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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.

Boston Post Cane Awarded

Cara L. Dowes, a lifelong resident of Loudon was presented with the Boston Post Cane on January 24, 2007 by Selectman Roger Maxfield. The Boston Post Cane is presented in recognition of the town's oldest citizen.

Mrs. Dowes, who was born May 26, 1911, currently resides at Heartland Place Residential Care Center in Epsom. During her years in Loudon she was active in the VFW Post #4405 and served as Auxiliary President for 18 years.

Mrs. Dowes, who was one of 21 children, has one sister, Victory "Vic" Greenwood, residing in Penacook, a step-daughter, Dorie Boucher of Epsom, and 6 grandchildren who reside in Loudon. They are John Dowes, Jennifer Magoon, Carrie Austin, Donna Austin, Debbie Austin, and Christine Campbell. Mrs. Dowes also has 11 great-grandchildren. ■



Projects Around Town Finishing Up



The Mill Pond work has been completed. There is a new dry hydrant here as well as stronger and higher reinforced edges. The banks here had begun eroding in the September 2004 flooding and were further damaged in May 2005.

Cross Brook Road's bridge is now repaired! This photo shows the replaced road bed over the new bridge. The bridge washed out during the heavy rains and subsequent flooding in May.



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.
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Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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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 or on other days, call Barbara Cameron: 783-4534

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

Loudon Representatives

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Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303-2411

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Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001

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

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

Senators — District 07

Robert B. Flanders: PO Box 1, Antrim, NH 03440-0001

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

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
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Sunday Evening: Youth Group — For Grades 6–11: 6–7:45 p.m.
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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Pastor Jeff Owen

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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.



First Church of the Nazarene

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)

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)

Pre-Teen Youth Group (Grades 5–6)

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 (50+) called OASIS.

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!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Currently meeting at the Loudon Community Center in Loudon Village until our Church on Clough Hill is repaired following a June 12, 2005 fire.

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

Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



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.



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



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

The Family Bible Church

Your Friendly Advent Christian Church

“Where everybody is somebody and, Jesus is Lord!”

Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Road, P.O. Box 7858, Loudon, NH 03307

Phone:(603) 267-7577

We are a warm and friendly, Bible believing/preaching Church located on the northern edge of Loudon, NH off Route 106 on Loudon Ridge Road. Our worship service includes a blend of contemporary worship songs and traditional hymns, accompanied by a tastefully blended band of musicians.

The diversity of the congregation at Loudon Family Bible Church helps to create a warm and comfortable place for others to come and worship Jesus. While there are many different religious backgrounds present, we all come together for the same purpose: to worship God and to serve Him in our church and in the surrounding communities. We are here to serve God and His people.

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. A blend of traditional hymns and contemporary song with fellowship time following service: Refreshments are provided.

Sunday School: Ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service, nursery also available

We also offer:

Sunday Morning 8:00–9:10 a.m. Join us for a coffee and prayer time before the Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group meetings are on Sunday evenings at the Church from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. for those in 6th through 11th grade.

Men’s Fellowship group is held on Monday evenings at the church from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Come get acquainted and find strength and support.

Ladies Fellowship and Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Bea Moore.

Adult Evening Bible Study: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the Church. Currently doing “A Survey of the New Testament”

Other Ministries and activities include: Worship Team, Drama Team, Prison Ministry, Dare-to-Care outreach ministry, Helping Hands Ministry

You can also visit us online at www.myfamilybiblechurch.org or email us at fbc@emlot.com

We look forward to meeting you and praying for you. Come join us as we worship the Lord in both spirit and in truth. ■

New Series Announced at First Church of the Nazarene

NEW: A Ladies Video Series and Bible Study will be held at the church on Tuesday evenings from 7–8:30 p.m.

The video series is called “Seven Celebrations for the Soul” and features well-known author, singer, songwriter, and speaker Kathy Troccoli.

Kathy outlines seven specific ways women can “exercise” their souls. Through this study, you will begin to see God transform your life and show you the true meaning of joy. So get ready to celebrate! This video series will run for about eight weeks and all women (high school graduates and older) are welcome to attend any week.

February Morning Messages

The February Sunday Morning Message Series from Sr. Pastor, Rev. John White will be on “Trusting God”:

Feb. 4th Trusting God for Stability

Feb. 11th Trusing God for Wholeness

Feb. 18th Trusing God for Wisdom

Feb. 25th Trusing God for Security

Come join us for 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.

Please also check out the “Where to Worship in Loudon” section at left for more opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. ■



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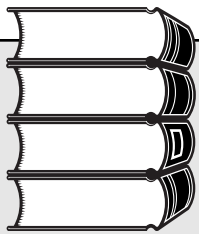
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

Join us this February at story time and be treated to a month full of animals! We'll start off on the 6th and 8th of February with stories about two ill-fated foxes: Keiko Kasza's *My Lucky Day* and Jon Scieszka's *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. The kids will follow up these stories by making their very own masterpiece with rice art.

On February 13th and 15th, the children will listen to *Happy Valentine's Day, Dolores*, by Barbara Samuels, which includes a little girl, her big sis-

ter, and an exceptional frog. The craft to follow will involve making a unique door hanger for that special Valentine. Plan to stay and enjoy some juice (provided by the library) and a special snack.

Story time gets a little fishy on February 20th and 22nd, as *Clumsy Crab* and *Old Shell, New Shell* by Ruth Galloway and Helen Ward are read. Parents beware as their children will be taking home their own fish tank! If you're looking for something to do with the kids during school vacation, join us

February 27th and March 1st as we read *Felix the Bald-Headed Lion* by Kenneth Townsend, and *The Snow Lambs* by Debi Gliori. We'll be hoping that if March comes in like a lion, it'll go out like a lamb.

NEW BOOKS

Have you ever had "one of those days"? Ever felt really angry about something and didn't know what to do? We have two new books for the early reader that will help children understand these two problems. Amy Krouse Rosenthal's *One of Those Days* shows

the positive side to a bad day. Cornelia Maude Spelman's *When I Feel Angry* tells the reader what they should and shouldn't do when something gets them angry.


Fiction for Adults:

- Lilian Jackson Braun: *The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers*
- Janet Evanovich: *Plum Lovin'*
- Julie Garwood: *Shadow Dance*
- Julia Glass: *The Whole World Over*
- Lisa Unger: *Sliver of Truth*

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Why is Valentine's Day
a skunk's favorite holiday?



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Because they are very

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January Word Scramble Answers:
Arctic, Celebrate, Hockey, January, School, Skate : Ice-cycle



This is just one of several murals Jane Bready has painted in the Children's Room of the Maxfield Public Library. The murals are beautiful and colorful. It is definitely worth stopping by to see them in person.



Another panel of the NASCAR mural. The panel above can be seen at the left in this photo. Notice all the fans in the stands across the top of the wall!



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Library — cont. from page 4**Nonfiction for Adults:**

- Eric Abrahamson: *A Perfect Mess*
- Jimmy Carter: *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*
- James J. Cramer: *Jim Cramer's Mad Money*
- Mireille Guiliano: *French Women for All Seasons*
- Erik Larson: *Thunderstruck*

NASCAR MURAL

If you haven't seen Jane Bready's finished mural in the Children's Room, you

need to come check it out. For those of you who are race fans, it's a sight to behold! And for those of you who haven't made it to a race yet, you can learn a lot from the pictures on the wall.

In the last weeks of 2006, Jane was very busy working on the mural between book signings. Brad Herzog's book, *R is For Race, a Stock Car Alphabet*, is filled with Jane's beautifully illustrated race scenes from around the country. We still have a few books autographed by Jane Bready available in the Children's Room. It's a great gift for

someone special or for someone to add to their NASCAR collection.

BOOK GROUP

The February discussion will be held on the 22nd at 7 p.m. Please call for details. Newcomers are always welcome.

DRAWING CLASSES

Discover your creative side with a class in drawing! Kim Roth, who is currently teaching a watercolor class, has offered to teach a second class at the library. This time we start with the

basics — drawing. If you're interested in finding your artistic side, or you just need to brush up on some skills, give us a call at 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.

HOLIDAY HOURS

In observance of Presidents' Day, the library will be closed Monday, February 19th. ■



As we continue our look at the NASCAR mural, we have now turned to our right. You can see the fans in the stands at the top left. This portion shows a pit crew racing to change tires.



Turning further right, we are now looking at the race car. Part of this mural is an actual body panel from a race car!



This mural is a favorite with the kids! Eventually, a desk will be here with computers on it. The youngsters will be able to "pilot" their computer! Even now, children come in, turn the chairs around, and pretend they are flying their own plane! This room is a wonderful place for letting your imagination loose!



Looking across the Children's Room, this is the view you'll get when you step off the elevator: a bright and inviting room.



Another view of the Children's Room, showing the placement of the murals.

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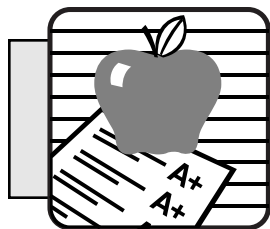
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

"Cool Socks" Sock Hop Sponsored by the PTA

Loudon Elementary School will have its very first Sock Hop on February 16th! This is not your typical sock hop, with poodle skirts and twin sets — this is a sock hop that will revolve around **really cool socks!!** Grades K–2 will enjoy the event from 5:30–7 and grades 3–5 will frolic from 7:30–9:00 p.m. 100 tickets for each event will be sold in advance on a first-come-first-serve basis. Cost is \$5 per child. Prizes will be awarded to a boy and girl in each grade for the coolest socks. Additional information on this event will be sent home through the school. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Christine Campbell: 783-9838.



Construction Update at LES!

The construction at LES is moving right along. The outside work (excluding the landscaping) is just about complete, framing and drywall projects have been finalized, and walls have been painted! A connector hallway should be opening soon on the upper floor. "Big changes will occur during February and April vacations."

Important Dates

- February 1** PTA meets the 1st Thursday of every month. (Please note there will not be a March meeting due to the MVSD annual meeting.)
- February 2** Report cards issued
- February 6** 100th day of school (providing there are not any more snow days!)
- February 7** Ski Club meets at Gunstock
- February 14** Ski Club meets at Gunstock
- February 16** Sock Hop Grade K–2, 5:30–7 p.m.; Grade 3–5, 7:30–9 p.m.
- February 21** Ski Club meets at Gunstock
- February 23** Spirit Day — Wear a hat and/or eat some popcorn for only .25 each.
- February 26** March 2 — School Closed for February Vacation

Thank You LES PTA!

The LES PTA is responsible for bringing a number of fun activities to our children. On behalf of all the parents, I would like to say "Thank You"! You are doing a fabulous job for the school and for the students and we appreciate all your hard work!

Merrimack Valley Middle School

Important Dates

- February 9** Winter Carnival Dance 7–10 p.m. (grades 7&8 only)
- February 12** School Board Meeting MVMS Library
- February 21** PTO Meeting 6:30 Library
- February 22** 3rd quarter progress reports
- February 23** Pride Day/Hat Day
- February 26** March 2 — School Closed for February 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@debbiegraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity! ■

**Don't Want to Wait for
The Ledger to read the minutes?
Copies of minutes are available
at the Town Office within
72 hours of a meeting or online at
loudonnh.org.**



Loudon Elementary School's addition and renovations are progressing. This is the status as of January 24, 2007.



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

Thirty-nine people attended our January 9th meeting. Letty Barton narrated a slide show of pictures taken on a motor coach trip she and several others took. They traveled through seven western states. It was quite a presentation.

In February, the group will go to "Food for Thought" in Belmont for a buffet lunch. The cost will be \$6.50 per person and we will leave the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. We have been there several times and are always satisfied. We will car-pool and those who will be leaving their car at the Community Center should park up by the tennis court, if they are able. We should not monopolize the Town Office parking spots if at all possible.

March will have no program. We will have donuts, coffee, and maybe play cards or board games or just talk. We will also have our usual lunch provided by the Community Action Program for \$2.00 per meal.

In April, we will play Bingo with Jim Dymont and eat pizza. It sounds like a plan to me! So, if you are 55 years of age or older, come join us and see what we are about. ■



54 West Street, Concord, NH 03301

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TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

February is American Heart Month

I am always on a personal quest to raise awareness regarding congenital heart defects in children. My daughter was born with a serious defect and it has forever changed our lives. I remember when my husband and I first got the news; we were heartbroken and shocked. Having no knowledge of heart defects made things worse and of course we had no idea of the bumpy road that lies ahead of us. I truly believe giving others knowledge on this public health issue is imperative, the more you know, the more control you'll feel if ever in the situation where you are dealing with a child with a heart defect; whether yours, your friends, or you are one of the millions who volunteer and/or donate to this cause. What better venue to spread the word than the *Ledger*, reaching out to the community, especially during American Heart Month. The following information is an informative question and answer segment from the American Heart Organization:

What is a congenital heart defect?

Congenital heart defects are structural problems with the heart present at

birth. They result when a mishap occurs during heart development soon after conception and often before the mother is aware that she is pregnant. Defects range in severity from simple problems, such as "holes" between chambers of the heart, to very severe malformations, such as complete absence of one or more chambers or valves.

Is all heart disease in children congenital?

No, but most is. These defects are usually but not always diagnosed early in life. Rarely, heart disease is not congenital but may occur during childhood such as heart damage due to infection. This type of heart disease is called acquired; examples include Kawasaki disease and rheumatic fever. Children also can be born with or develop heart rate problems such as slow, fast, or irregular heart beats, known as "arrhythmias."

Who is at risk to have a child with a congenital heart defect?

Anyone can have a child with a congenital heart defect. **Out of 1000 births, 8 babies will have some form of congenital heart disorder**, most of which are mild. If you or other family members have already had a baby with a heart defect, your risk of having a baby with heart disease may be higher.

How many people in the United States have a congenital heart defect?

Estimates suggest that about 1,000,000 Americans have a congenital heart defect. Approximately 35,000 babies are born with a defect each year.

Why do congenital heart defects occur?

Most of the time we do not know. Although the reason defects occur is presumed to be genetic, only a few genes have been discovered that have been linked to the presence of heart defects. Rarely the ingestion of some drugs and the occurrence of some infections during pregnancy can cause defects.

How can I tell if my baby or child has a congenital heart defect?

Severe heart disease generally becomes evident during the first few months after birth. Some babies are blue or have very low blood pressure shortly after birth. Other defects cause breathing difficulties, feeding problems, or poor weight gain. Minor defects are most often diagnosed on a routine medical check up. Minor defects rarely cause symptoms. While most heart murmurs in children are normal, some may be due to defects.

How serious is the problem?

Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect and are the number one cause of death from birth defects during the first year of life. Nearly twice as many children die from congenital heart disease in the United States each year as die from all forms of childhood cancers combined. Over 91,000 life years are lost each year in the US due to congenital heart disease. Charges for care exceed 2.2 billion dollars, for inpatient surgery alone.

Are things improving?

Definitely. Overall mortality has significantly declined over the past few decades. For example, in the 1960s and 1970s the risk of dying following congenital heart surgery was about 30% and today it is around 5%.

How well can people with congenital heart defects function?

Virtually all children with simple defects survive into adulthood. Although exercise capacity may be limited, most people lead normal or nearly normal lives. For more complex lesions, limitations are common. Some children with congenital heart disease have developmental delay or other learning difficulties.

What is the social/financial impact of congenital heart defects?

Successful treatment requires highly specialized care. Severe congenital heart disease requires extensive financial resources both in and out of the hospital. Children with developmental delay also require community and school-based resources to achieve optimum functioning.

What is the impact of congenital heart disease on families?

The presence of a serious congenital heart defect often results in an enormous emotional and financial strain on young families at a very vulnerable time. Patient/family education is an important part of successful coping.

Where can I get additional information?

Additional information can be obtained from the American Heart Association. You can reach them by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721) or via the internet at www.americanheart.org/children.

I also wanted to mention another great organization: Little Hearts Inc. This is a non-profit organization that provides support, resources, and networking to families affected by congenital heart defects. You can check them out online at: www.littlehearts.org

Source: www.americanheart.org/children

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured?

Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email: Tricia Ingraham: dtingraham@comcast.net.

Concord Hospital Acquires Pittsfield Medical Center

Concord Hospital has acquired Pittsfield Medical Center, a primary care practice located at 44 Loudon Road in Pittsfield, NH.

"We're very excited to announce that Pittsfield Medical Center is now a department of Concord Hospital," said Michael Green, president and CEO of Concord Hospital. "This acquisition certainly helps fulfill our mission of meeting the health needs of people in all of the communities we serve."

Below is a listing of the practice's health providers:

- **Dr. John F. Barksdale** is board-certified in family practice. A graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine in Boston, MA, he completed a residency and internship at Deaconess Hospital in Cincinnati, OH;
- **Dr. Mark H. Selesnick** is board-certified in family practice. A graduate of the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, he completed a residency at the Malden Hospital/Boston University in Malden, MA and an internship at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, MA;
- **Dr. Robert J. Zahn** is board-certified in family practice. A graduate of the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Maywood, IL, he completed a residency and internship at Womack Army Community Hospital in Fort Bragg, NC;
- **Paula Weeman, ARNP**, completed the nurse practitioner program at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. She graduated from the Concord Hospital School of Nursing in Concord, NH.

Concord Hospital and its subsidiaries, nationally recognized for cardiovascular, stroke and diabetes medical care, provides a network of 84 primary and specialty care physicians located throughout Concord and its surrounding communities. Concord Hospital health providers have access to state-of-the-art technology, numerous resources and advanced educational training. Our experienced and highly skilled primary care providers also have access to Concord Hospital specialty physicians ensuring that patients receive the highest standard and efficient medical care.

For more information and/or an appointment, call (603) 435-8336 or visit the Concord Hospital Web site at www.concordhospital.org. ■

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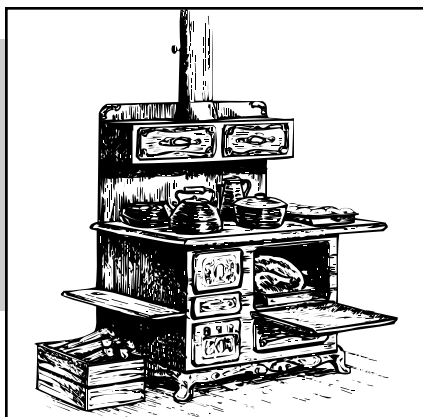
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What's Cookin'! Recipes from Loudon kitchens...

This month: Sweets For Your Sweets

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Happy Valentine's Day, Loudon — XOXO! How do you show your love for the people around you? Well, I feed them! And it wouldn't be Valentine's Day for me without chocolate, but as for my husband, Nick, desserts aren't his thing. But set him up with a pan full of sweet Prince Edward Island mussels with lots of garlic and a loaf of crusty bread, and he's one happy man.

Mussels in Garlic Cream Sauce

- 2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion — chopped fine
- 2 cloves garlic — crushed
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon pepper
- 2 Tablespoons dry or 4 Tablespoons fresh, parsley — chopped
- 1 Cup dry white wine
- 2 Pounds Prince Edward Island mussels — scrubbed clean (found at Shaw's and has very little sand, if any)
- 1/4 Cup heavy cream
- 1 loaf good crusty bread

In a pan large enough to hold all the mussels, heat the extra virgin olive oil on medium-high heat and add the chopped onion. Cook until the onion is translucent. (If the onions start to brown before they are cooked, add a bit of water and turn down the heat.)

After the onions are cooked, add the garlic, salt, and pepper. Cook for 1 minute and then add the wine, parsley, and the mussels. Stir to coat all the mussels and then cover for 5 minutes or until all the mussels are open.

You can serve the mussels in their shells in individual serving bowls including the broth of the mixture in the bowls. In our family, when the mussels are cooked we remove all the meat from the shells and put them all back in the broth in the pan. We then grab our bread and a couple of spoons then dig in!

As for me on Valentines Day, chocolate is the only way to go! And the only thing better than a trip to the famous Serendipity 3, New York's famous restaurant and boutique, for a delicious frozen hot chocolate is to get into my comfy pajamas (after a dinner of wine and mussels) and sitting in front of a roaring fire with frozen hot chocolate I've made right here at home.

Sock, Toiletries, Towels, and Washclothes Drive

Jan. 15 to Feb. 15

Loudon Girl Scouts are holding their second annual Sock Drive. We are collecting new and gently-used socks and new toiletry items for a local homeless shelter.

This year we are also requesting new or gently-used towels and washclothes.



Donation ideas include: lip balm, hand lotion, body lotion, deoderant, soap, shampoo, tampons, hats, mittens, and new and gently-used warm socks, hand towels, bath towels, and washclothes.



Please drop donations off at the Maxfield Public Library or contact Samantha French at 783-4601.

Frozen Hot Chocolate

Sweet Serendipity — Stephen Bruce, 2004.

- 6 Half-ounce pieces of a variety of your favorite chocolates
- 2 Teaspoons storebought hot chocolate mix
- 1-1/2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 3 cups ice
- Whipped cream (next recipe)
- Chocolate shavings

Chop the chocolate into small pieces and place it in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, stirring occasionally until melted. Add the hot chocolate mix and sugar, stirring constantly until thoroughly blended. Remove from heat and slowly add 1/2 cup of the milk and stir until smooth. Cool to room temperature.

In a blender place the remaining cup of milk, the room temperature chocolate mixture, and the ice. Blend on high speed until smooth and the consistency of a frozen daiquiri. Pour into a giant goblet and top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. Enjoy with a spoon or a straw — or both!

This whipped cream recipe is also great on fresh fruit, pie, cake, ice cream, or your favorite person! If that's not spicy enough, add 1 teaspoon of cinnamon or 1 tablespoon of your favorite liquor.

Whipped Cream

Sweet Serendipity — Stephen Bruce, 2004.

- 1 Cup heavy cream, very cold
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 Tablespoons light corn syrup

Combine the cream and vanilla and mix well. With an electric mixer with a whisk attachment, start whipping the cream on medium speed. Add the corn syrup slowly while beating. Whip until the cream holds soft peaks.

Slather, drop, and dollop onto whatever your heart desires. (2-2-1/2 cups, enough for 1 to 8 persons, depending on if you feel like sharing.)

If chocolate is not your thing make the one you love feel like a kid again with a Root Beer Float Cake. Knowing how much I love cookbooks, my friend Sue Spencer from Chicago brought me a few small cookbooks with quick and easy recipes. This is the first one that caught my eye, as well as that of my 4-1/2 year old son, Alex. If you really want to show your little one how much you love them, let them help with this recipe.

Root Beer Float Cake

Cake Mix Miracles — Oxmoor House, 2003.

- 1 18.25-ounce package yellow cake mix
- 1 12-ounce bottle root beer
- 1/4 Cup vegetable oil
- 3 Large eggs
- Root Beer Glaze
- Vanilla ice cream

Combine first four ingredients in a large bowl. Beat at low speed with an electric mixer until dry ingredients are moistened. Beat at medium speed 2 minutes. Pour into a greased and floured 12-cup Bundt pan.

Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until a long wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack 15 minutes. Remove from pan, and cool on wire rack.

Pierce top of cake at 2-inch intervals with a long wooden pick. Pour glaze evenly over cake. Cool completely before serving. Serve with ice cream.

Next Month: Are your Irish eyes smiling? If not, maybe these recipes will help. Are any of you in Loudon Irish? If so, then contact me with your favorite Irish holiday recipes! As always, I'd love to hear from you with 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. ■



The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

We hope the articles that have been written for the *Loudon Ledger* have been informative and interesting. Each month we try to come up with an article of interest. With the holidays and the threat of winter, I have come up "blank."

We have many projects that we are working on: hospital equipment that is free for anyone who has a need; Bingo every Tuesday night; and rental of the hall for any occasion, or donated for a charitable event. We are here for members and non-members for information on VA benefits and monetary help and for any other help we can provide. The Memorial Day events that are arranged by the Post have been well received through the years. We thank the town and people.

We are trying to make the Post's image in the community more visible and become more active in the town's events. We are here for veterans who have questions and other needs.

Post News and Events

We are always looking for new members. At this time, we have about 70 members, which has been about the same through the years. All who are eligible are welcome.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall, by the tank on South Village Road. Come check us out.

Thank you,

The Legion Family ■

Sign Up For Winter Becoming An Outdoors-Woman Workshop

Women who want to learn outdoor skills like ice-fishing or snowshoeing can sign up for a daylong workshop offered jointly by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation. The Winter Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (B.O.W.) workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2007 (snow date February 25), at Fish and Game's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H. Registration opens January 8 and runs through February 9, 2007. Sign up early, because this popular workshop fills up fast.

Participants focus on learning one skill during the workshop. Choices include ice-fishing; winter outdoor survival skills; basic snowshoeing and tracking; snowmobiling; and 'Shoe and Shoot, which combines snowshoeing and target shooting.

The workshop costs \$55 (includes box lunch). Participants must be at least 18 years old. A registration form and course descriptions will be available at <http://www.nhbow.com> after registration opens on January 8, or call (603) 271-3212 to request an application by mail.

"Women have loads of fun and want to have outdoor skills so they can spend enjoyable time outdoors with their families — or on their own — during New Hampshire's long winters," said Laura Ryder, program leader for hunter and aquatic education at Fish and Game.

The N.H. Wildlife Federation is a nonprofit group that advocates for the promotion and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping, as well as the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. Visit <http://www.nhwhf.org>.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>. ■



Loudon Old Home Day Theme Announced

The Loudon Old Home Day Association announces the 2007 Old Home Day Theme:

"Holiday's our way" will be the theme for this year's event. So now is the time to start thinking about which holiday you would like to celebrate and start writing down your ideas for your float for the parade, your booth if you are a vendor, and yourself just for the fun! Yes, we encourage everyone to get into the spirit of the day and decorate or dress up! So, will you pick Christmas, Hannukah, Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year, Valentine's Day, Easter, St. Patrick's Day — or a combination of all your favorite holidays? You decide! Remember to save the date — **Saturday, August 11, 2007!**

Citizen of the Year Forms Available

The 2007 Loudon Old Home Day Citizen of the Year nomination form is available online at www.loudonnh.org under "Community — Loudon Old Home Day Committee — forms." Deadline for submissions will be Monday, April 16, 2007. Again, the Loudon Old Home Day Committee would like to congratulate Barbara Cameron on being chosen the 2006 Citizen of the Year!

Reminder: contact Susan 783-9272 or Alicen 783-9046 with any questions or comments regarding the Old Home Day Parade. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Bids Being Sought for Program Book

The Loudon Old Home Day Committee is looking for bid proposals for the layout and printing of the 2007 Loudon Old Home Day Book. The bid should include the cost of printing 750 copies of a 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" book, with approximately 64 pages, and a color cover. Any interested parties can submit their proposals to the Loudon Old Home Day Association, P O Box 7050, Loudon, NH 03307 by **February 20, 2007.** ■

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Girl Scouts

The Loudon Service Unit has some exciting fundraising events coming soon that we hope you will all participate in. The Unit is raising money to hold a town wide Camporee for the girls this June. Look for information on these events in future issues of *The Loudon Ledger*.

Through February 15th we are collecting new and gently used socks, hats, mittens, and hand towels, as well as new toiletry items for a local homeless shelter. Please drop off your items by February 15th in the drop box at the Maxfield Public Library. If you have any questions please call Samantha French at 783-4601.

We need you!! The Loudon Service Unit is always looking for adult volunteers. No matter what your skills or interests there is a place for you in Girl Scouts. Please contact Amanda Masse, Town Registrar, at 603-783-0227.

We are also looking for a local business to sponsor the purchase of troop flags for all the troops here in Loudon. If your business is interested please contact, Michele Holbrook, Public Relations Coordinator, at 603-798-3669 or Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager, at 603-783-4275 for more information.

See you next month!

Brownie Troop 45

Michele Holbrook & Lysa Crouch

Troop 45 had an awesome time at the Loudon Cookie Kick-off. They were really excited to be selling Girl Scout cookies and can't wait for their booth sale in March. We have some awesome field trips coming up soon and we can't wait to tell you all about them in future issues. For right now though the girls continue to work hard in their patrols learning about teamwork and responsibility. The girls are working on earning the "Science Wonders" try-it and we have many experiments for them to do.



**Scenes From
the 2007
Cookie
Kick-Off**

Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse & Michele Paquette

The girls of Troop #300 have finished the requirements for the "Around the World" try-it. Each girl presented facts about families from other countries. It was very encouraging to see their confidence levels growing with each of their presentations. We had 13 girls and 12 adults from our troop participate in the town-wide Christmas Caroling through the Village. A huge thank you goes out to Grammie Marge for bringing her guitar and keeping us all in tune. It was very fun and the girls hope to make that a yearly event.

We had 14 girls and 6 adults from the troop participate in the Loudon Girl Scout Cookie Kick-Off event in January. The girls enjoyed meeting new friends, seeing old friends, making crafts and playing games about Girl Scout cookies. We really "stepped it



up" (which is the theme of the cookie sale this year) and learned some great ways to stay active and have fun. Four families from our troop also attended the Swift Water Girl Scout Council Cookie Kick-off and Monarch's game in January. Those who attended had a great time and hope to make it again next year.

For community service our troop is participating in the Loudon Girl Scout Sock and Toiletries Drive in January/February. At four of our meetings in January our troop collected these items instead of dues. So far, we have a big box ready to donate. Thank you to the girls for remembering others during this cold winter weather.

The girls have learned quite a bit about the customs and traditions of Girl Guides in Guatemala. We are spending a majority of our meeting time in January finishing this World Thinking Day project. The girls will present the information at the event on February 3rd. In March we look forward to going on a Maple Sugaring Magic field trip with Troop #45 at the Audubon Center in Laconia. We are busy having fun in Troop #300.

Junior Troop 361

Samantha French and Jenna Paquette

Troop 361 enjoyed the town wide Cookie Kick-off. They led a "cookie themed" yoga class to help "Step It Up"!!! The troop set a goal of selling 75 boxes of cookies each and everyone has been working very hard to meet that goal. Troop 361 is also taking part in the Gift of Caring project, where when you buy cookies for yourself, you can also purchase a box to be sent overseas to the troops in Iraq.

We are working on our "Globe Trotting" badge in honor of World Thinking Day in February. We will visit the World Thinking Day Event in Henniker on February 3rd and are taking part in the Science and Engineering Badge Blast to earn our "Science Sleuth" badge.

Troop 361 is maintaining the "Sock Drive" collection bucket at the Maxfield Public Library. Don't forget to donate your gently used socks, hats, mittens, towels and new toiletry products, all of which will go to a local homeless shelter. ■

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and sometimes you weep."*

— CARL SANDBURG

New! Recycling Your Electronics

In March, the Loudon Transfer Station will begin an electronics recycling program. You may have noticed a recently-passed state law regarding certain electronic devices. This law makes it illegal as of July 1, 2007 to dispose of any "video display device" in an incinerator or landfill. This means we may no longer discard TV's or computer monitors in the regular trash hopper. As in the past, they are not allowed in the metal pile.

The main concern regarding hazardous waste in these devices is the lead, which is used as a lining for the glass screens; although there are smaller amounts of other potentially hazardous metals in their components.



We have tried to share the cost of disposal of the items by charging residents a small amount (usually \$5 to \$10 per item), with the town paying the rest of the cost. Currently, the disposal cost to the town will be \$0.12 per pound plus rental/transportation of the collection container. Please note there is no charge for a computer CPU if it is still intact and undamaged.

For those who are concerned about information still on their hard drive, it is the salvage company's policy to either "write over" the hard drive, or if that is not possible, to shred it. Most of the electronic parts are sold to large vendors and will be re-used overseas.

Please see an attendant if you have questions about this program. ■

2007 Fishing And Hunting Licenses Now Available

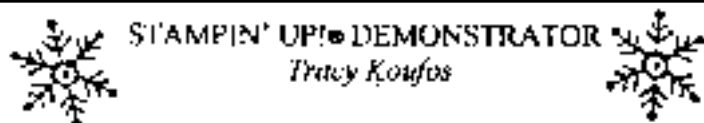
2007 NH fishing and hunting licenses are now available. Get yours today and be ready to enjoy a full year of outdoor adventure: winter ice-fishing; angling for trout, bass and pike; getting out for spring gobblers in May and more great hunting next fall. Good from January 1–December 31, 2007, licenses can be purchased online at <http://www.nhfishandgame.com>, or from license agents statewide.

Your hunting or fishing license — or, best of all, your "combo" license — is your year-round ticket to the Granite State's great outdoors. For NH residents, an annual fishing license costs \$35; basic hunting licenses are \$24.50; and combination (hunting and fishing) licenses are \$48.50. Nonresidents can buy annual fishing licenses for \$53; hunting licenses for \$105.50; and combination hunting/fishing licenses for \$143.50. Residents can buy a one-day fishing license for just \$10. Nonresidents have the option of buying 1-, 3- or 7-day fishing licenses.

Gift certificates for 2007 licenses make a great gift for any hunter or angler on your list. Certificates are available at Fish and Game headquarters on Hazen Drive in Concord, or print an order form out at http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Shop/order_form_gift_cert.htm.

Make getting outside a family affair! NH fishing and hunting licenses are a great deal for families. Children under the age of 16 fish free in New Hampshire. Youths under age 16 can hunt without a license when they are under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over the age of 18. NH resident seniors age 68 and older can get a free license to fish and hunt in NH.

Fishing and hunting license fees directly support wildlife and fisheries management and education. For online license sales and a list of local license agents, visit New Hampshire Fish and Game's website at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>. ■



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A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse



**Last month's
Mystery Photo**

At the time of this fire, this was the home of Clayton Currier, his sister Doris and her husband Guy Derring. The house is located on Currier Road at the junction of Coaster Road. This house was one of five stone houses in Loudon at the time and it was over 150 years old. I am told that the granite used to build this house and the one located at the corner of Rte 129 and Piper Hill Road came from the same Loudon Granite Quarries. The home was in the Currier homestead for many generations and Clayton was born at the house. His parents and grandparents all called it home and had tended the family farm. I was also told by Carolyn (Muzzey) Stinson that her father's cows were "serviced" by Clayton's bull. She also remembers behind the house there being a barn yard enclosed by a barn that was very long.

On February 26 1970, at 2 a.m. a box alarm was sounded when Doris discovered that the ceiling of her bedroom was "all red." She also telephoned an alarm of the fire. Firefighters and equipment responded from Loudon Ridge, Canterbury, Chichester, Pittsfield and Concord. Near zero temperatures and difficulty obtaining water hampered the firefighters. Water had to be trucked in from Bennett Bridge some distance away. Then Fire Chief Roger M. Dow said the fire started in the chimney. Much of the home was destroyed or damaged in the fire, only a few furnishings were saved. The stone portions of the house and the ell connector were the only salvageable parts of the house. Other farm buildings and a large number of animals were saved, but several cats perished.

Clayton, his sister Doris and her husband Guy then moved to the Deering home on Pleasant Street. Not wanting to rebuild themselves, they sold the farm to Robert and Janet Colarusso. When the Colarusso's purchased the house it looked just as it does in the photo — ick-



This is what the house looks like now!

cles and all. The Colarusso's moved back up from Massachusetts during their children's April school vacation that year and stayed in their camp or with family until the house was complete. They had an old-fashioned house raising of sorts and had help from the Maxfield family as well as many other townspeople. Four of Janet's five children at the time, helped out with the rebuilding. Their oldest child stayed in Massachusetts for her schooling. The youngest Amy, who was nine at the time, now says that she was absolutely traumatized that her "new house" was as it looked in the photo. She remembers thinking that they should have stayed in Massachusetts. During the re-building, ice and lack of a good water supply was a constant problem for them. After taking the whole top off the house, building a new roof, and completely renovating the interior, they built their home and moved in during that summer. Janet tells

me that Clayton Currier visited the progress frequently and was overjoyed that the house was going to be lived in and loved again. He did, however, have one request of the family, which was that they take care of his beloved purple martin bird house he had always enjoyed and taken extreme care of. He had a flock of purple martin birds that would come back to him every year. The Colarusso's always made sure the bird house was well taken care of. It has since been remodeled several times even though, sadly, the purple martin birds no longer come thanks to a group of pigeon hawks that moved into the area and scared them away. After 36 years, Janet Brown still resides in the home, taking care of the farm and that bird house.

I heard from quite a few individuals on this mystery, Stuart Page, Greg Colarusso, Carolyn Stinson, Lorraine Duprez, Reginald Champagne, and

Walter Cremlin all responded. Congratulations to those who guessed correctly and to those who shared their details of the house. Thank you to Muriel Burr for providing me with the photo.

Here is a bonus this month. The Colarusso family built a cider mill on the farm property. This article and photo by Warren Hastings appeared in a September 1971 newspaper article.

I am always looking for more pictures to use for this column. Contact me to share your interesting photos. It doesn't have to be a home and it doesn't even have to be old! It could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it that would be fun and interesting to share. If you are bored while stuck in the house this winter, dig through some photo boxes and see what you can find! I can't wait to hear from you; email me, Amanda at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227! ■

Rebuilt Cider Mill at Loudon Attracts Many

By Warren Hasting (Reprinted from the "Concord Monitor," September 6, 1971)

Building a better cider press hasn't caused the world to beat a path to the doors of the Loudon Cider Mill, but rebuilding a 150-year-old machine combined with modern merchandising methods has attracted a considerable number of New Englanders to view a pleasant and unique orchard operation.

Robert Colarusso and his family have created a retreat on the 200-year-old, 154-acre Currier farm where one cannot only buy a jug of sweet cider, but amidst scenic surroundings, can sit at a picnic table, relax and enjoy a glimpse of what the Granite State looked like before the advent of the automobile.

Across the dirt road leading to the farm, a panorama of the granite hills, including Mt. Kearsarge, adds to the mood of pastoral quiet.

Housed in newly-constructed buildings, which include the first-of-its-kind "apple silo," is a modern shop and a rebuilt cider press which probably crushed its first run of apples some ten years prior to the Civil War.

In earlier times horses or men supplied the power for the old machine but now a gasoline engine does the work

The cider mill today. The cider press was in the left end of the building. The one-of-a-kind apple silo is in the middle of the photo, behind the press building.



and the ancient press can, in one run, produce 110 gallons of cider which is immediately processed and distributed from the farm's store.

Not only did Colarusso tear down and rebuild the cider press which he had purchased as is, but he designed and built what is probably the nation's first apple silo.

Generally apples for pressing are stored in barrels.

Stored Like Corn

Colarusso's apples are stored, like corn, in his silo and are then fed directly into the press from outside, the flow being controlled by a sliding door.

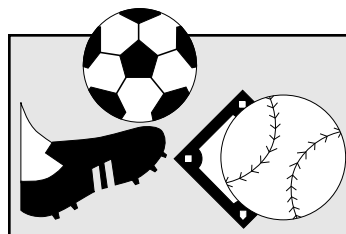
"A lot of farmers around here told me that it wouldn't work because the apples would compact and wouldn't flow freely," Colarusso said.

However, because of the beveled interior the apples do flow freely and the operation is proceeding smoothly today.

As is the case in most new enterprises, Colarusso had to do plenty of work to establish the business which he has not yet completed.

Laying the stone foundation for the farm buildings was 18-year-old Robert Colarusso, Jr., who, with his brother

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Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

Annual Election Results

LYAA would like to thank all the participants in the Annual Meeting. The election results are as follows: *President* — Rick Broider; *Vice President* — John Segien; *Secretary* — Melody Broider; *Soccer Commissioner* — Scott Hagerty; and three new *Directors-at-Large*, Mike O'Brien, Stacey Bastian, and George Hunton. The LYAA members have big plans for bring Loudon's athletic programs to a new level.

LYAA wants you to get involved! Little in life is more rewarding than helping a child grow. We are expanding our membership to those of you who want to make a difference in a child's life and have fun. 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 February 27th at 7:00. New members are always welcome. 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!

Little League Baseball — Looking For An Outstanding Individual!

Does your son or daughter play baseball or softball? We need your help! LYAA is seeking an outgoing person to coordinate our baseball/softball program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Meeken at: 798-5266 or e-mail: dkameek@comcast.net. ■

Cider Mill — cont. from page 12

Greg and sisters Deanna and Amy Sue, helps in the operation of the business.

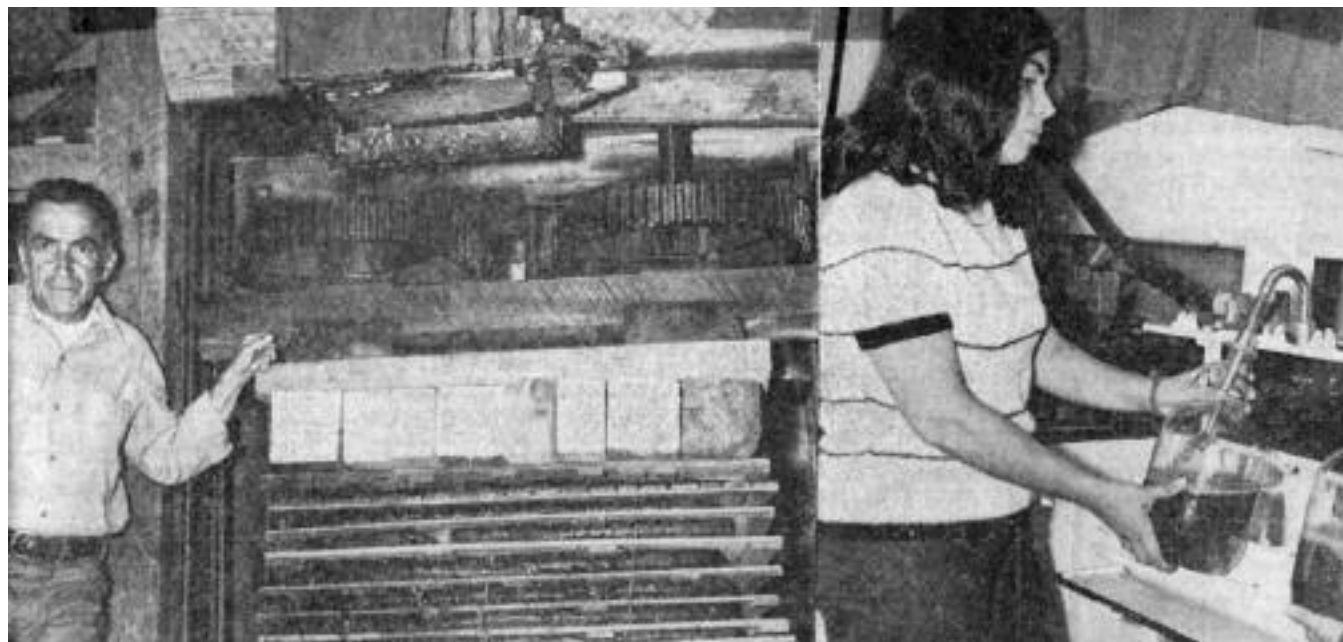
In fact, the younger Colarusso's have been such an asset to the enterprise they have been allowed 10 per cent ownership.

Not to be forgotten is Colarusso's wife, Janet who saw the family through the rigors of reconstructing a burnt stone farm house in which the family lives.

Much work remains, acknowledges the elder Colarusso, but given time the cider mill will develop into an attraction which will be known and talked about for some time to come. ■



The first step of the cider-making process is carried out by Greg Colarusso, who releases apples into the grinder where they are hoed. The mash is then prepared for squeezing. (Photo by Warren Hasting)



Left: Apple mash is placed in layers wrapped in straining cloth and put in the press, which is operated by Robert Colarusso. Squeezed juice falls into a 110-gallon bin. Right: Deanna Colarusso carries out the final phase of cider production as she fills jugs with cider in the "milk house area." (Photo by Warren Hasting)

NH Waters Stocked With Trout for Winter Fishing

Many of New Hampshire's waterbodies are open to the taking of trout and other fish year round, whether anglers are fishing through man-made openings in the ice or in open water. Only certain lakes — those designated as "Lake Trout and Salmon Lakes" by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department — are restricted to ice-fishing-only from January 1 to March 31. The unseasonably warm weather will make ice conditions vary greatly, so play it safe and make sure the ice is thick enough before you venture out on it. In addition, designated Trout Ponds are closed until the fourth Saturday in April.

Winter anglers in New Hampshire have some trout stocked especially for them. New Hampshire Fish and Game stocks trout every year during the fall months, mostly to bolster the winter ice fishery. Last fall (2006), Fish and Game stocked a greater number of fish into more waterbodies than are usually stocked late in the year. Before Fish and

Game began stocking fish in the fall several years ago, any trout caught in the winter ice fishery were holdovers from spring stocking.

For anglers specifically going after trout, you can find a list of lakes and ponds that remain open to the taking of trout year round at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/year_round_trout_ponds.htm, and a list of rivers and streams open to the taking of trout year round at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/year_round_trout_streams.htm.

Rules for waterbodies with special regulations are listed in the N.H. Freshwater Fishing Digest, available from license agents or at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm.

During the fall of 2006, Fish and Game stocked trout into a total of 24 NH lakes and ponds managed for trout with no closed season — putting in more than 11,230 rainbow trout, 6,000 eastern brook trout yearlings and 2,950 brown trout.

Following is a list of lakes and ponds managed as a "two-tier" fishery (i.e., bass and trout) with no closed season that were stocked during the fall of 2006 (please note that many more NH waterbodies are open for year-round fishing than are included on this list): Beaver Lake, Derry; Massabesic Lake, Manchester; Opechee Lake, Laconia; Waukegan Lake, Meredith; Winona Lake, Center Harbor; Chocorua Lake, Tamworth; Wentworth Lake, Wolfeboro; Crystal Lake, Gilmanston; Akers Pond, Errol; Cedar Pond, Milan; Martin Meadow Pond, Lancaster; Sunapee Lake (Little), New London; Stinson Lake, Rumney; Pearl Lake, Lisbon; Laurel Lake, Fitzwilliam; Mirror Lake, Woodstock; Gustin Pond, Marlow; Newell Pond, Alstead; Warren Lake, Alstead; Big Pea Porridge Pond, Madison; Webster Lake, Franklin; Tewksbury Pond, Grafton; Little Dan Hole Pond, Ossipee; and White Lake, Tamworth.

Fall stocking is welcomed by winter anglers, but it also contributes to biological research done by Fish and Game. Biologists mark the fish and then perform creel surveys to determine what percentage, of various species, of fish are caught through the ice. For example, fisheries biologist Gabe Gries in Fish and Game's regional office in Keene has documented, from Laurel Lake winter creel survey data, that 13.7% and 26.7% of the winter trout harvest from Laurel Lake for 2005 and 2006, respectively, was made up of fall-stocked rainbow and brown trout. This kind of information is useful in making management decisions about the fishery.

Purchase or renew your New Hampshire fishing (and hunting) licenses soon, so you won't miss out on this winter's fishing action. New Hampshire licenses for 2007 are available online at www.FishNH.com, or from license agents statewide. ■



MCCA — GO — FIGHT — WIN!

By Kris Tripp

Third Annual Jamboree

The cheerleading squads from the Merrimack County Cheerleaders Association will gather on March 10th at the Merrimack Valley Middle School gym for our third annual jamboree. Each squad will perform for an audience of friends and family. Awards will also be issued. A \$3 admission fee will be charged for all adults and children over 12 years of age. Children under 12 are free. Proceeds from our jamboree will go to the competition squad for next year's expenses. Last year this fundraiser and end of season show raised over \$500! We anticipate the MV JV and Varsity Cheerleaders. The Plymouth State Cheerleading squad has also been invited to perform. We hope to see you there!

New Spirit Coordinator Wanted for Loudon!

The spirit program in Loudon started 4 years ago when 3 ladies were talking on a sunny Saturday afternoon at a soccer game (names withheld to protect the innocent). Since then, the spirit program has grown and grown and is now a well-established and much anticipated season in Loudon! With the help of 3 other town coordinators and several board members, this program allows over 140 girls the opportunity to cheer. Cheerleading promotes confidence, a sense of team and is an excellent source of exercise. I have had the wonderful pleasure of coordinating this program since that sunny afternoon but it is time for me to pass the torch. Are you the one I am looking for to carry on this fabulous tradition? Keep the spirit program going by volunteering. Call or E-mail — The girls of Loudon need you!

Capital City Tournament & Pembroke Tournament

Our 5/6 grade spirit squad plans to attend the Capital City Tournament on Sunday February 18th and the Pembroke Academy tournament on Sunday March 11th. Good luck, Cheerleaders!

If you have questions about the cheerleading program or would like to volunteer in Loudon, please contact Kris Tripp: 783-0448 or E-mail: tripp.kris@comcast.net.



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

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

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering an affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages on Monday, February 5, 2007 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 20, 2007 from 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 Clinic

A free blood pressure clinic will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007 from 10 a.m. until Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord.

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.

Hospice Volunteer Training Deadline February 23

The next 10-week Hospice Volunteer Training Session starts on Wednesday, March 7, at 9–11 a.m. or 6–8 p.m. at the Concord Regional VNA Hospice House.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is seeking day or evening volunteers to offer companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers have the opportunity to provide care by visiting, listening, reading to patients, giving caregivers a respite break, running errands, transportation, bereavement services, helping with office work and in many other ways.

Application deadline is February 23. For more information, please contact Laurie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator at 224-4093 x 2826 laurie.brooks@crvna.org

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Fun activity for the whole family:

Send in-house valentines

From *Prime Time Together with Kids*
by Donna Erickson

You will need:

- 1 empty shoe box
- a small notepad and pencil on a string
- Festive valentine art supplies: doilies, crepe paper, hearts cut from construction paper, stickers, etc.
- scissors
- glue
- tape

Here's a way to help tame the teasing, name calling, and criticism that so often gets in the way of building good relationships between family members — especially between siblings. Take advantage of Valentine's Day and use the holiday and the week preceding it to mend relationships or simply to enhance them in a positive way. This activity is a non-threatening vehicle of fostering communication in the family and for sharing some of those feelings that are sometimes hard to express. You may even start a year round tradition in your home.

Cut a 3" slot down the middle of the shoe box lid. Have everyone work together to decorate the lid and the box with colorful valentine materials. Place the lid on the box and tape the sides together. Tape the small notepad and pencil on a string to the top of the box. Place the box on your table and encourage all family members and friends who stop by to jot down a special message to each member of the family. Encourage younger kids to draw pictures of their message. On Valentine's Day, gather together for a special meal, then open the box and take turns reading the big stack of notes that have accumulated. If the tradition is a popular one, continue it throughout the year and have a special day each month that you open the "messages of love box."

Make cookie cutter munchies for Valentine's Day:

From *Prime Time Together with Kids*
by Donna Erickson

You will need:

- large and small cookie cutters
- for biscuits — biscuit dough, bread board, rolling pin, strawberry or raspberry jam
- for sandwiches — whole grain bread, sliced tomatoes, cream cheese, radishes, strawberries
- for afternoon snack — apples, cheese, crackers, cranberry juice and sparkling mineral water

Here are some easy-to-prepare, healthy foods that school age kids can make on their own and proudly serve to family or friends on Valentine's Day (or they can be tucked into children's lunchboxes for a special Valentine's treat)

For Breakfast Biscuits — Follow the directions for preparing your favorite biscuit recipe or use refrigerated package of biscuits. Roll out dough on a flour dusted bread board and cut out heart shaped biscuits with the cookie cutters. Bake according to directions and serve hot with strawberry or raspberry jam.

For Sandwiches — cut heart shapes from whole grain bread slices, using the larger cutter. Spread cream cheese over each heart and top with sliced tomatoes or sliced radishes or sliced strawberries. Arrange on a plate and serve with love.

For Afternoon Snack — cut an apple or two and your favorite cheese into 1/4" slices. Using the small cookie cutter, cut the cheese and apples into heart shapes. Arrange the apple and cheese hearts on a plate and serve with crackers. Mix cranberry juice with sparkling mineral water for a snappy Valentine's Day beverage.

Attention kids of Loudon: We want to hear from you!!! If you can't go out sledding — because there is no snow, or it is too cold, sit down and draw a picture, write a poem or 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 Loudon Communications Council PO Box 7871 Loudon, NH 03307 or email to jaelmasse@comcast.net. ■

Calling Young Artists: Enter The 2007 Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Young New Hampshire artists, kindergarten through grade 12, are invited to submit original artwork depicting North American waterfowl to the New Hampshire Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department runs the statewide competition, which is part of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to give students a chance to show off their artistic talents and learn about conservation. The art competition is open to public, private or home-schooled New Hampshire students.

Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2007. For competition guidelines, send your request to: Victor Young, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Competition guidelines, including dimension requirements and an entry form also can be downloaded from http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/ed_Junior_Duck_Contest.htm.

The New Hampshire Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest will award first, second, third and honorable mention ribbons in four groups: grades K–3; 4–6; 7–9; and

10–12. The State Best-of-Show will be selected from among the first-place winning designs. Winning artwork in all categories will be displayed at N.H. Fish and Game headquarters in Concord. The Best-of-Show New Hampshire winner advances to the national Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest, in which the three top winners receive a cash award and a trip to the adult Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an integrated art and science activity developed to teach environmental science and habitat conservation. In the process of creating Junior Duck Stamp designs, students gain a better understanding of the importance of conserving habitat as they explore the esthetic qualities of wildlife, according to Victor Young, a wildlife artist and graphic designer for Fish and Game and coordinator of New Hampshire's contest. Teachers who want to integrate these lessons into their coursework can find a curriculum guide for teaching conservation through the arts at <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>. ■

First-Ever Astronomy Bowl Coming in March!

The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium will be hosting New Hampshire's first ever "Astronomy Bowl" this March and we would like to invite students at your high school to participate.

In the Astronomy Bowl, students will come to the planetarium and compete by answering questions about constellations, planets, stars and other objects in the night sky. The focus will be on observational astronomy. Being one of the most advanced full-dome planetariums in the country, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium offers an excellent venue for this type of competition. Students will take turns answering questions about objects projected on the planetarium dome. These questions will involve identifying objects or answering questions about objects in the night sky. This event is not elimination by wrong answer, but rather students will be awarded points for each correct answer. The students with the highest number of points will be the winners of the competition.

Students in 9th–12th grade wishing to participate will receive a general study guide and will come to the planetarium for one of the regional competitions (students from Executive Council Districts 1–3 will come on March 10th, students from Executive Council Districts 4–5 will come on March 17th). The top two contenders from the regional competitions will come to the final match on March 31st. The top two winners will receive a scholarship for use at the college or university of their choice. All participants will receive a

commemorative t-shirt. The enclosed information sheet has all the information on dates and times.

To plan for the event, we need to know who will be participating by February 9, 2007. Any student wishing to participate should go to the website: <http://www.starhop.com/whatsup.htm#astro>

This is a unique opportunity for students to take advantage of one of the best planetariums in the country and we hope you will encourage them to come and test their knowledge. ■





Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

I would like to welcome aboard our newest members of the team:

Nate Taylor is a full-time patrolman and is currently attending the N.H. Police Academy. Kris Burgess also joins us full-time patrolman and comes to us from the Department of Corrections. Mike Crowell is returning to us on a part-time status and Roger Matte was also hired part-time after recently retiring full-time from the Hillsborough Sheriff's Department. Welcome aboard!

Our website at www.loudonpolice.com is continuously changing. Mike Crowell is diligently working on the site to keep it up to date. We also currently in the process of changing our e-mail and each officer will be assigned their own e-mail. We will still have a main e-mail account for general questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com, chieffiske@loudonpolice.com or weekdays at 798-5521. ■

Loudon Police Department D.A.R.E. Program

By Officer Jason S. Fiske, Instructor

January 9, 2007 started another session of D.A.R.E. at Loudon Elementary. D.A.R.E. is a 9-week program geared towards children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

D.A.R.E. has evolved to become a program to not only inform kids of the dangers of alcohol and drug use, but also helps teaching life skills dealing with peer pressure and bullying.

This is going to be a very busy nine weeks and I am very excited and looking forward to teaching the three Fifth Grade classes. The Monarchs game is tentatively scheduled for April 7. We have the D.A.R.E. pizza night scheduled for March and will be having a spring

cleanup of the Recreation Field when the snow is gone.

The D.A.R.E. program would not be possible without the generous donations and support from all the business people and parents within the community. I believe that our children are our future and for that reason I am committed to the D.A.R.E. program and welcome any input that you feel may help better the program or the community.

I can be reached at the Loudon Police Department at 798-5521 or e-mail me at jfiske@loudonpolice.com. ■

Loudon Code & Health Department

By Robert N. Fiske, Code Enforcement Officer and Health Officer

Code Enforcement Update

The building permits for 2007 are currently being issued. The 2008 building list is full and we are currently compiling the 2009 list.

We are working on a sign permit. This permit will require a permit for any sign prior to putting it up. This includes real estate, yard sales and banners. There will be no fee associated with this permit.

Health Department

In this issue you will find a basic **"Preparing for an Emergency: The smart thing to do."** This list was created by the Capital Area Public Health Network. We encourage residents to pre-plan for the unknown emergency. This kit is not recommended for just winter snowstorm weather, but for any type of unknown New England weather we may encounter throughout the year. Three additional steps to this plan are:

- Make a family communications plan (what to do if you get separated?)
- Make a family evacuation plan (what will you do, where will you meet?)
- Make a plan for people with in-home care needs.

If anyone is interested, we have these brochures at the office. Below are the lists:

Your Grab Bag:

One day's clothing and shoes for each family member
Personal care products (for example: toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, diapers, etc.)

Towel
Blanket/sleeping bag
Flashlight & extra batteries
Granola bars/trail mix
Extra set of car keys

Cash

Prepaid phone card

Copies of important documents (medical & prescription information, passports, birth certificates, drivers license, insurance papers, bank account information)

If you do have to leave your home quickly, don't forget your prescription medications, eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.

Your Car:

Always keep your gas tank filled above halfway. In an emergency you may not be able to get fuel. Other items to have include:

Bottled water
Food (granola/energy bars)
First aid kit
White distress flag
Flashlight & extra batteries
Flares/light sticks
Blanket or sleeping bag
Emergency reflective blanket
Jumper cables
Tire jack and spare tire
Fix-a-flat
Shovel
Maps

Your Home:

In an emergency, having these few items in your home can help keep your family safe:

Water: at least 1 gallon, per person, per day
Can opener (non-electric)
Battery powered radio
ABC-type fire extinguisher
Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
Prescription medications

Unsafe Ice Conditions Prevail

The NH Fish and Game Department advises anglers that lake trout and salmon lakes in the state that have not frozen over because of unseasonably warm weather conditions are not open for fishing. Fish and Game regulations state that from January 1 through March 31, fish may be taken from these designated lakes by ice fishing only.

"It can be confusing for people, because it's so unusual for us to have open water on these lakes this time of year," said Lt. Bruce Bonenfant of Fish and Game's Law Enforcement Division. "But the regulations clearly state that only ice-fishing is allowed on lake trout and salmon lakes during this time period. You can't fish the open water in these lakes — either from a boat or from the shore — until April 1."

Bonenfant noted that the entire waterbody does not have to be frozen over to meet the regulation; if coves have formed ice that is thick and safe enough for ice-fishing, anglers may fish through manmade holes in the ice on these areas. Anglers are advised that treacherous ice conditions prevail throughout the state, however, and extreme caution should be used.

"Even in parts of the state that have experienced freezing temperatures, it hasn't been cold enough long enough for the ice to be considered safe," Bonenfant said. "We're all eager to get out and do some fishing, but please play it safe."

Rules regarding Lake Trout and/or Salmon Lakes in New Hampshire can be found on pages 19–20 of the "2007 N.H. Freshwater Fishing Digest," which can be viewed at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm. Lakes and ponds designated as Lake Trout and/or Salmon Lakes are noted in the listing of "Lakes and Ponds with Special Rules," which begins on page 25 of the Digest. "Safety on Ice" can be downloaded from the same site. ■

Wired telephone (not cordless)

First aid kit

Flashlight & battery powered lantern

3-day supply of canned/dried foods

3-day supply of baby food/formula

If you lose power, eat the food in your refrigerator first. Without power, a refrigerator should keep food at a safe temperature for about 4 hours. If the power is off longer than that, use your emergency food supply.

Your In-Home Kit:

Water (min. 1 gallon, per person, per day)
Canned/dried fruits, vegetables, soups
Canned/dried meat & seafood
Beverages: instant coffee, canned juice
Rice, pasta, cereal, crackers
Powdered/canned milk
Baby food/formula
Comfort foods; snacks & sweets
Other foods: peanut butter, cooking oil, salt, nuts

Other needed items:

Personal care products (feminine hygiene products, diapers, etc.)

Pet needs:

Food, water & medications

Extra supplies to have at home:

In order to be MOST prepared, keep these things at home:

Outdoor grill & fuel
Fire escape ladder
Rope & duct tape
Extra batteries

Never use items such as grills, camp stoves or generators indoors. They create carbon monoxide, a deadly gas that cannot be seen or smelled. ■

One Million Educators Gone Wild!

State coordinators and supporters of Project WILD, a supplementary education curriculum targeting K-12 students, are celebrating the milestone reached in 2006 of having trained one million educators nationwide. Each classroom teacher or non-formal educator reaches an average of 53 students annually with Project WILD materials. Overall, an estimated 53 million students have benefited from the Project WILD curriculum nationwide since it was first introduced in 1983.

In New Hampshire, Project WILD is sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. It was first introduced in 1985, and since that time, more than 3,500 New Hampshire educators have been trained to use Project WILD resources, reaching approximately 63,000 students annually statewide. Project WILD continues to grow in New Hampshire, as trainings are now being offered as part of pre-service teacher education courses at the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University and Rivier College. As a result, new teachers are entering classrooms for the first time already trained to incorporate Project WILD activities in their curricula.

"Project WILD is popular with teachers for its content and ease of use," said New Hampshire Project WILD Coordinator Mary Goodyear, a Fish and Game wildlife educator. "An important element is that Project WILD activities are designed to teach students how to think, rather than what to think, which is key to inquiry-based learning — a major premise of the No Child Left Behind federal education initiative."

Another plus is that Project WILD activities are inter-disciplinary. They can be used not only in science classes, but integrated into math, art, language and social studies classes as well. To make Project WILD easier for teachers to use and incorporate into their curricula, the activities have been aligned to support New Hampshire's new state science frameworks. In addition, said Goodyear, "One of the greatest things about Project WILD is that it builds on the fact that both students and teachers are naturally intrigued by wildlife. Using wildlife as a foundation for teaching basic science and conservation concepts really catches and holds their interest."

There are currently 22 trained Project WILD facilitators in New Hampshire who provide teacher training. These facilitators are educators who have had additional Project WILD training, provided by Fish and Game, which enables them to train others to use the WILD materials. "Their long-term commitment, loyalty to, and enthusiasm for Project WILD has truly been a key element to its success in New Hampshire," said Goodyear.

Working cooperatively with the state coordinators of Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) and Project Learning Tree (tree and forest education), Project WILD has enabled the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to reach still more educators. Joint workshops are offered, making it easier for teachers to become trained to use the materials of all three projects. The Project WEB newsletter, co-edited by all three coordinators and produced by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, is sent to all workshop participants three times each year.

"Project WILD is an integral part of the conservation education efforts here in the state. It is a way to connect teachers, classrooms and students to wildlife," said Judy Silverberg, Wildlife Education Supervisor for Fish and Game. "Project WILD is one of the cornerstones of Fish and Game's overall education programs, which open the way to building future conservation stewards for New Hampshire."

For more information on Project WILD, call Coordinator Mary Goodyear at (603) 419-0256, or visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/projectWILD.htm>.

The next step for teachers who use Project WILD in the classroom is to become involved in Project HOME. Developed by N.H. Fish and Game wildlife educator, Marilyn Wyzga, HOME leads teachers, students and their community through the educational process of enhancing schoolyard habitats for wildlife. Project HOME activities involve students in every phase of the project and offer suggestions as to ways that the effort can be incorporated into the overall school curriculum. For more information on Project HOME, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/ed_project_HOME.htm.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department conserves, manages and protects the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Part of Fish and Game's mission is to inform and educate the public about these resources. Visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us. ■



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Loudon — 3 bed 2 ba 1736 sq. ft. Manufactured Home in pet/ family friendly Pine Ridge Estates. This 28x62 Doublewide features kitchen w/newer appliances, dining area, open concept living room w/vaulted ceiling and wood stove. Large Master Bedroom w/Master Bath, jacuzzi tub and shower. 3 bedrooms, Den/Office and separate utility room. Large landscaped lot. **\$109,900**

Loudon — Tremendous commercial opportunity (permit waiting list not applicable). 2+ acres, High traffic count, great 106 visibility, high and dry lot. **\$174,900**



News From Cub Scout Pack 247

The Cub Scouts of Pack 247 sang carols and participated in a gift exchange at their December Pack meeting. In January, the boys from the Webelos 2 Den performed a skit, then the boys and adults talked of the fun to be had at Cub Scout camps this summer.

At the December Pack meeting Dylan Fifield received his Bobcat Badge. This is the first advancement for scouts during which they learn the basics of being a Cub Scout including the promise, law, motto and handshake. The Webelos 1 Den earned their Citizen Pin and the Webelos 2 Den earned their Ready-man Pin. A number of Beltloops were awarded as well. Devan Eldred, Levi Fisher and Carter Segien received the Collecting Beltloop. Larry Stone received the Flag Football Beltloop and Alec Decato the Baseball Beltloop. The boys from the Wolf Den all earned the Citizenship Beltloop and Kyle Kowalski earned his Fishing Beltloop and Pin.

During the January Pack meeting the Bear Den received their Bowling Beltloop and Pin after a trip to Boutwells Bowling Alley. Aaron and Jonathon Cooper earned their Fishing Beltloop, Hunter Blake the Roller-skating beltloop, Nathan Coloumbe the Snow Skiing & Boarding beltloop, and Deven Valenti the Chess Beltloop.

The boys geared up for the Pinewood Derby to be held January 27. They also looked forward to their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on February 17. The potluck dinner and games will feature a Hawaiian theme this year. The annual Feller Cake auction will be held during the banquet. Cakes are baked by Scouts with a male relative or friend. The cakes are then auctioned off to support Friends of Scouting. ■



Cub Master Brian Blake talks with Webelos and their parents at the January Pack meeting.

N.H. Ice Conditions Unpredictable — Check Before You Go Out On Ice

Winter has made its appearance in New Hampshire at last, but the warm weather and uneven temperatures that have prevailed in the state so far this season mean the condition of ice on New Hampshire's waterbodies is unpredictable at best and could be treacherous. New Hampshire Fish and Game officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to play it safe and check ice carefully before venturing onto ice-covered waters.

"Always test the ice — don't just head out blindly across a lake," said Major Tim Acerno, who coordinates OHRV education and enforcement for Fish and Game. How can you tell if ice is safe? There are no guarantees — always consider ice potentially dangerous. Assess ice safety by using an ice chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness and condition. Make sure you continue to do this as you go further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the pond or lake.

The Cold Region Research Laboratory in Hanover offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness, suggesting that there should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or ATV travel. Don't rely totally on these guidelines this year, though, cautions Acerno. Ice may be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Warming trends can break down the ice, and the slushy surface then freezes, forming weaker ice.

Ice can be especially treacherous for children. "NEVER allow children to go out on the ice by themselves," said Acerno. "And don't ever let children venture onto the ice on rivers and streams, because the current makes the ice so unpredictable."

Ponds and lakes can present areas of unsafe ice as well, especially in places with current, like inlets, outlets and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

Snowmobile enthusiasts should be especially careful to keep ice safety in mind. "Riders should remember to check local conditions before heading out on snowmobile trails or on the ice. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it's there!" says Acerno. Ask about conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go.

For a free brochure from Fish and Game called "Safety on Ice — Tips for Anglers," visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm. ■

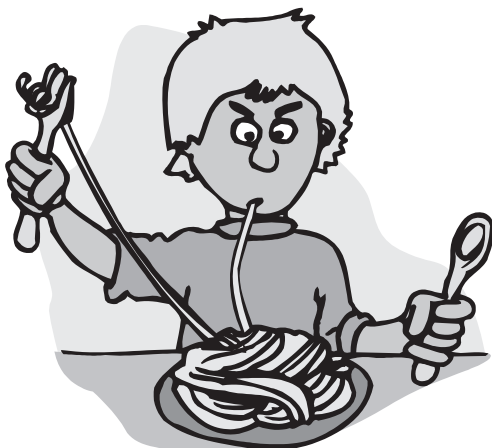


Troop 247 Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, February 10th
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 88

Adults \$5 • Kids \$3



Community Emergency Response Team Formed



Pictured above (left to right): Rick Nelson, Mary Boucher, Joe Neal, Sigrid Little, Judy Paquette, Brian Searles, Carol Ruh, Dave Lemelin, Faith Stevens, Terri Barton, Carole Cummings, and Karen Minery.

In his 2002 State of the Union Address, President Bush outlined a proposal for volunteer programs to enable average citizens to help their communities in the event of a major disaster, such as a hurricane, flood or terrorist attack. Since that time, more than a dozen Citizen Corps Councils have been set up in New Hampshire and the number is growing. Local councils are overseen by the State Citizen Corps Council. One of these local groups is known as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

In December, 2005, the Selectmen of the Town of Loudon appointed Sigrid Little as the town's Emergency Management Director. One goal of that office was to establish a CERT group in Loudon. These trained volunteers can take on some of the tasks in an emergency that will free police and fire/rescue personnel to perform duties that require more specialized skills.

An informational meeting for interested citizens was held on September 25, 2006 at "Charlie's Barn." Those in attendance were asked to indicate their interest in becoming an integral part of the team by completing a Training Course Application. About twenty individuals submitted their applications and indicated a willingness to serve.

The first training took place on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at the Loudon Fire Department. That training involved emergency preparedness, setting up an Incident Command System, and how a CERT can help respond to incidents in their neighborhoods. The second of two CERT training sessions took place on November 18, 2006 at the Loudon American Legion with twelve Loudon residents participating. This session focused on instruction in CPR, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use. Subsequently, participants were asked to take the online tests for FEMA certification in training in Introduction to Incident Command Systems, Community Emergency Response Team, and National Incident Management System. Ten of the participants have completed all requirements and will soon graduate.

In the future, we may be asking for additional volunteers to join this group. Look for future updates in the *Loudon Ledger*. ■

New Offerings From S.P.I. Books

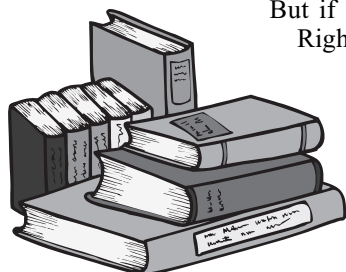
(NewsUSA) — Is your taste for reading on the light side, or do you need something more serious? No matter what your preference, Specialist Press International offers a variety of titles relevant for today's consumers. Here are a few choices:

"Al-Qaeda's Armies: Middle East Affiliate Groups & The Next Generation of Terror" (\$17.95) chronicles how the terrorist network continues to be a threat by using small, local terror squads throughout the Muslim world. Written by Jonathan Schanzer of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the book offers a critical view of al-Qaeda's Middle East affiliates and their histories.

If financial know-how is more your thing, Carl C. Roba's "How to Recover Stock Market Losses With or Without an Attorney" (\$24.95) could be a good investment. The book exposes the massive rip-off of the American public by Wall Street crooks. Roba, a former broker, reveals how you can recover investment losses on your own and spot abusive practices.

But if you need something a little lighter, "Is He Mr. Right?" (\$12.95) might be your best bet. Comedian David A. Samson and Dr. Elayne J. Kahn, a Harvard-educated psychologist, team up to help women decode the truth about their relationships.

For more information on these and other titles, log on to www.spibooks.com or call 212-431-5011. ■



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)

02/17/07	9:00-4:30	Nashua St. Joseph's Hospital, Nashua
02/17/07	9:00-4:30	Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee
02/17/07	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth
02/24/07	9:00-4:30	Dept. of Safety-33 Hazen Drive, Concord
02/24/07	9:00-4:30	Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough
02/24/07	9:00-4:30	Windham Fire Dept., Windham
03/10/07	9:00-4:30	Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord
03/10/07	9:00-4:30	Holderness Squam Lakes Association, Holderness
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03/24/07	9:00-4:30	Plaistow Library, Plaistow
03/24/07	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth
03/31/07	9:00-4:30	Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord
03/31/07	9:00-4:30	Hooksett Public Library, Hooksett
03/31/07	9:00-4:30	Windham Fire Dept., Windham
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)

02/05/07 & 02/07/07	6:00-9:30	Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry
02/19/07 & 02/21/07	6:00-9:30	Alton Prospect MTN H.S., Alton
02/19/07 & 02/21/07	6:00-9:30	Bedford Fire Station-Police Dept., Bedford
02/19/07 & 02/21/07	6:00-9:30	Bridgewater-Hebron Village School, Bristol
02/19/07 & 02/21/07	6:00-9:30	Exeter Library, Exeter
03/05/07 & 03/07/07	6:00-9:30	Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry
03/05/07 & 03/07/07	6:00-9:30	Exeter Library, Exeter
03/12/07 & 03/14/07	6:00-9:30	Raymond H.S., Raymond
03/19/07 & 03/21/07	6:00-9:30	Alton Prospect Mtn. H.S., Alton
03/19/07 & 03/21/07	6:00-9:30	Bedford Fire Station-Police Dept., Bedford
03/19/07 & 03/21/07	6:00-9:30	Derry West Running Brook M.S., Derry
03/19/07 & 03/21/07	6:00-9:30	Exeter Library, Exeter
03/19/07 & 03/21/07	6:00-9:30	Londonderry Police Dept., Londonderry
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
05/07/07 & 05/09/07	6:00-9:30	Exeter Library, Exeter
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Easing Your Way Into Home Ownership

By Jack Prendiville, Thompson Real Estate

How your Real Estate Agent can help you qualify for a low down payment mortgage

For many renters, the first step in buying a home is becoming educated about the process. If you're like many people considering a home purchase, you've spent nights and weekends poring over your local real estate section. You've talked to friends and relatives about their experiences. Maybe you've even purchased a book or two to help you become more familiar with real estate terminology and the various types of mortgages commonly used today.

Coming up with a down payment and finding a loan that meets your needs are the greatest hurdles faced by first-time homebuyers. So, you may even have leafed through stacks of brochures and flyers from lenders offering down payments that are far less than the 20 percent you'd always thought you'd need to save before you could buy. With so many excellent first-time buyer programs to choose from these days, you practically need to be an expert to sort through them all.

That's why if you're a first-time homebuyer seeking a low down payment loan, you'll save time by selecting a professional real estate agent who is experienced in working with people just like you in the area where you plan to buy. An agent who frequently assists first-time buyers will know from experience which lenders in your area offer a low down payment program that will most closely match your needs.

A professional real estate agent can help you determine whether you are likely to qualify for these special programs, since participation in some may be limited to buyers under a certain income level or for the purchase of homes below a certain purchase price.

Your agent also will be able to tell you whether there are other requirements you must fulfill in order to be considered. With some programs, for example, you must attend an educational seminar before you can be considered for one of these low down payment loans.

It's important that your agent become familiar with your current financial situation. Before you meet with your agent to discuss your financial situation and housing needs, you'll want to collect some basic information to make the process easier. Be prepared to show recent paycheck stubs or pay vouchers to certify sources of income; a complete list of current credit card, auto, and other consumer credit payments you make each month; and recent bank and savings statements. These documents will help you and your agent determine how much home you can afford. It's also important that you disclose any prior credit problems or late payments. Your agent may be able to suggest ways to remedy any negative remarks on your credit report that could disqualify you from a low down payment loan program.

In addition, because most lenders will require that you have several months of house payments in the bank as a reserve, your agent may be able to suggest ways you can increase your savings in the weeks and months leading up to your home purchase. Don't forget that some programs allow you to apply a cash gift from a family member to cover the required down payment and closing costs.

Your agent also may know a motivated seller who would be happy to assist you in accomplishing your home purchase by carrying a second mortgage. A second mortgage is helpful because it reduces the amount of the first mortgage you need to obtain. In some cases, a second monthly payment

OBITUARY

Lorraine B. Cleland

On Thursday, January 11, Lorraine Barbara Cleland died at her home on Hardy Road in Loudon.

Born in Rumford, ME, she was the daughter of Fred and Nora (Pressola) Roderick.

She worked as the head waitress for the Clippership Restaurant in Massachusetts for many years. She also operated the Tuffs Drop Inn in Massachusetts.

She volunteered extensively at Havenwood Nursing Home as well as volunteering with the Boy Scouts in Cambridge, MA for 25 years.

She was a member of the Knitting Club in Massachusetts, loved knitting, snowshoeing, ice skating, and being outdoors.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Alan R. Cleland of Loudon; one son, Robert Alan Cleland of Antrim;

one daughter, Barbara Jean Cleland of Stoddard; one sister, Betty Routhier of Baltimore; five grandchildren, Melissa Ray of Medway, MA; Nora Ball of Exeter; Joshua Cleland of Hillsborough; David Hallice of Weare; and James Hallice of Weare; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Lorraine's life was held at her home on Hardy Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater NH Chapter, 10 Ferry St., Suite 427B, Concord 03301; to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice Program, PO Box 1797, Concord 03302-1797; or to the American Cancer Society, Memorial Giving Program, Gail Singer Memorial Building, 360 Route 101, Unit 8, Bedford 03110-5032. ■

Sen. Harold Janeway to Tackle Finance and Environmental Issues

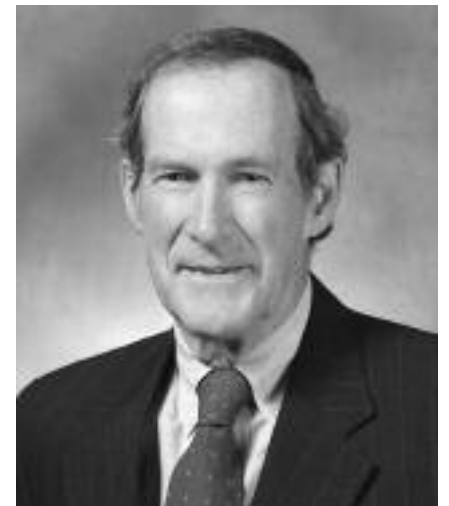
Newly elected Sen. Harold Janeway's financial background is in heavy demand in the state capital as he starts work on the 2007 legislative session, but he said his passion for protecting the state's natural resources remains strong.

Janeway, who retired last year after a 45-year career as an investment analyst and money manager, will bring his financial know-how to his appointment to the Senate Finance Committee and Ways and Means Committee, which deals with all budgetary matters.

Janeway (D-Webster) was recently appointed a trustee of the New Hampshire Retirement System, which provides pensions to teachers, firefighters and other state and municipal workers. His years of experience overseeing investment portfolios for major nonprofits, including the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, where he has served on its Investment Committee for 19 years, has made him a valued member from the start.

and generally is required to protect the lender when a down payment is less than the standard 20 percent of the loan amount. Even if your seller isn't willing to take a second mortgage to complete the sale, he or she may be willing to pay your closing costs, which will reduce the amount of cash you need to have on hand up front.

With interest rates edging up, innovative mortgage financing programs that require a low down payment are even more important than ever to first-time buyers. A professional real estate agent can help you sift through the countless programs that are available and help find the one mortgage that's right for you. ■



But Janeway said he is a conservationist at heart and will be active in legislation to protect air and water quality as well as supporting plans to encourage energy conservation and to set goals for greater reliance on renewable energy in the state.

Janeway is co-sponsoring legislation to restore funding to the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

Rounding out his committee assignments, Janeway is serving on the Wildlife, Fish and Game Committee. The state Fish and Game Department faces a funding shortfall resulting from reduced sales of hunting and fishing licenses, its main source of revenue.

"It's hard to escape money matters wherever one turns," he said. ■



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Deadline for the next issue of "The Loudon Ledger" is Friday, February 16, 2007

The Communications Council meets on Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

Creating a Fire Pond

By Debbie Kardaseski for the Loudon Fire Dept.

In October, 2003, Loudon Fire Department began the process of creating a fire pond on Bee Hole Road on property owned by Allan and Babbette Hanson. Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), a non-profit council that works with the USDA and other organizations to improve natural and community resources, provided a great deal of assistance.

The work begun in 2003 finally came to fruition this Fall. Throughout the process, RC&D provided technical assistance and the many forms needed for a project of this type. Easements needed to be worked out; dredge permits secured; and the pond and dry hydrant needed to be designed and approved. Additionally, RC&D helped apply for grant money. The town was able to get a \$2,500 matching grant.

Karl Berardi of RC&D designed the dry hydrant. The company also created a comprehensive "Fire Suppression Water Supply Plan" for the town of Loudon.

Originally, some of the work was to have been done by the town's Highway crew but the storms of the past year have kept them very busy. Mike LaBonte, a Loudon contractor, was hired to do the work, with supplies provided by the town. Final cost was approximately \$6,300.

The Fire Department appreciates the Hanson's willingness to provide this water source. Current zoning regulations have facilitated the creation of new water sources throughout the town. Loudon has no community hydrant system so private and public water access is crucial when fighting rural fires.

New water supplies created within the past few years include the following. Most of these were built or installed by a developer in direct response to zoning regulations.

- A fire pond/dry hydrant on the western end of Bee Hole Road
- Two fire ponds with dry hydrants on Greenview Drive
- The Mill Pond in the Village recently had a new dry hydrant installed
- A 20,000 gallon cistern on Creek Water Lane
- A 30,000 gallon cistern on Wellington Way
- A 30,000 gallon cistern at the Loudon Elementary School for a newly-installed sprinkler system throughout the school

If you have any questions about fire-fighting water supplies near your home or would be interested in providing access to a water source near your home, please contact the Loudon Fire Department at 798-5612. ■



Above: The fire pond on property owned by Allan and Babbette Hanson, Bee Hole Road. Below: The dry hydrant connected to the pond. If you look carefully, you can see the pond in the background.



A Bird's Eye View of Loudon

As promised, here are a more photos taken from the air on December 14, 2006. One of these is a "mystery" photo! If you recognize the location, please let me know — everything looks so different from above that I am not sure where it was taken. You may email me at debbie@debbiegraphics.com.

Debbie Kardaseski

Right: This is the mystery location.

Below: A view of the Morin Farm on Clough Hill Road. In the middle at the top you can see the Town Hall and Highway Garage.



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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Planning Board member Bob Ordway, and Conservation Commission member Dan Geiger.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 5, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Fiske discussed the turn pocket on Route 106 at Staniels Road.

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with a letter from the American Red Cross Blood Drive thanking Janice Morin for organizing the event. The Board commended Ms. Morin and all those involved for efforts and hard work.

Chief Burr stated he did not have anything new for the Board.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board there were a couple of culverts that needed to be replaced on Lovejoy Road and Berry Road. Chairman Bowles asked if Mr. Rice would check the culvert on Lesmerises Road and North Village Road. Selectman Maxfield discussed the culvert on Currier Road near Alan Minery's property.

Selectman Maxfield asked if Mr. Rice was going to pursue a new truck for the Highway Department. Mr. Rice said he has obtained some quotes. He said the truck he is looking to replace was a 10-year truck, which has lasted 17-years. Mr. Rice said the truck and body quotes so far are estimated at \$120,000.00. He said there might be some parts at the shop for the plow. Discussion ensued regarding increase in costs due to the new EPA regulations. Mr. Rice advised the Board that he needs to look at adding another fuel tank because the new trucks use ultra low sulfur fuel due to the new catalytic converters.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a memo from Engineer Jason Gallant to CPM Constructors regarding the Cross Brook Road Bridge Project.

The Board received a petition for the Town to accept a portion of Bee Hole Road from Joe Bohi. The Board will hold a public hearing on January 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White regarding the Wellington Way Properties letter of credit.

The Board received the December 6, 2006 Zoning Ordinance Workshop Meeting Minutes.

The Board received a memo from the Office of Energy and Planning regarding FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants.

The Board received two certificates of continuing education for Jeff Burr.

The Board reviewed past due ambulance bills. Selectman Ives moved to forward past due ambulance account #33671, in the amount of \$177.43 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a regional impact notice from the City of Concord relative to a cell tower.

The Board agreed to hold their first budget hearing on January 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Selectman Maxfield moved to implement the Town of Loudon Private Road and Release Form. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated Code Enforcement presented this form to the Board. This form is to clean up issues with Class VI Roads and Private Roads. This form will be recorded with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing regarding the petition to accept approximately 5,418 feet of Greenview Drive as a Town Maintained Road. Chairman Bowles read the public notice for those present.

Chairman Bowles asked petitioner Claire Crowley if she had any comments that she wanted to make. Attorney Tom McCue introduced himself and stated he is representing Ms. Crowley. He gave a brief overview of Greenview Drive. He stated the road was done in three phases, has gotten all approvals from Planning/Zoning, and has been reviewed by the Engineers. Mr. McCue discussed the issue with the 14th Tee of the Golf Course being across the road, which has an easement in place. He went on to say that Mr. Leombruno, owner of the Loudon Country Club has placed fencing along the property to allow for one golf cart crossing. Mr. McCue stated he had spoken with Steve Roy regarding being an abutter to the right-of-way, and discussed surveying that has shown there is no encroachment on Mr. Roy's property.

Dan Geiger stated he was here representing the Conservation Commission as some of the abutters had contacted the Conservation Commission for their input. Mr. Geiger said that this project has had numerous wetlands violations, drainage violations, ESMI Soils placed on the property that should have only been on commercial property, which is now on some of the residential property, and some of the violations were never resolved. He went on to say there was never a hydrologic model or drainage plan done. Specs were never shown regarding if

the culverts were sized correctly. Mr. Geiger said that if the road is changed over to a Town Road, there might be requirement changes that could affect wetlands and change water chemistry. He stated the Conservation Commission advises caution and feels that until a number of issues are addressed the road should remain private. Mr. Geiger said they would like to see detailed drainage plans in the areas where erosion has been occurring. He stated the Conservation Commission is willing and available to work with the Boards and the Road Agent to address these issues. Mr. McCue advised those present that regarding the ESMI soils placed on the property, the resolution was each deed has a notation that ESMI reprocessed soil is placed on the property. He said to the best of his knowledge, DES has been there and he does not believe there are any outstanding issues.

Attorney John Eisner stated he was representing William Leombruno, owner of The Ledges Golf Links, Inc. He said that Mr. Leombruno has concerns regarding his business if the road is accepted as a Town Road. Attorney Eisner said that there is a 100-foot section of the road that is owned by Mr. Leombruno under The Ledges Golf Links, Inc. Mr. Leombruno stated he wanted to clarify something that Attorney McCue said; the easement is for the 15th Tee on the golf course, not the 14th Tee. Attorney Eisner provided the Board with copies of a settlement agreement, which was put in place to secure rights for the golf course to use portions of this road. He said the golf course has easements for electric and water, which runs under portions of the road as well as easements to use the road for all golf course purposes. Attorney Eisner discussed the concerns with the portion of the golf course that are across Greenview Drive relative to the impact of the business as well as safety of the golf course patrons.

Bob Bollinger discussed the ESMI soil and talked about the easements. Mr. Bollinger discussed his concerns regarding the residents of Greenview Drive and the golf course not keeping a united front.

Attorney McCue said that he disagreed with Attorney Eisner and Mr. Leombruno regarding the easement. He stated the easement allows the golf course to go over the road, not the road to go over the golf course. Attorney McCue discussed the 50-foot right-of-way relative to driveways and mailboxes. He stated the amount of traffic on this road is not going to increase substantially as the construction is at its end. Attorney McCue said he understands that Mr. Leombruno wants to be able to continue running his business and does not see how the Town taking over the road would impact the business. Attorney Eisner said he disagrees with what Attorney McCue said relative to the "burdened land," he said that Mr. Leombruno, The Ledges Golf Links, Inc., owns that land and Mr. Crowley had the right-of-way. Mr. Leombruno said that he had met with the residents of Greenview Drive and discussed the results of the meetings. He said that he and Attorney Eisner have stated that The Ledges Golf Links, Inc. does not have a problem with the road going public. His issue is that The Ledges Golf Links, Inc., retains the rights of the settlement agreement between Crowley, Bouchard, Workman, Leombruno, and The Ledges Golf Links, Inc., and the easements to maintain the underground utilities and all the infrastructure of the golf course. Mr. Leombruno asked that the Board honor the easements and agreements that are in place.

Marcia Campaniello asked the Board if the Town had any issues with honoring the easements and agreements that the golf course has in place. Chairman Bowles said that without a clear deed to the road the Town is probably not in a position at this time to accept the road. He said that research is needed to determine who exactly owns the road. Chairman Bowles went on to say that once Ms. Crowley provides the information of who owns the road, Town Counsel would need to be contacted for his recommendations. He said that he is not aware of the Town accepting roads with easement conditions and would have to get Town Counsel's opinion on that also. Discussion ensued regarding road acceptance in the past. Chairman Bowles said this road is not a typical road. Mrs. Campaniello asked if the question of who owns the road is what would hold up the acceptance of the road. Chairman Bowles said it was a major concern. Mr. Leombruno asked if the issue with the 15th Tee were no longer an issue, would the Selectmen honor his easements and settlement agreement as they stand. Chairman Bowles said he could not answer that until the Board talks with Town Counsel. Mr. Leombruno said that the easements and settlement agreement are his major concern. Selectman Maxfield stated during Phase I on the road Mr. Crowley said he was building four or five homes and gave Mr. Leombruno the easements. He said he agreed with Chairman Bowles that he would like to get Town Counsel's opinion. Attorney McCue stated that when the deed is drawn up for the Town's acceptance it would have to include references to any easements, agreements, or legal encumbrances. Chairman Bowles said until it is determined who owns the road, if it is in the best interest of the Town, and if the Town even has the right to accept it because of the encroachments and easements, he will not make a decision. He went on to discuss the corner pin for Steve Roy's property relative to the shoulder of the road. Attorney McCue stated that the corner pin for Mr. Roy's property is on the edge of the right-of-way. The paved portion of the road is not actually in the middle on the corner. In order to make the corner drivable, the paved portion of the road does touch almost over to the side of the 50-feet. He said there is suppose to be a 5-foot shoulder on either side, but in this area, there is extra on the other side. Chairman Bowles said that an easement would still need to be obtained from Mr. Roy to keep the ditch line cleaned up. He said these easements need to be obtained before the Town would consider accepting the road, it is not up to the Town to obtain them, it is up to the petitioner. Attorney McCue asked when the Board would have an answer as to if they are going to accept the road or not. Chairman Bowles said once the Board saw that all the issues that are being discussed tonight are addressed, but that the Board has ten days from tonight's meeting. Attorney McCue said that if the Board does not accept the road, and the petitioner is not happy with the decision, they have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to appeal the Board's decision. The petitioner would have fifteen days prior to the ZBA meeting to file an appeal, there is a chance that they could not get in on the January agenda, and it may have to be at the February meeting. The residents on Greenview Drive need to have some direction as to how to proceed with the winter issues. Chairman Bowles said that it would probably be in the best

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interest of the petitioner to get the issues resolved. Attorney McCue said that before they change anything it would be helpful to know what Town Counsel finds before they make any changes. Selectman Ives stated he wanted to get all the facts prior to making any decision.

Deb Kardaseski stated it was her opinion that if the Town were to accept the road with all of the easements in place and tried to negate the easements it would be considered a taking and does not feel it could happen. She stated she felt Mr. Leombruno should not worry about the easements. Ms. Kardaseski discussed power line easements and said that they are legal and binding agreements and she does not feel the golf course needs to worry about this type of issue.

Discussion ensued regarding golf carts crossing a public road. Mr. Leombruno discussed his conversation with the State Highway Patrol regarding this issue.

Maryann Adams discussed the issue of wording in her deed versus the wording in the deeds of other properties on Greenview Drive. She stated that she has concerns about Greenview Drive being a public road and possible future development. Ms. Adams asked if Voted Road could be brought up to a Town Road and combined with the upper part of Greenview Drive for those who want it to be a Town Road and leave the first part of Greenview Drive a private road. She discussed the concerns relative to wetlands issues. Marie Sherman said that the wetlands issue would be there no matter if the road were public or private. Mr. Geiger said that there is no drainage design and his concern is if you add salt to an area that has never had salt before there will need to be detention ponds and retention ponds put in. Selectman Maxfield stated Voted Road is a non-maintained Class VI Road subject to gates and bars. To open up the road would be the responsibility of the developer to bring the road up to Town Standards.

Mrs. Campaniello read a letter into the record. See attached. Selectman Maxfield said that the Selectmen have reviewed the deeds of many of the properties and there is wording that goes back to the original agreement for road maintenance. Mrs. Campaniello stated there is no such wording in her deed and asked that it be noted for the record.

Bob Landry said that he feels the consensus is that the residents on Greenview Drive want the road to go public and they do want the golf course to be able to operate with out any issues. He went on to ask if due to the issue of the Selectmen having to make a decision within ten days of this meeting, could the Selectmen table the meeting so the

research can be done, then reconvene the meeting later. Chairman Bowles said that it could be done, but they would look in to the issue of needing to make a decision with in the ten days to see if that could be extended by the continuation of the meeting.

Mrs. Campaniello asked if a list could be made of the outstanding issues that need to be addressed between now and next Tuesday's meeting so that all the issues can be addressed. Selectman Maxfield said the easements and the Town's liability to accept a road with honoring the easements and the golf carts traveling along the side of the road are the issues. He said that Chairman Bowles had discussed the issue of Mr. Roy's property lines. Selectman Ives said that he also wanted to know if the Town would be liable if a golf ball went through a vehicles windshield if the Town accepted the road as well as the issues with the golf carts traveling on or across the road. Chairman Bowles said the biggest issue is who owns the road at what point and the corner pin on Mr. Roy's property relative to maintaining the ditch line. He said these issues have to be resolved by the owners, not the Selectmen and until these issues have been worked out, the Town cannot consider accepting the road.

Ken Lorden asked that Mr. Leombruno and Ms. Crowley come forward with the easements and agreements so that these issues can be addressed. Mr. Leombruno said that if Town Counsel advises the Board that the golf course can continue to operate and the easements and agreements will be honored, his attorney and Ms. Crowley's attorney could work together and get the issue of who owns the 100-feet of Greenview Drive resolved.

Sandra Lyle asked about the liability issues relative to who is responsible while the road is private. The Board said that as a private road that would be a civil issue and the Town would not be involved. Mrs. Lyle asked what would happen if her house was on fire and these issues were not yet resolved. The Board said that with this being a private road the Town does not have the right to maintain it until it meets the criteria and is a Town Road. Chief Burr said that he would do everything possible to get the fire truck or ambulance to where it needed to be but there was no guarantee that they would be able to get through. He said that the fire trucks and ambulance has a higher clearance than regular vehicles and they would do everything they could. Chief Burr went on to say that there are three mobile home parks and other private roads in Town that police and fire respond to if there is an emergency and the Town does not maintain those roads.

Mr. Merrill discussed the issue of maintenance bonds for the road. He said that on other roads in Town the developer had to

maintain a maintenance bond on the road for five years from the time the Town accepted the road. Chairman Bowles discussed the bond history and said that there is still a bond in place for phase III of Greenview Drive. The Board will look into this also.

Mark Burke asked why the people on Greenview Drive were paying taxes if they were not getting the services of the Town. Chairman Bowles discussed the subdivision process and talked about the Planning Board regulations that are part of the subdivision approval to install sprinklers, cisterns, fire ponds, or dry hydrants to help protect the homeowners. He went on to say that the Town has always done what it can to look out for the safety of the Towns people and if there is an emergency, all that can be done, will be. Mr. Burke said it was his understanding that if the fire ponds were not in place the road would never be able to be accepted by the Town. Chairman Bowles said that was correct, part of the conditions for the subdivision approval was the fire ponds. He said bonds were put in place to be sure that those conditions were met. If they were not met, the Town would have had to access those bonds and contract out to get the fire ponds in place for the safety of the residents on Greenview Drive.

David Little stated that the original concept of the area was that it was going to be an expansion of the golf course, now it has turned into a residential development. Chairman Bowles discussed the progression of the subdivision through the Planning Board.

John White said that he had previous experience of driving through two golf courses that had a public road going through and he felt it could probably be done in Loudon.

Mrs. Sherman discussed the Planning Board approvals for this development. She stated that if the Planning Board gave their approval she did not understand why this road could not be accepted as a Town Road. Selectman Maxfield discussed Phase I. Mrs. Sherman discussed the progression of approvals and building permits. Mrs. Campaniello said that she does not understand why Phase I is an issue now when Phase II and III have already been approved. She said that the Planning Board should have considered any issues with Phase I when approving Phase II and III. Chairman Bowles again said that the Board needed to gather information, that they have not had a chance to meet with the Planning Board since this issue has come up to get the Planning Board's input and history on this subject. He said that the Board is not saying that the road is dangerous or that they are not going to accept the road as a Town Road, they are saying that they need to resolve any issues and get Town Counsel's opinion before making any decisions. An audience member asked about a crosswalk and signage. The Board said that this would be addressed.

Alan Cantor said when he purchased the property five years ago it was a private road

and he purchased it thinking that it would remain a private road. He understands that the neighborhood has changed, however, he asked that the Board consider the fact that they purchased on a private road because that is where they wanted to be.

Attorney McCue asked if the Town Engineer had any issues with the road. Chairman Bowles said that it did not appear that the engineer had any real issues; however, he is not sure what will happen with the drainage questions. It will be looked into.

Ray Cummings said he felt the issue with the sharp corner should not be an issue as the Planning Board approved it and said that he did not feel the grades were too steep but he had heard that that might be an issue. Chairman Bowles said that there are many rumors and as far as the Board knows, Mr. Crowley built the road to the best of his ability.

Selectman Maxfield moved to continue this hearing to Tuesday, December 19, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Mr. Leombruno asked if the Board would be able to advise the residents of Greenview Drive at that meeting, what Town Counsel has advised the Board to do. Chairman Bowles said as far as he knows the Board has ten days from today to give the Board's decision. He said that he would find out what the exact procedure is. Selectman Maxfield talked about the possibility of the ten days starting at next weeks meeting as it is being continued. Selectman Ives talked about emergency vehicles doing their best to get to an emergency. Chairman Bowles called for the vote. *All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Bowles stated there would be no further notice for the continuance of the public hearing.

The Board met with David Little regarding an assessment issue for a mobile home on Clinton Street.

Mr. Little discussed the mobile home site value of \$10,000.00 on the assessment card for Tax Map #068, Lot # 015. He asked how could there be site value if the person does not own the land. Mr. Cowan owns the land. Chairman Bowles said that the assessment is not for the land. It is based on the market value from sales that have occurred. Mr. Little said this taxing someone for something they do not own. The Board said that this issue has been brought before the Assessors and they have defended the assessment. They advised Mr. Little to speak with the assessors or file an abatement. Discussion ensued regarding lot rent in the mobile home parks. Mr. Little said that it is up to the Selectmen to look into this issue and to be sure, this is not double assessing. Selectman Maxfield said that he would contact Assessor Jeff Earles and get an answer to Mr. Little's question.

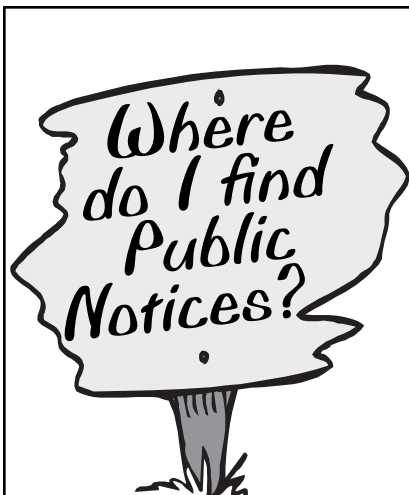
Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. *All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 12, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the culvert on Berry Road has been replaced; they have graded Presby Lane, replaced the fuel tank in T-6, and started the cleanup of asphalt on the Thistle property, which should be finished on Wednesday. He also stated that patching of holes and screening of winter sand is ongoing.

Discussion ensued regarding potholes that need repair.

Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Maratea's property and the concerns for the road in the area of her property. The Board agreed that the engineers would need to look at this issue.

The Board discussed that they would only require Mr. Rice to attend two meetings per month and would contact him if they needed to have him attend extra meetings.

The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

Mr. Bennett advised the Board that beginning July 1, 2007 there is a statewide ban on placing video display devices with a screen (such as TV's or computer monitors) in the incinerator or in the landfill. He stated that about half of the other communities in the State have a recycling program in place at this time. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that Northeast Resource Recovery Association has a program for recycling called "e-pod," which would be a rental charge of \$125.00 per month for the container, \$150.00 transportation charge, and \$0.12 per pound fee for disposal. Mr. Bennett said the cost per pound has dropped from \$0.15

per pound. He discussed the suggested charges and said that the suggestion is that the Town not charge too much as people tend to discard items improperly if the fee is too high. Discussion ensued regarding what happens if people try to dispose of the devices improperly. Both Mr. Rice and Mr. Bennett said that the load can be refused at the incinerator in Penacook then the Town would have to find an alternate place to take the trash. Mr. Bennett discussed the need to get the information out to the residents so that people are aware of what the regulations are. Discussion ensued regarding budgeting figures for this issue as well as possible locations for the placement of the "e-pod." The Board advised Mr. Bennett to move forward with getting the information out to the residents. Mr. Bennett said he felt that they would be ready to begin the recycling program in March. Mr. Bennett asked the Board if they wanted to go with the suggested fees. The Board agreed to start with the suggested fees and discussed the need to hold a public hearing.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of RSA 231:59-a Emergency Lanes.

The Board received revision #1 of the 2007-2008 proposed budget. Chairman Bowles stated the Board has met with department heads and are working on fine-tuning the numbers.

The Board received a notice from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White regarding the CIP.

The Board received a copy of the Revenue Sharing and Meals and Rooms Tax. Selectman Maxfield stated the amount received is \$213,714.84.

The Board received the Highway Block Grant number for 2007.

The Board received a memo from Engineer Jason Gallant regarding Cross Brook Road. Chairman Bowles stated that Cross Brook Road was reopened on Thursday, December 14, 2006.

The Board received an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding Berry Road.

The Board received the State Education Warrant amount for 2007. Selectman Maxfield said the amount is \$1,145,987.00.

The Board received a letter of protest from Elmer and Gloria Trombley. This information will be forwarded to Assessor Dave Wiley.

The Board received an invitation from the Loudon Conservation Commission to attend the January 10, 2007 presentation on Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan Maps.

Chairman Bowles reopened the Public Hearing on Greenview Drive to review the petition to accept the road as a Town Maintained Road.

Chairman Bowles read the original public notice for those in attendance. He stated that the Board has been in contact with Town Counsel and has provided him with the documentation of the construction of Greenview Drive. Chairman Bowles went on to say that, Attorney Mayer has advised the Board that his recommendation is that the Board should recess this portion of the meeting for approximately 30 days in order to have time to do the proper research. The Board members concurred with Attorney Mayer's recommendations. Chairman Bowles advised those present that if there was anyone present that wanted to speak on this subject, they would be allowed to do so.

Marcia Campaniello asked the Board if any of the items that were discussed at last weeks meeting had been addressed. Chairman Bowles stated the issues with the liabilities of the Town if the road is accepted as a Town Road and the golf course is one of the main issues. He said there is also an issue with the corner pin of Mr. Roy's property and Ms. Crowley obtaining an easement. Chairman Bowles said that the Board has asked for an as built plan of the road with any changes that may have been made to show the actual layout of the road. He went on to say that, Ms. Crowley has dropped off information to the Selectmen's Office for review. Chairman Bowles said that the Town Engineer stated it appears that the road was not exactly put in according to the way it was originally presented. Mrs. Campaniello asked if the road could be staked out to the

original plan so that the residents of Greenview Drive could see what the road was supposed to be. Chairman Bowles said that he felt asking Ms. Crowley to stake out the road to the original plan should wait until the research is done to find out if there are issues that cannot be resolved. He went on to say that, he believed there was an ordinance where the Town can request that the road have meets and bounds setup so that they would be aware of where the right-of-way lies. Selectman Maxfield discussed the liability issues with the golf carts crossing the road and said that the Board was looking for some definitive answers from the research gathered regarding this road. Until Town Counsel has had time to research the issues, they would not be making any decision. Selectman Ives said that the Engineer has advised the Board that structurally the road is fine; the concerns are relative to the easements and liabilities.

Roy Merrill asked if there has been any research into the maintenance bond for this road. Chairman Bowles said that this information is with Town Counsel and being researched.

Mrs. Campaniello asked if the Board could give her a list of the exact questions that were given to Town Counsel. Chairman Bowles said he didn't have an exact list, but the items were things like golf carts, crossings, signage, easement, etc., he said the Board does not want to put demands on things they do not have authority over. They want to have everything in place should the Town accept the road so there will not be any liability issues. Mrs. Campaniello asked if Town Counsel attended Selectmen's Meetings in case there were further questions that needed to be answered. Selectman Maxfield stated there have been instances in the past where Town Counsel had attended meetings at the request of the Board, but is was not often. Dan Geiger of the Conservation Commission said he felt it was appropriate to request that Town Counsel be present at the next meeting.

Alan Gray asked if the only issues were with Phase I of the road. Chairman Bowles stated what the Town considers Phase I is where they currently see the issues; however, during the research other items may come up on other phases of the construction.

Chairman Bowles stated that the Board is looking into RSA 231:59-a, relative to Emergency Lanes. He said it would allow the Town to maintain the road under emergency situations, if there were a fire or emergency, where Municipal services would have a difficult time gaining access to a property on Greenview Drive. Chairman Bowles said in order to move forward with the Emergency Lane, a public hearing has to be held, and with the requirement for proper notice, the Board will hold the public hearing on January 9, 2007. He said that the Board felt this would be something that would show the residents on Greenview Drive that the Town is doing what they can to work with them as well as protect the Town from any liability issues. Selectman Maxfield referenced a portion of the RSA that states, "The emergency lane may not be declared if permission is denied by any person with a legal right to deny such permission." He said he thought Town Counsel would need to address that. Chairman Bowles said that Town Counsel suggested the Board look into this option. He went on to say that, the Town has every intention to provide services to everyone in Town.

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Bob Bollinger asked if it were possible for the Town to maintain the plowing/sanding of the road during the thirty days while the research is being done as the residents on Greenview Drive pay their taxes. Chairman Bowles stated the Town could not do that due to the laws in place. Selectman Ives said that the Board is trying to protect the Town from any liability and they do not want to infringe on Mr. Leombruno's business, they are trying to do what is right for the Town.

Maryanne Adams thanked the Board for their efforts in this situation. She went on to ask what would happen if the current plow contractor was not able to plow the road during an emergency, would the Town plow the road for the emergency. The Board said that is why they are looking at the Emergency Lane. Selectman Ives reminded those present that the Town has never plowed this road and there has not really been a change for five years. Ms. Adams agreed. She went on to say that, she hoped that the integrity of the golf course is maintained if the Town takes over the road. Roger Gayer said the only thing that has changed in the plowing is that Ms. Crowley has sent all the residents a letter advising them she was not going to take care of it any longer. Selectman Ives said his comment was relative to if the contractor was unable to plow the road during an emergency.

Ray Cummings said he did not think that Ms. Crowley had the right to back out of maintaining the road. He said that is why the bonds are in place. Chairman Bowles said the bonds are in place in case the road fails, not for plowing maintenance. Mr. Cummings said that the bond he is talking about it the construction bond. Selectman Maxfield said he did not think this situation was the type of situation that the bond would cover. Chairman Bowles said Ms. Crowley has the responsibility and liability because it is her road at this point. Mr. Cummings asked if the Board has advised Ms. Crowley in writing that the road is her responsibility for maintenance. The Board said they have discussed this with Ms. Crowley.

Bill Leombruno said for the record that he had contacted Ms. Crowley and offered any cooperation to settle any matters, if there were any, to expedite the proceedings. He said Ms. Crowley felt it was best to wait to see how the Selectmen voted on the subject. Mr. Leombruno went on to say he contacted Town Counsel and asked if there was anything he could do to expedite the matter. He said if the Selectmen have any questions he hopes they contact him so he can help resolve any issues.

Mrs. Campaniello asked if the Board would have an answer for the residents of Greenview Drive at the January meeting. The Board said that is their hope, however, they cannot guarantee all the issues will be resolved at that time. Chairman Bowles said that the Town has been trying to get the developer to complete the two fire ponds for

about two years and they have just been completed. He said that there are other issues that need to be addressed and they should be the responsibility of the developer, not the Town. Chairman Bowles went on to say that it is a bit frustrating to now have the request to accept the road, without all the research being completed prior to the request, and have a road full of residents wanting an answer immediately. He said that when all the other requests to accept a road as a Town Road come in, all the research has been done, there are typically no easements or boundary issues, and it is usually clear as to what the Town is accepting. Mrs. Campaniello said the residents do appreciate the Selectmen's efforts.

Mr. Merrill suggested the Board find out if the legal costs to the Town could be taken out of the maintenance bond. Chairman Bowles said they will check into this and the issue of if Ms. Crowley received written correspondence from the Town acknowledging Ms. Crowley as being responsible and liable for Greenview Drive at this time.

Joe Campaniello asked if the Board had the date and time for the next meeting. The Board advised those present that the meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bowles advised those present that a notice would be included with the notice relative to the public hearing for the Emergency Lane, reminding the residents of the January 23, 2007 meeting.

Selectman Maxfield moved to recess the public hearing in reference to accepting Greenview Drive as a Town Maintained Road to January 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the November ESMI compliance report.

The Board received information on the NH Public Works Academy.

The Board received notice that Dan Plourde contacted the Selectmen's Office regarding rumors going around about the sand being tracked out of his property prior to the paving. Mr. Plourde provided the Board with his phone number so that if there are ever any issues or concerns they can contact him directly. The Board said that they are very happy with the paving and that they think it will be better than it has ever been.

The Board received notice that a resident of Bumfagon Road called regarding safety concerns with a deep ditch on the road. The Highway Department has placed a delineator post at the location; however, the gentleman is still very concerned for safety issues. The Board will look at the location.

The Board received a letter from DOT regarding the turn pocket at Staniels Road.

The Board received copies of the 2006–2007 Building Permit List.

Chairman Bowles stated the Town had gone out to bid for the 2007 Annual Town

Report and had received three sealed bids as follows:

Evans Printing: \$5,692.00 total cost of the project

Town and Country Reprographics Inc.: \$5,915.00

Bridge and Byron Printers Inc.: \$1,500/100 + cover, \$9,284.31

Selectman Ives moved to accept the bid from Evans Printing for 1500 copies, four-color cover, and black text, in the amount of \$5,692.00. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives stated that at one time his family held stock in Evan's Printing; however, they have not held stock in the company for over eleven years. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives thanked Jim McNeil and all those who participated in the fundraiser for the Parr Family of Loudon. The Fire Department has raised over \$5,000.00 for

the Parr Family so far. The Board agreed that Loudon is fortunate to have a community that steps up and helps families in their time of need.

Chairman Bowles thanked Wade Holling and Dan Bowles for their assistance with the John O. Cate Memorial Van Building last weekend.

Chairman Bowles thanked the residents for being as patient as they could be during the road closures and bridge projects.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, January 2, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 19, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed the overhead door at the Transfer Station. He said he is waiting for a return phone call regarding the lift so they can fix the door.

Mr. Rice said the Highway Crew had been out plowing the roads and he has ordered more salt.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board that interviews for the fulltime Fire Fighter/EMT position have been completed. He stated that Pearson Souther has been chosen for the position, at a starting rate of \$15.36 per hour. Selectman Ives asked about Mr. Souther's residency intentions. Chief Burr said Mr. Souther has family in the area. He went on to say that, Mr. Souther did his internship with Loudon Fire Department while he was attending classes at the Tech. Selectman Ives asked about Mr. Souther's EMT training. Chief Burr stated that Mr. Souther has his basic EMT certification and has agreed to move forward on his own, to obtain his EMT-Intermediate certification. He said that Mr. Souther also has to attend the two-week level II Fire Fighter course as mandated by the State. Chairman Bowles asked how many applications were received. Chief Burr said there were three applications received; however, one applicant did

not have all of the qualifications for the position. He said it was a tough decision between the two qualified applicants. Discussion ensued regarding the pay scale that Chief Burr is using. *Selectman Maxfield moved to hire Pearson Souther as a Fire Fighter/EMT basic level at \$15.36 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.* Discussion ensued regarding the EMT-I training.

Chief Burr discussed the structure fire at 49 Range Road. He advised the Board that he has been working with the Fire Marshall's Office during the investigation. Discussion ensued regarding looking at adjusting the assessment for this property.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a memo on the Boston Post Cane names. Selectman Maxfield stated that research shows Carrie Dowes at age 96 appears to be Loudon's next recipient of the Boston Post Cane. Once the plaque is made, Selectman Maxfield will present it to Ms. Dowes.

The Board received the franchise agreement from Comcast (formerly Continental Cable) for review. Chairman Bowles stated he has received numerous calls from residents regarding the rate increases. Selectman Maxfield said that Comcast has expanded cable in Loudon over the past five years. He said the contract was signed in 1992. Discussion ensued regarding cable prices.

The Board received a letter from Attorney Tom McCue regarding Claire Crowley's bond on Greenview Drive. Discussion ensued regarding the fire pond and needing to get the easement for the fire pond. The Board will have Office Manager Jean Lee follow up to see if Ms. Crowley has

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 9, 2007

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, and Planning Board member Bob Ordway.

Chairman Bowles opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Mr. Fiske discussed a request to hold a three day "Music Festival Earth Day Event" at Rocky Road Campground. Discussion ensued regarding Planning Board and Zoning Board approvals for this property as well as the maximum limit of 200 people or no more than 5 people to a campsite. It was stated that one condition of Mr. Bagone's approval was a 10:00 p.m. curfew. Mr. Fiske asked if a band was going to be at the event

and they were to stop playing at 10:00 p.m. would Mr. Bagone need any other approvals. Mr. Powelson said if it is 200 people and it's camping activities then no, he did not think there were any other approvals needed. Chairman Bowles said that Mr. Bagone is having vendors, so he felt a Hawker's and Peddler's Permit would be needed. Mr. Dow asked about the Special Events option under the Board of Permit. Mr. Fiske asked if Mr. Bagone would be allowed to seek an approval from Board of Permit under the Special Events. Mr. Dow said he was just looking at all the options that are in place. Mr. Fiske said that the issue with vendors could be addressed so he is not worried about that portion. It was discussed that Mr. Bagone would need to apply for a Special Events Permit from the Board of Permit. Mr. Dow discussed the issue of if the 200 people applies to the over night camping or if it also is the condition during the days events to only allow 200 people on site. Mr. Fiske said that could be addressed under the Special Event Permit. Discussion ensued regarding parking issues. Mr. Fiske

said that the parking permit is through Canterbury, which Mr. Bagone will have to address with Canterbury. It was agreed that Mr. Bagone would apply for a Special Events Permit through the Board of Permit and would have to comply with all conditions the Board of Permit puts in place as well as any conditions in his approvals from Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Mr. Fiske stated he has had concerns regarding fire ponds in Loudon without fences surrounding them. He said the concerns were that swimming pools are mandated to have fences, why are fire ponds not required to have them. Chairman Bowles asked if the swimming pool mandate covers ponds. Mr. Fiske said no, not specifically. He said the question is relative to liability if the Town holds the easements for the fire ponds.

Mr. Fiske stated the Loudon Girl Scout Troop #361 has requested to hold the "Flamingo Flocking" fundraiser. He said the dates of the fundraiser would be February 12 to April 1, 2007. Mr. Fiske said everything is in order and he asked that the fees be waived for this application. The Board agreed to waive the fee for the Girl Scouts.

Mr. Fiske provided a proposed application form regarding signage. Discussion ensued regarding signage both permanent and for Special Events as well as using the form to be included in the Planning Board or Zoning Board file. Mr. Fiske stated that this form would be used even for the banners that are placed around Town, not just the temporary or permanent signage. Mr. Powelson suggested putting a line on the form to put the specific date that the sign/banner would be displayed from. Mr. Fiske will finalize the form.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board would be meeting Friday at 2:00 p.m. on Wiggins Road with DES relative to the crossing and the culverts. Discussion ensued regarding bridge abutments that are not there.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit.

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

Mr. Fiske provided the Board with a request be added to the Recreation Budget.

Mr. Fiske requested the Board appoint Roger Matte as a part-time officer. *Selectman Ives moved appoint Roger Matte as a part-time police officer for the Town of Loudon at a rate of pay to equal that of other part-time police officers. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles stated for the record that two pistol permits were submitted for signature and review.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing to discuss the petition to accept a portion of Bee Hole Road as a Town Road

from Joe Bohi. Chairman Bowles read the public notice for those present. Joe Bohi and Attorney Shane Stewart were present.

Chairman Bowles asked if there were any abutters present. There were none.

Chairman Bowles discussed the requirements that had been asked of Mr. Bohi and stated that the last requirement of the fire pond/dry hydrant have been completed. Attorney Stewart reviewed the progress of the road construction and requirements that have been completed. He discussed the \$15,000.00 CD at Ocean National Bank that has been in place. Mr. Bohi stated the reason that they paved an additional 400 feet of road was because they had to pave past the culvert and they decided to utilize the remainder of the pavement in the trucks that were there. Chief Burr stated that the Fire Department has used the fire pond and everything has been operational. Attorney Stewart stated the easement for the fire pond has been recorded.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve 3,450 lineal feet of Bee Hole Road upgrading it from a Class VI Road to a Class V Road and to release the maintenance bond in the amount of \$15,390.46 based on the one-year maintenance bond decision by the Board in March 2005. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr discussed the grant money for the Capital Area Public Health Network relative to Pandemic Flu training that occurred at the Fire Station. He stated that there is grant money available to reimburse the Town for paying the attendees of the training at the Special Duty Rate. Chairman Bowles said he did not have a problem with the payment as long as the reimbursement comes through. He said he wanted to make sure that individuals who attend the trainings are aware a head of time if there are any trainings that they would not be compensated for so there is no confusion. Selectman Ives stated that he would not be voting on this issue as he was at the meeting being discussed. *Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Fire Department Personnel in attendance of the Public Health Network meeting on January 8, 2007 be reimbursed at the Special Duty rate of pay. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. Chairman Bowles said that this payment is only to be made when reimbursement is guaranteed. Selectman Maxfield stated it is only for those members that attend the meeting. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives abstained.*

Selectman Ives asked about the price increase for the insulation for the Safety Complex. Chief Burr said that the work cannot be done until next spring and that the

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obtained the easement from Mr. Leombruno. Chairman Bowles will contact Town Counsel for his opinion on releasing the bond.

The Board reviewed draft Warrant Articles for the 2007 March Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Maxfield stated the first proposed draft article is for \$45,000.00 to repair, reclaim, and pave Clough Pond Road and a section of Old Shaker Road. He said because there is enough money in the Roadway Capital Reserve Fund, there is enough money to cover the \$45,000.00. Chairman Bowles said the second proposed draft article is to raise and appropriate \$125,000.00 for a new Highway Department Truck with sander body, plow, and wing. \$52,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised by taxes.

The Board was reminded of the January 11, 2007 CIP Meeting.

The Board received a notice from Department of Labor regarding a claim being filed. This information will be forwarded to Town Counsel for review.

The Board received the revised Merrimack Valley School District assessment figures from January to May in the amount of \$2,998,527.45. Selectman Maxfield stated the total assessment for the full year is \$6,229,439.00.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Town Counsel regarding the Kinkade Haven deed. Mr. Davis stated the updated title search is underway. The Board discussed Mr. Davis' submissions for road names for his subdivision. The Board will review the submissions and make a decision on the road name.

The Board received two memos from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White regarding Kinkade Haven.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Town Counsel regarding the Ledges easement agreement.

The Board received a request from Bob Fiske for an addition to his budget for new software and maintenance. The Board will take this request under advisement until they meet with Mr. Fiske at next weeks Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board received copies of the assessment card for the residence on Range Road that was lost to a structure fire.

The Board received a rate increase notice for Comcast.

The Board received a letter from the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the Brown Farm.

The Board received the November property transfers as well as the November Cate Van Committee meeting minutes.

The Board received notice of the regional meeting with Health & Human Services regarding preventing mosquito borne diseases on January 9, 2007. Health Officer Bob Fiske will be notified of this meeting.

The Board received annual reports from The Local Government Center and Northeast Resource Recovery Association for review.

The Board received a letter from Michael Harris.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the 2007 Paid Holiday Schedule. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a bonded dealer license.

The Board received the authorization to allow Town Clerk Terry Hamel to connect with the State of NH Information Technology for expanded registration services. *Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Office of Information Technology agreement with the State of NH Department of Motor Vehicle to allow the Loudon Town Clerk to interface with the State Network System. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Discussion ensued regarding street names. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the street name of Memory Lane for Mr. Davis' road into his subdivision known as Kinkade Haven. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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price should remain at the new quoted price. Selectman Maxfield asked about the funding for this project. Chief Burr stated that the money was approved at last Town Meeting; however, due to the issues with the two bridge projects, the Selectmen asked all departments not to spend money for big projects in case there was a cash flow problem. He said that because the work was not completed when they originally planned, the cost has gone up 5%.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the schedule for upcoming meetings and public hearings.

The Board received copies of a letter from Town Counsel to Mr. Leombruno's attorney regarding an easement.

The Board received copies of a letter from The Turner Group regarding unfinished work at the Dam, as an invoice for services through December 29, 2006, and a letter regarding other work not done by Piper on the Dam Project.

The Board received the application for payment from Piper regarding the Dam Project.

The Board received the change order from The Turner Group regarding the Dam Project.

The Board received cost estimates for assessing services for 2007–2008 from Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC.

The Board received a fax from Alvin Davis regarding Kinkade Haven open space land title search. The Board will have Town Counsel review the information.

Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing relative to declaring an Emergency Lane for Greenview Drive. Chairman Bowles read the public notice for those in attendance.

Chairman Bowles stated that through discussion with Town Counsel during the research for acceptance of Greenview Drive it was agreed to consider the Emergency Lane option for Greenview Drive until such time as a decision is made to accept or deny the road as a Town Road. Chairman Bowles went on to say that, there are concerns that all private roads or Class VI Roads will want to be deemed Emergency Lanes; however, not all of those roads meet standards that have been met with Greenview Drive.

Selectman Maxfield stated that Town Counsel and Mr. Leombruno's Attorney have worked at forming a document showing what responsibilities are Mr. Leombruno, and what liabilities he would accept if the Town accepts the Road. Selectman Maxfield stated Mr. Leombruno owns the 100 feet of road at the 15th Tee and that has

been addressed in the agreement document. He went on to say that, he has called Ms. Crowley and her Attorney to advise them they need to obtain an easement from Steve Roy. Selectman Maxfield stated his feeling is that he would consider a vote to deny the Emergency Lane status of Greenview Drive. Selectman Ives stated he feels that since the road is built to Town Standards and could possibly become a Town Road within the coming weeks, he feels that it would be OK to accept Greenview Drive as an Emergency Lane. Chairman Bowles said he does not want to see a precedent set.

Attorney McCue, representing Claire Crowley stated they wanted to thank the Town for taking the initiative to put out this petition and felt that the Emergency Lane option was a good idea. He said that the easement for Mr. Roy's property is in the works. Mr. McCue went on to say that, Ms. Crowley wanted to have the original survey or work on the easement. Chairman Bowles asked that Mr. McCue advise the Board of the date that Mr. Krause would like to meet with the Road Agent, Mr. Roy, and Ms. Crowley. Mr. McCue said he would contact the Selectmen's Office with the information.

Marcia Campaniello asked if the Board had forwarded a letter to Ms. Crowley, advising her that the Selectmen felt Ms. Crowley was responsible for maintaining the road until such time that the Town accepted the road as a Town Road. Chairman Bowles said that he did not have the Greenview Drive file relative to that question at this meeting, as the subject at hand is relative to Emergency Lanes and not the petition to accept the road. Mrs. Campaniello discussed her concerns with the uniqueness of this road, what the language was in the letter to Ms. Crowley, and bond issues. Chairman Bowles advised Mrs. Campaniello that the bond cannot be used for plowing fees associated with Greenview Drive. Mrs. Campaniello discussed the question of who is responsible for the plowing and maintenance of Greenview Drive at this time. Chairman Bowles explained that the maintenance bond is not in place for plowing purposes, it is for plugged culverts, shifting, cracks, and major repairs. Mrs. Campaniello asked if the letter advised Ms. Crowley that she was specifically responsible for plowing and maintenance of Greenview Drive. Chairman Bowles said he could not be sure of the wording that he did not have the file with him. Attorney McCue said he was not aware of any letter. He discussed the maintenance agreement that is recorded and said that this is an issue for the January 23, 2007 Public Hearing. Mrs. Campaniello said she was unaware of the maintenance agreement Mr. McCue talked about and said that due to the uniqueness of this road she does not feel the Board is setting a precedent. Chairman

Bowles clarified that the Emergency Lane status does not mean that the Town will be plowing the road during every snowstorm; it puts in place an option to plow the road in an emergency. Selectman Maxfield said that the property owners purchased their property on a private road, which they all knew was a private road, and now they looking for the Board to address these issues.

Bob Landry asked for clarification of the last line of paragraph I. Selectman Maxfield stated that Capital Reserve Funds are setup at Town Meeting, and it appears this section says that a Capital Reserve Fund could be established in order to maintain Emergency Lanes. The Board stated that there is no Capital Reserve Fund setup for this purpose and they do not have the intent to have Emergency Lanes throughout Town.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Emergency Lane status to Greenview Drive, a private way, under RSA 231:59-a specific to this road being a paved road, built to town specifications, and being on the course of being accepted as a Town Road. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles stated this is specific to Greenview Drive only, not any other road in Loudon. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from DOT regarding the pedestrian signal at Route 106 and Route 129. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Bob Ordway.

The Board received copies of the safety violations for the Town Office Building for review. Discussion ensued regarding what items have been addressed to date, and what items need to be resolved. Selectman Maxfield will review the list with Office Manager Jean Lee.

The Board received copies of correspondence from DRA regarding the Trustees of the Trust Funds reporting issue.

The Board received a memo from Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson advising of a change in monthly meeting dates.

The Board received a copy of an article from the Co-operative Extension Service for inclusion into the Town Report. The Board agreed not to include the submission into the 2007 Town Report. Chairman Bowles suggested the article could be submitted to the *Loudon Ledger*.

The Board received a regional impact notice from the Town of Alton for a monopole cell tower.

The Board received Legislative Bulletin #2.

The Board received correspondence from Merrimack Valley School District regarding the Homeless Education Act.

Chairman Bowles read the public notice for the proposals for sealed bids for cemetery maintenance.

Chairman Bowles stated three sealed bids were received as follows:

Souther Property Maintenance — 262 Route 129, Loudon, NH in the amount of \$6,900.00

Hook and Rake Property Maintenance — 25 Pine Ridge Road, Loudon, NH in the amount of \$6,875.00

Cutting Blade Lawn Care — Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH in the amount of \$6,500.00

Selectman Maxfield moved to award the cemetery bid for 2007, to Hook and Rake Property Maintenance — 25 Pine Ridge Road, Loudon, NH in the amount of \$6,875.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated this bid submission was very detailed and this is the company who did the cemetery maintenance last year. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Bill Forst relative to his property on Route 106.

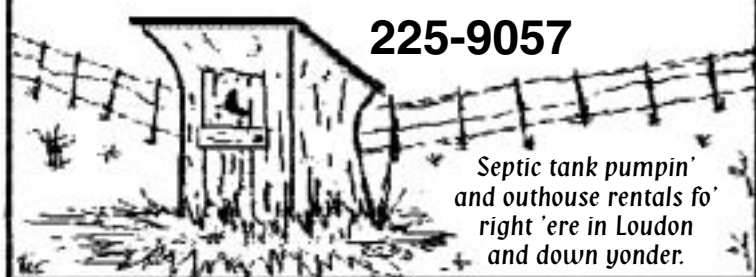
Mr. Forst advised the Board he has put up a fence and removed items from the yard. He asked for direction from the Selectmen and if they have any other recommendations for him. Chairman Bowles said that this issue is a Code Enforcement issue. Mr. Forst stated that he has not been able to get answers to his questions and just wanted to find out if the Town was satisfied with his actions on cleaning up his property. Chairman Bowles stated that since this is a pending court case and decisions have been made by the court, he does not believe the Selectmen should be the ones he should be speaking with, it should be Code Enforcement. Discussion ensued regarding fencing and requirements by the court. Mr. Forst said he just wants to know if he has satisfied the Town before he goes back to the court in February. The Board stated they would contact Code Enforcement and review the progress to see if the Town is satisfied with Mr. Forst's progress and advise him of their findings. Mr. Forst said he would like to have someone talk with him in person to deal with this issue. Chairman Bowles said he would contact Mr. Fiske and setup a meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Planning Board Zoning Workshop Minutes — Dec. 28, 2006 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Planning Board — Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, Bob Ordway, ex-officio Dustin Bowles

Zoning Board — Chairman Dave Powelson, Roy Maxfield, Roy Merrill, Ned Lizotte, Howard Pearl, George Saunderson
Conservation Commission — Julie Robinson

Public — Steve Jackson

Minutes of December 6, 2006 workshop:

Dave Powelson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tom Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Steep slopes — Roy Merrill, Roy Maxfield, and Dave Powelson submitted suggestions to address steep slopes. Roy Maxfield asked that his suggestion be removed as the others adequately address the matter. He suggested that something be added to Mr. Powelson's that would address the area of steep slopes in a given situation. Mr. Merrill's suggestion would take the steep slope grade back to 25% as it reads in the Land Development Regulations. Stan Prescott suggested that the grade be left at 20% but put something in to address area. He recommended that any area up to 2,500SF be exempt from the ordinance and any area of 2,501SF up to 10,000SF be permitted by special exception. Roy Maxfield suggested that the 2,500SF exempt area and the 2,501SF up to 10,000SF by special exception be added to Mr. Powelson's submission as this would give the applicant some relief.

Section 302.3 — Permitted Uses — Dave Powelson suggested adding D. Driveways. He talked of requiring an adequate Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan as used by the EPA. There was also discussion of septic systems being built in steep slopes or creating steep slopes. It was suggested that this be added as E. Septic Systems.

Howard Pearl noted that there are no provisions for agriculture in steep slope districts. He stated that he would like to see Section 301.4 B incorporated into the steep slope section. It was agreed that this would be added as F.

Wetlands Conservation District — Julie Robinson reviewed the most recent re-write that the Conservation Commission submitted. There was discussion about the changes, being able to cross the buffer with a driveway, and the different options to be presented. It was decided that the simpler version would have the best chance of being accepted. It was also decided to submit a separate amendment that would simply add buffers and other wetlands to the existing Section 301.5. Howard Pearl noted that there seems to be some contradiction between Section 301.4 B and Section 301.6.3 with regard to fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides. Steve Jackson suggested some housekeeping articles to clarify any problem areas. It was decided that housekeeping articles would include adding reference to RSA 482-A to Section 301.1 and removing reference to Shoreland Protection Act, Chapter 483-B:5 (2) in Section 301.6.3.

Section 700.2 — All were in favor of deleting "The Selectmen" and replacing with "The Zoning Board of Adjustment"

Section 700.3.1 through 700.3.7 — All were in favor of removing this section from the Zoning Ordinance. These are ZBA rules of procedure and were incorrectly added to the Ordinance.

Section 703.2 — All were in favor of the change to Public Notice. The secretary will verify if a certain number of posting locations must be listed and will also verify the wording for the number of days.

Section 700.1 — All were in favor of deleting "appointed" and replacing with "elected"

Section 206.2 — All were in favor of adding "Contractor/Construction Services" to the list of permitted uses

Section 208.3 — Two options were provided to address corner lot setbacks. All were in favor of the second option by adding

"C. On a corner lot, setbacks on all roads shall be equal to the front setback of the district, with remaining setbacks equal to the side setback."

Section 204.3 and Section 205.3 — All were in favor of adding to the list of permitted uses by special exception: "Accessory buildings can be built prior to the dwelling provided that applicant is on the building permit list."

A public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 6 p.m. prior to the regular Planning Board meeting.

The workshop adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to allow the Planning Board to move into its regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna White

Planning Board Minutes — Dec. 28, 2006 (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Tom Dow.

Attendance:

Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Bob Ordway, Chairman Tom Dow, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, and Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles were present. Julie Robinson was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 16, 2006 Public Hearing. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

November 18, 2006 Wellington Lane Site Walk. Stanley Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dustin Bowles. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

It was noted that there should have been minutes of the November 18, 2006 Decato Site Walk, attended by Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Stanley Prescott, and Dustin Bowles. The chairman will get notes to the secretary for presentation at the next meeting.

Discussions:

Tony Merullo — Mr. Merullo submitted a letter requesting a reduction of his road bond for Creekwater Lane. Copies of the letter and related estimate schedule were

presented to all Board members for review. The chairman reviewed a memo from town engineer Tony Puntin and stated that it appeared that Mr. Puntin is in agreement with the information provided by Mr. Merullo. The Board will conduct a site walk of the road on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

Septic Disposal Solutions — Conceptual Review-Paul Johnson explained a little about Septic Disposal Solutions and told the Board about the septage processing plant they are proposing to establish in Loudon. He outlined the process of separating the liquid and solids of the incoming septage and explained that both the liquid and separated solids will leave the site. The facility would be located on property owned by David Moody. There was discussion about the zoning of the property, traffic flow, the entrance road, state regulation of the facility, and what the Board would be expecting to be submitted in the application process. Bill Gosse, a partner in SDS, explained the operation that they currently operate at the Pittsfield Treatment Facility. He will arrange for a tour of that facility with the plant superintendent and get back to the Board with details. Darlene Johnson asked about the timeframe of going to the Zoning Board for special exception and submitting an appli-

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cation to the Planning Board. It was suggested that they could go to the ZBA next week for discussion and then submit formal application for special exception. A site walk of the proposed location will also be arranged.

Old Business:

Application #06-32, Evangia Decato — Major Subdivision, Located on Chichester Road, in the RR District. Map 2, Lot 27. Jeff Green was present to represent the applicant. There were no abutters present. Mr. Green reviewed the project for the Board and stated that some changes have been made to the plan, addressing concerns voiced by the Board at the last meeting. He submitted a waiver request and state subdivision approval. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing, seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.*

The Board reviewed the plan and changes. After hearing no questions from the floor, Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. He read the waiver request submitted by Mr. Green. This waiver addresses section 12.5-9. *Bob Ordway made a motion to grant the waiver, seconded by Henry Huntington. There was no discussion. All were in favor. WAIVER GRANTED.*

Stan Prescott questioned the steep slope area at the back of the proposed lots. There was discussion about that area of the lots and it was agreed that the area is not a problem and doesn't impact the buildable area. *Motion to approve the application was made by Tom Moore, seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor. MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPROVED.*

New Business:

None

Board Discussion:

George and Lorraine Duprez — It was brought to the Board's attention that Mr. and Mrs. Duprez were to deed a parcel to the town as conservation land per their subdivision approval in March of 2006. Lot 32-4 of their Bear Hill Road subdivision has not been conveyed to the town as of this date. There was discussion about the conditions of the subdivision process and approval. The secretary will draft a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Duprez asking that they handle this matter immediately.

Dan Aversa — Mr. Aversa requested a reduction in his letter of credit for Wellington Way Properties a couple of months ago. The secretary reported that Mr. Aversa called the office earlier today to say he will be installing the guardrail in the area of concern and will be doing some clean-up and further erosion control and would like the letter of credit reduced to \$68,000. The Board has done a site walk and has a memo from town engineer Tony Puntin. All are in agreement that there are outstanding issues at the property and these issues need to be addressed before the Board will consider

reducing the amount of the letter of credit. The secretary will draft a letter to Mr. Aversa, informing him of the need for 'as built' plans and completion of the work.

Alternate Position — Chairman Dow stated he would like to recommend Steve Jackson be appointed to fill the vacancy created when Clem Lyons resigned from the Board. Dustin Bowles and Stan Prescott voiced concerns about potential conflicts of interest with Mr. Jackson sitting as a member due to his occupation. Mr. Jackson said he agrees that he would need to step down if he sees a conflict when considering an application. *A motion to appoint Steve Jackson as a Planning Board Alternate, through March 2007 to complete Clem Lyons' term, was made by Gary Tasker, seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.* There was discussion about the need to stagger the terms of alternates as they both expire in March of 2007 at this time. This will be adjusted at the next appointment. Mr. Jackson will see the town clerk to be sworn in.

Conservation Commission Invitation — Julie Robinson invited the Board to attend a presentation of NH Fish & Game wildlife action maps on January 10, 2007 at 6pm in the community building. She explained that this will be approximately an hour-long presentation and explained that the maps that can be used to pinpoint wildlife habitat, steep slope areas, and wetlands.

Capital Improvement Plan — Chairman Dow stated that he needed two Board members to work on the CIP committee, one of those to chair the committee. Stan Prescott and Bob Ordway agreed to sit on the committee. The secretary will coordinate a committee meeting date with Mr. Prescott.

A variety of general correspondence (brochures, seminars, public hearings for area cell towers) was presented to the Board members for review.

Report of the ZBA:

There are two applications before the ZBA. One is for a special exception for reduced side and rear setbacks on Clough Hill Road and the other is for a special exception for reduced setbacks and a variance for steep slopes on Bee Hole Road (continued to January 25, 2007 meeting). There is also a request for a building permit extension submitted by Steve Jackson on behalf of Dana & Christine Eldred. Roy Buttrick will be in to discuss the zoning of his two lots on Route 106. The Board will discuss the adoption of a rule for the proper timeframe to file an appeal of an administrative decision.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Tom Dow reported there was no Board of Permit meeting this month.

A motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. was made by Stanley Prescott; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — Dec. 28, 2006 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on December 28, 2006 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, Chairman; Roy Maxfield, Vice Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and alternates Jon Huntington and Howard Pearl.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2006 MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #06-22, DJP Realty Trust — Special Exception for Reduced Setback & Variance for steep slopes, Map 12, Lot 4. Written request was received from applicant's attorney to continue to January 25, 2007. This is the only notification.

Case #06-23, Matthew Raimier — Special Exception for Reduced Side & Rear Setbacks, Map 51, Lot 43. Abutters have been notified. Mr. Raimier presented a map showing the parcel, the location of the house, and the proposed location of a two car garage. He went through the entire application and explained the need for reduced setbacks. Roy Maxfield asked why the garage was proposed for the location shown as compared to another spot on the property. Mr. Raimier said it is due to the slope of the lot and the location of the driveway, a propane tank and the leachfield. Roy Merrill said he is familiar with the lot and explained that the proposed location is the best buildable area. He said the front area of the piece is wet and the septic system is on the other side of the house so this is the only real option. Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak in favor of or against the application. Hearing none, the chairman reviewed the purpose of the application and closed the hearing; to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #06-23, Matthew Raimier — Special Exception for Reduced Side & Rear Setbacks, Map 51, Lot 43. The request is to reduce the side setback to 28' and the rear setback to 18'. *Roy Maxfield made a motion to approve the application. George Saunderson seconded the motion.* Ned Lizotte asked if it was felt there should be a site walk of this property. Roy Merrill gave further detail of the lot, explaining that it has a wetlands crossing, it is basically level

in that corner, drainage is not going to affect the neighbor, and this garage would be parallel to the neighbor's septic system so would not block anything. Mr. Lizotte said he was satisfied with that explanation. *The chairman called for a roll vote. George Saunderson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Maxfield — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes. Unanimous; application approved.*

DISCUSSION:

Steve Jackson — request for building permit extension — Mr. Jackson submitted this request on behalf of Ken and Christine Eldred. He explained that the Eldreds have recently purchased a property with a 2006 building permit and at the same time listed their current residence for sale with Mr. Jackson. Due to the change in the real estate market they have not been able to sell their property as of yet. He explained that the building of the new residence hinges on the sale of their current property; therefore, they are asking for an extension of the 2006 building permit. Roy Maxfield stated that the Board generally grants an extension of 6 or 7 months and asked what the Eldreds are asking for. Mr. Jackson stated they would like a year and explained the cycle of the market. Ned Lizotte stated that the Board had just done one for 7 months and wasn't sure it is wise to do a blanket 12 months. He suggested giving the Eldreds 7 months and the opportunity to come back if need be. Roy Maxfield felt this made sense. Dave Powelson said he pretty much agreed with Mr. Lizotte but wasn't sure they could promise a new extension because there could be a change in Board members by the time that came around. There was discussion of the building season and selling cycle. Steve Jackson stated he would like to have 8 months. There was discussion about the policy of requests from homeowners as compared to contractors. Roy Maxfield said he thought a year would be fair, there is proof of good intentions in this case, and he would go with Mr. Lizotte's 7 months if that is what the majority felt. George Saunderson said he would agree there is a good faith effort on the part of the Eldreds and asked if the Board should grant the 8 months that Mr. Jackson requested. Ned Lizotte stated he felt that would be reasonable. *Mr. Lizotte made a motion to approve the building permit extension for 8 months, saying the applicant can come back if need be. Roy Maxfield seconded the motion. Roy Merrill recused himself from voting. Jon Huntington was asked to be a voting member on this matter. Chairman Powelson called for a roll vote. Jon Huntington — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Maxfield —*

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Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes. Unanimous, building permit extension of 8 months approved. Roy Merrill returned to the Board.

Roy Buttrick — Mr. Buttrick explained that he has purchased two lots on Route 106 and is being taxed full commercial for both. He said the back of the lots are zoned as AFP and he would like it all designated as C/I. Dave Powelson said the Board can declare the entire property as C/I by special exception per S 201.4 D. There was discussion about the setbacks being 100' from both roads (Route 106 and Lower Ridge Road), the need to consider the steep slopes, the purpose behind the request, and how best to accomplish this. Based on the 60/40 rule of S 201.4 D, Mr. Buttrick was advised to file an application for special exception.

Septic Disposal Solutions (SDS) — Paul Johnson introduced partners Darlene Johnson and Bill Gosse and property owner David Moody. Darlene Johnson explained the proposed septage treatment facility and that they have been to the Planning Board for conceptual review and subsequently referred to the ZBA for a special exception to do processing. She said they would also like a clarification of the zoning of the lot which is Map 40, Lot 7. Roy Maxfield asked how much area this facility would need. Mrs. Johnson said it would be approximately 100' x 200'. Ned Lizotte stated that he went to the lot for a better visual of the property and he asked where on the property this facility would be set. Mrs. Johnson said it would be at the bottom of the bowl, would be enclosed and not visible from the road. Mr. Johnson explained that the process separates the solids from the liquid and both will be leaving the site. There was discussion about the process of composting the solids and tanks for the liquid. Mrs. Johnson explained that the processed solids will be classified as an unregulated product and can be used as fertilizer in yard work. She also stated that they have vendors lined up for the composting and others with interest in the liquid as fertilizer high in nutrient. Roy Maxfield said he understood that this company has an operation in Pittsfield. Mr. Gosse explained the set up and process that they have operated at the Pittsfield Treatment Plant for four years. He informed the Board that there is a tour for the Planning and Zoning Boards set for Saturday, January 6th immediately following the PB's site walk of another property. It was asked what the daily capacity of the facility would be. Mrs. Johnson said it would be 20,000 gallons a day but wouldn't always see that, particularly in the winter months. Dave Powelson asked about the current process of dumping into the lagoon where the septage sits and the liquid either seeps into the

ground or evaporates. Mrs. Johnson explained the lagoon process and how the solids remain onsite until the lagoon is dredged for reclamation. Mr. Maxfield stated that one concern he has is getting rid of the material, saying this sounds like a better situation than the current lagoons. He said if he were to go along with this proposal it would be contingent that the material leave Loudon or the facility be shut down. Mrs. Johnson said she wouldn't want it contingent that it all has to leave Loudon as some local vendors/farmers may want to use the product which is classified as a Class A product. Ned Lizotte stated that he has spoken with someone at NH DES and they spoke very favorably about this process, saying it was cutting edge technology, and got a good report of SDS's track record with the Pittsfield operation. There was discussion about SDS having a lease with the property owner, the DES permit runs for 10 years, the question of potential odors from the facility, what would become of the town lagoons, and various other related matters. Mr. Gosse explained that the whole process is done inside the enclosed building, saying there will be no objectionable odor and the end product is a clean, safe product. Mr. Gosse and the Johnsons encouraged the Board to attend the tour of the Pittsfield facility for a firsthand view, saying that the Loudon site would be even higher tech than their Pittsfield site. Jon Huntington asked about state testing. Mr. Gosse explained that the facility would be very regulated in the design and process as well as testing of the products once operational. Roy Maxfield said he feels this would come under special exception for processing. He said the Board could regulate with DES to get a good representation from the applicant about the process and the product, and what is going to happen to the product and hold them accountable for that sort of thing. He said the Board cannot put a time limit on this but can say if the plant closes or there is no market for the product then the operation ceases. Mrs. Johnson verified that they would be applying for a special exception under S206.3 F and they need clarification if the site is entirely commercial. Howard Pearl asked why there is a site plan on file for the property if it is not C/I. There was discussion of the grandfathering of commercial use and the fact that the property can't be used as RR because of its location to the dump and lagoons so it can't be subdivided nor can wells be put on the property. Roy Merrill said there is a town easement with a 1,000' well radius on this property. Mrs. Johnson asked if the 60/40 rule would work on this property. Dave Powelson said he didn't see that it could be done because the 60% appears to be more RR. Mr. Moody stated he has paid taxes based on being C/I

for the 10 years that he has owned it and does not understand how that can be if it is not zoned C/I. Roy Maxfield said he thinks it is commercial, thinks it is grandfathered as commercial, and if someone down the road fought it as RR he would disagree. Mrs. Johnson pointed out that the dump property is not shown as all C/I either, part of that is listed as RR. Mr. Maxfield said the whole area is commercial and they could propose a zoning change as the ZBA. It would be recommended as a housekeeping maneuver to make it all commercial because it always has been commercial. Mr. Gosse asked if it is possible to apply to the ZBA for a special exception prior to this going to the town. It was suggested that they wait until the change of zoning is in the works.

Steep Slopes — Roy Merrill said that he has some concerns of the steep slope discussions for Zoning Ordinance changes at recent work sessions. He referred to the suggested exemption of 2,500SF and said he would like to see the ordinance go back to 25% slope which is the same as what the state uses and would be much simpler. He

said that would prevent having to deal with square footage exemptions and exceptions. It was stated that the ZBA can go back to the Planning Board with recommendations. Dave Powelson said he feels they are headed in the right direction with special exceptions. There was discussion of a variety of ways to manage steep slopes.

Rule adoption — There was discussion about the proposed rule to address a reasonable time for an appeal of an administrative decision. *Roy Maxfield made a motion to approve the rule to state that "an appeal of an administrative decision must be filed within forty-five (45) days of the decision."* George Saunderson seconded the motion. *All were in favor. The rule will be placed in the ZBA Rules of Procedure.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., seconded by George Saunderson; all were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Secretary*

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11	12 Lincoln's Birthday (Traditional) School Board Mtg @ MVMS Library 8pm•Fire Department	13 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 11:30am•Young at Heart leaves Com. Bldg. for lunch @ Food for Thought 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit	14 VALENTINE'S DAY  6pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Library LES Ski Club meets @ Gunstock	15 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	16 LEDGER DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE Sock Hop at LES. Grades K-2: 5:30-7. Grades 3-5: 7:30-9	17
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