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Mission Statement...

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

Postponed Town Meeting Over Quickly!

By Debbie Kardaseski

This year's town meeting was one of the shortest meetings I've ever attended. Postponed until 1 p.m. because of the snowstorm, the meeting was adjourned by 2:15.

Long-time Zoning Board of Adjustment member and chair Roy Maxfield was honored for his years of service to the town, as was Arthur Colby.

Moderator Phil Nadeau announced election results. All zoning amendments passed. Incumbent Selectman Dustin Bowles was elected to another term, beating his opponent Roy Maxfield, 338 votes to 68. All other positions were unopposed.

Article 3 was presented by Selectman Roger Maxfield. This article asked for \$45,000 to reclaim, repair, and pave Clough Pond Road and the northern section of Old Shaker Road, running between Clough Pond Road and Shaker Road. This money was needed in addition to the monies voted at last year's town meeting because of the increase in cost of paving. The project was not done last year because the money was needed to repair the two bridges washed out in the spring floods. That money was replaced with FEMA grants, but the season had progressed too far to begin the work on Clough Pond and Old Shaker Roads. The motion passed.

Article 4, to purchase and equip a truck with a dump body, sander, plow, and wing to replace at 17-year-old truck, passed.

Article 5 pertained to greenhouse gas emissions and was put in the warrant by petition. The background and reason for the article was presented by Trudy Mott-Smith. The article passed.

Article 6 generated a great deal of discussion as it was not clear what the actual purpose of the article was. As presented, it proposed to purchase open space land with money withdrawn from the Loudon Conservation Commission Land Fund Expendable Trust. However, what was actually planned was to purchase the development rights to preserve valuable farm and forest land on Map 25, Lot 7. The 63-acre parcel is owned by the Davies and will remain undeveloped once the easement has been purchased. The article was tabled to give the Conservation Commission time to rewrite it properly. Once the assembly came back to the article, it passed.

Article 7 raised \$20,000 to address drainage and siltation issues on Berry



A smaller than usual crowd gathered for the 2007 Town Meeting. The meeting had been postponed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. due to heavy snowfall, sleet, and freezing rain the night before that continued into the morning.

Road. Problems have arisen due to the heavy rains, flooding, and continuing growth in the area. The Department of Environmental Services has ordered the town to take care of the issues in that area. The article passed.

The budget was presented in Article 8. It was amended by Raymond Cummings. The budget line referencing *Tax Collector — File Clerk*, originally set at \$9,477, was reduced to \$1,977. The amendment passed with 89 "yes" votes and 70 "no" votes.

Robert Searles proposed cutting town employees' raises from 3.25% to 2%. This amendment failed and a budget totaling \$4,182,503 was passed.

Before adjourning, Walter Howard stood and thanked everyone who had helped with the J.O. Cate Van garage that is still under construction. It is hoped the project will be finished this summer so the van can be parked there during cold weather.

All-in-all, it was a quick and relatively-painless meeting. ■

D.A.R.E. Pizza Night Another Huge Success!

For more photos and story, see page 9.



There was lots of action and LOTS of people at the March 19 D.A.R.E. Pizza Night.

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)

Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: 1–7 p.m. • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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For more information, call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost: 783-4540

Loudon Representatives

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Maureen Baxley: NEED ADDRESS

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Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224

Joy K. Tilton: 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276-1611

Frank A. Tupper: PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224-0092

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

In other words, any article submitted must present all sides of an issue in a factual, unbiased manner so that the reader may form his/her own opinion based on the information presented. To paraphrase Eric Severard: “You should elucidate but not advocate.”

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the Loudon Ledger. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2007 Schedule

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| January 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/15 | Council Meeting: Mon. 12/17 |
| February 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/19 | Council Meeting: Mon. 1/22 |
| March 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/16 | Council Meeting: Mon. 2/19 |
| April 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/16 | Council Meeting: Mon. 3/19 |
| May 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/13 | Council Meeting: Mon. 4/16 |
| June 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/18 | Council Meeting: Mon. 5/21 |
| July 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15 | Council Meeting: Mon. 6/18 |
| August 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/13 | Council Meeting: Mon. 7/16 |
| September 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/17 | Council Meeting: Mon. 8/20 |
| October 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/14 | Council Meeting: Mon. 9/17 |
| November 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/19 | Council Meeting: Mon. 10/22 |
| December 2007 | Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/16 | Council Meeting: Mon. 11/19 |

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Monday: Men’s Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Women’s Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.
Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Winter: Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Friday: 6:30–8 p.m. for grades 6–12

Sept.–June Faith Weaver Friends: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Fri. 6:30–8 p.m.

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Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Tues.–Fri.
phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays: Sunday School, All Ages: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided for Infants and Toddlers. Kinder-Church
(Preschoolers and Kindergarteners). Children’s Church (Grades 1–6)

Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6): 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study and Video Series. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Youth Group w/Youth Pastor: 6:30 p.m. [Doug Milne (224-1311 x12)]

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m. • Kid’s Time: 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Grades 1–4)

Thursday: Teen Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. at Youth Pastor’s Home

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors
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Please call the church office for details: 224-1311.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children’s Church Provided)

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. (Hero’s & Zero’s of the Bible series) and (New Beginnings Class:
for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions
and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying verse by verse
through various books of the Bible.)

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road

Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Staffed nursery for infants–pre-K)

Sunday School (all ages): 11:15 a.m. (Sept.–June)

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

Monthly at 5:30 p.m. Please call for details.

Women In Christ Study and Fellowship: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

LCC Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High teens): Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.

Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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

April Happenings at Loudon’s Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, April 1 — 10:30 a.m. — Palm Sunday

Come and receive an African Palm Cross for Palm Sunday. “Blessing the Children” will take place during this service (for children ages three through four.) Pastor John White will speak on “Where Are You Headed?” Nursery, Kindergarten, and Junior Church provided for ages birth through 6th grade. Following the worship time will be our Monthly Family Potluck Dinner...visitors are invited to stay and be our guests.

Thursday, April 5 — 7:00 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 6 — 7:00 p.m. — Good Friday

We will host Jews For Jesus as they present “Christ In The Passover.” Everyone should see this Biblically based and dynamic presentation at least once in their life. You will never forget it. A love offering will be taken for Jews for Jesus.

Sunday, April 8 — 10:30 a.m. — Easter Sunday

An Easter Breakfast will take place from 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

During the 10:30 celebration service, special music will be provided by our worship team and by our Easter Choir. Pastor John White will bring the message “He Has Been Raised!”

Sunday, April 15 — 10:30 a.m. — Annual Meeting During the Worship Time

This will be an Annual Meeting like none we’ve had before. Communion will be served and Pastor White will speak on Appreciation as we take time to celebrate and recognize all the people in ministry in this church. This is a perfect time for church seekers or visitors to come and see what we are all about.

Sunday, April 22 — 10:30 a.m.

Our Youth Pastor, Rev. Douglas Milne, will bring the message from our Lord. You won’t want to miss this, as he doesn’t get to speak that often. ■



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

PO Box 1797, Concord, NH 03302-1797, 224-4093

Senior Health Clinics

A Senior Health Clinic is being offered on April 24 at the Community Building from 9 a.m. until noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association’s Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. If you need a ride, call 798-5203.

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages are offered on Monday, April 2, 2007, 1:00–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Clinics are held at the Downtown Health Clinic at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

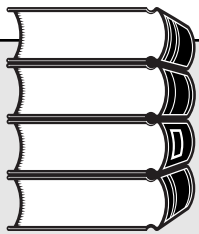
Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

A FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic will be held Wednesday, Apr. 4, 2007, 10 a.m.–Noon at Hannaford’s Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord, and on Wednesday, Apr. 11, 2007, 10:30–11:30 a.m. at the White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers blood pressure screenings in the areas that it serves. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620. ■

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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

Hop on in to story time, on the 3rd and 5th of April, to hear *Bear and Bunny Grow Tomatoes*, by Bruce Koscielniak, and *Bunnies on the Go*, by Rick Walton. After the children make a bunny basket, they will use them to collect Easter eggs hidden throughout the children's room.

April 10th and 12th, the children will be introduced to Sue Waddle and Gene Biddle, two cowpokes with a bit of a problem, in Lisa Wheeler's lively cow tale *Sixteen Cows*. They'll also hear *Farm Life*, by Elizabeth Spurr, and end the morning by making a lift-a-flap picture to bring home.

In preparation for Earth Day, which is the 22nd of April, Gina and Mercer Mayer's *Just a Gum Wrapper* and *A Tree is Nice*, by Janice May Udry, will be read on the 17th and 19th. The children will enjoy planting a few seeds that they can care for as they watch them grow.

Spring will be in the air on the 24th and 26th, and the children will be out for April vacation, so bring them in to listen to *Whose Garden is it?* and *Bumblebee, Bumblebee, Do You Know Me?* by Mary Ann Hoberman and Anne Rockwell. They will leave with a garden of sunflowers to brighten up their homes.

SILENT AUCTION

In celebration of National Library Week (April 15–21), the library will be holding a silent auction. Come in and check out the items on display and get your bids in before 1 p.m. on April 21. We will notify the highest bidder. All proceeds go to the Children's Room Fund.

NEW BOOKS

The library has a great selection of new sports books for the juvenile section by author Michael Sandler; *Baseball — The 2004 Boston Red Sox*, *Hockey — Miracle on Ice*, *Cycling — Lance Armstrong's Impossible Ride*, and *Soccer — The Amazing U.S. World Cup Team*. Come on in and check them out. For those of you reading the Gregor -Underland Chronicles, we now have books one through four.

NEW BOOKS — For Adults

Fiction

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fielding, Joy | <i>Heartstopper</i> |
| Hess, Joan | <i>Damsels in Distress</i> |
| Ignatius, David | <i>Body of Lies</i> |
| McCall Smith, Alexander | <i>Good Husband of Zebra Drive</i> |
| Monroe, Mary Alice | <i>Swimming Lessons</i> |
| Woods, Stuart | <i>Fresh Disasters</i> |

Nonfiction

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Douglas, Peter Ward | <i>Under a Green Sky</i> |
| Edwards, John | <i>Ending Poverty in America</i> |
| Henderson, Anne T. | <i>Beyond the Bake Sale</i> |

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PASSES

If you need some ideas to occupy the children during school vacation, don't forget that the library has passes available for the **Christa McAuliffe Planetarium** and the **Museum of New Hampshire History**. Both are open during the week and are kid-friendly. We suggest reserving the passes in advance either by phone or in person. There are other passes available for the **Squam Lakes Natural Science Center**, **Canterbury Shaker Village**, and **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** that are seasonal. You can check out what is offered at these places by visiting their websites: www.starhop.com, www.nh.history.org, www.nhnature.org, www.shakers.org, and www.indianmuseum.org.

DRAWING CLASSES

Kim Roth will offer a six-week series of **drawing classes** Fridays at 2:00 p.m. beginning April 13th. The cost of the lessons is \$90. Stop by the library to register.

BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet at 7:00 p.m., on April 26th, to discuss *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. Eccentric characters, a twisting and turning plot, and windows to the human heart, make this novel something out of the ordinary. New participants are welcome. For details, please call 798-5153.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Monday 1–7 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesday 1–9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■

Why should you never tell an Easter Egg a joke?

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Because it might _ _ _ _ _

February Word Scramble Answers:
Kiss, Chocolate, Candy, Heart, Cupid, Flowers,
Valentine, Cards, Love
Scent-imental

A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse

**This month's Mystery
Photo Number 1**



**Last month's Mystery
Photo Number 1**



**Last month's Mystery
Photo Number 2**



**This month's Mystery
Photo Number 2**



Last month we had a “double mystery.” The first mystery is a home on that is located behind the Beanstalk store on Shaker Road. It was tough because the photo was actually taken driving out of Crabapple Way. This photo was taken in 1965 and at that time was the home of Ronald and Louise Moore.

The second mystery was a cemetery photo provided to me by Mark Burke. Mr. Burke enjoys the history behind old cemeteries. This one is located on Voted Road just off Mudgett Hill Road. There are two or three main stones in the cemetery and one of them is that of Silas Pearl. Mr. Burke plans on sharing more detailed photos of the cemetery in the next issue, so stay tuned.... Of course, if you have more information about this cemetery and would like to share, it makes it more interesting for all of us! Please call me! I had several responders to this cemetery photo. Thank you to Chris Turcotte and Charles Cormier for responding!

I have another toughie for this month's mystery.... Does anyone know where this home WAS??? I will give you another hint, there is a different home located there now and it is in the village district. If you have answers, guesses or details, please contact me. You can email me, Amanda at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227.

I can never have too many photos to use for this column! It doesn't have to be a home and it doesn't even have to be old! It could be anything that has a great story to go with it. I hope to hear from you!!! ■

Sign Up for Turkey Hunting Seminar, April 14

A free workshop covering the basics of hunting wild turkeys is being offered by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center on Perch Pond Road in Holderness. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. To sign up for the workshop, or for more information, call (603) 536-1290.

The clinic will be conducted by Fish and Game hunter education instructor Dave Priebe, a member of the professional staff of Quaker Boy, a turkey call manufacturer. The seminar will cover turkey hunting, turkey calling and turkey hunting safety. Participants are encouraged to bring their own turkey hunting guns and ammunition; there will be an opportunity during the class to pattern them at two different yardages so they can see the differences in pattern density. For those who have not chosen an ammunition for their hunt there will be a selection of 12 and 20 gauge shells to try. Fish and Game wildlife programs supervisor Mark Ellingwood will talk about turkey natural history and behavior. Door prizes, too.



If you're interested in other course offerings at Fish and Game's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center, need directions to the center, or would like to volunteer, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_center.htm.

New Hampshire's spring gobbler season runs from May 3 through May 31. The state's youth turkey hunting weekend will take place April 28–29, 2007. Hunting licenses and turkey permits can be purchased online at <http://www.nhfishandgame.com>. ■

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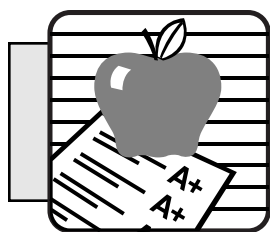
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

Kindergarten registration April 12 & 13!

April 12 & 13th Loudon Elementary School will have an incoming Kindergarten registration. Students must be age 5 on or before September 30th. For additional information please call Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400. There will be an information night on Wednesday April 4th at 6:30.

Important Dates

- April 4:** Incoming Kindergarten Parents night, 6:30 PM
- April 5:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm; 1st Thursday of every month
- April 6:** Marks close
- April 11:** Spring Concert grades 1 through 5
- April 12 & 13:** Kindergarten registration
- April 13:** Report cards issued
- April 20:** Spirit Day
- April 23-27:** School closed for Spring Vacation

To have your Loudon school event listed in future editions of the *Loudon Ledger*, please contact the Loudon Communications Council at the following e-mail address: Debbie@debbiekgraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity!

Middle School News

On Tuesday, April 17 from 5:30-7 p.m., Merrimack Valley Middle School's Ecology Club will host Wildlife Encounters for an Earth Day presentation. Suggested donation to offset the cost of the program: \$2/students and seniors, and \$3/adults.

Middle School Important Dates

- 4/2/07:** Spring sports will begin
- 4/5/07:** April 5th Middle School Fine Arts Night and Open House.
- 4/13/07:** MS Dance for 7th & 8th graders from 7-9 p.m. Parent chaperones welcome.
- 4/17/07:** Wild Life Encounters Night @ MS Sponsored by the MS Ecology club. The show starts at 5:30 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 students and seniors, \$3.00 per adult and age 2 and under is free.
- 4/18/07:** PTO meets the third Wednesday of every month in the newly renovated Middle School library. Meetings start at 6:30 and usually only last 1hr.
- 4/19/07:** The entire 6th grade will be going to the Concord Center for the Arts
- 4/20/07:** Hat Day and spirit rally sponsored by the sixth grade
- 6/8/07:** The sixth grade students will take their annual cruise on the Mt. Washington. The Captains from the MS Mt Washington made a visit to the middle school on 3/5/07.
- 6/11/07:** The 8th grade class is planning their annual trip to Boston. The itinerary includes the Boston Aquarium, the Freedom Trail, and the IMAX film *Space Station 3-D*.
- 6/13/07:** 8th grade Pride Night (pending snow days)

The 8th grade team B took their second annual Ice Fishing trip on 2/22 and 2/23 at Walker Pond in Boscawen a fun time was had by all.

Attention parents of 8th grade students. There will be a free college awareness program offered in three different NH locations in April. For more information visit www.nhcollegeclub.org.

MVMS Library: In February we held a Book Swap & Sale for 2 weeks before vacation. Students and staff enjoyed swapping old books for new and purchasing reading for .25/book.

This is the 6th year we have sponsored this event.

Mr. Wheeler's class finished their second novel of the year *Call of the Wild*.

The annual career day at MVMS was held on March 23rd. Many different presenters attended this wonderful event sponsored by the MS guidance department.

Spanish: With two and a half quarters of Spanish under their belts the 7th grade students have a good foundation and will be having more grammar for the remainder of the year. This unit is set in Mexico, so they have been learning tidbits about Mexican culture while learning classroom vocabulary, how to use adverbs of frequency, and how to conjugate verbs. Next chapter (still in the Mexican unit) they will be putting their knowledge of numbers to work as they learn how to tell time in the target language. The 8th graders are wrapping up a second Mexico unit with a celebration of Benito Juarez's birthday. Ask an 8th grade Spanish student who this famous Mexican is. The next unit is set in Spain and we will be studying the capital city of Madrid as well as learning about some typical dishes and eating customs of this mediterranean culture. Spanish club will be wrapping up for the year with a fiesta. We had great participation this year so the party should be hopping!

The 6th graders have been in their new wing for a month now. The students are all settled in and teachers are almost settled. The space is wonderful and we are very proud to have such a great place to teach and learn. Thank you from the entire 6th grade to everyone who made it possible. We are inviting you to visit our new home, informally anytime.

The Fine Arts Department has planned a formal event to celebrate its talents and our new wing on Thursday evening, April 5th.

The 6th graders have also been working on fractions, probability games, coordinates, problem solving, Egypt, Rome, Greece, Vikings, and habitats. A big congrats to Mrs. Blanchard in particular (and the Music Dept., in general) for an OUTSTANDING vocal concert on 3/14! Great variety of songs, harmony, excellent soloists, crisp annunciation and cut-offs! Lots of work and it showed!

February "Students of the Month": Emily Reagan, Alex Puntin, and McKenzie Haney

MV High School News

Graduation 2007 has been set for Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m. on the multi sport game field (rain or shine – but don't worry as it will be sunny and 73 degrees with a slight breeze and many smiling faces).

Construction update

We are now in the hardest part of the renovation project, as most of the remaining work is in the old part of the building. The art rooms will be occupied sooner than we thought (early to mid April), while the library is planned for a Grand Opening after April vacation week. We are currently in between two heating systems, so be sure to remind students to wear layers to school so they can dress for the micro-climates in each part of the building (it will be so welcome to have 100% woodchip heat next year!).

The two new science rooms downstairs are not quite ready since we are having the old science cabinets refurbished for future use. The original cabinets were built in New Hampshire in 1967, and they were made from good, quality materials. All of the drawers are dovetailed, and with a little sanding, cherry stain and marine-grade urethane, they should last us another 40 years (and they look really sharp). We have also given a second life to several soapstone sinks that were in the old science labs. Some are going into the new science labs, while others are being installed into the new art classrooms. They are beautiful sinks made from natural stone, and we are excited to be able to make them a part of this project.

Outstanding American Teacher

Robin Denham has been inducted into National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers! NHR's Outstanding American Teachers was established to provide positive recognition to educators who have been identified by their students as having had the greatest influence on their lives, either as a student or as an individual. This certainly describes Mrs. Denham who has been teaching at MVHS longer than any other full time teacher and still inspires her students every day. Congratulations!

Outstanding Visual Art Students

Congratulations to Rachel Pender who received a \$4,000 scholarship, and Chrissy Raby who received a \$3,000 scholarship from the NH Institute of Art for their outstanding visual art portfolios at the Scholastics Arts competition.

Food Day

A big pride thank you to the parents of my Spanish 1 and 1B students, who helped make Food Day a success. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Ms. Ean

Math Team News

The MVHS Math Team had a successful season finishing 3rd in the large school division of the Lakes Region Math League. The following 10 team members have been invited to the State



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Math Meet at Plymouth State University on March 23, 2007 to represent Merrimack Valley: Sean Pieck, Athea Rosen, Veryl Troncone, Frank Hemsing, Ziggy Hooker-K, Matt Coll, Lawrence McGee, Ian Coll, Mike Lambert, and Kendra Carlson. We wish them the very best of luck in the all day event.

Guidance News

Greetings from MVHS Guidance!

- Applications have been processed for the Concord High School Regional Technology Center (Voc.) and students will be informed if they got into the programs. Applications for the Winnisquam Agricultural Technology Center will be available to sophomores in Guidance during the week after vacation.
- Scheduling for next year's 9th grader's well underway. We will proceed to schedule classes for incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors throughout March and April.
- Seniors are reminded to finalize any college applications as deadlines are fast approaching (many have even passed). Be sure to file the FAFSA if you have not done so already. Scholarship applications are available in Guidance and scholarship information is available on our website as well.
- Reminder to Juniors planning to take the SAT-the deadline to sign up for the May 5th test is 3/29.
- Juniors have had the opportunity to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Friday Feb. 23rd. This is a test that measures skills and aptitudes for various career paths. It will be followed up by a career exploration workshop for students who took the test and is a wonderful tool to help students gain

insight into their strengths, weaknesses, career interests and career paths that might be suitable for them.

National Art Honor Society

We welcome the following new inductees: **Sun-Mi Scheinler (Loudon)**, **Lauren Holden (Loudon)**, **Ellie Deshaies (Webster)**, and **Victoria House (Penacook)**.

Key Club News

The Key Club held Penny Wars during winter carnival and, with the help of the student body, raised about \$500. The money raised will be used to help families in need in the community. Thanks to all who donated!

Spring Athletics News

Spring Athletics start on Monday March 19th (Baseball, Softball, Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Boys/Girls Track).

News from the Library Media Center

Tech Tip: Keep your operating system and your programs updated! We cannot overly emphasize the importance of keeping your computer software up to date. This means the operating system, like Windows whatever (XP, etc.), AND all applications. Especially vital are updates that protect your computer from viruses, spyware, malware, and the like. Many programs encourage you to set the updates to automatically run. You choose the time of day or upon boot up. To quote Cat Stevens, "There's a lot of bad everywhere." So do yourselves a favor and UPDATE!

Senior Project

For his senior project, Jon Lambert (Webster) built a beautiful new trophy case for our athletic hallway. A matching trophy case was also constructed for his Eagle Scout project. Be sure to look at his quality work on display near the new locker rooms. ■

Loudon Elementary School PTA Mildred Lampron Memorial Book Award Available

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book award to a Loudon student for \$750 in honor of Mildred P. Lampron. Mrs. Lampron was a full time teacher for over 30 years, 25 of them in Loudon at the Elementary School. Educating children was such an important part of her life that even after her retirement she spent a majority of her days at schools substituting and tutoring which she continued to do for another 10-15 years. She was an active community member and believed that the education of children was one of the greatest rewards in life. The Loudon Elementary School PTA honors Mrs. Lampron each year with this award.

To be eligible for this award, a student must be a graduating senior from the Merrimack Valley School District, a Loudon resident, and entering any 2- or 4-year college in the field of Education. The scholarship will be awarded based on community service, academic achievement, and extracurricular participation.

Applications must be completed and returned to the MVHS Guidance Department by April 30, 2007. The award will be presented at Senior Awards Night. Copies of the application are available on the Loudon website www.loudonnh.org at the High School Guidance Department and at the Maxfield Public Library in Loudon. ■



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Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

On March 19th, we held our annual D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. This event is our major fundraising event for the Loudon D.A.R.E. program. Once again, the townspeople and businesses showed their overwhelming support. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many contributors that donate to this program. It is because of these generous contributions we are able to sustain our program and have continued success with our youth.

We have scheduled our bicycle safety program for May 12th at 10:00 a.m. This program is provided in conjunction with the Loudon Recreation Committee. This class will review the rules of the road, bicycle maintenance, and helmet use. All ages are invited to attend. We normally have this class the Saturday prior to spring vacation, but there were requests to have it when it might be a little warmer. The Boy Scout Troop 30, which is sponsored by the Loudon Police Association, will be assisting with this class as well as members of the Loudon Recreation Committee. Although not required, we encourage you to register your child by calling 798-5521

or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. This event will be held behind the safety building and inside the safety building if it rains.

Our lifeguard will be back on duty June 16th. Lisa Halterman has agreed to return again this year to provide lifeguard services at Clough Pond. The days and hours the lifeguard will be on duty will be Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m.–facilities. You may obtain this sticker at the transfer station during regular hours.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.loudonpolice.com. Our webmaster is continuing to update the site. Our e-mail addresses have also changed. Your feedback and comments are welcome.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@totalnetnh.net or rfiske@totalnetnh.net. ■

Boy Scouts of America Troop 30 News



Opening Ceremony at Town Meeting, March 17, 2007. Troop 30 forms the color guard.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 30, sponsored by the Loudon Police Association, has had a busy schedule lately. There has been an assortment of activities in the past few months. Colin Hillman, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, reports on one of the hikes:

"Just this past week Boy Scout troop 30 went on a 4.5 mile hike up Mount Lovewell. The trip took approximately 2 hour 15 minutes to go up to the summit where we then had lunch and looked at the view a bit. It then took about another 2 hours to get back down. It took some planning to do this among other things we had to figure out what. We needed to bring, what we could bring, and what to have for lunch that was light. All in all it was a fun thing to do and took quite a bit of hard work."

There was also a Court of Honor, cabin camping, and a "lockin" at the Concord YMCA. In the spirit of giving back to the community, the Troop also participated in the Loudon Town Meeting and assisted the Loudon Police Association at their recent DARE pizza night.

Troop 30 meets Tuesday evenings, when school is in session, in the gym at the Loudon Elementary School from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Any interested boys age 11–18 are encouraged to show up.

For more information contact: Scoutmaster George Balint 798-4399 or Committee Chair Joe Fitzgerald 520-4178. ■

Court of Honor



membership drive

come join us @ Bicycle Safety

May 12th @ 9:00 a.m.

See what we have to offer!

ages 10 - 18

Scenes from D.A.R.E. Pizza Night 2007





The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

Francis Tewksbury, a leading member of American Legion Post #88 since 1958, has been the Finance Officer for the past 20 plus years. Francis has held most of Post #88 position. He has also organized the Memorial Day proceedings for the past 31 years. The following is a brief biography on this leading citizen of the Town of Loudon.

On March 7, 1945, Francis Edwin Tewksbury was drafted into the US Navy where he worked as a doctor's assistant in port in the Great Lakes area. On April 9, 1945 in Long Island, New York, he received a medical discharge based on a hereditary adverse skin condition.



Community involvement became very important to Francis over the years and he has worked in many local organizations in Loudon, having moved his family to the town from Concord in 1956. He is undoubtedly one of very few townspeople who has had the same telephone number for over 50 years.

Since 1958, Francis has been a member of the American Legion Post #88, District 5, and has held all offices at the local post and been involved at both the district and national levels within that organization. Legion members are dedicated to helping veterans and Francis enjoys the comradeship and patriotism shared with like-minded individuals. Francis has represented our district in the Americanism program as immigrants acquired United States' citizenship, presenting new citizens with a small United States flag.

For fifteen years, he was a member of the Loudon Trustee of the Trust Funds, handling a lot of record keeping for the organization, as well as many other duties. The record keeping required extra attention to detail and absolute accuracy. It was very time-consuming since the records were not even computerized at the time. All figures were first recorded in pencil and, once verified for accuracy, re-done in ink. Now, the trustee keeps computerized records, so it's nowhere near the work it entailed when Francis was charged with the task.

In addition, Francis has served in numerous capacities on several town committees including: Supervisor of the Checklist for six or seven years; Memorial Day Chairman and Flag Chairman of Veteran graves, from 1975 to the present time and a Loudon Planning Board member for three years. He has been a member of the Loudon Historical Society since its inception and, at one time, was involved with the Loudon Boy Scouts, Troop #247.

Francis has been a member of the Loudon Union Cemetery Association since 1976, serving as Trustee in the past and currently serving as Secretary. There are two cemeteries behind the village

church that are privately owned by the Association and are maintained by its members. Tasks handled include lawn care, replacement of fences and straightening any headstones, as needed.

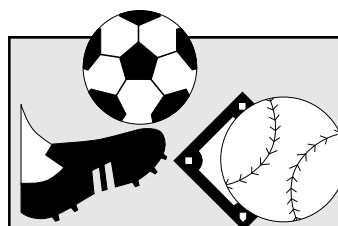
To find out more about his family's history, Francis had joined the Merrimack County Society of Genealogists and attended various statewide meetings and county meetings held in Concord. He was once elected president of the organization and was awarded a plaque in recognition of his service. Another family member had already started looking into the Tewksbury genealogy, but Francis was also interested and obtained a lot of family data during his tenure. His family history is pretty well tracked and documented now, so Francis is no longer a member of the Society.

Acknowledging his active involvement in the town of Loudon, Francis remarked, "I always did my best and people remember that. I believe that in order to have a voice in the town's progress, it is necessary to get involved. So many people have come to know me, we pass one another on the road in town and they greet me with a honk of their car horn and a friendly wave. Sometimes I don't even know who it was, but I'll honk the horn and wave too. Probably the only downside to so much community involvement was being bound to a schedule of monthly meetings and required annual events, but I always figured if you don't participate, you have no right to complain about the decisions made."

In 1995, a special Loudon committee selected Francis as the Citizen of the Year and Grand Marshall of Loudon's Old Home Day. Having been heavily involved in many community organizations, he was proud to accept the award. The award presentation was held at the gazebo in the village after Francis and his wife, Hazel, rode in the town parade in a convertible, waving to the townspeople lined up on both sides of the road. "I guess you could say I had my fifteen minutes of fame," Francis recalls. At the official ceremony, he was presented with an inscribed plaque, affixed to the base of a weather monitoring system, still proudly displayed in the entry hallway of his home.



Francis and his lovely bride, Hazel, were married on September 19, 1939 after a three-year courtship. They have four children: Kenneth, who resides in Concord with his wife, Pat; Steven, residing with his wife, Sandi, and granddaughter, Trish, in Durham, NC; Douglas and his wife Linda of Eugene, OR and Jean, who resides in Davis, IL with her husband, John McShea. Francis and Hazel have twelve grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

Baseball Season Needs You!

Little League Baseball — Looking For Outstanding Individuals!

LYAA wants you to get involved! We need dedicated individuals to help our programs stay successful. The baseball program desperately needs a baseball oriented individual to help take the reigns as the Baseball Commissioner. If you think that may be something you'd like to assist with or know the perfect person for the position, please contact a member of the LYAA. Becoming a LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings scheduled every 4th Tuesday of each month. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and any level of help is appreciated.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library.

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 7:00 p.m. Come see what's happening! For more info, please contact Melody Broider at 267-8383 or via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there! ■

Concord Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord Colorectal Cancer Awareness Campaign Under Way

Concord Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord have a simple message — Colorectal cancer screenings save lives.

Colorectal cancer is consistently the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among United States women and men, and in 2006, an estimated 55,000 died because of it. Locally, the colorectal cancer death rate in Merrimack County is higher than the rates in the U.S. and the rest of New Hampshire. Nearly 40 Merrimack County residents will die this year from colorectal cancer, but this could be reduced by half if everyone over 50 years of age were screened for this highly preventable disease.

Thanks to grants awarded last year by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and the American Cancer Society, Concord Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord joined together to boost the colorectal cancer screening percentage of Merrimack County residents. Today, the percentage is just 45 percent and the goal is to reach 75 percent by December 31, 2008.

"Healthcare professionals are optimistic that with the help of a public awareness campaign, people over 50 years of age will realize the importance of being screened," said Dr. Joel Berman of Concord Hospital.

Almost all colorectal cancers start with the growth of a polyp on the lining of the colon or rectum. Physicians can typically detect these polyps through colorectal cancer screenings before they become cancerous. If detected early, physicians can remove the polyp and prevent cancer.

The American Cancer Society recommends that all women and men beginning at age 50 be screened for colorectal cancer. Screening options include one and/or a combination of the following: annual home fecal occult blood testing (FOBT); sigmoidoscopy every five years, double contrast barium enema every five years; colonoscopy every 10 years. Screening frequency may vary because of patient family history and other risk factors.

For more information, speak with your primary care provider or visit Concord Hospital's Web site at www.concordhospital.org, select "Cancer Care" and click on "Watch a Seven-Minute Video" or visit the American Cancer Society's Web site at www.cancer.org. ■



Loudon Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Graduates Ten

A ceremony was held on Friday, February 9, 2007 at Charlie's Barn at which time the first ten members of the Loudon Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduated.

Attendees were welcomed and given a brief background on the formation of this group by Sigrid Little, Director, Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Loudon. Sigrid announced that Rick Nelson and Faith Stevens would be co-chairing this team as it proceeds with further training and involvement in the town. In addition to Rick and Faith, the other graduates are Terri Barton, Mary Bouchard, Carole Cummings, Dave Lemelin, Karen Minery, Joe Neal, Judy Paquette, and Carol Ruh.

Domenic DiNatale, State Program Coordinator, New Hampshire Citizens Corp/Volunteer NH, presented certificates of accomplishment for successful completion of the twenty-hour CERT training. Domenic congratulated each graduate and also gave each graduate a fully supplied CERT backpack for use in times of need.

Members were also given their Heartsaver® First Aid cards on behalf of the American Heart Association. These participants have been trained in CPR, first aid, and use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).



Pictured (left to right) standing; Dave Lemelin, Carol Ruh, Judy Paquette, Faith Stevens, Terri Barton, Carole Cummings, Karen Minery, Mary Bouchard, Joe Neal, Dustin Bowles, Roger Maxfield, Rick Nelson, Domenic DiNatale. Kneeling, Sigrid Little and Steve Ives.

The Emergency Management Institute, a branch of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, had previously certified all ten graduates in Introduction to Incident Command Systems, Community Emergency Response Team, and National Incident Management System.

Present at the ceremony were Loudon's Board of Selectmen; Dustin Bowles, Chair, Roger Maxfield, and Steve Ives. Also present were Jeff Burr, Chief and Bob Bottcher, Deputy Chief, Loudon Fire Department, and two representatives of the Loudon Police Department.

Roger Maxfield spoke about the value that this Team can bring to support the Fire and Police Departments in case of an incident in the town such as the flooding which occurred in May 2006.

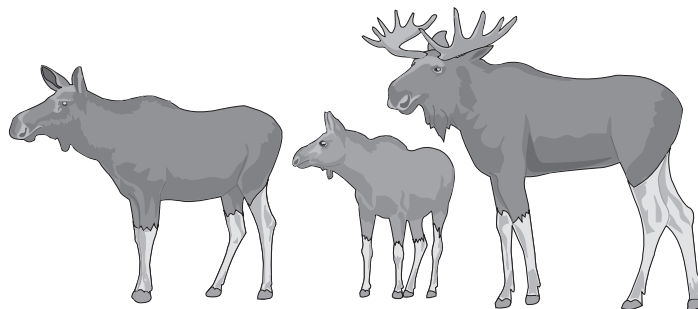
A social gathering followed at which time attendees enjoyed a variety of refreshments provided by the Team. ■

Have You Entered the New Hampshire Moose Lottery?

If you want to hunt moose in New Hampshire this fall, enter the lottery and try your luck on the adventure of a lifetime. Applications for the lottery cost just \$10 (nonrefundable) and are available online at <http://www.HuntNH.com>, or from any Fish and Game license agent. The deadline for entering the 2007 lottery is May 25. New Hampshire's moose hunt runs from October 20 to 28, 2007.

New Hampshire offers a variety of quality moose hunting opportunities," said Kristine Rines, Moose Project Leader for New Hampshire Fish and Game. "Whether you're looking for a trophy bull, a wilderness hunting adventure or simply filling your freezer with meat, you can expect the moose hunt to fill your expectations, right here in New Hampshire. Most permits are for the taking of either a male or female, giving hunters greater opportunities to fill their tags and, except in the Southeast region, the state still has large undeveloped areas in which to hunt."

In 2006, more than 16,300 applicants entered the lottery for the chance to win one of 675 permits issued for the moose season. Permit holders can choose another hunter of any age to accompany them on the hunt, but only one moose may be taken per permit. Each applicant can enter the moose hunt lottery once each year. A bonus point system improves the chances for unsuccessful applicants who apply each



consecutive year. Don't miss a year, or you'll lose your points! Hunters who get permits are not eligible to enter the lottery for the following three years.

Success rates are highest in the northernmost Wildlife Management Units, running as high as 92% in 2006. Last year, the statewide success rate was 67%, with 449 of 673 permits filled. The largest bull weighed 890 pounds dressed, while the largest cow weighed 760 pounds dressed. The average weight for an adult bull (bulls 5.5 years of age and older) was 731 pounds. The average spread of adult bulls was 48 inches. Greatest spread taken last year was 60 inches.

Enter the moose hunt lottery online by visiting the Fish and Game website at <http://www.HuntNH.com>; you can also print out a mail-in application. Lottery applications for 2007 must be post-marked or submitted online by midnight Eastern Time, May 25, 2007, or delivered to N.H. Fish and Game headquarters in Concord prior to 4 p.m. that day. Winners will be selected

through a computerized random drawing on June 22, 2007.

Both state residents and nonresidents can enter the moose lottery. The number of permits available to nonresidents is capped, based on the prior year's sales of nonresident hunting licenses (recently about 15 to 17 percent of the total). The odds of being selected are about 1 in 20 for residents and 1 in 55 for nonresidents - some of the best odds in the nation for moose

hunting. It is not necessary to have a current hunting license to enter the lottery.

All proceeds from the sale of moose hunt lottery applications and permits are used to support New Hampshire's comprehensive moose management program, which includes education, research, protection and management. The state's current moose population is estimated at about 7,000 animals.

For more information on moose hunting in New Hampshire, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_moose.htm.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources. Visit <http://www.HuntNH.com> to learn more about Fish and Game or to enter the moose lottery and try for the adventure of a lifetime. ■

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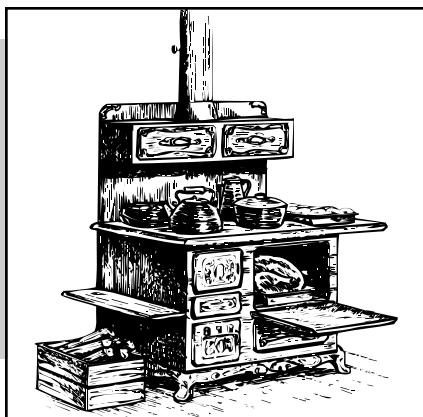
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Breakfast Anytime!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Good morning, afternoon or evening Loudon! Are you ready for breakfast all day? Nobody thinks twice about grabbing a cold slice of pizza for breakfast, but how about baked French toast for dinner? Jen Stringer of Loudon must have been reading my mind when she called and left this great recipe. Make it at night, for breakfast in the morning, or better yet wait until you get home from a long day at work. While it's cooking up for dinner you can get into your pajamas. So a big THANKS to Jen!

BAKED FRENCH TOAST — Recipe courtesy of Jen Stringer

- 16 slices of bread — cubed
- 1½-2 8 ounce packages of cream cheese, cubed
- 12 eggs
- 2 cups milk or half and half
- 1 cup maple syrup
- Cinnamon to taste

In a buttered 13"x9"x2" pan layer half of the cubed bread. Add an even layer of cream cheese, then top with the remaining bread. Wisk eggs, milk (or half and half), syrup, and cinnamon and pour over the bread. Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator overnight. The next day bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

As an optional addition, add 1 cup of sliced apples or other fruit to the top before pouring the egg mixture on. Serves 10-12.

Happy birthday to my mom, Roxanne Tasker, this month. She loves to tell people that I wouldn't eat cold cereal for breakfast, like "normal" kids. So she had to be creative for me to peak my interests. One of my favorites was the "Birdie Nest Egg." My mom used the top of a glass to make the circle, but now when my son Alex and I make these we use shaped cookie cutters (the cow from his Play-Doh set works great!).

Birdie Nest Egg

- 1 slice of white or wheat bread
- 1-2 tablespoons of butter
- 1 large egg
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cut a 2 inch circle (or shape) from the center of the bread, saving the circle. Melt a bit of butter in a small non-stick skillet over medium heat. Place the slice of bread and circle in skillet and toast lightly (about 1 minute). Add a bit more butter and flip the bread and round. Crack the egg into the hole, season with salt and pepper, and cook for about 2 minutes. Add the rest of the butter and flip the egg and round. Season with salt and pepper. Cook another 2 minutes for a runny yolk or slightly longer for a set egg. Transfer to plate and use the toasted circle for dipping into the yolk.

I love this salad anytime of the day, but I prefer a soft boiled egg and crisp bacon. Salads are great, just add what you like and change what you don't.

ALL DAY BREAKFAST SALAD — Recipe courtesy of Ellie Krieger

- 2 cups spinach leaves, cleaned
- 1½ tablespoons Balsamic Dressing, recipe follows
- ½ cup cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 hard boiled egg, chopped
- 2 slices Canadian bacon, cooked in a grill pan and sliced into ribbons
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 1 whole-wheat pita, toasted and cut into quarters

Place spinach in a bowl. Add the Balsamic Dressing and the tomatoes and toss. Top with the egg, Canadian bacon and parsley leaves. Serve with the pita pieces.

Balsamic Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, and mustard. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

This next recipe cooks up fast and is great on the run. Try it for lunch!

Scrambled Egg Burrito

For the scrambled eggs:

- 4 eggs
- Cooked breakfast meat — chopped (bacon, sausage or ham)
- ¼ cup shredded Mexican blend cheese
- Coarse salt and cracked black pepper
- ½ teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 6-inch flour tortillas
- Salsa (optional)

Whisk eggs together and add meat. Season with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a 10-inch non-stick pan over medium heat. Add eggs. Let cook for 1 minute or just until barely set. Using a heat proof rubber spatula, gently stir in figure 8 motion until eggs are just cooked.

Heat tortillas. Sprinkle cheese evenly and distribute eggs evenly among tortillas. Top with salsa, to taste.

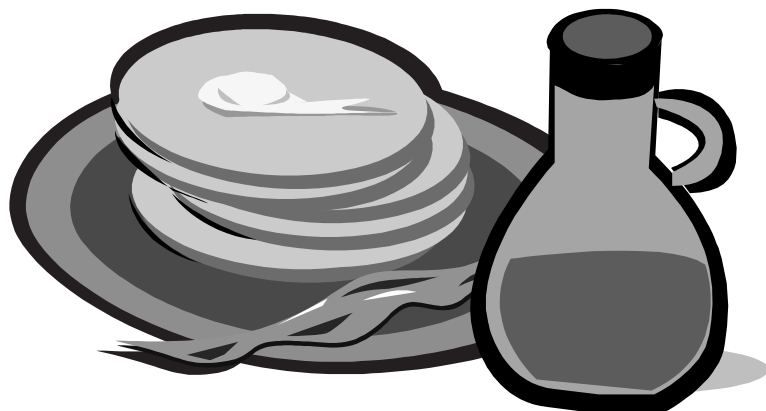
These biscuits are great with butter or honey. If you slice them in half, they make great sandwiches. Try sliced ham or turkey and cheese. If you wrap the sandwich in plastic wrap for an hour or two, it will be much easier to eat.

SWEET POTATO BISCUITS — Recipe Courtesy of Emeril Lagasse

- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 12 tablespoons cold butter
- 1 cup mashed roasted sweet potatoes
- ½ cup ground pecans
- ⅓ cup half and half

Preheat the oven to 450°. Grease a 1/2 sheet pan. In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and sugar together. Add the butter, and with your hands, work the butter into the flour mixture until the mixture resembles a coarse cornmeal. Stir in the sweet potatoes and pecans. Add the cream, a little at a time until a soft dough is formed. Lightly flour a surface. Place the dough onto the surface and dust the top with flour. Lightly press the dough out to 1/2 inch thickness. Using a 2 inch biscuit cutter, cut the biscuits into rounds. Place the biscuits on a greased baking sheet and bake for about 15 minutes or until the biscuits are golden brown.

Next Month: Cook with your kids! I'll give you some great recipes to get your kids in the kitchen with you. As always, I encourage you to send me your own recipes or suggestions for recipes. Let me know by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■



Loudon Lions Club News

Hello from the Loudon Lions Club! It looks like Spring is just around the corner, and Old Man Winter is finally ready to leave us for a while. Yeah! With Spring comes that time of renewal, a chance to start that list of chores, and a chance to begin thinking BIG! How big, you ask? Only time will tell...

The Lions Club is ready to start some new projects, but we need your help. First, we hope you attended our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 31st at the American Legion Hall. The money earned at this event will be used to support the Lions Club's charities, namely providing for the vision- and hearing-impaired. Since the Loudon Lions Club was initiated in 2004, we have assisted 12 people in purchasing eyeglasses and 6 people in obtaining hearing aids. At the breakfast, we also held a 50/50 Raffle to increase the total of this year's scholarship. In 2005, the amount was \$250.00, and, in 2006, it was \$350.00. What will it be this year? The answer is coming sooner than you think.

Second, you'll see us out at various locations on Saturday April 14th asking for funds. This money will also be used to support the vision- and hearing-impaired. The Lions Club is quite fortunate in the support that has been provided to them by Lenscrafters for glasses and Hearing Enhancement Center for hearing aids. Unfortunately, the need for these services in our community is quite large, and the money is spent very quickly. We thank you in advance and please give generously.

Third, we invite you to join us. You can be a single, a couple, or a family! Yes, that's right, a family! What better way to teach your children the joy of volunteering and participating in projects that can help people both locally and around the world. At a time when everyone seems to be moving in many directions, the Lions Club is another way for families to connect and spend some rewarding time with one another. Please give us a call or come to a meeting. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library. If you can't attend a meeting but want to learn more, please call Henry Frost at 783-4540. We'll even give you a ride to a meeting if you need it. Now you too can think BIG! ■

17 Eastern States Announce Coordinated Strategy For Brook Trout Conservation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The future of the East's premier native trout is looking up, thanks to a coalition of state and federal agencies, academic institutions and conservation organizations.

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture has released a first-of-its-kind conservation strategy to restore healthy, fishable populations of eastern brook trout throughout their eastern native range. The Conservation Strategy is based on the status and threats information contained in the Joint Venture's initial report, which was issued in May 2006.

The 2006 report found that only 5% of historical brook trout habitat remains intact. Populations have been eliminated or greatly reduced in almost half of the areas that historically supported brook trout. Poor land management practices are responsible for the majority of this decline.

"Once the partnership recognized the threats facing brook trout within its historic eastern range, we developed regional and range-wide strategies to take swift and deliberate steps to conserve strong populations and restore weaker ones," said Steve Perry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and Chair of the Joint Venture. "We created a model for fish conservation - a large-scale, habitat-focused conservation strategy for a species at risk. This strategy provides us with a roadmap to significantly improve brook trout populations by 2025."

The report contains a set of aggressive range-wide and regional targets, including protection of highest quality habitat, improvement of 30% of damaged brook trout watersheds, and reintroduction of brook trout to 10% of those watersheds where they have disappeared. Using the 2006 status and threats data as a baseline, the Joint Venture will evaluate progress toward these targets at five year intervals.

In conjunction with the range-wide strategy released today, each of the Joint Venture states is developing a specialized plan based on that state's existing brook trout populations and dominant threats. Through these plans, the states will prioritize protection and restoration efforts to meet the collective targets outlined above. Projects will address priority needs in each state, ranging from restoring streamside habitat in Georgia to cleaning up pollution from abandoned coal mines in Pennsylvania, to fixing road culverts to improve brook trout passage in Maine.

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture partnership began in 2004 as a pilot project under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. Active partners include fish and wildlife agencies from 17 states, federal agencies, conservation organizations and academic institutions.

Brook trout are the only trout native to the streams and rivers of the eastern United States. Brook trout populations have declined as land use changes have altered their habitat. These fish survive in only the coldest and cleanest water, and they serve as excellent indicators of the health of the watersheds they inhabit.

For more information on the range-wide eastern brook trout conservation strategy and state-specific plans, please visit <http://www.easternbrooktrout.net>. ■



4-H

Submitted by Carly Colby, Happy Hill Club Reporter

Hello again, Happy Hill 4-H readers and welcome to our April report. Happy Hill 4-H has some exciting activities planned this month, so I recommend you keep reading!

Recently, we had Presentation Day at Pembroke Academy. It was a fun and successful day. Congratulations to Amy and Rachael Howell, Olivia Griffith, Caitie Sittig and Tianna Vanderwoude for being recognized for their excellence in action exhibits, poster making and photography. These girls will be further recognized on Round-up and State days.

Some Happy Hill 4-Hers will soon have the chance to show off their sewing talent at Fashion Revue Evaluation Day. The event judges the sewers on everything from hemming to zipper placement. Also coming right up is the annual fashion show where sewers can show off their garments by modeling them. What great fun!

Liz LeBrun continues with her cooking group one Saturday a month and Debbie Zarges meets with her cooking group after school. Pearl Aznive will start sewing projects with beginners in April.

The six 4-Hers that participated in the Food Show earlier this year, got back their score sheets and all were rated very good to excellent. To refresh your memory, the Food Show is an activity where 4-Hers plan a menu, prepare an item from the menu and set a place setting. They are judged on this and on their knowledge of the US Food Pyramid.

The most exciting thing coming up is 4-H camp sign-ups! The 4-H camp allows members and non-members ages 6-16 to have a fun filled week at one of the two camps. That's right, you do not have to be a member to attend 4-H camp. I can honestly say, I have yet to go to 4-H camp, but members who have gone say that it is very fun and full of great activities. One of the camps is located very close by at Bear Brook State Park. If you don't want to stay overnight, there is also a day camp program offered. If you are interested, please visit the 4-H website at www.extension.unh.edu or call Debbie Cheever at 603-225-5505.

The club is brainstorming ideas for our annual Citizenship project. Last year we made mittens. Other plans are being made for our end of the year trip. This lets club members get together and do a group activity such as bowling.

Happy Hill 4-H meets the first Monday of each month at the Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Come join the fun! For more information, call Liz LeBrun at 783-4671. ■

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Girl Scouts

Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit

The Loudon Girl Scouts are hard at work in Loudon. They have been delivering cookies and holding cookie booth sales. The Leaders sold cookies on a snowy Town Meeting day. They also held a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the upcoming Camporee.

Thank you to everyone who bought Girl Scout cookies from a Loudon scout!!!

Brownie Troop #300

by Amanda Masse and Michele Paquette

The girls of Troop #300 are hard at work completing requirements for several try-its which will prepare us for the outdoor camping experience, fun in nature and understanding animals. These try-its include Animals, Eco-Explorer, Outdoor Adventurer, Plants, and Ready, Set, Go Camping. We are very excited and have begun planning our meals for the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Camporee in May. We will also be finishing dunk-bags, making a "bathroom caddy" out of a towel and making s'mores sticks from coat hangers. The girls also enjoyed making two centerpieces for the Spaghetti Supper in March. There is a possibility we will be visiting Sanborn Mills Farm here in Loudon to fulfill requirements for an Outdoor Adventurer try-it. We are also making plans to go to Steele Hill for an end-of-year celebration pool party. The girls are planning another community service project. As you read this article, we will have just returned from a field trip to the Audubon Center in Laconia with Troop #45 exploring the magic of Maple Sugaring. We continue to have fun and exciting adventures together as a troop. A huge thank you goes out to Corrine Rattee for organizing Troop #300's cookie sale this year. This is a huge but very important task and the entire troop is very thankful for her time and efforts — great job and thank you!!

Junior Troop 361

by Samantha French and Jenna Paquette

Troop 361 has been busy delivering all their cookies. They have been working on a couple different badges. They are working on Water Wonders, and enjoyed watching Al Gore's movie *An Inconvenient Truth* — a movie that everyone should see!!! They also are working on their Pet Care badge. The girls really enjoyed a tour of A Furry Affair to see how dogs are groomed. Thanks to Jennifer and Jaime at A Furry Affair. They also enjoyed a presentation of Megan O'Hare's senior project about pet care. The girls are finishing up these two badges and they are going to start working on projects for the upcoming Camporee.

Troop 2641

Junior Troop 2641 had a great end to February with a trip to Limited Too, the girls' clothing store, at the Steeplegate Mall in Concord. The girls got to participate in a scavenger hunt in which they had to find specific articles of clothing throughout the store. They learned about the trends in fashion and how they come about. The best part (according to the girls) was the fashion show they were able to put on. They were allowed to pick out anything in the store and model it — they had lots of fun. We would like to thank, Megan, the store manager, and her staff for making it a great experience for us.

We had a great beginning to March with a trip to Pat's Peak in Henniker for snow-tubing. The weather was beautiful — which made the tubing not quite as fast as it could have been — but we still had lots of fun and great memories were made.

Hopefully everyone can stop by our cookie booth sale which we have planned for Saturday, April 21st at Fox Pond Plaza from 9–12. Just look for the RV which



Brownie Troop 685 braved the chilly weather on March 10. They sold 200 boxes of cookies at the Fox Pond Plaza!

is being loaned to us from Meyer's RV Superstore in Chichester. We'd like to send a big thank you to Doug Stape from Meyer's for letting us borrow it. Along with the cookie sale, we will be busy planning and preparing for the Camporee we are having in May. The troop needs to work on some of our camping and outdoor skills, plan our menus and the hardest part of all — learning to pack appropriately! We'll have to work hard but it will be worth it.

Thanks to everyone who supports our troop and the other Girl Scout troops in town. We appreciate it. ■



Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Camporee

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit is very excited to announce that we will be having a camporee on May 18th, 19th & 20th. The event is being sponsored by and will be held at Cascade Campground right here in Loudon. The Camporee is also being sponsored by Meyers RV in Chichester. The Camporee Subcommittee continues to work on planning this fun and exciting event. Our theme is "Loudon Girl Scouts, Wild About Camping." The girls will have the opportunity to tie-dye a screen printed t-shirt and choose three other workshops from a fun variety of topics that have to do with nature, wildlife and camping. An ice cream sundae buffet, sharing SWAPS, campfire songs, s'mores, skits, fun and friendship are all on the menu for the weekend. We look forward to providing the girls these experiences that they might not otherwise be able to have. More information will be coming to the girls and their parents through their troop leaders. So save the date and prepare to have fun!

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Amanda Masse, Camporee Sub-committee chair at 783-0227 or jaelmasse@comcast.net for more information on ways you can help. ■

Loudon Girl Scouts Looking for Camping Equipment Donations

The Girl Scouts of Loudon Service Unit will be looking for used camping equipment (in good condition). We are looking for items such as tents, camp stoves, tarps, pots, pans or other camping supplies. We are hoping to gather equipment for any troop to utilize on their individual camping events and at our town-wide Girl Scout Camporee in May. If you have items that you no longer use and would like to donate, please call Michele Paquette, Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Manager at 783-4275 or mmpaquette@comcast.net. ■



Loudon's Littlest Cheerleaders Celebrate Another Great Season!

by Kris Tripp

The Loudon squads show off their talent at the Third Annual MCCA Jamboree!



New Loudon Spirit Director Gayleen Smith!

Our next season is right around the corner and I am pleased to announce that Gayleen Smith will coordinate Loudon activities for the 2007–2008 program. Gayleen has been with our program since the beginning — she will bring new ideas, cheers and success to our wonderful program. Gayleen will continue to coach the third/fourth grade squad of athletes in addition to her new position. Congratulations, Gayleen!

Third Annual Jamboree — A Fantastic Finale!

What do you get when you put 200 cheerleaders and over 350 fans in one room? The best MCCA Jamboree EVER!!! The cheerleading squads from the Merrimack County Cheerleaders Association gathered on Saturday, March 10th at the Merrimack Valley Middle School gym for our third annual jamboree. Each squad performed for friends and family and received trophies of participation. Proceeds from our jamboree will go to the competition squad for next year's expenses. The Merrimack Valley Middle School, MV Varsity Cheerleaders, and the Plymouth State Cheerleaders joined us for the finale which was spectacular! Thank you to all the cheerleaders that participated, the fans, the sponsors, and our fan-tab-u-lous group of volunteers!

See you all in October for another winning season!!!!

If you have questions about the Loudon cheerleading program or would like to volunteer in Loudon, please contact Gayleen Smith: crop4fun@comcast.net. ■



Loudon Recreation Committee

The Loudon Recreation Committee has met and is already planning some exciting programming for the citizens of Loudon. Instructional golf lessons and a possible children's summer theater are already in the works. Please see the information sheets which are included in this edition of *The Loudon Ledger* for more information on these two great programs. **Also included in this edition of *The Loudon Ledger* is a survey that has been developed to help the committee plan upcoming programs and events. Please take the time to complete the survey with your ideas and interests.** The Recreation Committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library, please join us if you are interested in helping out, we hope to see you there!!! ■



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LOUDON WILDLIFE

By Kris Tripp

This month: The “Smelly” Striped Skunk!

They're cute, they look cuddly but they can muster up a stink that will be smelled for days and they can also be very dangerous! Spring officially begins when the strange pungent smell of the skunk lingers in the air. As striped skunks snap out of their drowsy winter daze and become more active; they're out and about from dusk to dawn, on the move looking for mates. Each night, females may roam up to half a square mile, and males can range over 4-5 square miles. The skunks' breeding season peaks in mid-March.

Characteristics: Skunks are members of the weasel family — they are easily identified by the white stripe that runs from their head to their tail. The stripe starts with a triangle at the head and breaks into two stripes down its back. The stripes usually meet again and form one stripe at the base of their tail. *Each striped skunk has a unique stripe pattern.* The striped skunk is about the same size as a house cat. They have short legs and webbed toes that have claws used for digging and looking for food.

Lifecycle: After mating in the spring, babies are born about two months later (May and June). An average litter is five to six babies. The babies will nurse in the den for about a month and a half. After they leave the den they may stay with their mother for up to a year.

Habitat & Diet: The striped skunk is only found in North America. Its range runs from central Canada to northern Mexico. The striped skunk tends to live in open areas with a mix of habitats like woods and grasslands or meadows and is usually never further than two miles from water. The striped skunk is *omnivorous*, it eats both meat and plants. Skunks eat insects and earthworms — in the summer insects make up nearly half their diet — but they'll also eat snails, small rodents, bird eggs, fruit, fish, crustaceans, fruits, nuts, leaves, grasses, and carrion (dead animals). What a skunk eats often depends on what it can find and the time of year.

Behavior: Their short, stubby legs, makes it difficult for the skunk to outrun predators so they have developed a unique defense system. When a skunk is



threatened, it first tries to run away from the predator. If that doesn't work, it tries to frighten the predator by arching its back, raising its tail and turning its back on the predator. It may also stomp its feet (the “warning dance”). If this doesn't work, as a last resort, the skunk will spray the animal with a strong-smelling fluid. The fluid really stinks and it can also sting the eyes of the predator. This gives the skunk time to get away! *A skunk can spray as far as twelve feet!* If your pet is sprayed by a skunk, try an immediate bath with Dawn dishwashing detergent in place of your regular pet shampoo to eliminate some of the smell. Many groomers use this trick! Tomato juice and vinegar are also some old home remedies that appear to help with the smell (however, I would not use these remedies on a white pet!).

Skunks Can Carry the Rabies Virus!

Never, ever pick up a cute little baby skunk!!! If you or your family pet comes into contact with a seemingly friendly skunk, beware! Skunks, raccoons, foxes, woodchucks and bats are the common wildlife species infected with rabies. Cats, dogs and livestock can also become infected and spread rabies if they do

not get or are not up-to-date with rabies shots. Humans can become infected with rabies from wildlife and domestic animals (pets).

To prevent rabies, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services recommends the following:

- Do not touch, feed or pick up wildlife or stray animals. If you see an animal acting strangely, call your local animal control.
- Teach children to avoid wildlife and all animals they do not know well.
- Vaccinate pets. **Vaccination is required by law in New Hampshire for dogs, cats, and ferrets** 3 months of age and older, even if they stay indoors.
- Keep pets indoors at night. Do not let pets roam free.
- If a pet has been in a fight with another animal, wear waterproof gloves when touching your pet. Call your veterinarian. Avoid contact with saliva.
- Feed pets indoors — skunks love to eat cat food so keep it inside.

For more information about the Striped Skunk, visit these fantastic websites: www.wildlife.state.nh.us and www.nhptv.org/natureworks/strippedskunk.htm. Facts for this article were obtained from the above websites and www.derrynhpolice.com/rabies.htm. Picture courtesy of Clipart.com.

Check it out!

April educational programs at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center:

- **Amazing Migrants. Tuesday, April 24 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.** The arrival of spring means that a lot of animals are on the move. Come learn the “hows and whys” of animal migration. Outdoor activities, stories, and a craft will help us understand what it would be like to migrate. Meet a live animal to discover the story of its migratory journey! Minimum enrollment 4, maximum 12. Grades 1–3; Cost: \$7/member; \$9/non-member; Advanced reservations and payment required. For more information contact: Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Phone: 603-968-7194 Email: info@nhnature.org.
- **Celebrations of Spring. Thursday, April 26 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** A fun day of exploring the woods, meadows, and ponds of the Science Center in search of signs of spring. Search for colors, smells, and clues that tell us winter is over. Stories and games, meet a live animal to learn about its springtime activities after a long winter slumber. Minimum enrollment 4, maximum 12. Grades 3–5; Cost: \$7/member; \$9/non-member; Advanced reservations and payment required. For more information contact: Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Phone: 603-968-7194 Email: info@nhnature.org.
- **NH Audubon Summer Camps:** Great summer camp programs are available at the McLane Center in Concord! For more information contact: Phone: 603-224-9909 or visit their website at: www.nhaudubon.org.

Do you have a picture you would like us to publish of an animal you have seen in Loudon? We would love to hear from you! Please send ideas or pictures to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or e-mail Kris Tripp: tripp.kris@comcast.net.

Find Your Home's Hidden Allergen Hot Spots

(NewsUSA) — People know about dust mites in their beds, pet dander in their carpets and other dust and allergens on their floors and furniture, but they may be missing some other hot spots where allergens collect in their homes.

Allergens can settle on hard surfaces and fabrics around the house, but they can also get into smaller, hard-to-reach areas, and in hidden places you might not think to clean on a regular basis.

“Allergen avoidance and reduction at home is critical to allergy control,” says Mike Tringale, director of external affairs at the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. “The first step is to identify the problem areas, and then take the necessary steps to reduce hidden indoor allergens.”

Procter & Gamble, which makes household cleaning products such as Swiffer Dusters and Febreze Allergen Reducer, and the AAFA provide the following tips for controlling these top allergen hot spots:

- **Door jams and window sills:** Constant airflow in these areas means that dirt and dust collect here. Swiffer Dusters can trap and lock dust and dirt and remove many common household allergens while you dust. A traditional feather duster will just spread the dust around.
- **Plush toys:** Dust mites are common in plush toys, so wash them frequently in 130-degree water. If toys are too fragile to wash, place them into a zip-lock bag, then into the freezer for 24 hours, then rinse them in cold water to remove the allergens.
- **Walls:** Although walls have twice the surface area of floors and ceilings, they are largely overlooked during housecleaning. However, walls are some of the biggest collectors of allergens. To prevent allergen buildup, pay close attention to furniture and carpets near walls, and dust the walls weekly.
- **Closets and drawers:** Allergens from pollen can often be carried on your clothing. When you put clothes into closets and drawers, these allergens can cling to other items nearby and build up in these closed spaces over time. Febreze Allergen Reducer is safe to use on virtually all fabrics, including most clothing, and Swiffer Dusters can help to keep dresser drawers, closet doors and shelves clean.

For more information and tips on how to reduce allergens in your home, visit www.aaafa.org. ■

Easter — Sunday, April 8, 2007

By Kris Tripp

The Origin of Easter

I thought this would be a simple article about Easter eggs and bunnies but there is so much information available about this holiday, it is hard to know where to begin.

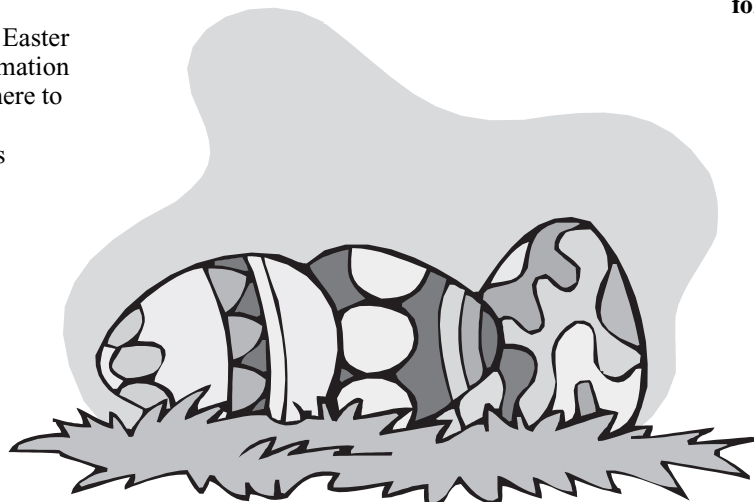
In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, whom they believe was the son of God. But the celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that are Pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity.

Scholars, accepting the derivation proposed by the 8th-century English scholar St. Bede, believe the name Easter is thought to come from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" or "Eastre," both Goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox or spring Equinox.

Traditions associated with the festival survive in the **Easter rabbit**, a symbol of fertility, and in colored **Easter eggs**, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

The Christian celebration of Easter includes a number of converging traditions with emphasis on the relation of Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover, or Pesach, from which is derived Pasch, another name used by Europeans for Easter. Passover is an important feast in the Jewish calendar which is celebrated for 8 days and commemorates the flight and freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Early Christians, many of whom were of Jewish origin, were brought up in the Hebrew tradition and regarded Easter as a new "feature" of the Passover festival, a commemoration of the advent of the Messiah as foretold by the prophets. Easter is



observed by the churches of the West on the **first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox**. So Easter became a "movable" feast which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. The first full moon following the Spring Equinox this year is on April 2nd.

Christian churches in the East which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival.

Easter is at the end of the Lenten season, which covers a forty-six-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. The Lenten season itself comprises forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of Lent. Sundays are considered a commemoration of Easter Sunday and have always been excluded

from the Lenten fast. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in preparation for the highest festival of the church year, Easter.

Holy Week, the last week of Lent, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday takes its name from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds laid palms at his feet. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. Friday in Holy Week is the anniversary of the Crucifixion, the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross.

So Easter is a holiday and celebration that has something for everyone as far as I can tell — whether you are Jewish, Catholic, Christian or Pagan, Easter is a holiday we can all celebrate. Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

Facts for this article were obtained from the following: www.holidays.net/easter/story.htm, and <http://en.wikipedia.org>. ■

Search Begins for Next Fish & Game Executive Director

Fish and Game Commission Chairman Glenn Normandeau announced the search has officially begun for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's executive director position, to be filled upon current executive director Lee E. Perry's retirement in August of 2007. A search committee has been named; Cheshire County Commissioner Robert Phillipson, Jr. will chair it.

The search committee will conduct "a comprehensive and equitable search" for a new executive director, in accordance with the statute, Normandeau said. The Commission expects to cast a wide net and recruit for the position through many channels, including the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the Division of Personnel and Fish and Game Department websites. The search committee's activities will conclude with the forwarding of a single recommendation to Governor Lynch this summer.

Commissioner Normandeau advises potential candidates that all applications must be postmarked by April 26, 2007 to be considered. The position is unclassified and serves a term of four years.

To be considered, applicants must possess a minimum of ten years experience demonstrating progressive management and leadership within an organization with a budget in the range of \$10 million plus. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in wildlife, fisheries, natural resources, conservation law or a related field and an advanced degree in business, public administration or a related field, or equivalence. The preferred candidate will possess experience in supervising a diverse organization and demonstrate strong leadership ability, competent administrative skills, understand the value and traditions of hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife viewing, possess a strong ability to

communicate and appreciate the balance required among all six divisions of the Department.

The salary range for this position is up to \$89,388 plus state benefits, including fully paid health and dental insurance, retirement program, pre-tax deduction for deferred compensation and paid vacations.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume that clearly

demonstrates how he/she meets the qualifications and desired skills to: Commissioner Robert Phillipson, Chairman, Search Committee, 195 Gunn Rd., Keene, NH 03431, postmarked no later than April 26, 2007. For a complete job description, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/InsideFandG/human_resources.htm. ■



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The Loudon Recreation Committee Needs to Hear From You!!!

Dear Loudon Resident,

The Loudon Recreation Committee is looking for people who want to have fun and try new things right here in the town of Loudon. Over the last couple of years the Loudon Recreation Committee has provided a number of fun programs including: karate lessons, swim lessons, soccer camp, and the Loudon Summer Fun Nights! There are many programs and events that can be offered to the community, but we need your ideas and volunteers!

The Loudon Recreation Committee looks forward to providing some great program opportunities to Loudon Residents. Please take a moment and fill out the following survey about your interests. Thank you for your time and help.

Please share your ideas on Loudon Fun Nights which are held in the summer. If you have been, please share what you have enjoyed or what you would like to see including specific performing groups or events:

Please list class ideas or workshop topics that you would like to see offered to the community. If you have an instructor name, please list that as well:

Do you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with the community? Do you have a specific age group you would like to share this with?

Would you like to be contacted if the committee needs additional support for an event? Please list days or times you would be available to volunteer:

Look for more information about an instructional golf program, summer children's theater program, swim lessons, and other exciting events coming soon!

Please return this survey to Alicia Grimaldi, chairperson of the Loudon Recreation Committee 7001 Sanborn Road Loudon NH 03307. If you are interested in volunteering or have additional ideas to share please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. The Loudon Recreation Committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library, join us if you are interested! We hope to see you there!!



Attention kids of Loudon... We want to hear from you! We know there are talented kids here in Loudon! Draw a picture, write a poem or share a story. Send it in for inclusion in the Kid's Page of The Loudon Ledger. Type it up or write it down and send it to the Loudon Communications Council, PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or email it to jaelmasse@comcast.net

A Bird's Eye View of Loudon

Once again, we have some space to fill, so we're running a few more aerial photos of Loudon and the surrounding area taken on December 14, 2006. Prints are available of any of these pictures. Contact Debbie Kardaseski at 783-9812 if you see something you'd like. ■



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Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

We had no program for our March meeting, but some of us played cards, and we all drank coffee, had Dunkin Donuts, and enjoyed various gab sessions. We had pork cutlets, rice, gravy, corn, and applesauce for lunch, which was provided by Community Action Program. Because of the voting at the Town Hall, we had a smaller attendance than usual, but a good time was had by all. Scrapbooks of our previous trips and other activities were viewed and appreciated.

On April 10th, our next meeting date, we will play Bingo with prizes donated by our Committee members. We look forward to having Jim Dymment as our Master Bingo Caller. We will also have pizzas made by Brookside Pizza. The family of Dorothy Labonte donated the funds to the Young at Heart for the pizza in consideration for the reception provided by the group following Dot's funeral service.

We are working on a musical presentation for our May meeting, which is unconfirmed at this time. We have scheduled a boat trip for our June get-together. More information on this trip will be provided at the Bingo/Pizza Party. Members, keep your calendar open, and join us on April 10th! AOL now offers free email to everyone. Find out more about what's free from AOL at AOL.com. ■



Boating Education Class Schedule

The Dept. of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required, Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

One Full-Day Session (Saturday)

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| 04/07/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Holderness Squam Lakes Association, Holderness |
| 04/14/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord |
| 04/14/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Nashua St. Joseph's Hospital, Nashua |
| 04/21/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia |
| 04/21/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee |
| 04/21/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Hooksett Public Library, Hooksett |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Keene Fish and Game, Keene |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Nashua St. Joseph's Hospital Nashua |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Plaistow Library, Plaistow |
| 04/28/07 | 9:00-4:30 | Windham Fire Dept., Windham |

Two-Day Session (Weeknights)

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| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 04/02/07 & 04/04/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack |
| 04/09/07 & 04/11/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Exeter Library, Exeter |
| 04/09/07 & 04/11/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Seabrook Fire Dept., Seabrook |
| 04/16/07 & 04/18/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Alton Prospect MTN H.S., Alton |
| 04/16/07 & 04/18/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry |
| 04/16/07 & 04/18/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
| 04/16/07 & 04/17/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Lebanon Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical, Lebanon |
| 04/23/07 & 04/25/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Bedford Fire Station-Police Dept., Bedford |
| 04/24/07 & 04/26/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Londonderry Police Dept., Londonderry |
| 04/30/07 & 05/02/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Raymond H.S., Raymond |
| 05/07/07 & 05/09/07 | 6:00-9:30 | Dover H.S., Dover |
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What's the Score?

By Jack Prendiville, Thompson Real Estate

Banks and lenders want to loan money to people who have the ability to pay back the debt. That's why they will look closely at your credit score or FICO score during the application process. The score is a number, generally between 300 and 850, that indicates how much risk is involved in lending you the money. It is determined using a statistical model and is based on your credit history. The higher your FICO score, the better.

So now you may be wondering, what causes someone to earn a low FICO number? Here are the five things that can adversely effect your rating.

- 1. Late payments.** Failure to pay your bills on time can drag down your score. This includes credit cards, utilities, school loans, and other debts. The later the payments, the more damaging the effect. It is also important to note that late payments stay on your credit history for a period of seven years.
- 2. Maxed out.** If you are carrying a lot of debt or are close to your credit limit on several accounts, you could be seen as high risk. In other words, the lender sees you as someone who is spread too thin and may not be able to make future payments.
- 3. No Track Record.** Lenders also look at the length of your credit history. If you've only had accounts open for a short period of time that could hurt you. Lenders want customers with a proven track record, where history shows they are able to pay back debts over a significant period of time.
- 4. Not Diversified.** One credit card, also called a revolving account, used consistently and paid on time may not be enough for some lenders. A good mix of credit, like car loans, other mortgages, school loans in addition to revolving credit is viewed more favorably.
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We're approaching graduation season and we know Loudon students are moving on in their educational life. Let us know where your senior is heading to after high school... or what your college graduate's plans might be. Have you gone back to college and obtained a long sought after degree? That deserves accolades also!

The Communications Council is also looking for writers. If you'd like to write an article, please contact us with your idea. Write a one-time item or write a monthly column — either way, you are welcome to join the Council. Our next meeting is Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Community Building in the Village. We hope you join us! ■

Selectmen's Minutes—Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Deputy Chief Rick Wright, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Loudon Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little, and Chris Pope Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. For Board of Permit were Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Planning Board member Bob Ordway, and ZBA Chairman David Powelson.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.

Chairman Bowles stated that the Board was meeting with Chris Pope, Director of Homeland Security, and Emergency Management to discuss criteria for opening the Emergency Operations Center in Loudon and responsibilities of each department.

Mr. Pope stated he respects the differences in state and local government. He said the law says each town has to appoint an Emergency Management Director, if they do not appoint one, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen becomes the Emergency Management Director. Mr. Pope stated that depending on the wording of the Emergency Operations Plan some towns have it set up that the Emergency Management Director is the person who makes the decision to open the EOC. He went on to say that, some towns have it set up

where the Emergency Management Director, other department heads, and board members collectively make the decision to open and at what level. Mrs. Little said that Loudon's EOP is set up to have the Emergency Management Director work collectively with the other departments and boards. Mrs. Little stated there are two levels of activation for Loudon. She went on to say that she felt there has been some issues with other departments feeling like she is stepping in on their turf and because the plan is still so new, maybe people are not that familiar with it yet. Mrs. Little said she is not trying to step on anyone's toes and she thinks that everyone has to find where their place is in this. Mrs. Little said that communication and trust is something that needs to be built up. Chairman Bowles said that one issue that keeps coming up is cooperation. He said that as a community, Loudon has done very well in the past dealing with emergencies, even before the EOP was updated. Mr. Pope said the people who play key roles in Emergency Management are the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Health Officer, and Emergency Management Director. He said the Emergency Management Director is the one who pulls the team together. The Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Health Officer are all in command of their specific disciplines. Mr. Pope said that the Emergency Management Director typically does not have command control. He said the Emergency Management Director's role is to see that the requests of the departments are taken care of and they have the resources that are needed. Selectman Maxfield asked at what point the Emergency Management Director opens the EOC. Mr. Pope said that it depends on the situation. He said that some towns call meetings between the departments involved to determine if they feel a need is there, other towns have the Emergency Management Director make the decision on their own. Mr. Pope stated that e-mails go out to Emergency Management Directors every time there is a potential for an emergency event. He said that the information forwarded to each Emergency Management Director advises them of what potential emergency situation is possible. They do not necessarily tell the Emergency Management Directors what they have to do; they provide the information so each town can decide how they want to prepare for a possible event. Mrs. Little said she felt that the issue of cooperation is something that needs to be dealt with at a local level and with trust and communication it should get better. Mrs. Little said she has contacted the State Emergency Management Office for information and guidance and appreciates everything they have done for her. Mr. Pope said that ultimately, the Police Chief and Fire Chief are held accountable for emergency situations. He said he has known the Police Chief and Fire Chief for many years and he knows that they

take their jobs very seriously. Mr. Pope said that it is very important to have a good working relationship with the departments involved. He said that if things cannot be worked out, then there might be a need to make a change. Discussion ensued regarding the Road Agent being an integral part of the plan. The Board agreed that it was important to have all parties involved with Emergency Management in this meeting so they all hear the same information and have the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Pope said that while Loudon is a small town, it hosts a huge event, which is registered with Homeland Security at a Level 2 Special Event. He said there is extra planning that the Town has to do and they do it. Mr. Pope said that Loudon has a good reputation for what they have done with the event. Mr. Pope discussed the similarities he found between the NHIS events and his experience with the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade and Football game. He said he is very impressed with how Loudon handles the big events. Chairman Bowles said they have to cautiously work the Emergency Management Director into the plans and be sure that everyone is working together. He said that it is important one department does not overpower another. Chairman Bowles said the Emergency Management Director is a key person to the whole picture. Everyone thanked Mr. Pope for attending this meeting.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board moved the meeting to the Safety Building due to a lack of heat at the Community Building.

Chairman Bowles reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 6, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — Final Budget Hearing 2007–2008 Budget on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Mr. Fiske stated Rocco Bagone has applied for a Hawker's and Peddler's Permit. He said that there are a few items missing that are required. Mr. Fiske said one of the items missing is the certificate of insurance. He went on to say that the advertising that stated there was a general store on the premises has been corrected. Mr. Bagone has written a memo stating there would not be a general store on site. Mr. Fiske said Mr. Bagone is permitted for a maximum of 200 people at any event. Mr. Bagone feels that he may have as many as 300 people on Saturday night only. Mr. Bagone has asked that the hours of operation be from 12:00 p.m. on Friday to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday for this event. Mr. Fiske said that he is not sure of the

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number of overnight campers there will be. He said that there are 20 bands scheduled to perform during the weekend and it had been advertised that they would be playing until 2:00 a.m. Mr. Fiske went on to say that, he has discussed this with Mr. Bagone and Mr. Bagone has reassured that he has taken care of this issue and the bands will perform between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as per the Town of Loudon Noise Ordinance. Mr. Bagone has several vendors that are going to be on site. Mr. Fiske has advised Mr. Bagone that he would need to obtain State Hawker's and Peddler's Permits for each individual vendor. Selectman Maxfield asked how this complies with the regulations and Planning Board approvals. Mr. Fiske stated that Mr. Bagone is approved for a maximum of 200 people and he is anticipating the possibility of 300 people on Saturday. Selectman Ives asked how they could allow 300 if only 200 were originally approved. Mr. Fiske said that the consensus of the Board of Permit had been that this fell under Special Events. He said there have been Special Events such as graduations where there have been 400 people in attendance. Selectman Ives asked if this would be for one night only. Mr. Fiske said for Friday through Sunday. Mr. Powelson asked how many people would be staying overnight. Chairman Bowles recognized Mr. Bagone from the audience. Mr. Bagone said it depended on the weather but he did not think it would be 300 people either night. He said because this event is being held April 20–22, he would be lucky to get 100 people stay overnight. Chairman Bowles asked if this should be looked at as a Special Event with overnight camping as opposed to a campground with overnight camping. Mr. Fiske said the Zoning Ordinance references overnight camping. Chairman Bowles said if this falls under the Special Events, then he felt it would have to follow the regulations for Special Events Hawker's and Peddler's Permit. Mr. Fiske said he felt they would be working under a different set of rules. Chairman Bowles said he agreed and asked the members present if they all agreed. Selectman Maxfield asked for clarification of "quiet time." Mr. Fiske said 10:00 p.m., but Mr. Bagone's letter of intent says 9:30 p.m. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Powelson what the Zoning Ordinance stipulated for amount of days per year for camping. Mr. Powelson discussed Mr. Bagone's approval through the Planning Board

and stated that he did not have a copy of the approval with him so he was not exactly sure what Mr. Bagone's approvals were. Mr. Bagone said the original application stated he was approved for seven to ten weekends per year including the three races. He said he typically only has people during the three races. Selectman Ives said it looked as though if by allowing this under the Special Events Hawker's and Peddler's Permit it would not count against Mr. Bagone's dates of operation that he was approved for through the Planning Board, this is an entirely different entity. Mr. Fiske said that was also his assumption. Selectman Ives asked what type of security would there be at this event. Mr. Bagone said the same as he has for the race events. He has some friends who wear security shirts and he has not had any incidents in the ten years that he has been doing this. Selectman Ives asked about alcohol issues. Mr. Fiske stated that Mr. Bagone has asked for a uniformed officer to be located at the entrance to his property. He advised Mr. Bagone that he would need to discuss this with Canterbury as the location is technically in Canterbury. Mr. Fiske said that if they were to receive calls from Mr. Bagone or spectators, the Town might need to place two or three officers there at Mr. Bagone's expense. Mr. Dow said he felt there needed to be concerns regarding the neighbors. Chairman Bowles said he agreed. He said that Mr. Bagone needs to be sure that the quiet time starts at 9:30 p.m., not any time later than that. Mr. Fiske said if there are complaints and Officers are sent to Mr. Bagone's property he needs to be aware that people could be subject to arrest if there is disorderly conduct at that time. Mr. Powelson discussed the Zoning Ordinance relative to campgrounds. He said he felt the festival portion fell under the Special Events Permit, but the overnight camping would need to follow the Special Exception. Selectman Ives asked if Chief Burr had any questions relative to bonfires. Chief Burr said he has not been aware of any issues in the past. Chairman Bowles asked if Mr. Bagone was planning on this event to be under a tent. Mr. Bagone said depending on the weather, he was thinking about having a tent placed over the stage area. Chief Burr advised Mr. Bagone if a tent were to be utilized, depending on its use, and the number of people in attendance, Mr. Bagone would have to have it inspected. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Bagone he should have the tent inspected no matter what the size. Chief Burr also


advised Mr. Bagone that if anyone were to be using propane, an inspection would need to be done for that also. Mr. Fiske discussed outstanding paperwork requirements and said he would be willing to make the Hawker's and Peddler's Permit contingent upon having all required paperwork in place. Mr. Bagone explained that in order to get the insurance for the Special Event, he needs to have the Hawker's and Peddler's Permit in place. Mr. Bagone said he already has the State Hawker's and Peddler's Permit. Selectman Maxfield asked how many of these events was Mr. Bagone planning on holding per year. Mr. Bagone said this was the first one and he did not have anything else like this planned. Selectman Ives advised Mr. Bagone that he needed to be sure that he follows all the regulations and requirements as this will set the tone for future events. Mr. Dow asked about onsite parking and asked if Mr. Bagone knew how many additional spectators would be around during the day. Mr. Bagone said the three hundred that he had stated in his letter of intent. Mr. Bagone said Mr. Cal Dunn had offered to allow him to park additional vehicles at this property if needed. He said he did not plan to utilize this property but it was a backup plan if needed. The Board asked Mr. Bagone for a letter granting consent to park additional vehicles on Mr. Dunn's property from Mr. Dunn. Chairman Bowles asked that this letter be part of the required paperwork from Mr. Bagone. Mr. Fiske said he felt that Canterbury needed to know that Mr. Bagone might be utilizing Mr. Dunn's property, which is in Canterbury for overflow parking. Selectman Maxfield asked if there would be fireworks at this event. Mr. Bagone stated it is a very strict rule that he cannot have any fireworks at his property. Mr. Dow said he felt there should be some type of notification for the neighbors. Selectman Ives asked if there had been any noise complaints in the past. Mr. Fiske said no. Mr. Dow asked Mr. Bagone to obtain letters from his closest abutters. Mr. Bagone said he would send certified letters to his abutters advising them of the event and letting them know they can send their concerns to the Selectmen's Office. Chairman Bowles agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Bagone said there are nine abutters. Chairman

Bowles said that as long as Mr. Bagone provides the information required and follows up on all the requirements he should be able to get the Hawker's and Peddler's Permit. Mr. Bagone said the biggest issue for him is the insurance. Discussion ensued regarding the next Board of Permit meeting date. The Board agreed that if everything is in order then the Board will sign the permit at the next scheduled Board of Permit and if Mr. Bagone does not have everything in order by then, the permit will not be signed. Mr. Bagone thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Fiske discussed a Hawker's and Peddler's Application for NHIS for the parking lot at the Big Apple Convenience Store. He said everything is in order. The dates are for June 27, 2007 through July 1, 2007, 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and September 12–16, 2007, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Fiske said that the Track provides a list of all vendors, not just the ones for the Big Apple Convenience Store.

Mr. Fiske discussed Michael Minery's property on Route 129. He said Mr. Minery currently has two residences on one parcel. Mr. Fiske said Mr. Minery has inquired about either replacing the house closest to the road and either move it or rebuild on another part of the property. He asked the Board if Mr. Minery would be required to only build on the existing footprint or would he be allowed to put a house on another part of the property as long as it follows the zoning requirements with the exception of the two houses on one parcel. Selectman Maxfield said it would be nice to move that house out of the right-of-way, especially since it is so close to the road. Mr. Ordway asked for clarification for the relocation of the house. He asked if it were going on another lot, or on the same lot in another location. Mr. Fiske said it would be the same lot, just another location. Discussion ensued regarding the subdivision that had taken place through the Planning Board. Mr. Dow stated he felt the Planning Board minutes should be reviewed as he thought this issue had been touched on during the meetings. Mr. Fiske said the big issue is that there are two residences on one lot versus if it were only one resi-

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dence. Mr. Dow said he felt Mr. Minery should meet with the Planning Board at Thursday's meeting. Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White will be asked to gather the meeting minutes relative to Mr. Minery's property. Discussion ensued. Mr. Dow asked if Mr. Minery were looking to move an existing house to a vacant lot, would he have to get a building permit, as this would not be a new building. Discussion ensued regarding this being a replacement, but on a new lot. The Board will take this under advisement until more information can be obtained.

Chairman Bowles closed Board of Permit and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice asked the Board when Mr. Flagg's probationary period as Assistant Road Agent ends. Discussion ensued regarding what the minutes say as far as the probationary period. The Board will look into this and get back to Mr. Rice.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr stated he had nothing new to report.

Selectman Ives stated he wanted to be sure that nothing be done with the building owned by Atlas until all permits were in place. Chief Burr said that as he said at the Fire Department Meeting, nothing would be done until all permits were in place.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Mr. Fiske provided the Board with a Fish and Game Grant letter.

Chairman Bowles stated one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Chairman Bowles reiterated the importance of being sure everything is in order for Mr. Bagone's Special Events Hawker's and Peddler's Permit.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing for the Electronic Recycling Fees for the Transfer Station at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Bowles read the Public Notice for those present. He stated that Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett was in attendance. Chairman Bowles asked if there were any public comments of questions. There was none. Chairman Bowles went on to say that, this has become a State mandated issue. These devices can no longer be disposed of in with the household trash, burned, or buried. Mr. Bennett stated the company that NRRA contracts with does recycle the parts responsibly. He explained that parts that are recycled are sold to other companies. Discussion ensued regarding signage at the Transfer Station as well as costs associated with the electronic recycling. He said that there is no expectation of revenue to be generated with the implementation of electronic recycling, as it will actually cost the Town more money to get rid of the items than they are charging. Discussion ensued regarding not charging higher fees to cover the cost of getting rid of these items, as there are people who will try to find creative ways of disposing of the items without paying for them if the fees are too high.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to put into effect the amendment to the Town of Loudon Solid Waste Transfer Station Ordinance, Section 11, Fees (b) to include Electronics as mentioned in the Public Hearing Notice to be effective March 1, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Bennett about the metal recycling processing. Mr. Bennett said the company that picks up the metal comes with a cherry picker truck and picks up the metal, places it in the truck and if they need to

weigh it down in the truck, they have weights they use. He went on to say that, it is transported to Concord and Portsmouth where it is then shredded, sorted, and non-metal materials are removed. The final product is then sold to companies. Mr. Bennett said that Advanced Recycling likes to wait until there is approximately a full day's work for them when they come to the Transfer Station to pick up the metal. He said they usually are able to get about four truckloads.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Bowles stated that Mrs. Lee had spoken with Don Borrer at DRA relative to the 2007-2008 Budget and making the bottom line figure a whole dollar amount. *Selectman Ives moved to amend line item 01-42100-300-390 PD Prosecution from \$21,108.50 to be rounded up to \$21,109.00 and to amend the 2007-2008 Operating Budget to \$4,190,003.00. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter sent to Bob Fiske.

The Board received correspondence from Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding two separate appeals, one from Mr. Harris, and one from Mr. and Mrs. Sherman.

The Board received the Host Community Fee from ESMI for the 4th Quarter of 2006.

The Board received copies of the 2006 Equalization Ratio from DRA. The Equalization Ratio for 2006 is set at 98.7%.

The Board received correspondence from Avitar regarding "View Tax."

The Board received correspondence from Town Counsel regarding the Kinkade Haven open space deed.

The Board received correspondence from Town Counsel regarding the Lapadula open space deed.

The Board received an example of the deed language for the Conservation Easement deed for the Davies property. Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson asked that the Board review it and advise her if it is acceptable.

The Board received the updated list of Gravel Pit Reclamation Bonds for gravel pits in Loudon. Selectman Maxfield said he felt the Board should have

Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske speak with Mr. Plourde regarding a Reclamation Bond for the property he purchased in the Village. Chairman Bowles stated they would need to research minutes relative to the Reclamation Bond for Mr. Plourde to get the required bond amount.

The Board received copies of the 2007 Parking Permit list from the Planning Board. Chairman Bowles stated that the Rymes Oil Company utilizes the former VFW parcel for race event parking and he recalled that Board of Permit had agreed to revoke the Atlas Parking Permit for one year due to the way the property was left after the race event. Selectman Ives stated that there was also a problem with the Parking Permit for Bob Searles property on Route 106. The Board will look into this and Chairman Bowles will discuss this issue at the Planning Board Meeting Thursday evening.

The Board received correspondence from Pemi Baker Solid Waste District regarding a vote taken by Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

The Board received copies of DES correspondence regarding Pleasant View Gardens Wetlands application.

The Board received the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #7.

Selectman Ives thanked Harry MacLauchlan of Harry O Electric for coming to the Community Building on Saturday, February 10, 2007 to fix the fire alarm system due to an activation. Mr. MacLauchlan donated his time. The Board thanked Mr. MacLauchlan.

Chairman Bowles stated he felt the Board should forward a letter of thanks to Chris Pope for coming in to discuss Emergency Management issues. The Board agreed that Mr. Pope is a valuable asset to the Town of Loudon.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles thanked Chief Burr for allowing the Board to hold their meeting at the Fire Station due to heating issues at the Community Building. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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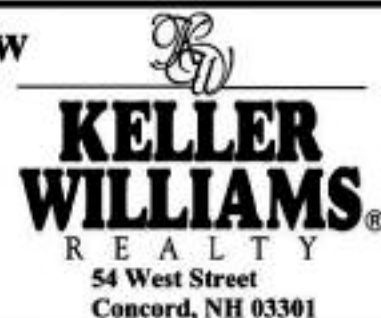


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Selectmen's Minutes—Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated the Board met with Chris Pope, of the State of NH Emergency Management Bureau prior to the normal start of the Selectmen's Meeting. He stated the meeting was posted with the 5:30 p.m. start time and the Board continued into their regular Selectmen's Meeting. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Mark Race of 37 Clearview Drive regarding a building permit penalty.

Mr. Race advised the Board that he had applied for a building permit for the lot across from his residence with the intention of selling it to a family member once it was completed. He said he did not have any intention of living in it as he plans to reside in his current home. Mr. Race said when he applied for the building permit he inadvertently checked off the wrong box on the application which states that he agreed that he would live in the home for one year. Chairman Bowles said that he researched the issue and due to time constraints with the building permit Mr. Race obtained one of the last residential building permits. He said if Mr. Race did not sign for the building permit he received, he would have had to wait until 2008 for his permit. Mr. Race said he understood that to be correct. Chairman Bowles said that Mr. Race signed the building permit application and initialed that he was aware of the penalty. Chairman Bowles went on to say that he feels the Board should stand behind the application. Mr. Race said that he inquired about the \$500.00 to \$10,000.00 penalty at the time of the application. He went on to say that Bob Fiske advised him to circle yes, and that it would be dealt with at a later date. Mr. Race said he never had any intention of living in the home. Chairman Bowles said he was advised Mr. Race was made aware that he was getting the residential permit, not the developer permit. He said there was a developer that had to wait until 2008 for the permit because Mr. Race obtained the last 2007 residential permit that would have been turned over to a developers permit. Selectman Ives said based on the facts that were presented to the Board, he felt the Board needed to follow what the permit states. Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Race if he was aware that he was getting a residential permit and not a developer's permit. Mr. Race said he is not sure that he was aware of the difference. He said he is not a developer; he is a private citizen and just planned on building on his addition-

al lot. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Race that he could appeal to the Zoning Board. He said the ZBA would listen to Mr. Race plead his case and they could overturn the Selectmen's decision to follow the permit.

Mr. Race asked about the assessment on the property. He stated there is a building value included in the assessment, however, there is no building on this lot. Chairman Bowles explained that while he does not have a copy of the assessment card to look at, he thinks the assessment is in the "features value" and it is a value assigned to the building permit value. Selectman Maxfield stated he felt Mr. Race should go to the ZBA. Selectman Ives suggested that Mr. Race have all of his information with him when he goes before the ZBA.

Chairman Bowles reconvened the Public Hearing to discuss the acceptance of Greenview Drive as a Town Road.

Chairman Bowles read the Public Notice for those present. Chairman Bowles advised those present that at this time not all easements are in order. Town Counsel received a copy of an easement from Mrs. Crowley's Attorney today, and after review does not feel the wording is correct. Chairman Bowles went on to say that Town Counsel has advised him the Board should listen to all concerns of abutters this evening and once a decision is made, the Board will advise those interested parties of the decision. Town Counsel advised Chairman Bowles that the Selectmen do not need to continue the Public Hearing, once the information has been obtained and the decision is made, the Board can advise the interested parties in writing. Chairman Bowles asked if anyone wants to receive the decision in writing could they please leave their information at the Selectmen's Office.

Attorney Tom McCue stated he forwarded the easement between Mrs. Crowley and Steve and Carol Roy to Town Counsel, who has requested some additional wording in the easement. Attorney McCue will make the changes once he receives the information from Town Counsel. He said he and Mrs. Crowley would be waiting for Town Counsel's recommendations so they can move forward.

Marcia Campaniello asked what other issues were pending. Chairman Bowles stated he is not sure exactly. He went on to say that research is being


done on the entire project. Chairman Bowles said because there were many subdivisions, maintenance agreements, and discussions relative to this property the Attorneys are going through all of the documentation and starting from step one. He said it appears another attorney has been brought in to help with the research. Mrs. Campaniello said that if the Board cannot advise the abutters of the issues of concern, how could they voice their opinions relative to those issues. She said it appeared this would be the last opportunity to voice any concerns and without the issues identified it would be difficult to voice any concerns. Chairman Bowles said this is not a typical situation with accepting a road. He explained how roads are typically built and accepted. Chairman Bowles said Town Counsel is working on piecing everything together to find out the specifics of the road, once that is done, he will forward his recommendations to the Board and the abutters will be notified. Mrs. Campaniello asked if there were any indication of the likelihood of it going public. Chairman Bowles said he does not know. Mrs. Campaniello asked if there were any specific items that the Board is aware of and gave a few examples of what Town Counsel could be looking at. Chairman Bowles said the issues could be one, all, or additional issues that are found during the research. He said they could find issues that go back to the first portion of construction, maybe the road was not built according to the plans that were submitted, he does not know until the research is completed. Chairman Bowles said it is a huge liability for the Town to accept a road and they have to be sure that it is built properly. Mrs. Campaniello said the road was built through the Golf Course and Mr. Crowley received approvals from the appropriate Boards, subdivisions were approved, and those Boards knew the road was being built, so why would the Town have any concerns with accepting the road if the approvals were granted correctly in the first place. Chairman Bowles said when this road was first done it was deemed a "Private Way" on the first plan. Mrs. Campaniello asked if the second and third phase of the road was listed as a "Private Way." Chairman Bowles said he did not know for sure at this time. He said the Town will not accept any road if they are aware of any pending issues or liabilities. Mrs. Cam-

paniello asked if Town Counsel understood if there are outstanding liability issues, not resolved, the people who live on Greenview Drive are still going to have those same concerns that the Town has and the Town is better able to deal with those issues then the individual citizens that have no other means to deal with them. Selectman Maxfield said the issues that the Town is concerned with are things like electric lines and water lines running under the road and many other issues that need to be researched. He explained that the Planning Board lays out the road, the contractor comes in and posts a construction bond, builds the road to Town specifications, posts a maintenance bond, Town Counsel reviews the petition to accept the road, if all is in order and there are no issues, the Town accepts the road. Selectman Maxfield said this is a unique situation, and the Town's Attorney is working hard to get the answers.

George Page talked about the original conception of the plan and asked about the long term after affects of possible contamination underground in that area, relative to the Town being liable if they accept the road. He went on to say that by allowing this road to be accepted by the Town there is a chance that the trailer parks will ask for the Town to maintain their roads also. Chairman Bowles said he did not feel that it would go to that extreme, as the trailer parks do not all have engineered plans and such. He went on to discuss the issue with the contamination, and said each homeowner signed a waiver if there was any contaminated soil placed on their property, and he does not believe the Town would be liable. Mr. Page asked if the Board was sure there would be no

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liability to the Town if the road were accepted as a Town road. Chairman Bowles said he was not certain. Mr. Page talked about there being a major watershed in the Greenview Drive area and about the long-term effects of what can happen. Mr. Page said he felt the Selectmen should be looking at this issue. Selectman Maxfield discussed the DES decisions relative to the placement of the ESMI soils.

Mrs. Campaniello said she felt there were specific liability issues that the Board had that they were not discussing. Selectman Maxfield said the liability issues he was thinking of are relative to the underground water and electric lines. Mrs. Campaniello asked if there were more than just those. Selectman Maxfield said he did not want to say anything else. Mrs. Campaniello asked if things were looking like they were as close to getting the road accepted as they were before or have things gotten worse. Chairman Bowles said that again, until the Attorneys are able to come up with their findings, the Board does not have that answer.

Attorney McCue said if anyone wanted to discuss the ESMI soils issue, they could contact him outside of this meeting to discuss it in detail. He said he did not want to waste a lot of time tonight and provided his telephone number for those present.

Bob Landry said he wanted to thank the Selectmen for what they have been trying to do for the residents. He said he

would like to see the road go public with maintaining the golf course as a feasible golf course.

Ken Lorden asked why the Board would be re-approving a decision that has already been approved. Chairman Bowles said it has not already been approved. Mr. Lorden said the road was built to State specs, it was bonded, and some of the bonds have already run out. Chairman Bowles said it is the way the law reads. He said that towns require contractors with subdivisions to build roads to Town and/or State specifications regardless of if they will be private or public. Chairman Bowles went on to say that the Zoning Ordinance is in place and needs to be followed. Once the contractor builds the road, they then petition the Town to layout and accept the road. Mr. Lorden said if they were to have built the road to Town standards, at what point was this road checked to be sure that it was done correctly. Chairman Bowles said that there were several inspections done as the road was being built. He also said that the Town requires the same bonds and escrow for engineering fees for inspections to be in place on private roads, just as they do on any other road being built with the intention of becoming a Town road. Mr. Lorden asked if there were problems with the way the road was constructed or issues with easements, wouldn't the Town have known about it at the time. Chairman Bowles said that this road was always addressed as a "Private Way" and as far as the easements and agreements were written would have

been the responsibility of the landowner/contractor, not the Town. Now the petitioner has asked the Town to accept this road, the Town is looking to be sure the easements and agreements are in order and that the Town will not be dealing with any liability issues in the future. Mr. Lorden said that he did not understand what the issues were. Selectman Maxfield stated this road is not like any other road in the Town of Loudon and because of issues like the golf carts driving along the edge or crossing the road, the Board wants to be sure that there will not be any liability to the Town if the road is accepted. Selectman Ives said that the basic construction of the road was built to Town Standards, and if it were in another location, this would not be a problem. The problem is regarding the road location and what surrounds the road, until those issues are addressed, the Town cannot accept the liability issues. Mr. Lorden asked if the road was in the golf course or was the golf course in the road. Selectman Ives said that is one of the issues that needed to be resolved. Chairman Bowles said this issue is not just as simple as the Planning Board approving the plan for a road and having it built to Town Standards. He said that once a road is built, it then has to go through the layout and acceptance process, which is where the Town requires legally recorded easements and agreements prior to any acceptance of the road. Chairman Bowles went on to say that in most cases, the petitioner is the one who bears the burden of proof and costs associated with this process, the Town typically does not go through the steps like they are doing with this road.

Mrs. Campaniello asked if all the issues that Mrs. Crowley has had to address have been taken care of. Chairman Bowles said that to the best of his knowledge, any issue that has been discussed regarding Mrs. Crowley has been or is being addressed. He said that does not mean that during the research process the Attorneys will not come across any other issues that may need to be addressed by Mrs. Crowley. Mrs. Campaniello asked if there were any issues that have been presented to the Golf Course that need to be resolved and have yet to be resolved. Chairman Bowles said he does not know what the Attorneys have found for information at this time. He said the Selectmen do not contact Town Counsel every day for an update. Chairman Bowles said Mr. Leombruno and his Attorney have been working with Town Counsel and the Board and he does not believe that there are any issues with the golf course.

Roger Gayer thanked the Board for their time with this issue. He discussed other subdivisions that have been done in other Towns and they required associations to be developed prior to the selling of the lots, instead of after the fact. Chairman Bowles discussed Mr. Crowley's discussions that this road was going to always be a "Private Way." Selectman Maxfield talked about the discussions the Board had with Mr. Crowley and Mr. Crowley maintained during those discussions this would always be a "Private Way." Mr. Gayer said Mr. Crowley told him the day before he signed the papers on his home that his intention was to turn it over to the Town.

Bob Gaudreau asked what type of liabilities the residents are going to be dealing with if the Town does not accept the road. Chairman Bowles said he was not sure, that until the research is done, he does not feel that he can comment on that. Mr. Gaudreau asked why Town Counsel has not been at the Public Hearings. Chairman Bowles said at this point the Board did not feel the Attorney needed to be present. He said the Board will wait for the answers from the attorneys and then decide if another public hearing needed to be held when the decision is made. Chairman Bowles went on to say that at this point the Board feels the attorneys will find the answers and make their best recommendation for the Town. Mr. Gaudreau said he wanted to thank Kim Bean for plowing Greenview Drive. Chairman Bowles stated he felt the residents of Greenview Drive were fortunate to have Mr. Bean assisting them.

Joe Campaniello asked if there were a timetable set for a decision on this issue. Chairman Bowles said that there is not a specific date set, once the research is complete, Town Counsel will give his recommendations, and the Board will make their decision. He said that if they feel there is a need to hold another hearing, they will, but at this time, there is no reason to keep continuing the public hearing. Chairman Bowles reminded those present that if they want to have the decision in writing, they needed to provide their information to the Selectmen's Office.

The Board thanked the residents of Greenview Drive for their patience.

Mrs. Campaniello asked if the road does not become a Town Maintained Road, would the reasons for the decision be made public. The Board said absolutely. Chairman Bowles said he felt there would be a formal written

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response and it would be a matter of public record. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that Town Counsel's recommendations are just that, recommendations, the final decision lies with the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued regarding the Selectmen's job to protect the Town.

Chairman Bowles asked for any further public comments. Hearing none, he reminded those present about placing their names on a list to be contacted when the decision is made.

Selectman Ives moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Steve Roy.

Mr. Roy stated the road his house is on is a Class VI Road subject to gates and bars and he has been plowing his driveway the same way for 14 years. He said he was informed yesterday to move the snow out of the road or the Police Chief would be contacted, as would the Prosecutor. Mr. Roy said the Town plows the paved portion of Voted Road, and he plows his end. He stated this is only used as a snowmobile trail and they are always able to get through. Mr. Roy said his neighbor has decided that he wants to use this road as his access. Mr. Roy provided the Board with photos of the area as well as documents that detail the area and access on the road. He said he has discussed putting up a gate with the Road Agent as people end up going down his driveway thinking that they are

heading to Greenview Drive, but the gate has not been put up yet. Mr. Roy said his neighbor has not plowed this road until last week and now he plans to utilize this road for his access. Mr. Roy went on to explain to the Selectmen how he plowed the snow during last week's storm. He said that Chief Fiske and Lieutenant Krieger told him the Town could not even plow the snow to that road. Mr. Roy spoke with Road Agent David Rice and Mr. Rice wanted to know where they are supposed to plow the snow. Chairman Bowles stated Town Counsel advised him that the Town can plow anywhere they want to as it is the Town's jurisdiction, anyone on a Class VI Road that has frontage on that road has the right to plow it as they see fit, as long as the Town does not have any issues with it. He said Mr. Roy's neighbor has a driveway permit for access to his property. Mr. Roy said his neighbor has three driveways/access to his property. Discussion ensued regarding the neighbor cutting trees, and removing a stonewall, access through the stonewall, boundary lines, driveway access issues, and a cease and desist. Chairman Bowles reviewed a portion of Knowing the Territory publication relative to Class VI Roads and responsibilities of the Town. Discussion ensued regarding the history of the property, the driveway permit access, and the issue of Mr. Roy wanting to continue plowing the snow in the manner he has over the past 14 years. Chairman Bowles said he is not sure where the Town should be involved and where the civil issue is. Discussion

also continued regarding the neighbor having access on Country Hill Road as well as Voted Road. Mr. Roy stated he did move the snow banking but he wants to go back to being able to plow the way he always has. The Board will look into this issue and get back to Mr. Roy with an answer for him.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a notice of bond cancellation on the Maratea property.

The Board received a notice of the Labor Board hearing on March 19, 2007 and the meeting with Attorney Irwin.

The Board received a memo from Chief Burr regarding the sale of a truck body to the Bristol Fire Department.

The Board received the draft February 15, 2007 Planning Board minutes.

The Board received a question from Treasurer Melanie Kiley regarding the heat account at Station #2. Discussion ensued and the Board will look into this issue.

The Board received a letter from Northeast Resource Recovery Association regarding the February 28, 2007 meeting.

The Board received the Legislative Bulletin #8.

The Board received a Scholarship thank you from Alana Mallat.

The Board received copies of the bid specs for the signal replacement at Route 106 and Route 129.

The Board discussed the fact that there is still no bond in place for the Plourde property. Bob Fiske will follow up on it prior to April 1, when the Intent

to Excavate application is due. Discussion ensued regarding the reclamation bond.

The Board received correspondence from Town Counsel that the Children's Librarian qualifies for a salaried position.

Chairman Bowles read the Town Warrant for those present and the Board signed the Warrant.

Selectman Maxfield stated the Town Hall has been completely refurbished and stated the Contractor had done a marvelous job. Chairman Bowles stated there have been two Saturday night Church Suppers so far and March 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a grand opening Church service. Discussion ensued regarding the heating system. John Plummer asked about the smoke alarms for the Town Hall. Chairman Bowles stated the smoke alarms are hard wired and there is a security system installed which will be monitored. Discussion ensued regarding steel beams for structural stability.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

*The Loudon Board of Selectmen
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Planning Board Minutes—Tuesday, February 15, 2007

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

Attendance:

Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Ordway, Chairman Tom Dow, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and alternate Steve Jackson were present.

Dan Geiger was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 18, 2007 Public Hearing. Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

February 1, 2007 Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing. Tom Moore noted an incorrect word in Amendment

14, to be corrected. Tom Moore made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.

Gary Tasker asked that the Board and public recognize Bob Ordway for his many years of service to the Planning Board. Bob has decided to retire as a member and this is his last official meeting. Mr. Tasker thanked Mr. Ordway for his guidance and support. Dustin Bowles said that Mr. Ordway is a good reference point and has a lot of valuable history that others rely on. All wished Mr. Ordway the best.

Discussions:

Wayne Stauss — Theresa Boardman spoke on behalf of Mr. Stauss as his buyer's agent. Ms. Boardman explained

that Mr. Stauss is interested in moving his manufacturing business to the former dance hall on Mudgett Hill Road. She handed out a company overview of Mr. Stauss's company, MicroFab, Inc. Ms. Boardman also handed out a packet that addressed the purpose of the presentation, company description, and chemical and waste storage methods. She stated that Mr. Stauss is very safety and environmentally conscious. Steve Jackson said he would agree and stated that Mr. Stauss understands that he has

to come to the Board for a full site plan review. Dustin Bowles stated that copies of the paperwork handed out should be forwarded to the fire chief and code enforcement officer. There was discussion about the condition of the building, what the Planning Board is looking for, and the applicant having to go before the Zoning Board for a special exception for a manufacturing use. Stan Prescott noted that this use would be considered industrial and

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would require five acres; therefore, the applicant would also have to seek a variance from the ZBA.

Villages at Loudon — Tony Marcotte of Bedford Design Consultants said he is here to discuss some site plan changes. He explained that the first part of construction is complete to the base course, with the final course to be done this spring. He said they would then talk with the Selectmen about accepting the road. Mr. Marcotte reported that 12–16 units have been built, with 4 or 5 sold and residents moving in early spring. He outlined three areas of change. 1) There is some parking by the clubhouse; current plan has 51 spaces and this will be reduced to 42 to allow an area for RV storage. There will be a 6–8' high PVC green fenced area. 2) Sloped area is 50' offset with a 3:1 slope on current plan, will be changed to 10' offset with a 5:1 slope. This will be easier to construct and will provide better support for vegetation. 3) Proposing revised grades at the back area due to many requests from prospective buyers for walk-out basements. Mr. Marcotte said they will do a site specific. He said he wanted to run this by the Board for input before going to the state.

Stan Prescott asked if the abutter is in agreement with these changes. Mr. Marcotte said he had called and left her a message but has not heard back. There was discussion about landscap-

ing changes to be addressed in re-design phase, the number of RVs that can be accommodated in the parking area, and the visibility of that area. Tom Dow asked if the grade in the Phase 3 area is being changed significantly. Mr. Marcotte said it will be quite a change at 10' in the middle of that area and 2–4' at the road. He explained that the new owners are working the area more efficiently and the drainage will work out better with this change. He said there was some cutting being done in the wetland buffer and he has met with Julie Robinson about that. It has been agreed that there will be no more cutting but there will be work to create trails and clean up. Mr. Marcotte said the wording for the conservation easement is being worked out. Dan Geiger stated that he went to the site with Mrs. Robinson and the Conservation Commission has no problem with the clean up, however there were some mature trees taken. He said the Commission will be working with them on future work of the area.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Application #07-01, Donald & Judith Warner — Minor Subdivision, Located at Flagg Road and Lovejoy Road, in the RR District. Map 57, Lot 4. Abutters have been notified. Steve Luger presented the plan on behalf of his clients Diana Mailhot and Jonathan Knox who will be purchasing the lot

being divided from the main parcel. He explained that Ms. Mailhot and Mr. Knox want this lot as a buffer. Mr. Luger stated that subdivision approval has been given; however, the paperwork has not yet been received. He gave the approval number as 200700294. *Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move directly to public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* Mr. Luger explained the layout of the parcel and said there is an extensive wetland running through the property. He pointed out the four test pits that were done, the buildable area, setbacks, and the 180' by 240' box. Mr. Luger said there is a 25' easement at the edge of the road for future widening.

Gary Tasker said this has to be set up for a buildable lot. Mr. Luger showed the well radius and septic area, saying there is room for a 26' by 40' house. Dustin Bowles brought up the corner lot rule of accessing from the lesser traveled road. There was discussion of Flagg Road being Class VI, not town maintained, and access being acceptable on Lovejoy. Henry Huntington asked about the percentage of wet versus dry area. Mr. Luger stated that .96 acres of the 2.9 acres is wet and noted the calculations used are listed on the plan. He also noted that the lot got state subdivision approval. Stan Prescott asked if Mr. Luger included the “no build” area in his calculations. Dan Geiger stated that the wetland itself is not to be included in the lot size calculation but the buffer is used in the calculation. Chairman Dow asked if there were any further questions from the public. Hearing none, he closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There were no further questions from the Board. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the application as submitted; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* Henry Huntington stated that the lot sizing should be on the pages to be recorded. Mr. Luger said he would make that change.

Application #07-02, Loudon Woods Estates — Major Subdivision, Located on Chichester Road, in the RR District. Map 2, Lot 23. Bob Ordway recused himself from this matter as he is an abutter of the property. Steve Jackson was appointed to take Mr. Ordway's seat on the Board for this application. Peter Holden of Holden Engineering presented the plan on behalf of the property owners, Dan Aversa, Gary Vermette and Joseph Bohi. Mr. Holden explained that this is the second phase of Loudon Woods Estates and reviewed

the previous subdivision at this location. Mr. Holden stated the new road off Beehole Road will be 1,075' and a waiver has been submitted for that. He pointed out the proposed lots on the new road and those on Chichester Road. One lot on Chichester Road has existing buildings.

Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move directly to the public hearing; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor. Abutters Bob Ordway and Brett Barton (noted that the property is still listed as Bruce and David Barton) were present. Mr. Holden reported that they have proposed a 30,000 gallon cistern and have subdivision, site specific, and wetland approvals. He said that the road was designed to minimize the wetland impact and reported that the cistern plans were sent to the fire department. Mr. Holden said there is currently an access road to properties at the back of this parcel. He said they have created an easement to go along the property line without wetland impact. Bob Ordway said he would like to see the easement go directly to his property rather than to the abutting property as it currently does. He said he feels that would clean it up and avoid having to have an easement to cross the abutting property as well. Mr. Holden said he would get together with Mr. Ordway to discuss wording for the easement. Stan Prescott said this access has been discussed in the past, saying Map 4 Lot 8 should have access. Mr. Holden asked if a 50' right of way was what the Board had in mind. Mr. Prescott stated that there are too many dead-end roads in town and they need to provide for the future. Dustin Bowles said they have the opportunity to plan properly and could get an access through this subdivision. There was discussion about bringing this access to both property lines. Mr. Ordway said the logical alignment would be the current road/trail. Peter Holden said they could put a 50' strip down the property line, taking some out of Lot #2 and still have the required two acres. There was discussion about how best to lay out the 50' strip so that prospective owners would know there could be a road there in the future. Dan Aversa said there is a similar situation on Wellington Lane and it is noted in those agreements. He said he would be concerned about clearing the strip and maybe never using it.

The fire chief has reviewed the plans and noted that the proposed location of the cistern does not meet the 1,000' dis-

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tance required for all lots of the subdivision. Dustin Bowles said he thought there was supposed to be a cistern on Beehole Road. There was discussion of water sources, the location of the cistern, and the need to install sprinkler systems in any houses not within the required 1,000'. It was noted that the houses on the previous approval were not sprinklered. Dustin Bowles said he thought the cistern was to be located where the previously approved lots would be covered. Stan Prescott said something needs to be in writing on the plan that those houses are to be sprinklered. Henry Huntington said the town has regulations requiring 1,000' and the applicant has to make it work. Discussion continued about the best place to locate the cistern and possibly a second cistern.

Stan Prescott noted that the engineers used 25% slopes and advised Mr. Holden that the ordinance went to 20% last year. He said these need to be checked and changed. Steve Jackson asked about the vehicle maintenance pad noted on the plans. Mr. Holden explained the purpose and construction of this pad. Mr. Jackson asked if there is concern about the pad's proximity to the wetlands. Mr. Holden stated that the area is self-contained and there is no need for concern. Dan Geiger said he would like to address two points: 1) the vehicle maintenance pad is in the 75' buffer of the wetland, should be put in another location; 2) on the easement

perhaps they could open it up and make it look like there will be a road but would request there be no cutting back by the brook unless necessary. He suggested it could be staked and tagged, noting this is a shady area and they would prefer to keep it that way. Henry Huntington noted that there are no wetland buffers shown on the plans.

The town engineer has been given a full set of plans for review and will have comment for the next meeting. Stan Prescott said something that has been discussed on Creek Water Lane is the underground electric and putting the transformers on private property. He said they want these on town property in the right of way. Dan Aversa noted that they are in the right of way on Wellington Lane. Mr. Prescott and Mr. Bowles both stated that the ones on Wellington Lane are too close to the road and risk the chance of being hit by plows. Mr. Holden asked why the town cares if these are on private property. Mr. Prescott explained if the town needs to get in to do work on the slopes and have to disturb the transformers, they have to pay the utility if on private property. If they are in the public right of way, the utility has to move them at no cost to the town.

Before coming to the next meeting the applicant needs to address the wetland buffers, 20% slope ordinance, location of cistern, and the 50' right of way.

Bob Ordway returned to the Board.

Board Discussion:

Donna said she has received several phone calls about a property on Bear Hill Road that is for sale. The parcel is 123 acres, is landlocked, and has a deeded easement through another piece. The easement states it is for logging and recreational use. A common question is about putting a camper on the property. Another question is about how to make the piece a buildable lot. Bob Ordway said it could be built on if there was a 50' right of way access. Dustin Bowles said that was changed to having to be 50' of frontage owned by the owner of the back property. Steve Jackson referred to S601 of the Zoning Ordinance. It was noted that one house could be built on the parcel as long as the owner owns 50' of frontage on Bear Hill Road and Bear Hill Road would not need to be upgraded. Bob Ordway said a camper could be put on the property as long as not more than the allowed 21 days per calendar year.

Dustin Bowles said he would like to address daytime parking permits. He stated that the Board of Selectmen received a list of those sent out for this year's racing season and noted that there are two on the list that need a year off due to issues during the 2006 season. Donna explained that the renewal letters went out to those applicants along with a copy of a memo from Chief Fiske that outlined the concerns for their particular location. Gary Tasker said he would talk with Robert Searles about his parking plan and permit.

Report of the ZBA:

There is one application before the ZBA for a special exception for reduced setbacks on Berry Road.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Tom Dow said the music festival scheduled to take place at Rocky Road Campground was a topic of the Board of Permit. He said they are working on a compromise and stipulations. Certified letters will be sent to all abutters by Mr. Bagone to notify them of the event. Music must be stopped at 9:30 p.m. This event is being handled as a hawkers and peddlers special event. Mr. Dow said a set of rules will have to be put in place for the future.

There was a hawkers and peddlers permit issued for the paved area beside the Big Apple.

The Board of Permit discussed an inquiry from Mike Minery about replacing his house on Route 129 that is by the road.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — February 22, 2007

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on February 22, 2007 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, Chairman; Roy Maxfield, Ned Lizotte, and George Saunderson.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JANUARY 25, 2006 MINUTES:

George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #07-01, Leo Boucher — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 58, Lot 62. Abutters have been notified. Steve Jackson was present to represent Mr. Boucher. Mr. Jackson identified himself as an abutter to the property. He explained that Mr. Boucher's proposed driveway location is where there is an existing access onto the property and is the best option because of drainage at the other corner of the lot. Mr. Jackson presented the Board with a letter from abutter Roanne Sanborn. Ms. Sanborn would be the most affected by this driveway and has no objection to the plan. Mr. Jackson explained the layout of the proposed driveway and the abutter's driveway, saying there are some trees between the

two. He went through all of the points of the application. Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board. Roy Maxfield said he would like to see the driveway stay at least 6' from the property line, leaving the applicant 25' for the driveway. Ned Lizotte said it appeared from the plans that the septic would be under the driveway. Mr. Jackson explained that it is a concrete chambered system. There was discussion about load limit of such a system. George Saunderson asked if the driveway needs to be 30' as drawn on the plan. There was discussion about the width of a driveway, keeping it 6' from the side property line, and leaving room for drainage. Chairman Powelson asked Mr. Jackson if the applicant would be agreeable to the side setback

being reduced to 6' from 30'. Mr. Jackson said he felt Mr. Boucher would accept that. Ned Lizotte asked if the parcel was originally two lots. Mr. Jackson said he has seen all of the bounds and it is one lot. He does not have the deed but did see the 6 granite bounds noted on the plan submitted by Mr. Boucher.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters who wished to speak in favor of the application. Steve Jackson said he was in favor of the reduction. He said it should be taken into consideration that the lots in this area are very small, non-conforming lots. There were no other abutters present. Ned Lizotte stated that he felt a reduction to 6' would be appropriate. Steve

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Jackson said he would agree with Roy Maxfield's statement about drainage from run-off from the driveway and considering future abutters. There was discussion about the levels of this and the abutting property and potential drainage concerns. John Plummer asked to clarify if this would be one or two driveways. Steve Jackson explained that the applicant is putting the driveway where there is an existing access. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Powelson closed the hearing with the application to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #07-01, Leo Boucher — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 58, Lot 62. George Saunderson made a motion to approve the special exception for reduced side setback from 30' to 6'. Roy Maxfield seconded the motion. George Saunderson said he personally did not have a problem with the proposal as long as it is kept away at least 6' away from the line. He suggested that the Board might want to go look at the site. There was discussion about a site walk, drainage from this lot onto the neighboring lot, and proposed timeframe of the driveway construction. Roy Maxfield stated that he does not have a problem with granting the special exception but if others are the least bit concerned they have the right to walk the property. Dave Powelson said he saw the property earlier in the day and the proposal seems appropriate for the lot and the Clough Pond area. Steve Jackson said the lot actually appears lower than Mrs. Sanborn's. Ned Lizotte said his only concern if that he is not familiar with that area and would not want to miss anything. Chairman Powelson said if there is concern, they should look at it. There was discussion about the driveway permit process. Chairman Powelson said he believed that Dave Rice has looked at the property. Donna reported that Dave Rice is familiar with the property as the highway department has moved a culvert at the property. The culvert originally drained midway of the lot and it has now been moved to the further corner. Mr. Rice has reviewed the plan and agrees that the proposed driveway loca-

tion is the only option because of the wet area at the front and further corner of the lot. Donna also reported that Julie Robinson of the Conservation Commission has reviewed the plan and agrees that the proposed location is the most suitable for the driveway. George Saunderson said he was in agreement with the plan if Mr. Rice and Mrs. Robinson are alright with it. Chairman Powelson reviewed all of the points of the application and members were in agreement with each one. He repeated the motion to approve the application for a special exception for reduced side setback from 30' to 6'. Chairman Powelson called for a roll vote. *George Saunderson — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Roy Maxfield — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes. Unanimous; special exception for reduced side setback from 30' to 6' granted.*

DISCUSSION:

Wayne Stauss, MicroFab — Steve Jackson stated that Mr. Stauss is planning to buy the former dance hall on Mudgett Hill Road. He informed the Board that Mr. Stauss went before the Planning Board last week and explained his business and his plans for the building. Mr. Jackson said the company's use would be considered manufacturing and would require a special exception. He also said it would be considered industrial and therefore would require five acres, meaning a variance would be needed as well. Mr. Stauss stated that his business is a small job shop with 5 to 10 people. He currently has a 2000 SF facility in Manchester with some equipment in storage. This building is 6000 SF and will fit the company's needs as well as allow room to grow. Mr. Stauss explained the components that his company makes, handed out brochures, and showed samples and the proposed layout. He explained that they do not expect to grow large and that they do not have their own product line as this is a contract specific business. Mr. Stauss said the business was a self start up in 1999 and there are three owners and two employees. Discussion included expansion up to a staff of ten, upgrade of HVAC system, size and condition of the existing septic system, and the former use of the business. George Saunderson asked if the septic system would need to be upgraded. Mr.

Stauss said no inspections have been done yet. Steve Jackson stated it is a commercial system. Roy Maxfield asked what type of work Motophoria, the business currently approved for this location, did. Mr. Jackson said they did import and distribution of leather products. Mr. Maxfield said it would appear that this would be a non-conforming use changing to another non-conforming use. He said this could be considered manufacturing with a special exception and should be looked at environmentally. There was discussion of non-conforming use change versus a variance. George Saunderson asked how Mr. Stauss ships his materials. Mr. Stauss said they use UPS and FedEx two to three times a day. He explained that there would be one time when an 18 wheeler would be there for delivery of the equipment. Ned Lizotte said it would appear to be a good fit for the location. Roy Maxfield referred to S602.2 as a change of use, saying the property is currently approved for distribution and could fall under industrial use now as compared to commercial. It was agreed that Mr. Stauss would apply for a special exception for manufacturing under S206.3 (F). Donna will pull the file for the current use of the property. The special exception and change of use per S602.2 could be handled on one application. Roy Maxfield said this would allow the Board to lock the property into non-conforming use.

Donna stated that she has received an inquiry about the town's policy on windmills. There was discussion about what the ordinances allow for structure heights and windmills as an alternative energy source. It was noted that Canterbury has some windmills and it was suggested that Donna check Canter-

bury's regulations. Chairman Powelson said that the ordinances do not permit windmills. It was suggested that the inquiring resident be told this topic has not come up before and the town could look at the need and a solution.

Donna stated that she received a letter from Michael Harris asking the Board to overrule the Board of Selectmen's recent decision to uphold a penalty assessed to Mr. Harris by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Board agreed that Donna should notify Mr. Harris of his right to appeal within 45 days of the decision.

Donna stated that she had an inquiry from a gentleman who recently purchased a land-locked property on Bear Hill Road. There is a deeded easement that allows access to the property for logging and recreational use. The gentleman has asked if he can build on the property. Donna informed him that he would have to own 50' of frontage on Bear Hill Road. The property owner asked if he could purchase a strip of land from the property that he crosses in order to acquire the 50' of frontage yet continue to use the deeded easement as his access. It was recommended that the gentleman review his deed. The Board felt that using the easement as access to a house would not be permissible if it specifies logging or recreational use.

This will be Roy Maxfield's final meeting. He was recognized for his 18 years of service to the ZBA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Roy Maxfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Secretary*

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