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Warrant Articles - One voter's opinion

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Among the items on this year's Town Meeting Warrant list (Articles 3 through 16) are those which designate funds to social service agencies, such as Hospice, Lisbon Lions Club, the Public Library, Lisbon Life Squad, and other agencies which serve our community. All are usually adopted without controversy, and I hope this year won't be any different.

After those routine requests, we get into the newer and more specific items which are applicable to Landaff's needs.

Article 17 requests \$20,000 to install a new roof on Town Hall. The old lead flashing at the peak of the building has become thin over time, and has begun to leak. Water is seeping under the slate tiles and they're beginning to slide off the roof. It's not that serious yet, but will the problem will grow over time and real damage could result. Efforts to locate a local company familiar with repairing and replacing slate tiles were unsuccessful. A new asphalt shingle roof, good for 50 years, and in keeping with the building's style, is contemplated by the Selectmen. I'm in favor of maintaining and preserving our important buildings, so I'm voting for this Article.

Article 20 appropriates \$46,000 to purchase a used backhoe for the town Highway Department. Why do we need a new (used) backhoe? Well, Tom Smith, our Road Agent, uses the backhoe daily to load sand into his plow truck, and when the weather improves, he digs ditches, repairs culverts, and runs the backhoe everywhere for all-around construction jobs. It's important that he has safe and workable tools.

The current backhoe, was 11 years old when it was purchased in 1992, and it's now 15 years older, so we might actually call it a Silver Medallion model, in honor of its 25-year life. It's becoming very expensive to maintain and is just plain "wore out". I'm voting "Yes" to update our equipment.

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Little Landaff stuff

The recent "Fun Night", sponsored by the Mt Hope Grange, attracted 26 participants (the youngest was 5, and she played a tough game of "UNO").

Held on Saturday, February 3rd, there were card games that many of us had never heard of, or forgotten how to play or score - Bid Whist, Canasta; and two versions of Gin Rummy.

Expert instruction in Cribbage was provided by Don Shaw and Dawn Schoff, and it was fascinating to watch Don and his fast style of play, with those little pegs chasing around the board.

In addition to the food provided, there were loads of new decks of cards, and after refreshments, many of the players joined new partners and started a new round of card games.

The evening concluded with a rowdy table of 12 playing "Balderdash", a definitions game. Everyone had a great time, no money was lost, and there's already talk of scheduling another "Fun Night" in the spring.

Doug and Deb Erb are proud grandparents. Jennifer and Dale Locke are the parents of two boys, Travis Austin Locke and Everett Bradford Locke. The boys arrived the first week of March.

One voter's opinion (continued)

Blue School students have chosen mushers to follow in the Iditarod Race in Alaska. They check their racers on line.

Article 24 continues the progress needed to revise Landaff's Master Plan. This article designates \$12,000 for the first stage of the effort, which should include a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), which details the geographical features, land and soil types, and other data, and is an important component of the Master Plan. The Town was fortunate (Thanks to the efforts of the Conservation Committee) to receive a \$4999 matching grant from the State of NH from the Moose Plate Grant Program which will greatly aid in getting the NRI completed. The Planning Board will contract with an outside consultant (within the budgeted amount) to help compile the information needed and prepare the language for the Master Plan revisions. I'm voting for Article 24.

Article 25, submitted by a petition of interested citizens, reallocates Change of Use Fees to a new Conservation Fund. A fuller description is included elsewhere in this newsletter, but I think any time we have an opportunity to painlessly accumulate reserve funds to purchase land, then it's a win-win situation for our future, so I'm voting "Yes".

Town Meeting usually brings out the best of us; everyone is always eager to participate, and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 13th!

The opinions expressed above are solely those of the author.

Important Blue School dates

Up-Coming Events:

March 12: *Peter and the Wolf*; bus leaves at 9:15

March 13: Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Town Hall

March 26 & 27: Teacher In-Service Days...no school

March 29: Grades close for the 3rd quarter

April 5: Mr. Whiting will present a safety program (rescheduled from the snow day)

April 12: Jump Rope for Heart (stay tuned for details)

April 17: Regular School Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m.

April 18: Lawyer in the Classroom; Mr. Andrew Bronson; 10:00

April 23-27: Spring Break

May 2: Kindergarten screening (by appointment)

May 24 or 25: Memorial Day Planting

TBA: Spring Open House, Final Field Trip, and End-of-the-Year Musical

Best wishes on a speedy recovery

Bob Blodgett is currently undergoing cancer therapy. Marge says he'll be undergoing both radiation and chemotherapy. Anyone who would be willing to drive should contact either Marge or Bob.

Lame joke of the month

Doug Erb had heard that the best milk comes from contented cows.

Therefore, he'd visit them every morning and tell them jokes.

The cows laughed and laughed and gave excellent milk. But the news got around about the cows.

They became known as the laughing stock of the community.

16th Annual Cottage Hospital Variety Show

Saturday, March 31, 2007

7:00 p. m.

Woodsville Community Building

Woodville, New Hampshire

Join hosts Scott Schafer and Jack Neary for an evening of great music, dance, laughter and more!

Performers include:

Parker Hill Road Band

Drs. Claire Bolon & Doug Speck

Sarah Systo & Audrey Pierce

Not Tha Best

Archie Steenburgh & Ray Burton

Deborah & Jared Garvin

Heart Dance (Our Village School of Dance Group)

Taylor Bruleigh & Harley Davis

The ever-popular Cottage Hospital Comedy Board

and a return appearance of The Rack-ettes!

Chantelle Vienneau

Rachel Ardolino

Dan Sherman

Danna Gray, RN

Newbury Jumping Jellybeans

The Mellotones

Megan Speck & Louisa Noble

Sadie, Grace & Joe Shelton

Tenika Bruleigh

Scott Schafer

Advance Tickets for \$5 available at:

Cottage Hospital, Monroe Health Services & Cottage Hospital Health Services

Tickets at the door

\$6