, by con-

trast, are those expected to cover a position for 21 consecutive days or more, typically for extended medical or maternity leaves.

Drabik said the district's biggest challenge is with daily substitutes, noting that Londonderry's current rate, \$12.86 per hour, or roughly \$84 per day, is significantly lower than what surrounding districts offer.

"We have had difficulty hiring and retaining them, likely due to our low rate of daily substitute pay," she wrote. "Anecdotally, we have been told by several potential subs that they are not interested in Londonderry as they

can make more...in other districts."

The shortage has forced administrators and teachers to cover classes internally, a practice that disrupts planning time and strains staffing across the district.

For long-term substitutes, Londonderry currently pays the same per diem rate a permanent teacher would receive, based on education and experience. While that approach is generous for substitutes, Drabik said it is costly and out of step with most neighboring districts, which typically use a standard long-term substitute rate regardless of experience.

After consulting with Business Administrator Amity Small and school principals, Drabik proposed two changes aimed at improving recruitment while keeping the budget impact neutral:

- Increase the daily substitute rate to \$16.15 per hour, or \$105 per day.

- Set a standard long-term substitute rate equal to Bachelor's Step 1 on the teacher salary scale, which for FY26 is \$263.44 per day.

Drabik said capping long-term substitute pay would free up enough funds to support the higher daily rate.

"Such changes would bring us into better

alignment with other districts and, particularly with regard to daily subs, result in improved recruitment and retention," she said.

Without an increase, Londonderry would remain at the bottom of the pay scale for daily substitutes in the region, a position Drabik said makes it difficult to compete for available workers.

School Board Chair Bob Slater acknowledged that the proposed increase is an improvement but noted that even with the adjustment, Londonderry would still trail some neighboring districts.

Board member Amanda Butcher agreed,

calling the proposal "a starting point" and emphasizing the need to continue evaluating substitute pay as part of broader staffing discussions.

After deliberation, the School Board voted to approve the change for long-term substitutes but asked the administration to return at the next meeting with additional information on the budget impact and other considerations if the district were to raise the daily substitute rate even further.

The conversation is expected to continue as the district works to balance competitive pay with fiscal responsibility.

Dickey Street Auto Sales Redevelopment Faces Conservation Commission

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission met on Jan. 13 to hear a site plan for a Dickey Street location, specifically Broadway Auto Sales. Jason Hill of TFMoran and property owner Leon Lampes attended the meeting to present the project.

"This is a redevelopment project. It's an existing business," said Hill. "We are looking to

basically expand his client base, because currently they are doing a wholesale use, and in order to operate as a retail location, we've had to go before the Planning Board for a site plan. We've also been before the Zoning Board too to get several variances. We're in the process of finishing those up."

He added that about half of the variances needed to keep the expansion in compliance

with Londonderry zoning had already been granted.

Taking the exterior work into account, the Conservation Commission wanted to address a few lingering issues.

"We're basically going to be redeveloping the interior, leaving the building as is," said Hill, noting that external work would focus on perimeter improvements, including a paved driveway for parking. "There's an increased landscap-

ing buffer as well as cutting off the driveway that accesses the road. So, there's going to be an increase in green-space and regrading and such for the project."

"Where do you have your snow storage?" asked Chair Marge Badois.

Hill explained that snow storage would be located along the edge of the parking lot, describing the area as "negligible," which would help minimize wetland impacts.

"You have some variances - have these been granted, or are these requests?" asked Alternate Mike Speltz.

Hill said not all variances had been approved yet, though he expressed confidence that the Zoning Board

would grant the remaining requests.

"Three of them we didn't have time to get to," added Lampes. "The others got approved."

Further approval from the Planning Board would be required before the project could move beyond the design stage.

"We'd like your support," said Hill. "We'd like a letter of support if that's possible - that'd help us get through the Planning Board. We're working on technical details right now with the Town Engineer and agents of the town regarding the site plan application itself. I haven't filed the formal paperwork yet for the public hearing."

Speltz suggested that two sheds on the site be

checked for hazardous materials as a condition of any recommendation.

"My other recommendation is that the applicant document the rationale for any waivers," he said.

Most Commissioners agreed that these suggestions were appropriate.

"I think this will be a positive improvement to the neighborhood. The landscaping improvements will enhance the curb appeal, and the drainage improvements will enhance water quality and reduce runoff. It will enable a practical use of the business," said Hill.

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

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Town Hall Seen as Effective Method for Outreach on Water Expansion

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The February meeting of the Londonderry Utilities Committee included a review of the town's recent Water Town Hall, an event designed to give residents clear information about ongoing water-related projects and the longterm expansion of the municipal water system.

"It was very successful," said the new Chair of the committee, Martha Smith, who thanked Alternate member Ray

Breslin and Administrative Services Director Kirsten Hildonen for their work organizing the event.

With water expansion expected to continue for several years, committee members said outreach remains one of their top priorities.

"I had hoped for 20 to 30 people to show up, and I think we had around 125, so it was just phenomenal," said Vice Chair Jeff McGraw. "We had a lot of really good questions. We sent

handouts to people to write down questions, and then it felt like an hour and a half of people asking questions at the tables." McGraw said the most common question was simple: When will my street be worked on, and when will I get water?

The event also drew volunteers, including a high school student interested in helping with communications and outreach.

"We have a person from the high school who is an editor, which

is absolutely fantastic," said Secretary John Ferreira. "I told her she can attend this meeting and any of the subcommittee meetings." Ferreira also heard from a chemist interested in assisting with water quality and well testing issues.

Ferreira and McGraw agreed to begin developing spreadsheets to organize information and track common questions for future public events.

"The next steps for the water subcommittee will be outreach for

the special assessment districts," McGraw said. "We outlined the work that will be involved in that for people volunteering and how they'll have to go doortodoor."

Committee members also reflected on ways to improve the Town Hall format. "I felt that it would have really been useful to have a Q&A," said member Anne Fenn. "We didn't discuss exactly what the problems were. We didn't say, 'Folks with private wells, right now you're not regulated at all,

nobody is overseeing your water.' If you have municipal water, it is being regulated. The water is assessed every month; they take samples."

Hildonen agreed that future events could benefit from more structured public questioning. "When Ray came up with this, he wanted people to be able to talk to people and ask them questions one on one," she said. "I think in the future, a change in format would be 100% there."

School Board Advances Overhaul of Public Complaints Policy

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board continued its review of a revised public complaints policy during its most recent meeting, moving the document one step closer to adoption as the district works to modernize its procedures and ensure compliance with state law.

The policy, which has been under revision for several months, received a second reading after Superintendent Dan Black and administrators incorporated feedback from the Board's earlier discussion.

"Based on the prior conversation we incorporated a few statements from the old policy KL into the new policy but kept the updated sections to ensure public complaints follow 91A laws as well," Black wrote in a memo to the

Board, referring to New Hampshire's Right-to-Know statute.

The revised policy reaffirms the district's longstanding expectation that complaints be addressed at the lowest appropriate level before being escalated. The document outlines a four-step progression for concerns involving instruction, discipline, or learning materials:

1. Teacher
2. Principal
3. Superintendent
4. School Board

Administrators say this structure helps ensure that issues are resolved quickly and efficiently, often by the people closest to the situation.

The draft also states that any complaint brought directly to the School Board about school personnel "shall be referred back through proper administrative

channels." The Board will not hear such complaints unless they have already been addressed through the appropriate administrative process. The only exceptions are complaints that relate solely to Board actions or Board operations.

One of the most significant updates involves how individual School Board members should respond when approached directly by a resident - a scenario that has become increasingly common as community engagement has grown.

Under the proposed policy:

- A Board member must refer the individ-

ual to the Superintendent, who may delegate the matter to the appropriate principal.

• If the individual refuses to bring the issue forward personally, the Board member should request a written, signed complaint and forward it to the Superintendent for investigation.

• If the complainant remains unsatisfied after the Superintendent's response, they may request that the School Board hear the matter. The Board may choose to take it up only by majority vote, and any decision made would be final.

The policy also clarifies that residents may

contact either the Superintendent's office or School Board members simply to ask where a complaint should begin - a point meant to help families navigate the process without confusion.

Board members noted that the revisions aim to strike a balance between accessibility and structure. The goal, they said, is to ensure that concerns are heard while preventing the Board from becoming the first stop for issues that should be handled

at the school or administrative level.

The updated policy also reflects a broader trend among New Hampshire school districts to formalize complaint procedures in response to increased public participation and heightened scrutiny of school operations.

After discussion, the School Board voted to move the revised policy to a final reading, where it may be formally adopted.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.



**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
LEGAL NOTICE
MINOR SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Londonderry Minor Site Review Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 25, at 3 P.M. in Elwood Conference Room to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a minor site plan amendment to reconstruct a building entrance to be ADA compliant. Improvements include but are not limited to a ramp, additional parking and sidewalk at 12 Innovation Way; Map 28 Lot 17-2 zoned Gateway Business, City of Manchester (owner), 12 Innovation Way Owner LLC (applicant); & Map 28, Lot 17-2A, 12 Innovation Way Owner LLC (owner/applicant).

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High School Drama Club Performs 'Once Upon a Mattress'



The Londonderry High School Drama Club will be performing "Once Upon A Mattress" this week at the Derry Opera House with showtimes on Thursday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 13 starting at 7 p.m. and on Saturday Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Lead characters are: Princess Winnifred - Alaina Anthony; Prince Dauntless - Carter Blanco; Sir Harry - Peyton Scanlan; Lady Larken - Elisa Thomas; King Sextimus the Silent - Jeremy Loschiavo; Queen Aggravain - Kelsey Sweet; Minstrel - Jacob Birch; Jester - Evelyn Murray; and the Wizard - Lillian McKinney. The Co-Artistic Directors are Ian O'Connor and Noah Payeur; Danielle Loschiavo is the Music Director; and the Choreographer is Alicia Sovas. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers' Fourth-Quarter Surge Stuns Little Green

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Fans who braved the cold for Thursday night's match-up

between Londonderry High and Manchester Central were treated to a late-game thriller, as the Lancers rode a massive

fourth-quarter wave to a 59-56 comeback victory. The win-a crucial boost for the Lancers' postseason hopes-improved their record to 6-7, while the "Little Green" of Manchester Central fell to 4-9.

For a while, it looked like the Lancers would be heading to the locker room with a "loss" next to their name. With just five minutes remaining, Londonderry trailed 46-37. To make matters worse, the Lancers lost their primary big man, Nathan Mbuyi, who fouled out at the six-minute mark.

Instead of folding, the Lancers ignited, outscoring Central 26-15 in the final frame to snatch the win.

The game began as a defensive grind. Both squads struggled to find a rhythm early, with Central heading into the half with a narrow 23-20 lead. Londonderry

remained consistent but quiet, posting exactly 10-points in both the first and second quarters.

Coming out of the break, Central appeared to take control. They widened their lead by five in the third period, entering the final eight minutes with a seemingly comfortable 41-33 cushion.

The momentum shifted with just over four minutes to play. Ben Sakellar sparked the rally, slicing the deficit to five with a clutch three-pointer followed by a hard-earned layup. Junior Jayden Ncala kept the pressure on, draining a triple at the 3:25 mark to bring the home crowd to its feet and the Lancers within two.

The final two minutes belonged to the Londonderry defense, Sakellar intercepted a Central pass with three



Senior Evan Vago led the Lancers with 16-points against Manchester Central and made also some crucial defense plays. Photos by Chris Paul

minutes left, then forced another turnover a minute later to keep the Lancers within striking distance.

After Ncala sank two

pressure-packed free throws to make it a one-point game, he followed up with a layup plus the foul, converting the

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Junior Jayden Ncala had his jumping skills tested against the Central defenders last week.

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Lady Lancers' Scoring Dips, Still Get a Pair of Wins

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After traveling to Rhode Island for an Out-of-Conference win over the Barrington High School Eagles last week, the Londonderry High School

Girls' Basketball team was in nearby Windham on Tuesday, Feb. 3 and secured 13-point victory.

Both games were low-scoring affairs with the Lancers moving to 10-2 by beating the Eagles 38-36 and getting

a 40-27 win over the now 8-5 Jaguars.

At the game in Ocean State, the Lancers got behind 15-1 to start the first quarter, but managed to come back for the close two-point victory.

Back in the Granite State, and with the team's big scorer, senior Sammie Sullivan getting a break, LHS managed to come back from a first half deficit to secure another divisional victory.

Windham came onto their home court to dish out a 13-10 advantage in the first period and maintained a slim 20-19 lead by the halftime buzzer, but in the second half the Lancers defense shut the Jaguars shoot-

ing down for the eventual victory.

Londonderry had a 12-5 advantage in the third quarter that led to a 9-2 point total in the fourth.

Junior Gemma Murray led the Lancers with 14-points, including two, three-pointers.

Senior Brooke Earett finished with seven points, on three baskets, and freshman Alex VanAvery and Mia Bucu both had six points. Bucos came by way of two triples.

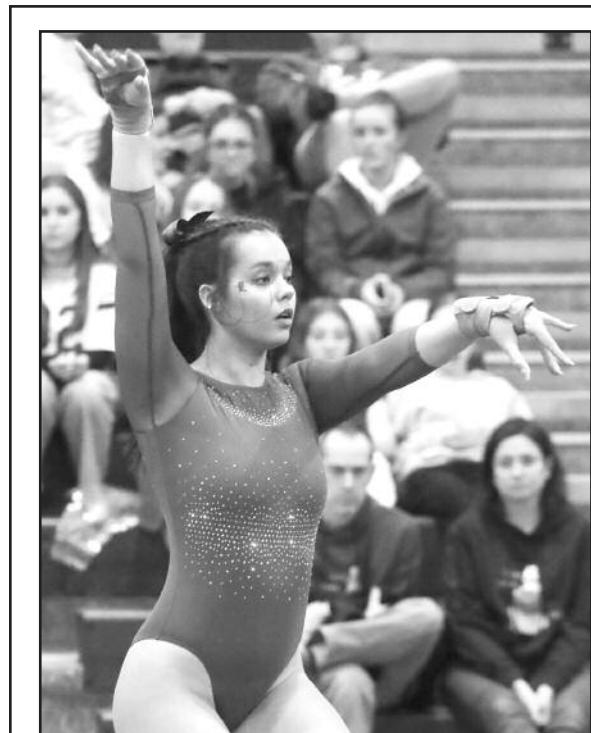
Sophomore Alana Lopriore had five-points, including a three.

The Lancers are scheduled to play Portsmouth on the seacoast and Trinity at home this week.



Gemma Murray led the Lancers in scoring against Windham. Photo by Chris Paul

The Clippers started Lady Pioneers have a 7-6 the week at 8-5 and the record this season.



Record Breaker

Senior Lancer Gymnast Alex Pena is now the current Londonderry High School record holder for both the Vault and Floor. On Vault, Pena scored a 9.45 earlier in the year and on Floor she was awarded a 9.5 during the team's final home meet of the season. She tied Maddy Britting (2014) and Jill McIntire (2016) on Vault and surpassed McIntire's 9.4 (2016) on the Floor.

Lancers See Success at State Championships

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lancers track and field program traveled to Plymouth State University on Sunday, Feb. 8, to test their mettle against the state's best at the 2026 NHIAA Division 1 Championship Meet.

Highlighting the day were podium finishes from Eres DeLorey and Josh Twomey, leading the Boys' team to a top-10 finish and the Girls' squad to 13th in a field of 21 teams.

In high jump, senior Eres DeLorey soared over the bar at 5' 4" to secure

a second-place finish, earning a silver medal.

On the boys' side, junior Devin VanAvery cleared 5'10" in the high jump to finish 8th.

The Lancer distance squad turned in a gritty performance, led by senior Josh Twomey. Competing in the 1,000m race, Twomey crossed the line in 2:36.37 to take third place overall. He was supported by fellow senior Jack DiBuono, who finished 9th with a solid 2:41.90.

Senior Carson Fitzgerald also had a good day. In the 1,500m he had a 4th-place finish

(4:15.12); and in 3,000m: he took 6th-place finish (9:04.46).

Relays: Contributing legs to both the 4x200m and 4x800m squads.

Sophomore Patrick Ramsey also showed the future is bright for the Lancers, placing 7th in the 1,500m (4:20.49) and 8th in the 3000m (9:26.18).

Junior Finn McDonald put up a fight in the 600m, clocking a 1:25.24 to secure 5th place.

The relay teams also racked up critical points: Boys 4x800m: The quartet of Cash Robles, Patrick Ramsey, Jack DiBuono, and Carson Fitzgerald took 5th place (8:28.90).

Boys 4x400m: Finn McDonald, Jack DiBuono,

no, Cash Robles, and Joey Gainey finished 7th (3:42.89).

Boys 4x200m: Jake Cervantes, Lucas Palma, John Vaccaro, and Carson Fitzgerald finished 10th (1:39.20).

On the girls' side, senior Drewanne Sherman placed 9th in the 1000m (3:13.39), while sophomore Anna Laufer-sweiler finished 11th in the 3000m (11:29.64), both putting up competitive times in deep fields.

Final Team Standings The depth of the boys' roster allowed them to crack the top ten, finishing 9th out of 21 teams. The girls' team finished a respectable 13th out of 21 teams, buoyed by DeLorey's runner-up finish.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public Hearings

Case No. 02-18-2026-1 Request for special exception from LZO 5.15.1.A to allow two portable storage containers. The parcel is located at 55 Windsor Boulevard in the Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. Tax Map 003, Lot 045-103, Randy and Andrea Byrd (owner/applicant).

Case No. 02-18-2026-2 Request for variance from LZO 5.15.1.A.1 to allow two portable storage containers. The parcel is located at 55 Windsor Boulevard in the Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. Tax Map 003, Lot 045-103, Randy and Andrea Byrd (owner/applicant).

Case No. 02-18-2026-3 Request for variance from LZO 4.2.1.3.C.2 to allow deck and stairs within the side setback. The parcel is located at 22 Pleasant Drive in the Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. Tax Map 004, Lot 003-41, Wendy Staggs (applicant), Staggs Family Trust (owner).



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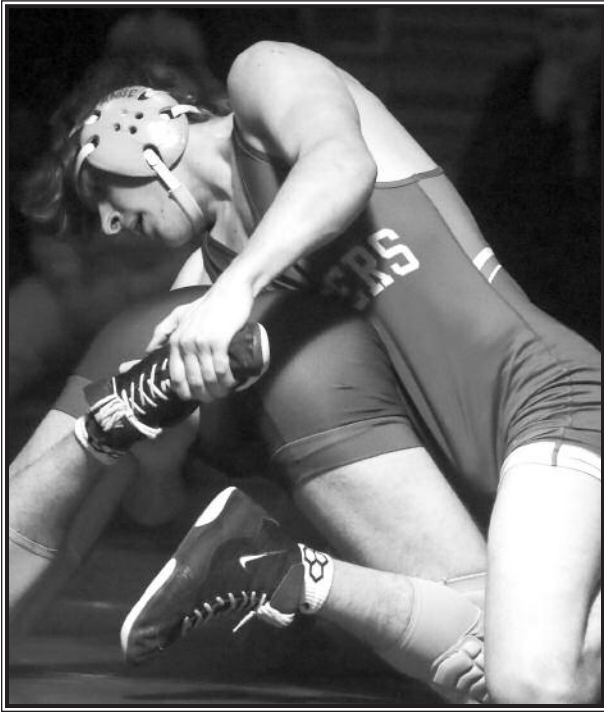
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Lancers Overpower the Queen City Teams in Tri-Meet



Caleb Holden had a first period pin and a forfeit win against Manchester.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School wrestling team dominated two teams Wednesday, Feb. 4, putting on a clinic at the Manchester Tri-Meet. The Lancers dismantled both Manchester Memorial and Manchester Central, combining for a staggering 132-33 total point dif-

ferential across the two duals.

From lightning-fast pins to opportunistic forfeits, Londonderry controlled the tempo from the opening whistle to the final heavyweight bouts.

Londonderry 54, Manchester Memorial 27

The Lancers kicked off the afternoon by weathering an early

push from the Crusaders before pulling away with a relentless string of pins.

The middle of the lineup proved to be a "dead zone" for Memorial. From 120 lbs to 138 lbs, Londonderry went a perfect 4-0, all via pins.

Gabriel Perez (132) authored the most efficient performance of the dual, needing only 16 seconds to put his opponent's shoulders to the mat.

Memorial found some life in the upper weights with wins at 190 and 215, but the match was already out of reach thanks to a devastating run by Jack Perrin (157) and Sawyer Chaffee (165), who secured back-to-back pins in 18 and 20 seconds, respectively. Moqsid Rahmani (175) added the exclamation point with a 34-second fall to mathematically seal the victory.

Londonderry 78, Manchester Central 6

If the first match was a statement, the second was a shout. The Lancers nearly pitched

a shutout against the Little Green, dropping only a single match in a 78-6 blowout.

The Lancers showcased their depth and readiness, taking advantage of several Central forfeits while remaining aggressive in the active bouts.

Jack Perrin (157) and Blake Buttle (215) stood out by working deep into their matches to secure pins, proving the Lancers have the conditioning to win even when a quick fall isn't on the table.

Anthony Cipolletta (106), Lucas DeLeon (113), and Ayden Murray (138) were among the many Lancers who went 2-0 on the day, ensuring Londonderry swept the season series against their Manchester rivals in emphatic fashion.

Tri-Meet Standouts (2-0 on the Day)

- Lucas DeLeon (113): Forfeit win / 1st Period Pin
- Cam Roussel (120): Pin / Forfeit win
- Jackson Butcher

(126): Pin / Forfeit win

• Gabriel Perez (132): 16-second Pin / 1st Period Pin

• Ayden Murray (138): 1:50 Pin / 1st Period Pin

• Caleb Holden (150): 1st Period Pin / Forfeit

victory

• Jack Perrin (157): 18-second Pin / 2:30 Pin

• Sawyer Chaffee (165): 20-second Pin / Forfeit win

• Moqsid Rahmani (175): 34-second Pin / 1st Period Pin

Players of the Week



Riley Chandler
Freshman, Ski Team

Riley was the only freshman to qualify for states in multiple events. She always shows up ready to work hard but came to practice this week with an extra focused mind and a great attitude. She sets a great example for the other freshmen.



Conner Fucile

Sophomore, Ski Team

Connor has been a consistent team player and has continued to develop his ski racing skills all season. Conner recently came in first overall in the SL ski race discipline and third overall in the GS ski discipline. Connor will participate in the DI Championship for the second time this week.

Athletes named by LHS Athletics Department

Basketball

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three-point play to give LHS a 52-50 lead.

Senior Evan Vago turned into a defensive nightmare for Central, recording a massive steal and score with a minute left, followed by

a mid-court swipe that pushed the lead to 55-50 with under 25-seconds remaining.

Vago finished with 16 points in the game, to lead the team, Sakellar and Ncala both had 15 points and Mbuyi put up six-points in the victory.

This week, the Lon-

donderry squad faces a grueling section of the schedule.

The Lancers host the undefeated Portsmouth Clippers this Tuesday before traveling to Manchester on Friday night for a heavyweight bout against Trinity (10-3) at 6:30 p.m.

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Residents Recognized

Longtime Londonderry residents Mike Speltz, left, and Ray Breslin were recognized at the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday, Feb. 7, for their efforts in the community.

Speltz was awarded the "Citizen of the Year" for his services on the Conservation Commission and his work to save the taxpayers money through his efforts in finding and applying for grants to help preserve open space.

Breslin was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" at the Deliberative. He was recognized for his efforts in helping to secure ways of providing clean drinking water to the town. In recent years, he has served on the Utility Committee and Water Sub-Committee where he helped to promote the Town Hall on Water.

Deliberative

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the main vestibule, prompting the Library to investigate potential mold growth. "Initial tests indicate the presence of mold spores in some locations of the building," the release continued. The building will remain closed until further testing determines whether health risks exist for staff and

patrons.
At the joint meeting, officials discussed whether the Town Council should authorize up to \$257,189 for Phase 1 of the building's repairs and remediation. Because the funds would come from town accounts, the Council, not the Trustees, must approve their use. The Trustees, however, retain full authority to select the contractor

that will perform the work.
The urgency of the repairs, combined with the unexpected scope of the damage, prompted a broader conversation about the town's long-term maintenance funding strategy.
During the Deliberative Session, Town Councilor Dan Bouchard introduced an amendment to the existing warrant article for the Expend-

able Maintenance Trust Fund, which originally proposed raising \$200,000, half from new taxes and half from the unassigned fund balance.
The original language read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town facilities and infrastructure and further to authorize the use of \$100,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Bal-

ance towards this appropriation."
Bouchard proposed increasing the appropriation to \$450,000, with the entire amount coming from the June 30 fund balance, meaning no additional taxes would be required.
He explained that the increase was directly tied to the Library's unexpected maintenance needs. Using the fund balance, he said, would allow the town to respond quickly without raising taxes. "We already have it in the fund balance," he noted.

Budget Committee Vice Chair Kate Burchidge agreed, saying the fund balance exists precisely for situations like this. She emphasized the importance of re-opening the Library as soon as possible and said the amended article would give the town the flexibility it needs to address the repairs.
With support from both the Council and the Budget Committee, the amended warrant article moved forward and will now appear on the March ballot.

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Line Dancing Social

The Londonderry Women's Club (LWC) is hosting a Line Dancing Social Wednesday Feb. 18, from 7 - 9 p.m. Come to the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. Learn beginner dances from Linda of Larkline Dance while connecting with old and new friends. This event is \$15 and is open to LWC members and non-members. Contact amy.casparius@londonderrywomensclub.org to register, the deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 16.

Democratic Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democratic Committee is sched-

uled for Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:15 p.m., in the Moose Hill meeting room at Town Hall. Local Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents are urged and welcome to attend. Please reach out to LondonderryNH Democrats via Facebook or email pskud@gmail.com for more details.

Women's Defense League

The Southern New Hampshire Republican Women (SNHRW) will host a special guest speaker at its March meeting on Monday, March 2, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Windham Restaurant. Guests are welcome to attend and may enjoy refreshments, appetizers, and entrees at their own expense during the meet-

ing. The evening's program will feature a representative from the Women's Defense League, an organization dedicated to empowering women through education, training, and advocacy. This informative session is open to members and guests alike and promises to be an engaging discussion on safety, education, and civic involvement. For more information about SNHRW membership and upcoming meetings and programs, visit the SNHRW.org

Candidate Meet + Greet

Any candidates who will be on the March 10 ballot will be at a "Candidate Meet + Greet" event! Hosted it at the Moose Hill Conference Room in Town Hall

on Feb. 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to meet voters in person and discuss your approach to Londonderry issues. If you would like to attend this event as a candidate, please contact me at patrick@elazem.com.

Veterans Assistance

American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, will host representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. noon, to provide direct assistance to veterans in the community. During the event, VA representatives will be available to: Sign veterans up for VA benefits and services; Help resolve existing VA-related issues; Answer questions about eligibility, health-care, and benefits; and Provide guidance on navigating the VA system. This event is open to all veterans, not just members of the American Legion. Veterans who need to sign up with the VA are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214. Veterans, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity for one-on-

one support. For more information, veterans may contact American Legion Post 27 directly via mail@alpost27.com or stop by during the event.

Chocolate Fest

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 5 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, is having a "Chocolate Taste Fest" on Feb. 14 at noon. This is sponsored by "Sisters by Grace" & is open to all women & girls. This is a participatory gathering, so bring a brown bag lunch to eat before we indulge. Bring your favorite, or new, chocolate treat to share. Come & learn a little of the history & benefits of chocolate & enjoy some new/different chocolate yummys.

Free Gardening for Pollinators Session

The Green Team of Londonderry will host its second free monthly gardening lecture on Feb. 12, and this month's topic is Gardening for Pollinators. Attendees will learn how planting patches of flowers, wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and flowering trees - especially native varieties - can create

healthy, attractive pollinator habitats. The session will offer practical recommendations for designing a pollinator friendly yard that benefits both wildlife and the beauty of your landscape. The presentation will be led by Jane Raymond, a UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener. The class will take place at the Londonderry YMCA at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. Registration is encouraged and can be completed by emailing GreenTeam603@gmail.com. These sessions are open to all residents and are a great opportunity to learn, connect, and grow your gardening skills.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Feb. 28, from 10 - 11 a.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; and Photo ID. Applicants for registration must provide proof of age, iden-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Feb. 2

2:19 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:46 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

10:30 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:12 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by three officers on Nashua Road at Buttrick Road. Nicolo Sessa, 18, of Londonderry, charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

3:55 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Harvey Road.

4:55 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Stokes Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

9:29 a.m. Four-officers conduct a Welfare Check on Fieldstone Drive.

2:33 p.m. Car Break-Ins investigated at Kendall Pond Conservation Area on South Road.

2:58 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

4:45 p.m. Unlawful Activities investigated on Albany Avenue.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

7:47 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department on Pillsbury Road with transportation to hospital.

3:38 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on South Road.

6:19 p.m. Six-officers conduct a Welfare Check on Harvey Road at Delta Drive. Taken/Referred to Another Agency.

9:55 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Wilson Road.

Thursday, Feb. 5

8:47 a.m. Assisted the

Londonderry Fire Department with services on Buttrick Road.

10:56 a.m. Peace restored by four officers after Suspicious Activity was reported on Stokes Road.

11:50 p.m. Services Rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Black Forest Circle.

1:01 p.m. A motor vehicle check on Planeview Drive leads to arrests made by three officers. Lauren Peterson, 39, of Nashua, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and Arrest on Warrants. Ryan Little, 67, of Nashua, charged on two Bench Warrants.

2:24 p.m. Three-officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department on Buckthorn Street with transported to a hospital.

6:33 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Industrial Drive.

8:07 p.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Disturbance at Garner Hotel on Perkins Road.

8:50 p.m. Five-officers conduct a Welfare Check

on Stony Point Drive.

10:31 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road, at Stonehenge Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Anthony Fessenden, 31, of Beverly, MA, charged with: Disobeying an Officer; and Speeding 11-15 miles-per-hour Over a Limit of 55 or Less.

Friday, Feb. 6

12:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road, at Londonderry Police Department, leads to an arrest made by five officers. Laura McLaughlin, 43, of Hudson, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

11:06 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Owl Road.

11:44 a.m. Criminal Threatening reported at Chase Bank on Gilcrest Road.

12:31 p.m. Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services at The Baldwin Senior Living on Woodmont Avenue.

12:53 p.m. Services rendered by five officers for a Domestic Disturbance

Around Town

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Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaning-

ful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. First brick is \$140 each additional brick after is \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

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on Hovey Road.

6:23 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments. Richard Russell, 37, of Londonderry, Arrested on a Warrant.

7:43 p.m. Disturbance at Garner Hotel, on Perkins Road, investigated by six officers.

8:28 p.m. Six-officers assist with serving a Warrant and making an arrest on Pleasant Drive. Albert Navarro, 46, of Londonderry, Arrested on a Warrant.

9:15 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:15 p.m. Disturbance reported on Whittemore Road.

Saturday, Feb. 7

9:37 a.m. Sudden Death on Seasons Lane investigated by four officers.

12:58 p.m. Three-officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:29 p.m. Four officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Litchfield Road and assist with transportation to a hospital.

7:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Clean Water Survey

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Accident on Commons Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers. Donald Kinsley, 58, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Driving After Revoke/Suspension for DUI.

Sunday, Feb. 8

1:18 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Seasons Lane.

10:06 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Oakridge Drive.

11:36 a.m. Report of Trespassing on Crackling Log Lane leads to an arrest made by three officers. Cheyenne Sarah Dakota Currier, 18, of

Manchester, charged with Criminal Trespass.

2:42 p.m. Four officers assist another police department with an arrest on Mammoth Road. April Forest, 39, of Londonderry, charged on Bench Warrants.

2:43 p.m. Disturbance reported on Winterwood Drive.

4:12 p.m. Assault reported at the Super Wok on Orchard View Drive investigated by three officers.

4:44 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Bartley Hill Road.

11:23 p.m. Suspicious Activity on Main Street, Woodmont, investigated by four officers.

OBITUARY

Cherylann Marie Beaulieu



Cherylann Marie Beaulieu, 68, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026, at Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua, NH, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Cherylann was born on Nov. 23, 1957, in Malden, MA, and was the daughter of the late John and Anita (Pominville) Byrne. She was raised and educated in Malden and had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 28 years, where she built a life centered on family, friendship, and compassion.

Cherylann was employed for many years as a billing specialist and took pride in her strong work ethic and dedication. Beyond her career, she devoted many years to volunteering as an advocate for women in need, offering support, kindness, and understanding to those facing difficult times. Helping others was simply part of who she was.

She found joy in life's simple pleasures - making jewelry, bird watching, being poolside and trying her luck at the casinos. She loved going to her favorite place, Aruba, where she felt happiest with the sun on her face and her toes in the sand. Cherylann was a lover of all animals and had a special bond with her two dogs, Bella and Sofi, and her cat, Maggie, who brought her comfort and companionship. Above all, Cherylann cherished family. She was a loving and proud wife, mother, and grandmother whose greatest happiness came from time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Family members include her devoted and loving husband of 27 years, Michel Beaulieu; four sons, Chad Hickman, Jeffrey Hickman, Eric Beaulieu, and Alex Beaulieu and his wife, Megan; her daughter, Amanda Ross; and nine cherished grandchildren, Edison, Emberly, Caylee, Cyra, Cora, Silas, Alex, Ever, and Isla. She is also survived by her brother, Michael Byrne and his wife, Marie; her sister-in-law, Francine Landry; her brother-in-law, Jean Beaulieu; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members. In addition to her parents, Cherylann was predeceased by her brother, Richard Byrne. Her warmth, humor, and fierce love will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Following cremation, a visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 16 from 5 - 8 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, with Catholic prayers being offered at 7:45 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bridges Domestic and Sexual Violence, 28 Concord St., Nashua, NH 03064. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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