

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

Tuesday March 4th at 9:30 is town meeting day for Londonderry. The Vote – an essential act preserving our democratic way of life, guaranteeing our rights, waged in wars and civil rights movements by our fore-fathers on our behalf. Here in Small Town America, our local elections impact each citizen. Therefore it is our duty to be an involved, informed and active constituency.

Abraham Lincoln said: *“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”* Well said. It is easy to complain and criticize those that “do” and those that try to effect change in their community. If you don't bother to vote for what you believe in, others will – and you may not like the outcome.

“ the exercise of the elective franchise is a social duty of as solemn a nature as man can be called to perform; that a man may not innocently trifle with his vote; that every elector is a trustee as well for others as himself “ Daniel Webster

I happen to believe that voting is very important – especially our local elections. We not only owe it to ourselves but to our neighbors, friends and fellow citizens to

care enough to come together and vote for what is important and good for our community. We need to honor those that step up and give so much by taking the time to listen, learn and VOTE.

We have a vibrant volunteer community both for social good works and our town government. But they can't do it alone. I would like to encourage each citizen to do their civic duty by not only voting, but to participate by volunteering or running for the many committees, boards and positions available. There are many ways to volunteer that don't take over your life. I'm hoping that you will take this opportunity to think about joining the many fine people who are already doing their part that makes us a better, more involved and beautiful small town.

Darcy Duval

The following 3 pages are the schedule of Articles of Business to be transacted at the Town Meeting Tuesday March 4th. Hopefully this will help our citizens to be aware and informed.

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WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, who are legal voters of the Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at their Town Hall, Tuesday, March 4th A.D. 2014 at 9:30 A.M. to act on the following Articles, namely:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at the Town Meeting.

Article 2: To act on the report of the Auditors.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to change the terms of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer from one (1) year terms to three (3) year terms, effective, effective immediately, as authorized in 17 V.S.A. 2646.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the positions of Auditor.

Article 5: To elect Town Officials required by law to be elected annually.

Article 6: To elect (2) Directors to serve on the RED School Board for a term of three (3) years.

Article 7: To elect one (1) Trustee to Memorial Park for a term of five (5) years.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Londonderry Conservation Fund.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3000.00 for the Memorial Park.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$40,000.00 on the Grand List of 2014, this sum of money to be equally divided between Phoenix Fire Company #6, Inc. and Champion Fire Company #5, Inc.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money on the Grand List of 2014 for the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$26,443.00 for the Mountain Valley Medical Center.

Article 13: To see if the Town will appropriate \$10,000.00 to the South Londonderry Library Association.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to designate the Town of Londonderry as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost

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as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.).

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$8000 on the Grand List of 2014 for the Town Parks Fund, this amount to be used for the replacement of Pingree Park playground equipment and other Pingree Park repairs and upgrades.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to continue to grant property tax exemption to the land parcel owned by the South Londonderry Free Library, located at the end of Old School Street adjacent to the Town Office, Parcel #101010.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to be used for replacement of highway trucks and equipment as needed.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$47,000, to be put into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 19: To see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund.

Article 20: To see if the Town will pay its taxes to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before October 1st, 2014.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$33,005.00 for the following organizations:

Connecticut River Transit, Inc	\$1,000.00
Senior Solutions – (Formerly Council on Aging)	850.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT& NH	6,720.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont	1,513.00
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Windham County	415.00
Youth Services	315.00
Women's Freedom Center (Formerly Women's Crisis Center)	800.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action Inc. (SEVCA)	1,700.00
Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks	1,000.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
West River Watershed Alliance	415.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Association	100.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,500.00
Mountain Valley Community Challenge	1,500.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	2,742.00
American Red Cross	500.00
West River Sports Association	2,435.00
Flood Brook Community Collaborative	750.00
Neighborhood Connections	5000.00
GNAT TV	2000.00

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5300 for Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS).

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1000 for the Friends of the West River Trail.

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Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to support continued planning for the reuse and redesign of the five Londonderry buyout properties, beyond the minimum standards required by the FEMA HMGP buyout program, and to support seeking available grant funding options for final design, engineering and implementation.

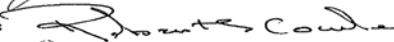
Article 25: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Dated at Londonderry this 27th day of January, 2014.
As to Town Business:

S/ James A. Ameden
Chairman



S/ Robert S. Cowles



S/ Paul Gordon



S/Peter Pagnucco



S/Steven G. Prouty



Select Board of Londonderry VT

Received for record 27th day of January, 2014


Kelly Pajala, Town Clerk

WELCOME EMMETT!

Planning Commission News:

In January, the PC accepted with regret the resignation of Joel Kuhlberg. During the short time he was a member of the group, Joel was actively engaged in our work and projects, particularly the Town Office renovations project. We will miss his dedicated professional attitude and standards as well as his clear and positive personal viewpoint regarding our community.

The PC is pleased to announce that Emmett Dunbar has volunteered and been officially appointed by the Select Board to fill a position on our 5 member board. Emmett has been rooted in our region since 1988, currently the owner and

operator of Anjalai Farm on Middletown Road with his wife Lini and daughter Anisha.

Emmett's deep commitment to local community, environment and economic development for the greater good is expressed by his service on the Boards of the Collaborative, the West River Montessori School and as co-founder of the West River and Manchester Farmers Markets, and the VT Farmer's Market Association. As he puts it, "I simply want to have a role in our communities' health, wealth and general prosperity for us and those that are to follow. Civic duty is important to me and this would be a great way for me to contribute to our community." Thank you, Emmett!

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Are you ready to Plant?!

Come out from the cold to share space with us and help get your planting juices flowing at the: Community Seed Swap & Potluck Sunday March 9th, 2014; 5 to 8 pm South Londonderry Train Depot.

As it is a swap & potluck, please bring seeds (No GMO Seeds!) to trade and a favorite dinner dish to share! If you are unable to bring anything to share, there is a suggested donation of \$5. Or come early to help set up or stay late to help clean up.

Emmett Dunbar from Anjali Farms will be giving a talk on spring planting as well as growing crops in our increasingly uncertain and unstable environmental times.

Gosia Malgorzata Mosiej will be giving a short talk on seed saving methods and showing us how to make seed packets for the swap! There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and answers. We invite you to share your experiences too!

This is a Leave No Trace event so please bring your own plate and utensils. There will be live music so bring an instrument and jump in if you feel so inclined.

As there will be new babies and elderly persons in attendance and this winter has seen lots of illness going around, please refrain from coming if you are currently ill, just getting over something, or think you are getting sick. We can save you seeds if you let us know that you want some!

Hosted by Garrison & Alison Buxton
Questions? Email: info@adhocart.org
* Dinner is 5-6ish, Talks 6-7ish, Q&A and Seed Swap 7-8ish.

Please read this if your business has been impacted by natural disasters, including flooding by Tropical Storm Irene. The Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (VTDEMHS) announced they will be accepting applications for an upcoming round of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) due **Friday, May 2**. A letter of intent describing the project is due to VTDEMHS by **Tuesday, April 1**.

HMGP is for businesses that were directly impacted by natural disasters and desire to undertake mitigation projects to prevent future natural disaster damage, or are interested in a property buyout.

If your application is approved, FEMA will pay for 75% of the cost of a mitigation project or property buyout. Hazard mitigation projects may lower future flood insurance premium payments!

You may be eligible for HMGP: a) If your commercial structure was substantially damaged by a natural disaster (50% or greater of market value of structure), or b) If your commercial structure has been impacted by previous flooding with a total of three previous flooding events.

Please be in touch with your county's Flood Recovery Officer (below) if you are interested in applying and/or have questions about this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Anthony Summers,
Windham Region, Flood Recovery Officer
Email: asummers@brattleborodevelopment.com
Cell: 802-451-9537 Office: 802-257-7731 Ext. 225

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Thanks for a Lovely Valentine's Day Dance

The Londonderry Parks Board would like to thank the community for their support of the Valentine's Day Dance at Magic Mountain. An excellent crowd came to hear a great band and win some fantastic prizes. The Dance was a smashing success and helped raise an additional \$1,030.00 for the Pingree Park Revitalization Project.

The Parks Board would like to thank the Band, Dr.T and the Versatiles, for their awesome performance and for supporting our community. Many Thanks to all of the individuals and business who donated to the event: Magic Mountain, Sandra Clark, Green Mountain Pharmacy, Robin and Tony Kurjiaka, Maple Leaf Diner, Clarks IGA, Eagle's Nest Tavern @ Swiss Inn, Londonderry Hardware, Grape Connection, Wayne's Auto, Felicity Haselton, Alexander's Tae Kwon Do, The Stove Depot, Main Street Hare- Doni, Main Street Hare-Gail, Joan Newman, Claudia DeKany, Manchester Sports, Peabody Mountain Apiaries, Johnny Seesaws, Sudzy Pup, The Pantry, Kramer Plumbing and Heating, Bondville Bloomist, Wendy Arace, Jake's Café, Stephen Twitchell, Londonderry Coiffures-Jen Ciccone, The Mill, Harts All Season Maintenance, Ana Kelly, Jelley's Deli, Lisa Sicotte, Dancing Hands Creations and Mountain Lake Creations. Your participation made all the difference!

The Parks Board is moving ahead with plans for a community build of the new playground. As long as Mother Nature cooperates, we plan on having the new playground equipment delivered on Thursday, May 29th and installed Friday and Saturday,

May 30th and 31st. We will be looking for volunteer labor and tools to help on Friday and Saturday. Save the date and lend a hand. We are also moving ahead with plans for a Second Annual Family Fun Day on August 17th, which will be a celebration of the new and improved park facility.



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CHAMPION #5

WE NEED YOU!!! Almost as much as you need us. The South Londonderry Fire Department needs a new truck. The estimated cost is approximately \$450,000.00. We are asking for your generous support in helping the town defray the cost and to help us reach our goal. As a 501-C-3 non-profit organization your donation to Champion #5 is always TAX DEDUCTIBLE. We are also looking for corporate sponsors or matching gift donors to help us thru the expense of purchasing and upgrading our equipment now and in the future. Please contact Darcy Duval via email ddchampion5@aol.com with any questions.

Our 1995 fire truck, which is our primary fire engine, is almost 20 years old and does not meet the NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) standards that we must, by law, comply with. Not to mention that safety both for our members and your family is of the utmost concern. Our 100% volunteer members need the proper equipment to rage battle on your behalf against fire, mother nature and other elements that threaten your family and home.

In the early 1880's the Champion Fire Company purchased an 1861 Hunneman hand pumper, transforming from a bucket brigade to a fire company with pumper. In 1909 Champion Fire Co. #5 of South Londonderry, was officially recognized by the State of Vermont and granted their

Articles of Association, devoted to the preservation of life and property in the Town of Londonderry, Vermont. In over 100 years, not much has changed. We are still here, devoted to our cause – your cause - and in full service to our community.

Please take this time to reflect on the needs of our community, your own personal safety and the 24/7 service we bring to our town and surrounding areas. Please take the time to dig deep in this particular instance, as our members dig deep on a daily, weekly, yearly basis to offer you their time, energy - their very lives – and return their loyalty and donate as much as possible during our fund drive to reach our goal of a new fire truck.

We sincerely appreciate your attention and support in reaching our goal.

Shoe Barn Wall – UPDATE

The Select Board and Planning Commission are pleased to report that the interim mural at the Shoe Barn is complete, and after February break, the Flood Brook art students will begin to draft their design options for the wall, as originally planned. Once approved by the Select Board, project funders, and VTrans, the students' design will be brought to life in full color on site by volunteers working with local artists. The target date for completing this project is May 2014.

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This site, located within the VTrans right-of-way at VT Routes 11 and 100, is being revived with a generous grant from The Thrifty Attic, additional support from the Wantastiquet Rotary, and materials donated by Londonderry Hardware. Support from these local organizations and businesses, together with recent efforts by community groups and individual property owners, helps continue the renewal of our north village main street after the flood of 2011.

The Town's intention is to work with VTrans to keep this highly visible spot looking cared for, even in its poor condition. Since the Shoe Barn's concrete wall is located within the state highway right-of-way and highly susceptible to the elements, periodic repainting will help accomplish this goal. The long term vision is for local artists, including art students at Flood Brook School, to design different murals to be painted here as needed, much like a collective Londonderry family refrigerator with ever-changing creative displays.

When the Town learned that the Flood Brook art students' design could not be ready before spring-summer 2014, local artists Garrison and Alison Buxton & Jaime Townsend volunteered to clean up and paint over the graffiti in the interest of getting the project underway. The Select Board reviewed and approved their proposal to be submitted with the necessary VTrans permit application. As soon as the state permit was processed in late November, the artists began work. Despite some adverse winter weather conditions that delayed and complicated the painting process, the artists completed the project in about 50 hours with the help of the Londonderry road crew to maintain safe working conditions.

SHARE YOUR AMERICA WITH A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM ONE OF 70 COUNTRIES

PAX Community Coordinator Kimberly Eckhardt invites local families to "*Share Your America*" with a high school exchange student from one of 70 European, South American, Asian, or African countries during the upcoming school year. Sponsored by Program of Academic Exchange (PAX), these students arrive to the U.S. in August, and will be attending school at Burr and Burton and Green Mountain!

PAX students are 15-18 years old, have studied English for at least three years, and are motivated to learn more about the U.S. by attending high school and living with a host birthday celebrations, and holidays—with their host families. They are covered by comprehensive medical insurance and have their own spending money for incidentals.

family. PAX students are eager to experience American activities—backyard barbecues, Volunteer host families provide PAX students with a bed, a quiet place to study, a seat at the dining table, a warm and supportive home environment, and encouragement to engage in everyday American life. All types of families—single parents, young couples, retirees, and parents with teenagers—are welcome to host.

Founded in 1990, PAX is a non-profit educational organization and one of a select few U.S. Dept of State designated Exchange Visitor Program's chosen to participate in its prestigious programs. For more information, contact Kimberly Eckhardt at 802-824-3792, via email at keckhardt08@gmail.com or visit www.pax.org.

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The Search for a Good Exit: An Introduction to Ownership Succession Planning SoVermont session March 27th - for business owners and key managers only.

An introduction to business ownership succession planning will be offered on March 27th from noon to 3:00 at the Marlboro College Graduate Center, 28 Vernon Street in Brattleboro. There is no cost for this event. Attendees will receive a copy of "An Owner's Guide to Business Succession Planning," and lunch will be served.

In this seminar, you will learn the basics of how to choose a path for ownership succession in your business. We will take a close look at four different ways of selling a business: to an outsider, to family members, to managers and to the larger group of employees. Owners and former owners of Vermont businesses will tell their stories of ownership succession, live and via video. **To register, please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-search-for-a-good-exit-introduction-to-ownership-succession-planning-brattleboro-registration-10650183987) or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-search-for-a-good-exit-introduction-to-ownership-succession-planning-brattleboro-registration-10650183987>.** Submitted by Pat Moulton Powden, BDCC Executive Director at mpowden@brattleborodevelopment.com or 802.257.7731 ext 224

Zero Net-Energy DOE Challenge Home Training Seminar highlights Ease of Construction, Affordability, Improved Health and Low/No-Cost Operation Vantem Panels, producer of SmartHomze, is hosting Sam Raskin, chief architect at the Dept. of Energy and originator of the new Challenge Home program. He will be giving a training seminar on Wednesday, March 12 from 8 AM to 3 PM at our Vantem Panels | SmartHomze manufacturing facility in Brattleboro, Vermont. **Reservations REQUIRED**

[Download flyer and rsvp info](#)

Contact: Laura Sibilgia lsibilia@brattleborodevelopment.com

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
(802)257.7731

Quick Survey: Using Internships in your business. Brattleboro Development Credit Corp. (BDCC) is conducting a brief survey to help better identify your workforce needs and interests with regard to using Student Interns in your business. BDCC is engaged with secondary schools of Windham County, in particular the Windham Regional Career Center (WRCC), to explore ways to better align available educational offerings with the needs of the business community. The post-secondary school internship program will offer a single point of contact for businesses who want to use the program. To participate in this project contact Andrew Robinson new Director of Workforce Development at the BDCC, or contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have at 802-257-7731 802-257-7731 ext. 215 or at arobinson@brattleborodevelopment.com .

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SAVE THE DATE JUNE 7TH, 2014

Taking place along the West River
from South Londonderry to Jamaica
in beautiful Southern Vermont

Open to single runners & relay teams of 3
Contact 802-824-4200 or thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/

Revitalizing Our Villages and Downtowns ... Begins with YOU!
Learn About Promotion Strategies for Village and Downtown Centers

When: Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Bennington Firehouse, 130 River Street, Bennington, VT

Join us for our final Downtown/Village Revitalization Workshop Tuesday, March 11th, 6:30 PM, at the Bennington Firehouse. The topic will be "Promotion." Leanne Tingay of Vermont's Downtown Center Program will be giving an overview about promotion of downtowns and village centers. A panel will be on hand to field questions from the audience and share some of their best practices for marketing and event development. The final segment of the evening will be a discussion of the Southern Vermont Marketing Project, its progress to date and next action steps.

For More Information : Anthony Summers, BDCC: 802-257-7731 ext 225

Wendy Rae Woods-Hartwell, BDCC: 802-451-9754

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration with support from these local cooperating partners :

Bennington County Regional Commission, Windham Regional Commission, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

Town Email List

The town has established an Email/distribution list to send important and emergency information to town residents and property owners. If you have not submitted your email address, please consider doing so. Your information will not be shared with anyone. Call the town office at 824-3356 or email to londontown@vermontel.net.

Article Submission Information

The Londonderry Monthly is a community building and communications project of the Town of Londonderry. If your group or organization has community news to share, and you would like to submit an article to The Monthly for publication, please contact us via email at derrynews@aol.com. For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 23rd of each month. Due to space limitations it is up to our discretion to edit any and all submissions and/or reject submissions. The articles and information enclosed do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Town of Londonderry or its board members.

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