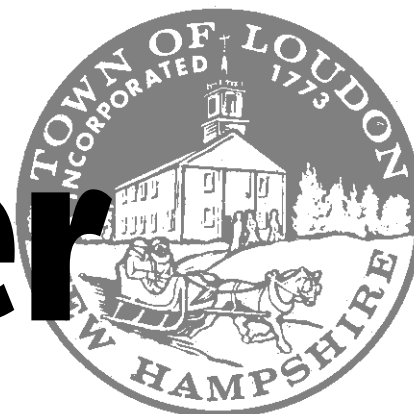


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Mission Statement...

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.

Recycling and Trash Cost

Steve Bennett, Loudon Solid Waste / Recycling Committee

With the budget problems towns are currently facing, now is not a good time for an increase in trash disposal cost. However, as predicted by our trash Co-op for the last couple years, the tipping fee for Loudon's trash has risen substantially this year. The fee per ton has gone from \$45.90 in 2009 to \$62.10 for 2010, an increase of 35%!

One way to reduce the overall cost to the Town for trash disposal is to recycle more. While Loudon has a good recycle rate for a voluntary recycle program, we could do much better. It is estimated that at least half the waste that goes into the trash hopper at the Transfer Station could be recycled with little effort required.

Recycled material prices have rebounded from the uncharacteristic lows of last year, giving us a double benefit of recycling more. Not only do we save over \$60/ton in disposal fees, we also receive revenue of about \$100/ton, on average, for the material. Prices range from nearly nothing for glass (because glass is very heavy, the advantage is in keeping it out of the waste stream and not paying tipping fees for it), to about \$1,000/ton for aluminum cans!

The largest part of the Transfer Station budget is tipping fees. Of this year's approximate \$350,000 projected budget; over \$215,000 is for tipping fees. This is the amount the Town pays per ton to dump our household trash at the incinerator in Penacook. This does not include any transportation or equipment costs. At the estimated total tonnage amount for 2010, the Town would see an increase of about \$55,000 over last year's total tipping fee cost.

As you probably have seen, Concord has greatly increased their recycling rate by going to a Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program. There are always pros and cons to this system of trash management. However, in these times of "tight" budgets, many communities are using this approach to cut their waste disposal costs. It is understandable why town or city officials would consider PAYT; it has been proven to reduce costs and increase revenues. Nearly one quarter of all New Hampshire municipalities currently use PAYT.

Another potential way to increase our recycling rate is the possibility of a Single Stream Recycling Facility being built by our own trash co-op. Though progress has been slowed by our recent economic setbacks, Co-op representatives are still searching for municipal/business recyclable materials to get us to the 25,000 ton per year range (this amount is necessary to make a Single Stream Facility practical to operate). The major advantage of the Single Stream concept is the fact that all recyclable materials are collected in one group — there's no need to separate them.

Many of the costs to our town we, as individuals, have little control over. This is one area in which everyone can do something to help! Recycling the basic common materials (paper products and containers) requires little extra time and is easy to do. If you have questions, Transfer Station attendants or Recycle Committee members will be glad to help answer them. Please help to increase our recycling rate! ■

A Look at the Library Budget

By Debbie Kardaseski, Library Trustee

The Maxfield Public Library celebrated its one-hundredth birthday this year. Those years have seen tremendous growth both in the town of Loudon and in the Library itself.

In recent years, the Library has faced difficult questions during town meeting. As one of those often asking questions about "library best practices," I now find myself in position of being able to provide some answers. I know we all would like to foster a better understanding of what the Library needs in order to better serve the citizens, and ease some of the strong emotions that have surrounded library issues through the past few years.

Here are some facts and figures that may help.

Prior to the 2008–2009 fiscal year, the library was open 40 hours per week. In March of 2008, the library budget was cut by 30% on the floor of town meeting.

As a result of the 30% reduction, beginning July 1, 2008, hours of operation were cut back to 30 hours per week. Free-to-the-public museum passes were cut
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Second Household Hazardous Waste Day Coming Soon

Loudon's Second Household Hazardous Waste Day is planned for Saturday, April 10, 2010. This 4-hour event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For those who missed the last one, this will be held at the Transfer Station and is intended for Loudon residential hazardous waste only — no businesses. There will be a list of specific do's and don'ts in the next Ledger and acceptable materials will be posted in the usual Town Notice posting areas. This is intended to coincide with Spring cleaning to try to dispose of hazardous materials properly while you are weeding out your cellars and outbuildings! ■

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church on Clough Hill Road in Loudon will be hosting a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 5–7:30 p.m. Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and hot/cold drinks. The cost is \$5.00 per person and children 5 years old and younger are only \$2.00. Proceeds from the fundraiser go towards sending the children to Camp Sentinel Baptist Camp in Center Tuftonboro, NH. For more information please call Stephanie at 848-2080. ■

The Loudon Planning and Zoning Office will be closed the week of February 8. Please plan accordingly.

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 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: Closed • 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.

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride. The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com

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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 Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

Classified Ads are available. Please mail your ad copy, along with a check payable to LCC, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. A 1–3 line, 1-column ad will cost \$10. A 4–5 line, 1-column ad costs \$15.

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February 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/18

March 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/12 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/15

April 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/22

May 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/19

June 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/17

July 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/21

August 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/19

September 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/20 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/23

October 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/20

November 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/18

December 2010 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/12 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/15

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

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Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577
www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: sludwick@hughes.net

Coffee & Prayer Time: Sunday 8–9:10 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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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Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcfc-loudon.org

Worship Hours:

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)

Sunday School Classes for All Ages: 9:30 a.m. • *Bible Study:* Thurs., 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: Sun. 6:00 p.m. (Grades 6–12) • *Men's Bible Study:* 2nd and 4th Sat. 7:00 a.m.

Church office hours: Tues., Weds., Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • Secretary: phyllis.minery@fcfc-loudon.org

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Landmark Baptist Church

Fundmental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurch.info

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (**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!)

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

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • *Master Club:* Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)

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

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • *Saturday Youth Group:* 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional Prayer Watch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

GraveRobbers is a safe, fun setting for everyone! Coffeehouse concerts are held the **first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m.** featuring accomplished musical artists of various styles in a casual, café setting (doors open at 6:30). There is no admission to the concerts; however, donations for the artists are encouraged. Refreshments are available at reasonable prices.

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.

phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) *Jr. Kids Church* (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.)

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.)

Tuesdays: Children's Bible Quizzing (Grades 1–6). 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Brian Bollinger)

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS.

Please visit our website or call the church office for details.

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

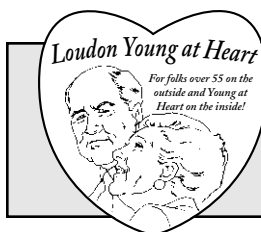
Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. *First Sunday of Every Month:* Communion Service followed by potluck luncheon. *Third Sunday of Every Month:* Men's and Women's Ministry Luncheon following services.

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



Loudon Young at Heart

The January 12, 2010 Loudon Young at Heart meeting had 41 in attendance. Dorothy Mulkhey, Vice President, welcomed the group and led them in the flag salute. Walter Howard was recognized for contributing 16 gallons of blood to the Red Cross. Janet Darling sent a card at Christmas saying all was OK with her. The February 9 meeting is lunch at Food for Thought Cafe in Belmont. Those signed up should meet at Charlie's Barn at 11:30 to car pool. The cost is \$7.00 all inclusive.

Door prizes were won by Joanne Arsenault, Dick Malfait, and Marie Gray. Polly Haines donated a White House Blue Room tree ornament for a raffle that was won by Carol Scott.

A very interesting Show and Tell was held. Items included an antique toy truck, a collection of salt cellars, Old Man of the Mountain memorabilia, an 1907 poster from a cowboy play at the Loudon Grange Hall, and an antique doll/child's chair. Many thanks to all who participated. ■

Pittsfield Senior Center News

VALENTINE Luncheon, Ice Cream Social, and Movie. February 12th. 12 p.m.–2 p.m.

The Pittsfield Senior Center purchased a motion picture license so that we can legally show movies! Our first movie day will of course feature a love story representative of the day! The menu is stuffed pollock filet, stewed tomatoes, rice pilaf with an ice cream social to follow. Lunch is a \$2.00 donation. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated! Come one, come all and enjoy yourself!

WINTER-FEST. February 25th. 11:00 a.m.–2 p.m.

You are cordially invited to Pittsfield's Annual Winter-Fest Celebration. This event is sponsored by the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department and extends this invitation to our surrounding towns. They cover the cost of food and entertainment for this event. This year DB Entertainment, the DJ & Karaoke man will be back. He will serenade and involve us with a variety of musical renditions. The menu for the celebration is pot roast with gravy, red bliss mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots, rolls and apple crisp for desert.

Plan to stay after lunch for a brief presentation by Tom Barker, a Mortgage Advisor with PHH Mortgage. He will speak about mortgages and refinancing. He hopes to help folks take advantage of the \$8,0000 tax credit. He just may have an idea or two that could help you, a friend or family member. Tom is a co-member of the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce.

A Special Meals-on-Wheels Donation and A Thank You to the WalMart Foundation!

Wal-Mart has a volunteer program they encourage their employees to participate. An employee volunteers 25 hours of service to a non-profit agency. Upon completion of service Wal-Mart will then make a \$250.00 donation to that agency. Scott volunteered 25 hours at the Pittsfield Area Senior Center, Elder Services of Community Action Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. Meals-on-Wheels program. He worked

here cleaning and helping to decorate our facility for the holidays. It was fun for the senior's to get to know Scott and have a younger person around! Thank you to Scott and thank you to the Wal-Mart Foundation.

And a Special Wellness Donation and A Thank You to the Wells Fargo Mortgage Corp. Donation

Last spring the Pittsfield Area Senior Center sponsored a Reverse Mortgage Seminar. Laura Stephan spoke to the seniors who attended the "ins and outs" of a reverse mortgage. The presentation qualified the Senior Center for the Sharing Advantage Program initiated by Wells Fargo Mortgage Corp.

On December 8, 2009, Wells Fargo Mortgage Corp. presented the Pittsfield Area Senior Center with a check for \$600.00. In attendance to receive this check were Betty Hyman, an active participant in the Yoga program, Pat Lyons, from the Wells Fargo Mortgage Bedford office, Lynne Joyce, Director of the Senior Center and Laura Stephan, a reverse Mortgage Consultant.

The Senior Center is extremely please to accept this donation on behalf of the Wellness Programs offered here at the Pittsfield Area Senior Center.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

February Activities

Congregate Dining. Monday–Friday. 12 noon sharp. \$2.00 requested donation. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. unless noted.

Mon., Feb. 1, 8, 22. 10:00. Bingo. Feb. 15 we will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

Tues., Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23. 10:00. Dan McGuire is willing to teach **Bridge** again. We had a great group last year often with 2 tables. Come check it out.

Wed., Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24. 10:00. Craft Day. The first two weeks in February we will learn about "cookie decorating" and the last two weeks an instructor will be teaching the craft and skill of making CANDY! In March Bernadette is teaching Italian Cooking

First Public Budget Hearing Held Jan. 19

By Debbie Kardaseski

The Loudon Board of Selectmen held their first public budget hearing on Tuesday evening, January 19. The purpose of a budget hearing is to allow the public to ask questions and receive explanations of the entire budget before town meeting. By holding two budget hearings prior to town meeting, it is hoped the bulk of the questions can be answered ahead of time. A second hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 3. All warrant articles will have been submitted by then and new ones will be reviewed at that time.

Department heads are usually present at budget hearings in order to answer questions directly. The Selectmen can also answer questions but department heads often can offer better in-depth explanations about their own budget lines. Department heads present at the January hearing were Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Library Director Nancy Hendy. The Library Board of Trustees and its two alternates were also present, along with three members of the fire department, and a handful of taxpayers.

The Selectmen are giving no raises this year. When looking at the budget, it

may look like everyone is getting a 1.92% raise, but the reason for the slight increase is the fact that 2010 has 53 paydays in it rather than the usual 52.

The bulk of the budget is either level funded or lines have been decreased in recognition of the difficult financial times we are experiencing. This article will address only those items where an increase has been noted.

The Town Clerk — Supplies line has increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 due to an increase in the cost of printer cartridges. A slight increase in postage costs is also anticipated. Overall, the Town Clerk's budget is up 1.84% (up \$1,100).

Election costs will be up \$8,525 this year due to an additional election in November.

The Town Auditor has increased his fee from \$7,500 to \$9,500. This is a contract price and can't be adjusted by the Selectmen.

The Assessments/Maps portion of the budget is up 39.54% (\$35,000) because we are approaching our fifth-year review time (2011). In order to prepare for that, properties will be

remeasured and relisted. NH Motor Speedway also needs to be reassessed this year, a process that will be time consuming and involve a lot of research in order to justify whatever value is arrived at.

The Treasurer's budget has a slight increase (\$50) because of additional charges for bank deposit slips. However, another line was decreased \$50 so the bottom line is level funded.

Legal Services have been cut \$2,000 — a 10% cut.

Employee Benefits, which includes FICA, Medicare, and the NH Retirement System is down slightly has the costs associated with the Library (\$15,000) have been shifted to the Library's portion of the budget.

The Planning Board's budget is down overall but there is a slight increase in the cost of the town's membership in the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. Dues are based on a town's population and Loudon's is growing.

Street lighting is going to cost us more this year — about \$500 more! However, large reductions were made in building repairs and expenses as

extensive repairs are now finished on both the town office and town hall.

Employee Benefits, including health and dental insurance are up 2.19%. This reflects a modest 5.39% increase in health and dental insurance but the final health insurance increase won't be known until after town meeting.

The Police Department budget reflects a slight increase in prosecution fees, up \$1,475. This is a cost dictated by outside vendors and the selectmen have no control over it. The price of tires has gone up and a \$1,000 increase in that line reflects this. Overall, the police department budget is up 1.11%.

The Fire Department budget is up 1.45% overall. Several lines were cut but some expenses are fixed and cannot be changed. The addition of a third full-time person results in a slight increase in the "uniforms" line, which is up \$465. Medical expenses and electricity costs are slightly higher. The biggest increase is in the "equipment testing" line. Many items in the department have to be tested and inspected yearly. Until now, much of those costs was covered by warranties on the items. During the past year, many warranties expired. However, the items still need to be tested! And now the town has to pay for the tests. That budget line is up \$3,000. Items needing inspection include ladders (there are 21 of them!), the aerial, the defib unit, etc.

Looking at the budget, you'll notice the Block Grant expense line is up 5.63%. Those expenditures are directly offset by incoming revenue so don't cost the taxpayers directly.

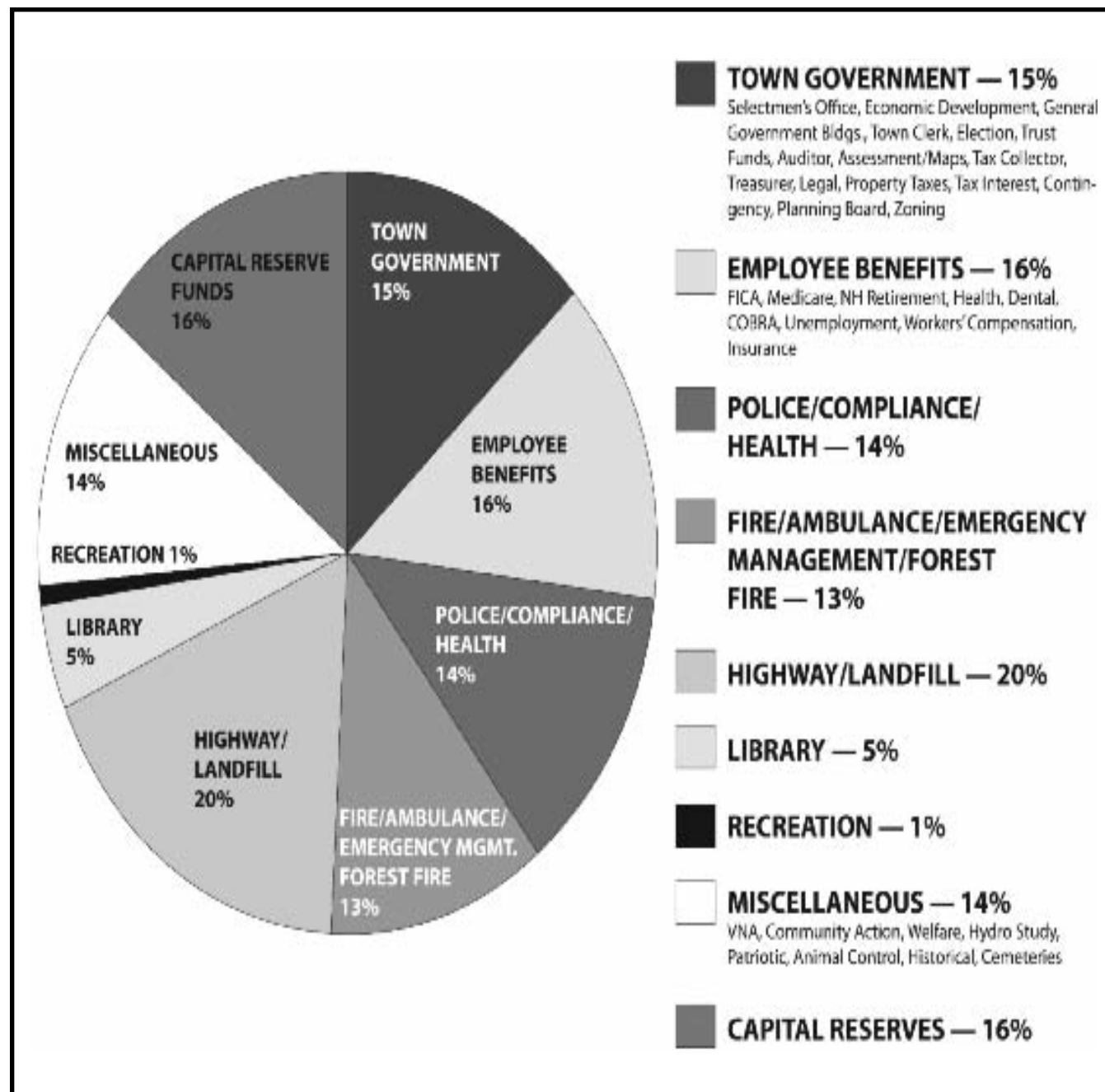
The Landfill budget is up 2.47% due mainly to the increased cost for dumping trash at the Penacook incinerator. Recycle folks and you can bring these costs down!

The Recreation department's budget is up \$50.00.

The Library budget is up 14.54%. Part of the increase is due to the \$15,000 cost associated with FICA, Medicare, and NH Retirement are now in this budget line whereas it used to be in the general budget under "employee benefits." The \$15,000 doesn't represent a bottom line increase — it is merely a shifting of expenses from one line to another. However, the part-time wage line does have an increase of 37.5%. The Library Trustees would like to return staffing to a level whereby the library can be open 40 hours per week. This budget figure has been reduced from the original \$52,425 the Trustees had asked for.

All in all, the budget is down a total of 6.84% or \$419,813.

Town meeting will be held Saturday, March 13 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Elementary School. Voting for town officials will take place on Tuesday, March 9 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road. ■



A Look at the Library Budget — cont. from page 1

back, some magazine and newspaper subscriptions were eliminated, fewer books were purchased, and technology updates, including the purchase of more public computers, were postponed. Part-time staff hours were reduced by 46%. With staffing required on two floors, three staff members need to be available to the public when the library is open.

With the exception of staff hours, the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2009–2010 saw all items in the budget returned to at least the levels of 2007–2008, with some increases. And staffing remained an issue as that budget line continued to be cut from what the Trustees requested. Consequently, the Library was still unable to be open for 40 hours.

In the meantime, the economy turned sour. Traditionally, libraries have always provided for people who couldn't afford to buy the books or magazines they need for themselves and their children or to own computers or to get help finding information or services. As the economic situation nationwide continued to deteriorate, more and more people in Loudon have found themselves in that category of need.

People who'd lost their jobs began turning to the Library for things they could no longer afford — things such as newspapers and computers to help them in their job search. And things like books and magazines for pleasure and work-related needs, movies and music for free stay-at-home entertainment, and library passes to area museums and science centers for affordable family outings.

The past year has seen an increase in circulation of 15%. Over 31,000 items were borrowed. That means 31,000 items went out the door. Staff had to check out 31,000 items and then check them back in. When an item comes back in, it is checked for damage. If damaged, calls need to be made to the borrower to arrange for replacement or repair cost reimbursement. Staff must keep track of when items are due back — and then make calls, often more than once, to remind the borrowers their items are past due. Once a book, movie, magazine, etc. is returned it must be checked back in and then returned to the shelf in the proper place. All of this takes time and requires attention to detail. If a book is shelved in the wrong place, for all intents and purposes, it is now lost.

Much of the work needing to be done in the library must be done by someone who is reliable and conscientious. While the Library has been able to contain some staff costs by using volunteers, the amount of skill volunteers bring to the job can vary enormously. Paid staff has also proven to be more reliable, as volunteers sometimes may not come to work when they say they will. In order to ensure that the

Library can serve the citizens effectively and efficiently, the Library must rely most heavily on paid staff. In the midst of the economic downturn and circulation upturn, the Library Trustees took another look at their budget this past fall and determined they could open the Library another four hours per week by using some of the Fuel Oil money. That figure had been based on the previous year's high cost of fuel. The cost had dropped since the budget had been approved at Town Meeting. The Trustees knew they would have to watch the budget closely, as unforeseen circumstances, such as furnace problems or higher-than-anticipated utility costs, might mean having to cut the hours of operation back again. In order to achieve and maintain an appropriate level of staffing to keep the Library open 40 hours per week in the months to come, the Trustees need sufficient, predictable funding levels for staffing.

This year, the Trustees are asking for an increase in the part-time wages line of their budget. This increase is not to give the current staff a raise — the Trustees are giving no raises this year — it will allow the Library to bring staffing back to the level it should be given the heavy use the Library is getting. Staff is needed to assist patrons — helping them find things, answering their questions, checking items in and out, and shelving items. Sometimes, patrons who are not computer savvy won't even try to use one of the six public access computers, so within reasonable limits staff will sit and do research with them. This staff person is now tied up and unavailable should someone else need help.

Clerks are paid \$11.25 per hour; pages are paid \$9.00 per hour. Part-time employees are not entitled to benefits thereby saving those costs. Clerks and pages answer phones, give help at public computers and copier machines, send faxes for the public, check out materials, process new books and DVDs, etc. (protective covers, spine labels, barcodes), keep statistical reports as required by the State Library, research reference questions, help run and prepare programs, track down overdue items with calls and mailed notices, sign up new borrowers and keep up-to-date borrower records, maintain lists of requested materials and reserve lists, draft flyers and bulletins, notify patrons when books come in, and more. The part-time wage line increase would allow the library to have three people available per hour when the library is open.

Hopefully this information has answered some of your questions. If you have more questions and want more information, you are welcome to contact the Library Director or any of the Trustees directly. The Library Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend these meetings. ■

Pittsfield Seniors — cont. from page 3

and in May, Scrapbooking. Call and reserve a space. 435-8482

Thurs., Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25. 10:00–11:00. Bingo. 11:00. Winter-Fest Entertainment.

Fri., Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. 9:30. Chair Exercise & Dancing with our very own Certified Senior Fitness Specialist! Then stay for yoga! **10:30. Yoga** with Tom Sherman.

Feb. 12. Valentine Lunch and Movie Day. See details at beginning of article.

Just a peek at things to come!

Celebration Luncheons

Feb. Valentines Day 2/12/10
FREE. WinterFest 2/25/10

March	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	3/17/10
	<i>Easter</i>	3/25/10
April	<i>SMART STEPS Volunteer Appreciation</i>	4/6/10
		4/22/10
May	<i>Cinco DeMayo Mothers Day Memorial Day</i>	5/5/10
		5/6/10
June	<i>Flag Day</i>	5/27/10

We may not always have entertainment but we always have fun.

The Pittsfield Senior Center is an Elder Service Program through Community Action Belknap/Merrimack Counties Inc. 603-435-8482 or PNH@GMAIL.COM. ■

"Challenge to Insight — Strategies for Brain Growth"

With national speaker, Chris Pratt, twice brain-injured survivor

Sponsored by Concord Brain Injury Support Group on February 16 at 6 p.m. at Granite State Independent Living (GSIL), located at 21 Chenell Drive, Concord (Industrial Park). Contact: Jan at 796-2823, or Pat at 463-3035 for further information.

Chris Pratt developed the Brain Sense program and will speak about the brain's ability to compensate and grow after injury. Join us to learn how to naturally stimulate the growth of new brain cells and strengthen the connections between them. Presentation helpful to BI and stroke survivors and the aging. ■

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TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

Celebrate Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week, February 7-14, 2010

As you know, my daughter Casey has a congenital heart defect. It's that time of year to acknowledge all the wonderful, courageous children born with a CHD. I believe increasing awareness of this 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.

CHD FACTS

WHAT IS A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT (CHD)?

Congenital means it is present at birth. Heart defects begin in the early part of the pregnancy when the baby's heart is forming.

HOW MANY BABIES ARE BORN WITH A CHD?

Approximately 32,000 babies are born each year in the United States with a congenital heart defect (CHD). That equates to 1 out of 100 babies born have a heart defect.

WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE BIRTH DEFECT

Congenital heart defects.

IS THERE A PRENATAL TEST FOR CHD?

An echocardiogram can accurately detects many heart defects, however, this test is performed by a specialized doctor and not an obstetrician. However, some heart defects can be detected though routine ultrasound.

HOW MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHD ARE THERE?

There are approximately 35 different types of congenital heart defects.

HOW ARE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS TREATED?

Today, most heart defects can be corrected or helped with surgery, medicine or devices, such as artificial valves and pacemakers. In the last 25 years, advances in treatment of heart defects have enabled half a million U.S. children with significant heart defects to survive into adulthood.

WHAT CAUSES A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT?

Unfortunately, they have not determined what causes heart defects; however, it is guessed that genetic and environmental factors play a role.

Source: www.littlehearts.org

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to: dingraham@comcast.net. ■



By Tracy Koufos

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What is LYAA?

LYAA is Loudon Youth Athletic Association. Our goal is to provide opportunities for the children in the community to learn the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect. We work to achieve this by providing supervised athletic programs. Currently we offer soccer, baseball, and softball (with Merrimack Valley Little League). We are a non-profit program, and all members, despite their personal duties, volunteer their time to make the programs available to the youth of Loudon.

Whose Eligible and When does LYAA meet?

Any parent/community member may volunteer their time to support LYAA and the youth of Loudon. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Maxfield Public Library.

Volunteering for LYAA

Our Board is seeking NEW MEMBERS. Currently the Board's largest concern is the lack of membership from parent's with younger children, primarily in grades kindergarten through third. Many of our Board and members have dedicated years to LYAA and are slowly taking a step back from their involvement, if not completely resigning, as their own children move on to other things and/or they are graduating from Loudon Elementary School this year. We need NEW membership involve-

ment especially from parents with children just beginning in the programs we offer.

Membership does not mean you need to hold a Board position. It simply means you support the programs and can volunteer some time. Remember, a little goes a long way when we all participate. Areas we always need help in are:

- Attendance at monthly meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Maxfield Public Library
- donating your time in the Snack Shacks
- joining the Baseball Committee
- joining the Soccer Committee
- helping with equipment inventory
- organizing coach training and support
- helping with fundraising efforts
- organizing Picture Day for Baseball and Soccer
- donating your time at Field Maintenance Days
- help organize and participate in Event Sign Up Nights
- contacting new and current sponsors for their support
- coaching
- umpiring
- be added to our email list for updates and to find out when help is needed

If you could help in just one of these areas it would make a great difference

in how the programs and organization is run. With 150-200 plus children enrolled in LYAA's programs the Board would hope we would have more members. Members are essential to the organization. In order to fulfill our roles effectively and provide the type of program's parent's want, WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you are interested in helping in any of these ways please attend our next meeting, visit www.lyaanh.org, contact John Charron at jcharron@crhc.org or 765-5280 or contact Tracy Koufos at tkoufos@msn.com or 798-3103.

Treasurer Position

Currently LYAA is seeking the help of a parent and/or community member, with some financial background, who would like to volunteer as our treasurer. Our treasurer, Norma O'Brien would willingly work with the newly appointed treasurer during his/her first year. All Board positions are one year. If you are interested or would like further details please contact Norma at mnobrien@comcast.net.

Save the Date

Volunteering fulfills a need and gives back to the youth of Loudon. We really hope to welcome new members and see you at the next LYAA meeting: **Tuesday, February 23 at Maxfield Public Library.** ■



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LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee

The January mystery picture was given to me by Randy Cummings. It was taken at the Grange Hall (now the American Legion). In the picture are the officers of the Loudon Surprise Grange taken in the 30's. The sashes the folks are wearing have letters on them that tell their title. For example, M is for master, T for treasurer, O for overseer, etc. Polly Haines, a former member and Master, called and named many of the people pictured. In the front row from the left are Marion Ricker Kenneally, Eugene Philbrick, Etheline Ricker, George Brown, Alice Haines, Mrs. Perry, and Bill Brown. The back row, from the left, are: Sadie Libby, Addie Edmunds, John Marston, Addie Brown, Harry Waugh, Beatrice Robinson, Emma Philbrick, Joan Collins, and Alice Marston.

Going way back to December's mystery, I only received one caller. Stanley Prescott has one of the pic-

tures and most of the names are written on the back of it. He believes it belonged to his uncle and dates it to be from about 1927. In the first row from the left: Edwin Prescott, Martha Welch, Chester Norris, Florence Labonte, Norma Brown, Thornton Rand, and ?. In the middle row from the left: Elizabeth Smith, Myra Wells, ? Gaskell, Bob Haines, Albert Towle, ? Gaskell, and Kenneth Dirth. The back row also from the left: Mina Kellom, Chester Wheeler, Ira Towle, Bessie Labonte. The teacher was Jessie Cate. A big thank-you to Dave Foster for providing the pictures and to John Bush for delivering them to me.

I am running very low on mysteries. When you are looking through pictures, please remember we always need new ones. E-mail me, Tina at trattee@comcast.net or call me at 783-0483. ■

This month's mystery photo.

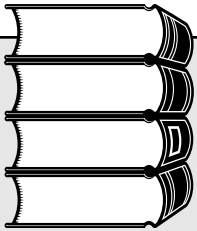


December's mystery photos.



Last month's mystery photo.





Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

We'll start off the month of February with *Wake up, Farm!* by Alvin Tresselt and *One Dark Night* by Lisa Wheeler. The craft on February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th will be one that shows night and day.

On February 9th through the 11th, we'll be looking ahead to Valentine's Day with Jonathan London's *Froggy's First Kiss* and Teresa Bateman's *Will You be My Valenswine?* We'll be making puffy valentines for someone sweet. Children are invited to stay for a valentine party. Parents are asked to bring a goodie to share, and the library will provide juice.

Sometimes it's not easy letting someone new into our lives, but story timers will find that it can be a good thing after reading *Top Cat* by Lois Ehlert and LeUyen Pham's *Big Sister, Little Sister*. We will try to imitate Ehlert's artistic style at craft time on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of February.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK AND FREE MOVIES

The last week in February is school vacation. Join us Tuesday, February 23rd, at 10:30 a.m., for the movie *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, and Wednesday, February 24th, at 2 p.m., for *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*. Enjoy free popcorn and juice with the movie.

There will be an open craft time on Thursday, February 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children may stop in and create a masterpiece of treasures for their room.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Antalek, Robin	<i>The Summer We Fell Apart</i>
Benjamin, Melanie	<i>Alice I Have Been</i>
Chevalier, Tracy	<i>Remarkable Creatures</i>

Delinsky, Barbara
Greene, Amy
McCall Smith, Alexander
Meacham, Leila
Tyler, Anne
Webb, Betty
Weber, Katharine

Not My Daughter
Bloodroot
La's Orchestra Saves the World
Roses
Noah's Compass
Desert Lost
True Confections

Nonfiction

Bird, Larry
Bonta, Dave
Bradley, James
Carmichael, Lindsey
Gawande, Atul
Gilbert, Elizabeth
Hansen, James
Roberts, Steven V.

When the Game Was Ours
New Solar Home
The Imperial Cruise
Greening Your Family
Checklist Manifesto
Committed
Storms of My Grandchildren
From Every End of This Earth

NEW DVDs

Blind Date; The Boys Are Back; Bright Star; Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs; Departures; District 9; Firelight; Half-Life; The Hurt Locker; and Weather Girl

ART EXHIBIT

Watercolor works by Frank Moulin will be on display from mid-February through the end of March. Moulin's subjects include both still life and rustic scenes. You are cordially invited to meet the artist and ask questions at a reception in the library's meeting room, from noon to 2 p.m., on March 27th. Refreshments will be served.

ART CLUB

Artists who draw and paint, do graphic art, or photograph can now meet at the library to find support from fellow artists. Meetings will include sharing completed works or those still in progress and planning workshops. Guest speakers will be invited to discuss relevant topics. The group will also take part in organizing upcoming library shows. Artists interested in displaying their work or joining the group may call Nancy Hendy at 798-5153.

"CUT THE CARBON" PROGRAM

Want to save money and increase your home's energy efficiency? Stop by the library to check out a Kill-A-Watt meter and see what surprises await you when you plug in the device and calculate its energy cost.

Approved by Gov. Lynch in August 2009, the "Cut the Carbon" program allows patrons of libraries around the state a chance to find out how they can save on their electric bill. For example: lots of people watch DVDs on their game systems, but they would actually save money using a regular DVD player!

The library has several meters available for library patrons to check out for one week at a time. Each device comes with instructions and worksheets to help calculate the energy cost for every appliance tested.

So whether you're trying to reduce your carbon footprint or to put a little change back in your pocket, come check out a Kill-A-Watt meter and see how you can make a difference.

BOOK and COOKIE SALE

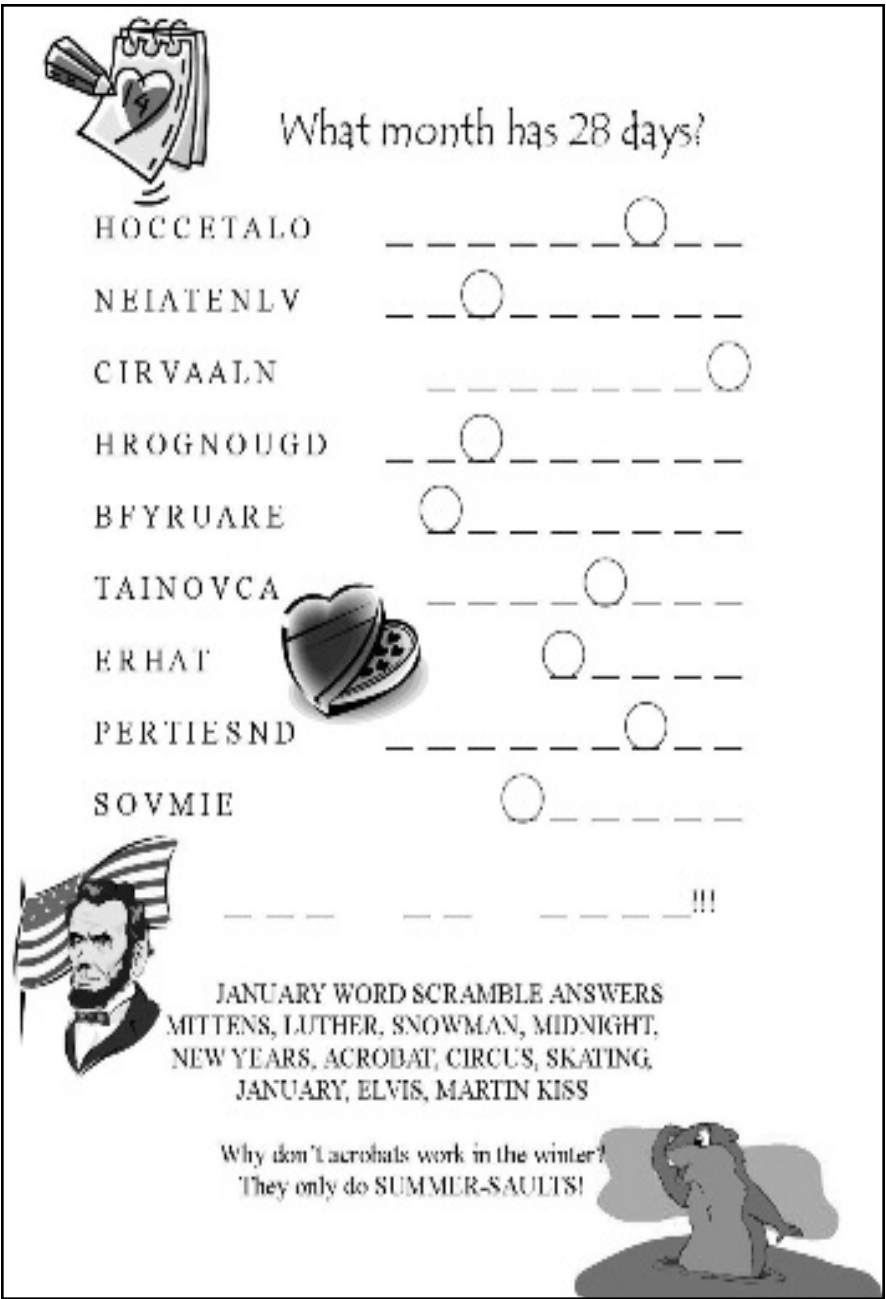
Stop at the library on your way to the Winter Carnival, February 27th, for a good book and a box of cookies! You never know what treasures might await you among the hundreds of books on sale. For ongoing e-mail or phone notifications of all book sales, please call Debby at 798-5153. We are happy to add your family and friends to our list, too. The book / cookie sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Girl Scouts will have a table offering you a last chance to buy some delicious Girl Scout cookies.

BOOK GROUP

It's back to the Emerald Isle for book group on February 25th, at 7 p.m. Up for discussion is Frank Delaney's novel *Ireland*, a colorful blend of folklore and history that follows a wandering storyteller on his trek around the Irish countryside. Newcomers are welcome.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■





Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

I continue to urge the residents to please call us if you see anything out of the ordinary. Many surrounding towns are seeing a spike in burglaries, especially during the day. What may seem minor to you, may be a major break for us. Many times when we ask someone why they didn't call us, the response we get is "we didn't want to bother you with something so petty." We are here to serve you and welcome any calls of suspicious persons, activity, etc.

We are also seeing an increase in motor vehicle accidents with our youth drivers. Please talk to your teenagers and remind them that there are times they need to drive *below* the speed limit. Even once the snow and ice are gone, we will be dealing with pot holes, frost heaves, etc. which can very easily make you lose control if your speed is excessive. Our only wish is that your child arrives at his or her destination safely.

Just a friendly reminder: there now is a new state law that prohibits texting while operating a motor vehicle. Also, we strongly suggest you don't get distracted by the use of cell phone conversations.

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. ■

Citizen Biologists Asked To Report Wild Turkey Flock Sightings

If you see a flock of wild turkeys in New Hampshire this winter, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department would like to hear about it. For the second consecutive year, citizens are being asked to report sightings of turkey flocks seen from now through March 31, 2010, by filling out a simple electronic survey form posted on the Fish and Game website at www.wildnh.com/turkeysurvey. You can also reach the survey by going to www.wildnh.com and clicking on "2010 Winter Flock Survey." Please do not report multiple sightings of the same flock.

The Winter Flock Survey will bolster Fish and Game's understanding of the abundance and distribution of turkeys during New Hampshire's challenging winter months. The survey asks participants to report the number of turkeys in the flock; the location where they were seen; the type of habitat the birds were observed in; and what the turkeys were feeding on, such as acorns, beechnuts, seed at birdfeeders or corn silage.

The survey is designed to fill gaps in Fish and Game's existing winter flock data collection efforts. "For parts of the state, especially eastern and northern New Hampshire, we could benefit by additional sighting reports," said Ted Walski, Turkey Project Leader at Fish and Game. "This reporting system will allow the public to contribute important information to our understanding of winter turkey status in an inexpensive, efficient and, hopefully, enjoyable way." Last winter, people responding to the survey reported over 1,500 flocks totaling nearly 24,000 turkeys, and encompassing all areas of the state.

Winter is the best time to census the birds because turkeys gather in large, highly visible flocks at this time of year. Knowledge of the status of wintering turkeys is particularly important in New Hampshire, because of the challenges of severe winter weather and limited natural food supplies. There are an estimated 40,000 wild turkeys in New Hampshire. Turkeys were restored to NH by the Fish and Game Department, beginning in 1975.

For more information on the flock survey, write to Turkey Project Leader Ted Walski at Fish and Game Region 4 Office, 15 Ash Brook Court, Keene, N.H. 03431; or call 603-352-9669.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.wildnh.com. ■



**Deadline for the March issue
of The Loudon Ledger:
Friday, February 12, 2009**

Local Athletes to Represent the East in the 2010 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Junior Olympics



Zach and Luke Daniels have both earned a position on the 2010 Eastern Ski Jumping & Nordic-Combined Team. This year's competition will be held March 2-6 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The athletes will compete both individually and as a team on the K70 meter ski jump and they will also compete in a 5k cross-country individual and team relay race.

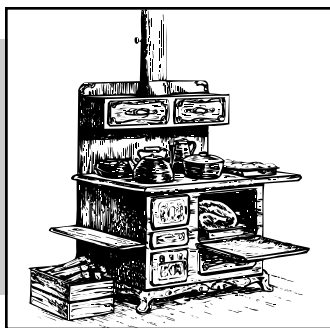
"Making it to the Junior Olympics in Ski Jumping and Nordic-combined takes a lot of training and dedication" states Coach Tim Norris, from the Andover Outing Club. "Only those who can stay within a certain standard of the best are named to the eastern team." Norris added, "it is great to see two brothers that have grown up here do so well."

The brothers started ski jumping and cross-country skiing with the Andover Outing Club at the age of seven. They train year round both locally and nationally. Throughout this past year they have trained and competed in Chicago, Park City, Anchorage, Lake Placid and here at home in New Hampshire.

"This year, I had the opportunity to train with the U.S. Ski Team, which was an incredible experience to train with the top athletes in this sport," said Zach Daniels. "I am going into the 2010 season stronger than ever and have high expectations of my results."

The Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Junior Olympics is an elite competition for the nations top junior athletes. This is the first year there will be two classes competing in the Junior Olympics. Zach will be competing in the J1 Class (ages 16-17 years) and Luke will be competing in the J2 class (12-15 years). "We are excited to be competing in this National competition and it is quite an honor that we are both part of this elite team," said Luke Daniels. "We are looking forward to this event and competing against the best junior athletes in the United States."

If you would like more information about the Junior Olympic program and Ski Jumping and Nordic-Combined just log onto this web site: www.skijumpeast.com. ■



What's Cookin'!

This month: Fun Recipes for February Vacation

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Kid Concoctions: Fun Recipes for February Vacation

For those of you who read my article regularly, you know that I often encourage you to involve your children in everything you do in the kitchen. When your children are involved in the cooking process, they are more likely to try new foods (this can also apply to picky eaters of all ages). Involving kids with the recipes can help with reading, science and math skills, not to mention the history and memories made. For all the parents who say, "Don't play with your food," I say lighten up and have some fun! The following recipes are perfect for children and adults of all ages, adding some excitement to school vacation or a snowy day.

CRAZY PRETZELS

Play-Doh is fun to play with but way exceeds the recommended daily allowance of sodium and it tastes terrible. Create soft yummy pretzels in lots of crazy shapes, sizes and colors.

- 1 package active dry yeast
- 1/2 tsp. brown sugar
- 1 dash salt
- 1-1/2 cups 110 degree water
- 4 cups flour
- 1 Tbs. baking soda
- 1/4 cup warm water
- food coloring
- 1 cup melted real butter (See following Recipe)
- toppings (see Notes, below)

Combine first 4 ingredients; allow to rest for 5 minutes.

Stir flour into mixture, add food coloring and knead for 5 minutes.

Place dough in a lightly greased bowl, cover with a damp towel, and allow to rise in a warm place for 1 hour.

Divide dough into 8–12 equal-size pieces; roll each piece into letters, numbers and shapes.

In a shallow dish, stir baking soda into warm water; dip pretzels into mixture (or brush mixture over pretzels); lay coated pretzel onto a lightly greased cookie sheet.

Bake in a 550 degree oven for 8 minutes, or until golden brown.

Brush melted butter onto hot pretzels.

Notes: For salted pretzels, sprinkle with pretzel salt or Kosher salt. For cinnamon-sugar pretzels, stir 2 Tbs. honey into the melted butter before brushing on pretzels, then sprinkle with a mixture of 1/2 cup granulated sugar and 1 tsp. ground cinnamon. For Parmesan pretzels, sprinkle with a mixture of 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese and 1 tsp. garlic salt; serve with marinara sauce.

SHAKE IT UP HOMEMADE BUTTER

- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1 marble
- 1 Plastic jar with a tight cover or lid (peanut jars are perfect)

1. Place the marble in the jar.
2. Pour the cream into the jar and screw on the cover tightly.
3. Shake the jar. A figure-eight motion works best. If the lid is very tight kids can roll it back and forth or even send it down the stairs
4. At first the marble can be heard moving about, but the cream will eventually become thick enough that the marble will no longer be heard.
5. Shortly after the marble can no longer be heard the butter will suddenly form.
6. Drain the buttermilk. It can either be discarded, drunk or used in another recipe.
7. Wash the lump of butter by running cold water into the jar. This will remove any trapped buttermilk.
8. Find and remove the marble and pack the butter into a container, either a bowl or a decorative mold.
9. Store the butter in the refrigerator.

Cream contains fat in the form of drops suspended in the liquid. The reason this process works is that the shaking of the container forces the fat drops to come together and stick. The marble stirs the liquid during the shaking, allowing more drops from different areas of the liquid to come together.

CHOCOLATE "CLAY"

Important note: Adult supervision and participation is required for this activity. Also it maybe a good idea to talk to your kids on why you can eat THIS clay but not other "non-edibles"!!

- 10 ounces of dark chocolate (chopped chunks or chips)
- 1/3 cup light corn syrup

The dark chocolate can be substituted with white chocolate or colored candy melting disks.

Melt the chocolate in a microwave for 1 minute. Stir. If chocolate is not completely melted, return to the microwave for 30 seconds at a time and stir until smooth. If you don't have a microwave, place the chocolate in the top of a double boiler over hot water and stir until melted.

When the chocolate is melted, add the corn syrup and blend.

Pour the mixture onto a waxed paper sheet.

Spread the chocolate with your fingers until it's about 1/2-inch thick. Cover loosely with waxed paper and let it stiffen for at least a couple hours or overnight. The chocolate will become very pliable.

SUPER GOOEY GUMDROPS

These tiny treats are sweet and sticky.

Jell-O powder (at least 1" deep) in a small shallow container

Eyedropper

Toothpicks

With eyedropper, drop one drop of water at a time into jell-o powder (may drop up to 6 drops in one spot). Let water soak into powder before adding another drop. Shake glass to cover top of "drop" with jell-o powder. With a toothpick, remove gumdrop from glass and enjoy!!

HOMEMADE MILK BONE DOG BISCUITS

OK — I get it if you don't want to eat anything you let your kids help you cook as they are learning. So here is a way to teach them proper kitchen etiquette for food you actually want to feed to people. Not to mention how happy all the doggies in the family will be to help with your child's culinary growth.

- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1/3 cup margarine or peanut butter
- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

In large bowl pour hot water over the margarine. Stir in powdered milk, salt, and egg. Add flour, 1/2 cup at a time. Knead for a few minutes to form stiff dough. Pat or roll to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into bone shapes. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes. Cool. They will dry out quite hard.

Next Month: Bake Sale Bests.



2010 Proposed Zoning Amendments

The following amendments were heard at a public hearing held by the Planning Board on January 13, 2010. The full text of the associated sections can be found at the Town website (www.loudonnh.org), at the Town Office, or at the Maxfield Public Library.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2010-1 (Approved for the ballot 1-13-10)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2010-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 205.3, AFP District — Uses Permitted by Special Exception to include (J) Dormitory type housing for seasonal agricultural workers provided housing remains empty for at least six months out of each calendar year. Seasonal workers must be employed at place of residence. AND to add the following definition: Dormitory Type Housing: A building for the sole purpose of housing seasonal agricultural workers.

REASON: This use is currently permitted by special exception in the RR District. It is reasonable to have it permitted by special exception in the AFP District where most of the town's farms are located. The definition will clarify the type of structure permitted for such use.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2010-2 (Approved for the ballot 1-13-10)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2010-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Continue the Growth Management Ordinance that is currently in place with a 2% annual limitation and will lapse on April 30, 2010 if not re-enacted. If passed, the Growth Management Ordinance would then lapse on April 30, 2012 unless re-enacted by a vote of the Town Meeting.

REASON: To continue the Growth Management Ordinance with the intent to limit the town's exposure to an unusual spike in growth and to foster a normal and sustainable rate of growth.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2010-3 (Approved for the ballot 1-13-10)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2010-3 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 701.2, Variance to include new language as a result of legislation passed in July 2009, effective January 1, 2010 (RSA 307:5-307:8).

REASON: To make wording consistent with State statutes.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2010-4 (Approved for the ballot 1-13-10)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2010-4 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Adopt a "Workforce Housing Ordinance" under the authority of RSA 674:21, and is intended as an "Inclusionary Zoning" provision as defined in RSA 674:21(I)(k) and 674:21(IV)(a), as well as RSA 672:1, III-e. The Ordinance defines the boundaries of a Workforce Housing Overlay District with an attached map and provides density bonuses and permits uses consistent with the encouragement of the development of workforce housing as stipulated in the aforementioned RSAs. The Workforce Housing Overlay District map associated with this Ordinance will also become part of the official zoning map for the Town of Loudon.

REASON: To comply with legislation passed in June 2008, effective January 1, 2010.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2010-5 (Approved for the ballot 1-13-10)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2010-5 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Reprocessed Soil Permitting Process section of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting Env-wm 2603.05 (d)(2)(a)(06/96) or Env-wm 3203.11 (a) AND replacing with (current version).

REASON: The references are DES administrative rules that are often revised. This change would ensure that the current version of rules be referenced by applicants.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2010-6 (Public hearing continued to 1-21-10)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2010-6 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 301.6 Buffers and Other Wetlands Criteria for clarification of activity allowed within the first twenty-five feet of upland from the edge of the wetland.

REASON: The current language of Section 301.6 conflicts with Sections 301.4 and 301.5 with regard to permitted uses or uses permitted by special exception. ■

PTA Update

The Loudon PTA held their January meeting where leadership and members reviewed the Santa's Breakfast at made plans for their Spring activities.

The 2009 Santa's Breakfast was a tremendous success. Due to the diligent efforts of our volunteers in cooperation with some LES staff members, the PTA raised over \$2,300. Thank you again to all who attended and to the volunteers we couldn't have done it with out you.

Speaking of volunteers, the PTA is always looking for additional volunteers. Unfortunately, the Art Reflections Program had to be cancelled this year due to time constraints and a lack of volunteers to manage the program. If you are interested in volunteering with the PTA, please come to one of our monthly meetings (details below).

The PTA will sponsor a Sock Hop at LES on Friday, February 12th. Prizes will be awarded for the best socks in each grade. Snacks and novelties will also be for sale. Mark your calendars!!

MVHS Seniors, who are LES alumni, should keep their eyes open for information about the Mildred Lampron Scholarship. Applications can be found at the high school and detailed information will run in future editions of The Ledger.

Plans are in the works for the 2010 Easter Egg Hunt. Ideas under consideration include a 50/50 raffle and a bake sale. The PTA will also be collecting items for local food banks. This year's hunt promises to be full of fun and excitement as the children hunt for eggs full of goodies. New this year, there will also be 2 hidden notes (1 for each age group). The child that locates the note will win a special basket of goodies. Watch your children's folder for details as well as a request for candy donations.

The next PTA Meeting will be held Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Childcare is available in an adjacent room. ■

Coleman Reifke to Participate in U13 Boys Soccer Training

A local youth, Coleman Reifke of School Street, Loudon, has been selected to participate in the U13 boys winter training session held in New Hampshire by the NHSA/US YOUTH SOCCER Olympic Development Program (ODP). The US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program was formed in 1977; it is a national program designed to identify and develop top youth soccer players throughout the country, to represent their state (NH) association, region and the United States in soccer competition.

The Program's Winter Training is now underway at the Hampshire Dome in Milford. The U13 Boys training sessions are led by Lenny Webb, who is in his fourth year with the program, and in his second year leading this age group. Lenny is currently the Director of Coaching for the UK Elite Soccer Academy. This winter training challenges each individual and puts them within game situations where they have to be creative in their decision making and thought process. The goal of the winter training and Invitational tryouts is to identify the best 18 players in the state for the U13 (1997) age group, along with a number of alternate players. The 18 players selected will represent New Hampshire in the Region 1 tournament at Rider University, NJ.

Benefits of Participating in US Youth Soccer ODP are:

1. *Development as a player. The opportunity to train and play with the best players in one's age group.*
2. *Quality instruction from nationally licensed coaches.*
3. *Quality competition. Games against other state association ODP teams.*
4. *Exposure to regional and national team coaches.*
5. *The opportunity to represent one's state, region or country in competition.*

Let's all wish Coleman a successful training session and encouragement to try his best at making the U13 team this year! ■





Loudon Girl Scout News

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Girl Scout cookies. Haven't gotten yours yet? It is not too late. Sales will continue through mid-March and Brownie Troop 10045 is will be selling cookies at the Library in conjunction with their books sale on Saturday February 27th (details below). The proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies support troop activities and community service projects. They also help our Girl Scout Council (Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains) provide activities and camps that help girls in New Hampshire and Vermont develop their individual interests and leadership skills.

Don't want the temptation of Girl Scout Cookies in the house? Make a donation! Many troops are participating in Girl Scouts of the U.S.A's Gift of Caring program. With this program, you can purchase a box (or more) of cookies that will be shipped to U.S. Troops overseas or donated to other local charities. Ask your Girl Scout for more information.

The Loudon Service Unit will celebrate World Thinking Day on Friday night March 5, 2010. The focus of this year's celebration will be Haiti. The girls will be learning about Haiti, by tasting Haitian food, and discussing culture and the work of Girl Guides in Haiti.

Plans are also underway for an Winter activity to bring the Girl Scouts together for fun and community. Thank you for your continued support.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information about the Loudon Girl Scouts, or to share your community service ideas or interests please contact Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, Service Unit Manager at 783-0218.

Daisy Troop #10955

Tracy Koufos, Kellie Goble & Tammy Bourque

The Daisies continue to earn the Make The World a Better Place Petal.



Daisy Troop #10955

Brownie Troop #10045

Kathleen Fisher, Jennifer Maguire, Kimberley Lowell

On December 21st families joined us for our Investiture & Rededication Ceremony. Members of our troop officially welcomed our 2 new friends, Alexia and Laura. Our ceremony was complete with a flag ceremony, reciting pledges and Girl Scout law, Brownie story and recognition. The girls have been great teachers and we have quite a team of scouts! In January we started our "I love NH" try-it by using NH maps to learn about our state and on the 18th we plan to visit the Loudon Historical Society to see how life in Loudon used to be. We started an "Operation Snowflake" badge with a discussion on layering clothing for warmth outdoors. The girls really enjoyed an outerwear fashion show set to 80's music. If you haven't gotten your cookies yet, look

for us at our booth sale at the Maxfield Public Library on February 27th!

Junior Troop # 12083

In January, our troop finished up the Highway to health badge and worked diligently to meet our Girl Scout Cookie sales goals. We have started planning our spring community service project. Stay tuned for details in the next issue of the Ledger.

Junior Troop #12641

Amanda Masse, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz, Cecile Merrill & Michele Paquette

We are busy planning what we want to do in 2010. In the near future we will be learning about cake decorating, reverse tie-dyeing and hopefully making some pottery pieces. We have great goals for trips and adventures and can't wait to make them happen. Stay tuned for some great news from us!

Cadette Troop #12356

Advisors: Samantha French & Amanda Masse


We have met once so far in 2010 and set some great goals. In February we will be finally taking the trip to Hanaford that needed to be rescheduled. We will also be meeting with Loudon business owner Michele Holbrook, of Michele's Sweet Shoppe. We will learn all about her Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn business – what she did to start her own business and all that it entails.

Look for photos and details about our trip in the next issue. We will have lots more to share with you soon and hope you like hearing what we are doing. We want to hear if anyone in our community has needs that our group can help out with – please let us know if we can help!!

Remember that we are always looking for ways to help out in our community — please let us know if we can help!! ■

Get Your Girl Scout Cookies!

Brownie Troop #10045 will be selling cookies at the Maxfield Public Library during the Book Sale on Feb. 27 from 9-1



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Winter Carnival

Sat. February 27, 2010

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Bad weather or no-snow date of February 28th)

Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for some winter fun at the Recreation Field in the village. Horse drawn wagon rides with the Belgian draft horses from Stone Boat Farm in Loudon.

Snowman building competition – with prizes for the top three most creative, snowshoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, a bonfire to keep warm and tons of winter fun for all!

Free hot cocoa & cookies!

Also available for purchase:
drink, hot dog, & chip combos.

Proceeds to benefit Loudon Food Pantry

Presented by

The Loudon Recreation Committee



Merrimack Valley School District News

MVMS News

On December 16th, 7th grader Scott Schoffield was the winner of the MVMS Geography Bee second place went to 6th grader Harrison Worster. Congratulations to the winners and all the final round contestants.

6th graders are going to Squam Lakes Science Center for a Winter Exploration and Animals in Winter Program. Students are inside for a portion of the day and outside on snowshoes for the other portion.

Johnathin Bailey has been accepted into the Middle Level Honors Band. This is an auditioned ensemble made up of 7th & 8th grade students from across the state of New Hampshire. Johnathin receive the third highest clarinet score out of all of the clarinet players who auditioned. He will play in the Honors Band in a concert on March 19th at the Manchester Memorial High School.

PTO has been working with MVMS on the Safe Routes to School Initiative to help improve the student's safety while walking to school, as well as helping to improve their overall health by promoting walking instead of being driven to and from school or taking the bus. PTO will be coordinating events to help promote community and family awareness. Contact Pat Severance for meeting dates and times.

MVMS students collected 591 pounds in food for the NH Food Bank. That will feed 449 people. In addition to the can food drive we have raised almost \$60 for the NH Food Bank from the Pie a Principal contest.

Library: Mrs. Sprague is piloting a new program at the MVMS Library called Book Buddies: A Reading Club for Kids and Adults for students in grades six and seven. This program is designed to get children and adults reading and talking about books. Book Buddies will begin in January with an informational meeting followed by three monthly evening meetings in February, March and April. For information and the sign-up form please check the library website, stop by the library or contact Mrs. Sprague.

The following students will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in January: Sydney Rollins, Logan Kenney, Cassidy Huckins, Danny Dockham, Alexandra Singh, Charlie Wright, Andrew Smith, Emily Masse, Christian Chandler, and Haley Puntin.

These new members will be joining current members Meghan Booker, Sarah Cowen, Lily Davis, Megan Elkins, Brittany Fisher, Mikayla Godfrey, Autumn Hoyt, Hannah John, Brooks Kimball, Haley Parent, Andrew Peick, and Olivia Thurber.

Team 8A held their first town meeting of the year, the moderators were Brendan Polichronopoulos and Meghan Booker. Both did an outstanding job, and should be commended for their leadership and public speaking. At the town meeting each teacher honored one student as their "Student of the Quarter." Recipients of this distinction include Meghan Booker, Brooks Kimball, Cassie Owens, Morgan Kenney, Riley Linehan, and Jordyn Brown.

Team 8A said, "Goodbye" in December to Ms. Lacey Byron, our PSU student teacher, who had been working in Social Studies. We appreciated all of her hard work and wish her the best in future endeavors.

New members are welcome to attend NEWSPAPER CLUB. We will be writing articles, drawing comics, and putting together the next issue please see Ms. Heins in room 109.

Drama Club. See Mrs. Piroso in room 215 if you want more information. The performance will take place on March 25, 2010.

MVHS News

Student of the Month By Town

The following students have been nominated by the faculty and staff of MVHS as Student of the Month for December/January. Nominated students must exhibit good character, leadership, service and scholarship. The two winning students were selected at random as representatives of an excellent group of students!

Penacook: Matt Davies, Maggie Plante, Zach Bouffard, Tess Presby, Stephanie Walsh, Michael Leite, MacKenzie Duquette, Angela Fedion, and Haley Wilson.

Loudon: Kevin Latham, Bryan Briggs, Jordan Filion, Molly Mullen, Dustin Brett, David West, Logan Osgood, and Anna Swenson.

Andover: Elizabeth Daneault, Curtis Blodgett, Mariah Lansdown-Howard, Tim Grover, and Emily Laro.

Webster: Jessica Claifford, Faith Bouchard, Cara Pratt, Shelby Hamel, Jessica Clifford, and Jake Kimball.

Boscawen: *Emily Reagan — Student of the Month*, David Petrangelo, Dan Nieman, Sadie Blouin, *Amanda Baird — Student of the Month*, Nate Charity, and Bridget Tevnan.

Salisbury: Hannah Dziezanowski and Matt Remillard.

Congratulations to Dr. Jette for being selected as the NH Secondary Principal of the Year!!!!

Lockdown this morning: Today (1/22/10), we hosted four K-9 units from the NH State Police for a search of our school. The dogs and officers worked with our administrators, teachers and school resource officer to check lockers and several randomly selected classrooms. Individual students, staff members, and visitors did not interact with the officers or dogs. While the K-9 units were in the halls, the school was in a modified lockdown: teachers conducted classes but nobody was allowed to leave individual rooms. We are pleased to report that we not find any illegal substances in the school. While this is not a practice we conduct lightly, it is one part of how we keep our school community safe and secure for everyone. Please note that the officers have been invited back in the future.

Parent Advisory Group: Will meet on Monday, January 25th in the Main office Conference room from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The major agenda item this month is centered on senior project judges from the community, but other topics are welcome and encouraged. All parents are invited to attend.

Attendance News: If your student is going to be absent from, or tardy to, school please call the main office (753-4311) by 8:30AM and let us know. If you want to dismiss your student from school you can either send him/her to school with a note, fax a note (753-6423) or come in and sign him/her out. If you want your student to take a different bus home from school it is mandatory that we have a note saying you give your permission for him/her to take the different bus. Please indicate on the note the destination your student can go to.

Ninth Grade Academy News: Ray Bailey and Sandy Constant, ninth grade teachers at MVHS, will be available three nights in February for meetings at three different district locations. Parents who would like information, or have concerns about the transition into the ninth grade or about their student(s) currently in the ninth grade should attend one of these meetings.

Date	Location	Time
Feb. 2	Salisbury Elem.	5:30–7:00
Feb. 9	Penacook Elem.	5:30–7:00
Feb. 16	Loudon Elem.	5:30–7:00

Music Department News:

February 4–6: NH Jazz All-State Music Festival. Congratulations to Zach Blanchard for participating!

Thursday, March 11th: Grades 6–12 Choral Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the MVHS Auditorium

Thursday March 18th: Grades 6–12 Instrumental Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the MVHS Auditorium

April 8–10: NH All-State Music Festival, Congratulations to our MV participants: Brett Branscombe, Sam Magee, Abigail Blake, Becca Hashem, and Merike Youngs!

Submitted by Mr. Burns, Music Teacher

Students of the Month: Congratulations to the December/January students of the month; Emily Reagan and Amanda Baird. Congratulations to all students who were nominated; Matt Davies, Kevin Latham, Elizabeth Daneault, Jessica Clifford, Maggie Plante, Zach Bouffard, Bryan Briggs, Tess Presby, Curtis Blodgett, Stephanie Walsh, Michael Leite, Faith Bouchard, Cara Pratt, Shelby Hamel, Jordan Filion, Molly Mullen, David Petrangelo, Dustin Brett, David West, MacKenzie Duquette, Jessica Clifford, Mariah Lansdown, Jake Kimball, Dan Nieman, Logan Osgood, Sadie Blouin, Tim Grover, Hannah Dziezanowski, Matt Remillard, Angela Fedion, Haley Wilson, Nate Charity, Emily Laro, Anna Swenson, Bridget Tevnan. *Submitted by Ms. Corrow (NHS advisor)*

Math Team News: The MV Math Team at December's home meet did quite well (placing 4th out of 10 schools in the Senior Division: Large School) in spite of the most rigorous problems they had yet to tackle. Perfect scores were attained by Peter Bultman and Amanda Bullock. Also, Brett Branscombe along with Morgan Matthews not only earned perfect scores, but they also shared the team high scoring honors. Nice job team, MV takes pride in your many accomplishments! *Submitted by Mr. Hallahan (Math Team advisor)*

Guidance News: Greetings from MVHS Guidance! We are excited to begin a new semester and all the possibilities and opportunities that a new semester provides for our students.

Seniors — Reminder to check college application deadlines as well as financial aid deadlines. If you have not done so, you need to file your FAFSA to be eligible for student financial aid. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov! Also- Don't forget to periodically check the school website for scholarship opportunities! Also check out fastweb.com, schoolsoup.com, and nh93.com.

Juniors — You are advised to think ahead about your plans for after high school. You should arrive at the start of your senior year with an idea of what you want to study in college and some preliminary schools where you might apply. You should also plan your senior courses based on the type of school and program you wish to pursue after high school. Remember most four year colleges want to see B's or better in college preparatory classes, 2–3 years of foreign language, 3 or more years of lab science, Algebra II or higher in math. See your guidance counselor to discuss your plans and get some guidance! If you have struggled to earn good grades or you have not taken college preparatory classes, please remember, there is a path for each student to further his or her education after high school. There is no one road for all students. Whether it's a four or two-year program, certificate program, apprenticeship, etc, there are opportunities for all!

Also a reminder for juniors that the ASVAB will be given soon. You will have an overview of the program and an opportunity to sign up if interested. ASVAB stands for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and is a career exploration test with a career guid-

Loudon Boy Scout and Cub Scout News

Boy Scout Troop 247

The Klondike Derby is this weekend, February 6, 2010 at the Loudon Recreation Field! Details are still available at: <http://nhscouting.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=15063&orgkey=1804>

The troop is eagerly awaiting the Daniel Webster Council, Wannalancit District 2010 Klondike Derby. The patrol's sled is a classic, made out of hand-cut staves and lashed together with scouting skill. The boys have been brushing up on shelter building, fire building, cooking, and first-aid skills in preparation for the Saturday events. Our adult leaders are putting the final touches on the "Town" activities for the event, and the special activities organized by Crew 247 for the Webelos Scouts.

Cub Scout Pack 247

We have had our January Pack Meeting. There were several boys that received awards that they earned in their individual den meetings or on their own.

Nathan Coulombe — Showman Activity Pin

Tyler Nichols — Science Activity Pin, Showman Activity Pin, Science beltloop, Astronomy beltloop, Compass Point Pin S

Carter Segien — Showman Activity Pin

Levi Fisher — Showman Activity Pin

Devan Eldred — Showman Activity Pin

Andrew Schmidt — Showman Activity Pin, Collecting beltloop

Caden Brien — Marbles beltloop

Cole Sheppard — Marbles beltloop

Matthew Lyle — Nutrition beltloop

Jacob Barrington — Nutrition beltloop

Brady Leonard — Nutrition beltloop

Joseph Stokes — Nutrition beltloop

Dylan Babonis — Nutrition beltloop

Mike Ainsworth — Nutrition beltloop, Horseback Riding beltloop

Jacob Cheney — Snow & Ski beltloop, Heritage beltloop

The Pack would like to congratulate the boys on a job well done!

The month of January is pack with fun-filled excitement

January 23 attended NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

The pack was able to spend the night at the Boston Museum of Science in Boston. It was a great night had by all — we will send some pictures of our adventure in the next issue.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20 — Blue & Gold Banquet

Friday, March 5 — Tubing at Gunstock

Boys in grades 1–5 interested in joining our pack are always welcome!! You may just show up at any Pack Meeting listed above or contact Samantha Stokes-Anthony at 724-4103, samanthajeon78@hotmail.com or Deb Ainsworth at aquanutssuba@aol.com

You can also find more information at www.loudonnh.org/genericpage.php?organizationcode=cs247 ■



Pictured Boy Scouts: Riley Charron, Chance Smith, Alec Decato (PL), Ryan Hoar, and Cullen Rodrigue (SPL). Boy Scout leaders: Ed Dempsey (ASM), Mr. John Decato (ASM,) and Mr. Scott J. Rodrigue (SM).

Calling Young Wildlife Artists: Enter the 2010 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 & Wildlife Service. The contest serves a dual purpose, giving students a chance to use their artistic talents at the same time they learn about wildlife and conservation. The art competition is open to public, private and home-schooled New Hampshire students.

Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2010. For competition guidelines, send your request to: Ellen Harrington, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Competition guidelines, including dimension requirements and an entry form can be downloaded from www.wildnh.com/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 is 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. Teachers who want to integrate these lessons into their coursework can find a curriculum guide for teaching conservation through the arts at www.fws.gov/juniorduck/EducationProgram.htm. ■

**Deadline for the March issue
of *The Loudon Ledger*:
Friday, February 12, 2009**

The Community Pride Link

Measuring Our Success

Changing the Way We Report At the Elementary Schools

Submitted by Tom Laliberte, Principal

Beginning in the fall of 2008, the Merrimack Valley School District elementary schools changed their report card format for grades 1–4. Fifth grade students were added to the new system this school year. Prior to 2008, the report card for grades 1–3 marked students with an I (Independent), P (Progressing), or an E (Extra Attention) for their courses and social/effort skills. Students in grades 4 and 5 had a similar scale for their social/effort output, but had the traditional A, B, C, D, and F marks for the core subjects.

Over the past fifteen years, standards have become a prevalent curricular component in US schools. Standards (skills) are specific curricular concepts identified in each grade level for the various subject areas. Each subject has content strands and the strands contain the standards. For example the subject math has four strands: Numbers and Operations, Functions and Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, and Data/Statistics/ Probability. Each of the four strands has specific standards for each grade level. The teachers use these specific standards to guide their

instruction. Use of the standards has required instruction between individual teachers and MV elementary schools to be more common and consistent.

It is a goal of the district to improve our communication with parents, guardians, and the community. The teachers and administrators agreed that we could offer more specific information on their children's academic achievement by reporting out on specific standards versus an entire subject. The new report card informs the parents on each strand in the disciplines of language arts and math. Each strand is broken down into individual skills for each of the three reporting sessions.

Now instead of a student earning a "B" in math, their parents receive feedback as to how well their children understand specific curricular concepts such as dividing fractions, ability to count coins, or know the conceptual understanding of perimeter and area.

After the first year with the new report card, the teachers felt that four reporting quarters was not enough time to accurately provide feedback to teachers. The report card indicates how well the students understand the curriculum at the time grades close. No longer do teachers plug in test, quiz, and homework scores into a formula to get an average. Consequently, the process of providing accurate information has shifted to looking at assessments, projects, writings, etc. that incorporate the many standards to pro-

vide a more precise overview of student performance. Although there is one less report card sent home, the information in it has much greater value to the student and parent. Parents also receive a midterm report between each issue of the report card.

Benefits of Standards-Based Report Card

- Parents/guardians receive specific information on what their children know and understand
- Greater consistency within MVSD on use of the curriculum and grading
- Common grading rubric throughout MVSD
- Focus is now on skill development, not grades
- Teachers focus on curriculum to guide instruction and assessment
- Standards give parents/guardians greater understanding of what their children are expected to know and understand
- Potential for greater communication between home and school.

Fast Fact: The NH Department of Education refers to the K-5 state standards as *Grade Level Expectations*. You may view them by going to the NHDOE website: www.ed.state.nh.us

Fast Fact: The teacher guidelines for each term may be found on the district's website: www.mv.k12.nh.us. Click on *Grading Elementary*

Middle School Has A Different Way to Measure Success

Submitted by Pat Severance, Assistant Principal

Many recent studies indicate that high-quality after-school and summer school programs can reduce risk-taking behaviors, provide positive developmental opportunities, and improve the academic performance of students, particularly those at risk of academic failure. Providing our youth with extended learning opportunities, both to expand their learning and to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities has been a focus at the middle school.

To provide additional time and opportunity for those who are struggling academically, the middle school offers a summer program. This past summer, 78 seventh and eighth graders participated in the math and language arts program, designed to improve the organization and study skills necessary to improve their grades. The success of this program is measured by the success of the students. 88% of the students who participated in this year's summer program received a passing grade in math on their first quarter report card. For those who participated in the language arts program, passing grades were received by 92%.

Research suggests that there is a correlation between student involvement in extra-curricular activities and academic achievement. At the Merrimack Valley Middle School, a wide variety of activities, both during and after school, are provided to help students explore areas of interest, try new things and apply their knowledge and skills in real life situations. The activities are designed with the goals of encouraging students to meet new people, learn new skills, try activities that they might not otherwise have an opportunity to try, and develop positive relationships with teachers and staff. During the 2008-2009 school year, seventeen clubs and ten sports were offered and 62% of the student body participated in one or more of these activities.

Key Indicators of Success at the High School

Submitted by Dr. Michael Jette, Principal

We have been tracking two key indicators of success at the high school: our completion rate (often referred to as a dropout rate) and our post-secondary or college acceptance rate. Both of these indicators show that

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For more information contact Joan O'Connor at joconnornh@yahoo.com

Recreation Committee News

You don't want to miss this year's LOUDON WINTER CARNIVAL!!! On Saturday, February 27th from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Loudon community members will gather at the Loudon Recreation fields in the village for some fun!!! New this year will be horse-drawn wagon rides by Loudon's very own Larry Stone of Stone Boat Farm — his beautiful Belgian draft horses will be the tour guides. The ever popular snowman building competition with prizes for the most creative will be in full swing. We have heard the "buzz" and the creativity is really flowing this year. Come on down and bring your supplies for some building fun. There will be snowshoeing with snowshoes available to try for free or bring your own and blaze the trail. Also new this year will be a raffle with great raffle prizes like a \$25 gift certificate donated by Cole Gardens, a \$25 gift certificate for the Tilton Diner donated by The Common Man, and two \$10 gift certificates donated by The Ivory Rose. The raffle money will go toward recreation programming. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please contact LeeAnn Childress at 396-4950. There will be a fire to keep warm and free hot cocoa and cookies. Also available for a nominal fee will be drink, hot dog and chip combos and those proceeds will benefit the Loudon Food Pantry. Come on down to the Recreation Fields for some fun with your friends and neighbors from Loudon. We are always looking for help on the day of the event, if you can help please let us know!! In the event of bad weather or no-snow on the 27th, we will hold the event on Feb. 28th.

The Manchester Monarch's will hold Recreation Game Day and Loudon resi-

dents through Loudon Recreation are invited with a discount ticket. Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 p.m. the Manchester Monarchs vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers tickets are \$12 per person and include a free Chuck-A-Puck. The deadline is February 26th. For tickets or more information call Alicia at 435-5193.

Line Dancing classes will be held in March on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th and April 6th. For more information and to register, see the flyer on the website or call Kim Therrien at 435-6266.

With the extreme success of the first Olympic Style Archery lessons held in January and February, we are looking to schedule another session. Please watch the website www.loudonnh.org for a registration flyer.

Also in the works is a snow tubing event at Gunstock on March 5th from 6-8 p.m. — watch the website for a flyer and details!

Be sure to check the website www.loudonnh.org between issues of *The Loudon Ledger* for additional events or program opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are interested in all that we do for recreation programming here in Loudon and would like to be placed on our email contact list or have additional ideas to share please contact Alicia at 435-5193 or by email at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. The Loudon Recreation Committee usually meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library, join us if you are interested! We hope to see you there!! ■

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our students are able to successfully complete their secondary education and have a plan for learning beyond high school.

Although the state of NH requires a student to earn only a minimum of 21 credits in order to receive a high school diploma, the Merrimack Valley School District requires 26. This high expectation poses a challenge for some students and consequently our drop-out rate has historically been higher than that of other high schools in NH. To correct this, we have been adding programs to help all students achieve a high school diploma by finding alternative pathways that support success. This became even more important with the passage of Senate Bill 18, which increased the compulsory age of school attendance from age 16 to 18.

From 2000 to 2005, the MV drop-out rate remained fairly steady around 5%. Our rate was greater than the average of all NH schools, a fact we have worked to correct. By adding a 9th grade academy to ensure all students are off to a good start and working to support options such as the CSI Charter School, we reduced our drop-out rate to 2.1% in 2007-08, and a record low of one-half of one percent (0.5%) in 2008-09. More MV students than ever are now leaving with a diploma in hand.

Another way we track our success is by looking at how many of our graduates are accepted at a post-secondary school. Our goal is to have 100% of our graduates accepted at a 2 or 4-year college. This way, all of our graduates learn how to apply to college while having a supportive network of teachers and guidance counselors to help them through the process. Plus, with the changing economy, we have come to understand the importance of our graduates recognizing the need for life-long learning. While not all graduates are ready or able to attend college right after high school, we have made it our goal to ensure that they leave here knowing that they can continue their studies in the future.

The MV college acceptance rate has been rising in recent years. In 2006, only 72% of our graduates were accepted at a 2 or 4-year school. The average for all schools in NH that year was 72.4%, showing our efforts closely matched those of most other schools. But in 2009, our rate increased to 94% while the state average remained at less than 75%. This shows that our efforts are paying off, and our success can be measured by how many graduates continue learning beyond MVHS.

This is a Merrimack Valley School District Publication. Your reactions and suggestions are important to us. Please contact us at 753-6561 or at cpride@mv.k12.nh.us. ■

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Romulus Finally Finds the Owl — OR — the Owl Finds Him

By Michael Harris

A True Story...

Many nights, we HEAR the HOO HOO HOO of our neighbor OWL. We hear him, but we do not see him — until one day...

He is a Barred Owl, known in this environment, but rare to see, especially in the day. On this day, Romulus is “using the can” and looks out the bathroom window, and he sees the family owl — who mostly keeps to the woods — sitting in our backyard pine tree looking directly into the window at him. We live in the woods on Loudon Ridge. They look at each other. Romulus speaks to the Owl. The barred owl, normally shy of people, sits in a tree close to our house and does not look away, looking at Romulus “eye to eye.” Hmmm. Perhaps he is hungry, looking for dinner. Then Remus appears at the window, playing his *flute* to the Owl — Who turns his head (see photo) maybe the owl doesn’t like the music, and eventually he flies away. Isn’t a wonderful thing to live in a natural land where such wildlife thrives and children learn and grow such as Loudon Ridge New Hampshire! ■

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ance follow up activity that will help you gain insight into which careers you are likely to enjoy and be successful in.

Sophomores — On Monday, Jan 25th, sophomores will be called to the auditorium for an overview of the Concord Regional Technology Center (CRVTC) as well as the Winnisquam Agricultural Science Center. You will later have an opportunity to tour the programs at both centers and then apply for the program you want to get into. Applications are rated based on your attendance, behavior, academic record, and career goals as they relate to the program of your choice. Seats are limited, so apply on time if you are interested! All students will tour the CRVTC on February 9th, and interested students may request a tour at the ag-center.

All students and parents — Are you concerned about paying for college? If so, you may be interested in an information session presented by CAPlus, a college financial advising firm, at 6:30 pm on January 26th at the Red Blazer in Concord. For more information, call 726-3888.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 19	Mid-Term Term 3	
Feb. 22–26	Winter Vacation	
March 4	Annual School District meeting, MVHS	7:00 p.m.
March 5	Red Cross Blood Drive (N.B. Changed date from 3/19!)	
March 15–19	Winter Carnival Week Activities	
March 20	Winter Carnival Dance (Semi Formal)	7:00–10:00 p.m.
March 29	Senior Project Community Evening (This is a required night for all seniors... Request it off from work!)	5:30–8:30 p.m.
March 31	Senior Project Daytime Presentation (No Voc this day for Juniors & Seniors)	Blocks 1 & 2

Cutting Your Grocery Bills

(NAPSI) — Last year, companies distributed 315 billion grocery coupons worth \$400 billion across the country, but less than 1 percent of these coupons were redeemed.

To Stephanie Nelson, author of “The Coupon Mom’s Guide To Cutting Your Grocery Bills in Half,” that’s like throwing money down the drain.

“Nothing makes me more excited than showing others how to get a jar of pasta for free by combining sales and coupons,” said Nelson.

She never meant to be a coupon mom, but had to develop her strategic shopping method when she and her husband decided she would leave the corporate world to take care of their two small children. It was then she realized that her family budget needed cutting.

While exploring ways to slash costs, she created the site www.CouponMom.com and now offers her tips in the book, published by Avery.

The book details how to get the best deals at wholesale clubs, mass merchandisers, discount stores and drugstores. Readers will learn how to combine sales, coupons and promotions to get the deepest discounts and even free products.

Nelson says cost savings don’t mean sacrificing a healthy diet or the foods your family likes. With meal-planning strategies and the simple recipes found in this book, cooking quick, delicious and nutritious meals has never been easier. ■



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2009 New Hampshire Deer And Bear Hunting Season Results

Based on preliminary deer registration tallies, N.H. hunters harvested 10,390 deer during the 2009 season. This preliminary statewide total kill was down about 5% from the actual 2008 deer kill of 10,916, but is comparable to season results prior to 2006.

Based on these 2009 preliminary registration figures by county (which indicate where deer were registered, not necessarily killed), results were mixed, according to Kent Gustafson, Deer Project Leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

“Some areas experienced reduced deer movements this fall as a result of abundant acorn production and, until the very end of the regular firearm season, most of the state was snow-free,” said Gustafson. “These factors combined with the residual effects of recently severe winters, especially 2007–08, have reduced recent harvests from the near record kill in 2007. In spite of this, New Hampshire’s harvest again exceeded 10,000, which has only happened 15 times in the past 50 years.”

New Hampshire has an estimated population of about 85,000 deer, with the 2009 kill representing about 12% of that total. The deer hunting season closed in the state on December 15, the final day of archery deer season.

The unofficial deer kill for New Hampshire’s 2009 season by county, with comparisons to the previous 8 years, is posted at www.huntnh.com/Hunting/deer_hunt_take_by_County.htm.

Readers are reminded that 2009 estimates are based on the number of deer reported as being registered in each county (not necessarily killed in that county).

The unofficial harvest tally for New Hampshire’s 2009 bear season was 755 bears, the second highest bear harvest in the state’s history. Most of the increase over the 439 bear tally of 2008, took place in the northernmost three management regions, which saw poor beechnut production and highly variable oak crops. Harvest in the southernmost three management regions was very similar to previous years.

“When fall food is scarce, bears become more vulnerable to hunting as they forage over greater distances and become easier to pattern at local food sources,” said Fish and Game Bear Project Leader Andy Timmins. “This year we had an abundant apple crop and a spotty nut crop, so bears were more predictably in orchards. An increased number of bears were also taken in cornfields last fall as compared to previous years.”

Overall, the 2009 bear season tally was 50% above the preceding 5-year average (504 bears) and 72% higher than the 2008 tally (439). Hunters took 413 males and 342 females, yielding a harvest sex ratio of 1.2 males per female. A preliminary breakdown of 2009 bear season results by region and method may be found at www.huntnh.com/Hunting/bear_hunt_take.htm.

Final official numbers from the 2009 hunting seasons will be available in the 2009 New Hampshire Wildlife Harvest Summary, which will be published in March 2010 and posted on the Fish and Game website at www.huntnh.com.

New Hampshire’s successful 2009 hunting seasons are a reminder that hunting activities made possible by science-based wildlife management, contribute significantly to New Hampshire’s economy. The most recent U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service survey indicates that approximately 61,000 people hunted in New Hampshire, generating more than \$75 million in hunting-related expenditures annually in the state.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state’s fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Find more information and online license sales at www.huntnh.com. ■

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

The Loudon Agricultural Commission has compiled this list of local farms. If you have a farm in Loudon or know someone who has a farm that is NOT included please write to cas@milessmithfarm.com.

Maple Ridge Farm
268 Loudon Ridge Road
Fresh Vegetables, Maple Syrup
436-8183

Meadow Ledge Farm
612 Route 129
Peaches, Corn, Apples, Country Store
798-5860

Ramsay’s Farm Stand
783 Loudon Ridge Road
Vegetables and Cut Flowers, Small Fruits in Season
8 a.m.–7 p.m. Daily
267-6522

Red Manse Farm
Corner Route 129 & Pittsfield Road
Organic Produce, Farm Patron Program
Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
www.redmansefarm.com
435-9943

Windswept Maples
845 Loudon Ridge Road
Vegetables, Beef, Maple Syrup, Eggs
M–F 1–6 p.m., Weekends 9–5
267-8492

Miles Smith Farm
56 Whitehouse Road
Locally raised beef, individual cuts and sides
M, Tue, Th 4–9 p.m. W, Sat 8–1 p.m.
www.milessmithfarm.com
783 5159

Hill Top Feeds
11 Storrs Drive
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783-4114, 491-4483

Sanborn Mills Farm
7097 Sanborn Road
Traditional working farm providing workshops
www.sanbornmills.org
435-7314

Pearl and Sons
409 Loudon Ridge Road
Maple products: syrup, candies & cream
435-6587, 435-6883

Aznive Farm
7046 Pleasant Street
Hay, Beef
435-7509

Lyon Berry Farm
986 Route 129
Highbush blueberries
435-7640

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227 Flagg Road
783-4341, 783-9123

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Discover Wild New Hampshire Day Set For Saturday, April 17, 2010

Bring the family to Discover WILD New Hampshire Day on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, N.H. Admission is free. See live animals, big fish, retriever dogs, trained falcons, and “The Battling Bull Moose of Fowlertown.” Exhibits by dozens of environmental, conservation and outdoor organizations from around New Hampshire. Hands-on activities for all ages, from wildlife crafts to archery and casting. Get a close-up look at hybrid vehicles and discover other energy-saving, environmentally friendly ideas. Co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, with support from the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire. Visit www.WildNH.com.





Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics on **Tuesday, February 23 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Richard Brown House Senior Housing**. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

Concord Regional VNA Offers Evening Grief Support Group

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer a free evening adult grief support group beginning in February. The group will meet Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. February 1 through March 22 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Concord. Trained grief support facilitators will provide an opportunity for support and education to adults who have suffered a recent loss. Group size is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call (603) 224-4093 extension 2826 or email crvnainfo@crvna.org. ■

Concord Hospital Payson Center For Cancer Care Offers Workshop On Cancer-Related Fatigue

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care is offering a free program, "Managing Cancer-Related Fatigue," in collaboration with the American Cancer Society on Tuesday, February 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presenters include Kimberly Johnson, OCN, BSN, Megan Ryder, RD, LD, and Janet Lehoullier, PTA.

This workshop is for persons with cancer-related fatigue and their loved ones. Fatigue is the feeling of being tired mentally, physically, and emotionally and is often associated with treatment for cancer. This fatigue is different from the fatigue of everyday life, which is usually temporary and relieved by rest. The workshop offers many steps people with cancer and their loved ones can take to manage this issue.

"This is a great opportunity for people with similar concerns to share ideas and give each other support about this troubling issue," Johnson said.

Light refreshments are available. Registration is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031. Upon arrival, park in Lot A and enter the hospital through the main entrance. The program is being held in the Payson Center for Cancer Care Conference Room on Floor 1.

As one of Concord Hospital's cornerstone Centers of Excellence, the Payson Center for Cancer Care, approved by the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, provides personalized treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, including radiation oncology, medical oncology, and surgery. Board-certified physicians and nationally certified oncology nurses are dedicated to providing quality health care in a warm and caring environment. The Payson Center offers the latest in advanced technology such as Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), On-Board Imaging (OBI), and the 3D Ultrasound Targeting System, and conducts multiple clinical research trials through New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA, (NHOH) and the Concord Hospital Radiation Oncology Department for eligible patients. The full-service Center also features the HOPE Resource Center that offers programs and services to assist patients with all aspects of their cancer care including financial, emotional, spiritual, and dietary needs. ■

**Deadline for the March issue
of The Loudon Ledger:
Friday, February 12, 2009**



Easy Home Improvements for Healthier Living

By Jack Prendiville [jprendiville@c21nh.com]

Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Americans are more health conscious than ever before-or at least they should be-and the desire for healthy living is extending more and more to the home. Home is where we sleep, spend our spare time and raise our children, so the home should be a healthy environment for all. It's good to know that you can improve the environmental health of your home and improve air quality with some quick and easy fixes. Here are some ideas:

- **Select Green paint.** Paint may make your home seem fresh, but it has the opposite effect on your indoor air quality. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, paints and stains are the second largest source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) after car emissions. By using a low or no VOC paint you'll breathe easier.
- **Reduce allergens and asthma by repairing water leaks and ventilating rooms properly.** If mold is present, have it professionally removed. Change air filters on a regular basis. Install allergen barriers on mattresses.
- **Consider installing a water filter** or reverse osmosis unit to purify water and improve taste.
- **Try limiting the use of toxic cleaning chemicals.** Instead, use more natural products to clean, such as vinegar for glass, or steam clean floors and bathrooms.
- **Test your home for radon,** and install a mitigation system if the level is 4 pCi/L or higher. ■

Register Now For Becoming An Outdoors-Woman Winter Workshop

Registration is now open for the 2010 Winter Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (B.O.W.) workshop, a one-day program for women to learn outdoor skills for winter activities. The 2010 Winter B.O.W. workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2010** (snow date Sunday, February 21), at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H. The workshop costs \$55, which includes a box lunch. Participants must be at least 18 years old. B.O.W. is co-sponsored by N.H. Fish and Game and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

Participants choose a single activity for the day. They can learn how to ice-fish, explore winter outdoor survival skills, try snowshoeing and tracking, snowmobiling or 'Shoe and Shoot (combines snowshoeing and target shooting).

A printable registration form and course descriptions can be downloaded at www.nhbow.com, or request an application by mail by calling 603-271-3212 or email Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov. Register early, because the workshop fills up fast.

The New Hampshire 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 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 www.WildNH.com. ■

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Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — Dec. 14, 2009

Attending Commission Members: Cory Clark, Larry Moore, Earl Tuson

Other Attendees: Charlie Aznive, Dustin Bowles, Roy Merrill

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by commission member Earl Tuson.

Minutes of 11/23/09 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Rob Johnson from the NH Farm Bureau spoke about Farm Bureau activities and membership.

Earl Tuson presented a Loudon soil map that was completed by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service for the Town, to update and augment the soil map contained in the Town Master Plan. The map was turned over to Selectman Bowles.

Earl Tuson stated that he had been in contact with the Loudon Communications Council to have the Ag Commission web page at loudonnh.org changed to have a similar format as other organizational pages.

A notice was distributed concerning the upcoming Farm Energy Conference to be held in Concord on 1/12/10.

Earl Tuson gave an update on the suggestions made to the Planning Board at the Zoning Workshops regarding dormitory housing in AFP and access through wetland buffers for farm activities. Discussion ensued. Wording for a proposed Zoning Amendment was presented by Earl Tuson. The wording was discussed, and revisions were suggested. *Cory Clark moved to vote to send the*

revised wording to the Planning Board for their consideration. Seconded by Larry Moore. All in favor.

Larry Moore asked if the questions relating to agriculture presented to the Ag Commission by Per Garp concerning aspects of the Zoning Ordinance and Site Development Regulations had been answered to his satisfaction. Earl Tuson replied that he felt Per Garp had received the answers he requested.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.

**Mark Your Calendar: Winter Farmer's Market! Feb. 27 & March 27
10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Cole Gardens, Loudon Road, Concord.**

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — Dec. 1, 2009

5:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Sue Kowalski, Debbie Kardaseski, Library Director Nancy Hendy, and Alternate Ken Krzewick.

The minutes from the following meetings were approved: November 3, 2009, November 4, 2009, and November 9, 2009.

Financial Report:

Nancy indicated that the report was not complete as it was only for November. She will send a year-to-date report to the trustees via e-mail. The board reviewed and initialed the reconciliation done by Norma O'Brien.

Director's Report:

The SILC meeting will be held here on December 3 along with a potluck lunch. The guest speaker is Mary Russell from the State Library.

Volunteers decorated the two floors of the library from 3–7 p.m. yesterday. Will the Trustees send them thank-you's? Sue will take care of these.

The two new public computers are up and running. On several occasions all four stations have been in use. Patrons have been pleased to not have to wait for a turn.

The wooden meeting room door was replaced with a fiberglass one. There was a problem with the lock. A locksmith came out for the repair. Sandy stated the volunteers who replaced the door were great and Debbie said she would take care of a thank you note. Sandy also stated she was concerned about this door rotting because it has a wood core. Rubber weather stripping was put on the bottom of the door.

Building maintenance projects completed since last month's meeting include: having a Lexan insert placed in bulletin board door (Sue Kowalski took door frame to Beckett Glass), door rehung (Channels to hold letters are still needed. Nancy will research.), wasps' nests removed, walkway bricks by old entrance repaired, outside of meeting room door primed with white paint,

inside of door stained with first coat of golden oak.

The main floor furnace was repaired. The needed part and labor was not covered by our service contract.

What is the final decision for walkway snow removal? The board agreed on \$30 to \$40 per job, checking with Adrian to see how long it takes on average. A second trip in one day would be half to the full amount depending on the snow. Adrian will store the snow blower. Sue pointed out that something should be in writing indicating that he the snow blower belongs to the library.

Since being hired by the veterans, Adrian has done a considerable amount of work to clean up the area around the monuments. What is the status of the Memorandum of Understanding? Sue will find a document and work with Sandy on the wording.

The scanner is not working properly. Color copies are murky. Nancy indicated she could try a couple more things but it may need to be replaced. Sue and Debbie indicated that they are not costly.

The power went out for about an hour during the windy weather on Saturday, November 28. The emergency lights went on and patrons continued to browse and check out items.

Our next book sale will be on Dec. 5. We continue to add names to the e-mail or phone notification list.

Children's Librarian's Report:

Children's Librarian participated in a free webcast event: Engaging the 20th Century Learner.

Nine children and 6 adults attended the movie day held in place of story time prior to Thanksgiving.

A group from Concord Headstart attended story time on November 19. A second group will visit story time in December.

Seventy-seven children and 62 adults attended story time during November.

The board entered executive session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular meeting resumed at 6:05 p.m.

Old Business:

Sandy will contact the Selectmen about scheduling a meeting to present the budget and will get back to the other members with possible dates.

Sandy reported on the progress of the roof rust issue. The roofing company indicated they need an invoice number from the purchaser, Rod Roofing or Kelly Construction. Debbie offered to check with Jean Lee to see if the town has record of the invoice dating from December 1995 through February 1996.

Sue will prepare an article and pie chart for the January *Ledger*. There was discussion of other means of communication besides the *Ledger*. A handout at the library, the Loudon website and a PDF file e-mailed to people, were recommended.

New Business:

There was discussion of how to prepare for Town Meeting, i.e. what information to have and who should speak on behalf of the library.

There was discussion about whether to continue with the end-of-year gifts for employees. The practice of giving gift cards (totaling \$335 in 2008) to employees has been longstanding but its legality and appropriateness was questioned by Debbie. It was decided that if the Attorney General's office has not indicated that it is a misuse of trust fund income than the practice can continue. There was discussion of other town employees not getting gifts but Debbie indicated the Selectmen take up a collection among themselves for office employees and she offered to contribute to such a fund. Sue indicated that the Selectmen receive pay for their positions where the trustees do not. The trustees voted 2 to 1 to purchase the gift cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

*Sandra Blanchard
Susan Kowalski
Deborah Kardaseski*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 15, 2009

PRESENT: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present is Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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 8, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes of Thursday, December 10, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board he was working with the Capital Area Health Network on flu clinics. There is a clinic scheduled for NH Technical Institute for this coming week-end, December 19 and 20.

Chief Burr said he and Deputy Chief Bob Bottcher will be going to New Jersey on December 21st to pick up the new ambulance. He said the ambulance will be driven to Loudon and will be inspected prior to acceptance.

Chief Burr told the Board that he is coordinating the recruitment of volunteers to assist with the delivery of the holiday food baskets on December 22nd. He is working with Jean Lee and Bonnie Theriault. D.S. Cole Growers has graciously agreed to provide a truck and driver to pick up the food at the National Guard Armory. The Selectmen expressed their thanks to Doug Cole for his assistance and will draft a letter for next week's meeting.

Selectman Ives asked if there were any injuries during the barn fire on December 12. Chief Burr said there were no injuries.

Selectman Ives asked how long it would take to get the new ambulance in service. Chief Burr said the radio will be installed on the 23rd, but before they can use it in service the state must inspect it. The inspection is scheduled for December 30th, but Chief Burr is trying to move that up to December 28th.

Selectman Maxfield asked about improvements in the new ambulance over the older one. Chief Burr said the box is about the same size, but the chassis is of heavier construction. Selectman Maxfield

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2009–2010 MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations. Meetings held at 7:15 p.m.

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
February 8, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
March 8, 2010	Penacook Elementary School

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asked about improvements on the inside. Chief Burr said there were a lot of updates with the electronics and computers.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Canterbury Selectmen regarding the applications before the Planning Board for NH Motor Speedway.

The Board received the revised Merrimack Valley School District assessment for 2009–2010.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the December 9 Zoning Workshop Minutes.

The Board noted receipt of the invitation to the Fire Department's annual Christmas breakfast for town employees on December 24.

The Board received notice of a warrant article and budget form workshop being provided by Department of Revenue Administration.

The Board received copies of the November property transfers for review.

The Board received a reminder from the Solid Waste Co-Op that the invoices beginning in December will be at actual tonnage delivered at the rate of \$62.10 per ton.

The Board received an information packet on the 2010 census.

The Board received a request from Barbara Cameron for a place that the Cate van can be washed during the winter months. The Board discussed the fire station as a possibility but a schedule would need to be arranged with the Fire Chief. The Board will take this request under advisement at this time and investigate the possibilities.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman
Steven R. Ives, Selectman*



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- **Town Office**
- **Maxfield Public Library**
- **Beanstalk Store**
- **Ivory Rose/USPS**
- **Transfer Station**
- **Web Site**

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 22, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice.

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 15, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the crew is working on sanding the dirt roads.

Mr. Rice said the grader was not starting properly and the injector tips need to be replaced. He said is working on obtaining the parts and Clark Page will do the labor.

Mr. Rice said he has been negotiating with the uniform supplier and he thinks the price will be back to \$6,200 for the year. Mr. Rice will provide a copy of the uniform contract once it is signed.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil said she wanted to bring an item to the Board's attention and consideration. Mrs. McNeil said during the Tax Collector's conference it was strongly suggested that the list of unpaid taxes not be published in the Town Report. This is the result of the privacy laws that have been enacted. The Board will take this suggestion under advisement at this time.

Chairman Bowles asked if Mrs. McNeil had any questions on her proposed budget. Mrs. McNeil said she had tried to keep the Town Clerk and Tax Collector budgets the same as last year except for monies needed for a new computer in the Town Clerk's office.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the list of paid holidays for 2010. New Year's Day 2010, Martin Luther King Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Personnel Policy states if the holiday falls on a Saturday, then Friday would be observed. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, then Monday would be observed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged a thank you card from the Town Office Staff for the lunch provided by the Selectmen.

The Board reviewed a question on an invoice from Share Corp. and agreed the purchase had been approved and payment can be processed.

The Board reviewed correspondence from town counsel regarding an abatement and refund for Freedom Hill Cooperative. The Board agreed to this settlement and will process an abatement and refund.

The Board received notice from town counsel of a summary judgment hearing on January 8th. Selectman Maxfield will represent the Board at this hearing.

The Board discussed the next budget work session. Chairman Bowles said from what he could see most budget requests were level funded from last year. He said the exception was the Recreation Committee budget that included funds to purchase equipment for the Recreation Field. Chairman Bowles said he will contact Alicia Grimaldi to see if this increase could be reduced or eliminated for this year. It was decided the Board will meet with Office

Manager Jean Lee on Monday morning to complete the budget review.

The Board received notice that Rick Lougee from Senator Judd Gregg's office will be at the Town Office on Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:30 to meet with residents if they have any concerns they would like addressed with the Senator.

The Board received copies of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #1.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Ives moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account #43756 in the amount of \$473.10, Account # 43757 in the amount of \$473.10, Account #43755 in the amount of \$523.10, Acct # 43944 in the amount of \$605.10, and Account #43223 in the amount of \$569.10. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board reviewed a copy of the proposed letterhead for the Recreation Committee. The Board agreed to the layout but would prefer the committee print the letter-

head only as needed and not order a large quantity.

The Board received a request from two companies for town tax maps in digital format. The Board agreed to provide the maps, without owner names included, and the companies must pay any charges involved.

The Board noted receipt of two Christmas cards with notes of thanks.

The Board received two scholarship thank you notes.

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter to Jeff Burr from The Church of the Nazarene.

The Board received correspondence from NH Municipal Association in regards to the annual dues assessment.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 5, 2010

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present is Road Agent David Rice.

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 22, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Review meeting with the Trustees of the Maxfield Public Library as presented. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles noted for the record four pistol permits were approved for signature. It was also noted two duplicates will be returned to the Police Department for further explanation.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the work on the grader has been completed and the machine is starting and running much better. He said the belt for the steering also needs to be repaired.

Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Rice he wants to see the John Deere tractor at the Transfer Station under cover for the winter months. He said he feels there is room in the shed where the Bob Cat is stored, or underneath where the sanders are stored.

Chairman Bowles discussed the excess sand that he feels is being placed on the roads. He said he is aware it is hard to find a happy medium, but it seems more sand is being used than is needed.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Bowles discussed the snowmobile bridge on Wiggins Road. The Board had requested input from town counsel who recommended the Board receive the access permission slip from the snowmobile club. Larry Ricker has been asked to provide this form before any further permission is granted for the bridge placement.

The Board received Version #1 of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010–2011 for review. Mrs. Lee has asked the Board to review this report and advise of any corrections or adjustments.

The Board received the proposed revenues for fiscal year 2010–2011 for review and comment.

The Board received a current weekly expenditure report for review.

The Board received a memo regarding the annual Town Report and deadlines for article submission. Selectman Maxfield stated he has a photo for the cover of the report.

The Board was advised the Greenview Drive hearing scheduled for Friday, January 8th has been rescheduled to Monday, January 11th. Selectman Maxfield will represent the Board at this hearing.

Attorney Bart Mayer informed the Board he has retained Gerald Coogan to appear as an expert witness in the Greenview Drive litigation.

The Board noted receipt of a petition warrant article to appear in the warrant for Town Meeting.

The Board noted receipt of the meals and rooms tax payment in the amount of \$231,113.04.

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The Board noted receipt of a letter from the Timberman Triathlon race director Keith Jordan requesting the use of Route 106, North Village Road, and the Route 129/106 intersection for the Tenth Annual Timberman Triathlon race on August 22, 2010. Mr. Jordan noted he included the official permit for Chief Fiske to sign which will then be submitted to NH Department of Transportation.

Bob Fiske also submitted a memo to the Board regarding the Sanborn Mill Dam breach. Mr. Fiske stated he was advised on December 29th at approximately 7:55 a.m. the dam had breached. Mr. Fiske stated in the memo that while enroute to the incident he contacted Co-Director of Emergency Management Jeff Burr to advise him of the initial report. Once on the scene Mr. Fiske met with the farm hand at the Cabot property. NH Department of Environmental Services was notified and Steve Doyon of the Dam Division arrived to do a risk assessment. Repairs were made at the direction of DES. Mr. Fiske included pictures of the completed work for the Selectmen's review.

The Board noted receipt of an email from MBP Consulting offering consulting services for repairs to the Sanborn Mill Dam. The Selectman thanked the company for their email, but this is not a town-owned dam.

The Board received a comparison sheet of credits and exemptions of several towns prepared by the City of Concord Assessing Department for their review.

Chairman Bowles opened the public hearing for the purpose of adopting the FEMA Flood Rate Insurance Maps which will be dated April 19, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. Chairman Bowles explained that the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted a review and update of the National Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Merrimack County. In order for Loudon to remain enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program, the Zoning Ordinance needed to be amended to meet the criteria contained in the revised maps. This was accomplished at the March 2008 Town Meeting by passage of the Zoning Amendments to Section 507, Flood Plain Ordinance. The next step is for the Selectmen to pass a resolution adopting the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps with the effective date of April 19, 2010 as stipulated by FEMA. This is the purpose of tonight's public hearing. *Selectman Ives moved to adopt the following resolution: "Pursuant to RSA 674:57, by resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon, all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its 'Flood Insurance Study for the County of Merrimack, NH' dated April 19, 2010, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated April 19, 2010, are declared to be part of the Town of Loudon Floodplain Ordinance, Section 507 of the Town of Loudon Zoning Ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference. Be it so resolved this 5th day of January 2010." Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman
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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — December 17, 2009

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

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Steve Jackson, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Henry Huntington, Gary Tasker, Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green, and Ex-Officio Steve Ives

Conservation Commission: Bob Butler
Fire Department: John Reese

Acceptance of Minutes:

November 19, 2009 Regular Meeting — Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

December 1, 2009 Special Meeting — Steve Ives made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

December 9, 2009 Zoning Workshop — Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

December 11, 2009 Site Visit — Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

Conceptual Consultation:

Joe Bohi — Mr. Bohi spoke to the Board about a 245 acre parcel on Bumfagon Road. He said there is one house on the parcel at this time and log roads through the property. Mr. Bohi showed a conceptual build out of the property, noting that the wetlands have been delineated and the topography was done by Web Stout. He said he followed what previous owners had done, using forty-seven new lots and a lot with the existing house. Steve Jackson noted that the AFP District requires five acres and 400' of frontage per lot. Mr. Bohi said that he has laid these lots out at 200'+ and 2½ acres with 130 acres of open space. Mr. Jackson asked if Mr. Bohi would be able to get forty-eight lots with the character of the land. Mr. Bohi said he came up with forty-four lots but still has some wetlands work to do. Tom Dow asked Mr. Bohi if he has reviewed the open space development regulations. Mr. Bohi said that he has, noting that Mr. Stout did some figures a few years ago. Mr. Dow asked if the proposed road continues all the way out. Mr. Bohi said that it does and that the entrance is through the existing driveway. Steve Jackson asked how much road there would be. Mr. Bohi said it would be less than 5,000 feet. Tom Dow said that there would be some impacts on Bumfagon Road and that the road would not stand up to those impacts as it is right now. He said there is a lot of wetland and that will have to be looked into before knowing the number of houses. Mr. Bohi said they have some more wetlands to identify and they will work on that through the winter. Bob Butler asked if the

wetland setbacks are shown. Mr. Bohi said nothing is laid out at this point. Mr. Butler stated that the setbacks and buffers would affect the number of lots. Henry Huntington said he feels that the conceptual goes way beyond the intent of the open space regulations, pointing out that there is open space all over the parcel. He said he does not feel that this matches up at all with the regulations. Mr. Huntington said they would need to better understand the wetlands. Steve Jackson read from Section 401.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. He suggested that Mr. Bohi get a good grasp of the wetlands before spending a lot more on the project. Mr. Bohi asked the Board if they would like him to come back with a five acre layout and if there is a possibility of getting a waiver for the length of the road. It was agreed that a five acre layout would be a good idea. Tom Dow recommended that Mr. Bohi read the regulations carefully. Stan Prescott told Mr. Bohi to look at it from the technical aspect. Tom Moore said to delineate all of the wetlands.

New Business:

#09-20, New Hampshire Motor Speedway — Change of Use, Located on Route 106 in the C/R District, Map 61, Lot 9

#09-21, New Hampshire Motor Speedway — Amended Site Plan, Located on Route 106 in the C/R District, Map 61, Lot 5

Chairman Dow suggested that these two applications be taken together as they both relate to the proposed winter event. Board members agreed. Steve Jackson recused himself from the matter. The chairman explained that the first application is to temporarily change the use of a parking lot to an area to be used for the snow event and the second application is to address conditions set in 1999. Mr. Dow stated that a letter was received from the selectmen of Canterbury. He read a section of the letter where they asked him and any other Board members who are affiliated with the snowmobile club that is working on this event to step down. Mr. Dow said he was not going to step down from his position with the Board because he has not participated in any planning of the event. He stated that he has talked with town counsel and it was agreed that he has no conflict and there is no need for him to step down. Mr. Dow said he would not speak for other Board members. Tom Moore stated that he is a member of the Sno-Shakers and, under the advice of town counsel, will sit to represent the Town of Loudon as elected to do. Steve Jackson stated that he will recuse himself because of his relationship as a vendor at the track. Bob Ordway was appointed to sit as a voting member in Mr. Jackson's place. Mr. Ordway stated that he is also a

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member of the Sno-Shakers and had no intention of recusing himself from this matter. Chairman Dow asked if there were any abutters present. Bob Davis of 90 Lower Ridge Road identified himself as an abutter.

John Zudell represented NHMS. He gave an overview of the proposed winter event and showed the proposed location of the sno-bowl in a parking lot area of the property. Mr. Zudell explained that a sound study was conducted and he submitted copies of the study to Board members. He introduced Jeff Fullerton who represented Acentech, the company that conducted the sound study. Mr. Fullerton explained that they had some modified and stock sleds perform at the track as part of this sound study. He explained how the sound was measured, noting that they had the sleds do three runs in each direction. Mr. Fullerton went over the entire study, explaining that there would be various factors such as wind direction, terrain, ground cover, and vegetation that will affect the sound levels.

Gary Tasker asked what would relate to 44 dBA, giving a television as an example. Mr. Fullerton said it would be considering residential interior. He said the ambient was 42.5 dBA at the time of the test, with no traffic or other noise. He said there would be some fluctuation. Bob Ordway asked Mr. Fullerton to relate the numbers to daily types of sounds. Mr. Fullerton explained that the average sound level at 500 feet was 79 dBA and this would be like standing next to a road, using Route 93 or 393 as an example, with traffic passing. He said measuring 5000 feet from the centerline of the activity averaged 53 dBA which would be similar to a quiet urban area, giving mechanical noise such as fans on the roof of Dunkin Donuts as an example. Mr. Fullerton said the numbers are an hourly average, noting that people will know when a race is starting. Bob Ordway asked if the numbers used were outside levels. Mr. Fullerton said that was correct, pointing out that the indoor levels were shown on the lower chart. Mr. Ordway asked Mr. Fullerton to go through those numbers as well.

Mr. Fullerton said that he didn't believe that there were any residences within 500 feet or 2500 feet. He said the next level of 5000 feet shows an average of 48 dBA indoors which is quieter than a television loud enough to hear. He said most would run their television or music in the 50s. Mr. Fullerton stated that the maximum estimated sound level at 10,000 feet would be 38 dBA which would be fairly quiet. He said a person might hear it but it would be much quieter than a television or stereo. Stan Prescott noted that there was nothing relating to race cars on the study. Mr. Fullerton said that the sound level of race cars at the track would be between the figures for a chain saw and rock concert. John Zudell said that the track is regulated at 100 dBA at 50 feet which would tie in at the upper level of the typical sound levels. It was noted that trees would make a difference in how the sound would travel.

Mr. Fullerton said that the study showed numbers in the low 50s at Shaker Village with eastward winds, mid 60s with westward winds, and less on Loudon Ridge.

Hillary Nelson of Canterbury referred to a sound study done by Acentech in 1999. She said the level at the track was 95 dBA and with a 15 mph wind out of the east the level at Shaker Village was also 95 dBA. She said the norm at Shaker Village would be 35-40 dBA, and she does not feel that Mr. Fullerton is giving the complete picture. She said many people are outside skiing, fishing, etc and are exposed to this noise. Kim Bean of Loudon asked what the level would be when a snow machine goes by. Mr. Fullerton said that levels on the trails by Shaker Village would be 80 dBA. Mr. Bean noted that machines go by on the trails all the time. He stated that the noise could not be heard at the Storrs property on the day of the tests.

Tyson Miller of Canterbury asked for a clarification on what they want to change on the conditions, whether it would be all the time or just this event. Chairman Dow said that the application is for this event. He said the Board will listen to testimony and then discuss the options, noting that they are asking for a permit for this one event. John Zudell said they are looking for one week-end event. Theresa Wyman of Canterbury asked to confirm that they are asking for one time, one event, and one year. Chairman Dow said the Board can vote to decide how to go, noting that they could do a conditional event and it depends on what the Board wants to do.

Bob Davis asked for clarification on the proposed location relative to his house on Lower Ridge Road. Mr. Zudell measured the distance to be approximately one half mile. Mr. Davis asked where the trails run and where parking and race activities would be located. He asked how much of the activity would be contained to the track. Mr. Davis spoke of his concern about more noise and that this may be the beginning of other winter events. He asked the Board to use caution when considering the request. Mr. Davis asked about hours and if this would go into the evening. Mr. Zudell answered Mr. Davis's questions and stated that the hours would be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on that Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Davis asked how this could be seen as an economic benefit to the community. He also spoke about safety concerns.

Linda Cote of Bumfagon Road, Loudon said that she is not against the event but does have concerns of more than one event, noting that sound travels and speaking of traffic control. Keith Brown of Canterbury said that he is the president of Sherwood Forrest, a 150 parcel residential development and large tax base in Canterbury, and he has not had one complaint from residents of noise from the track. He said he is not bothered by snow machines and this event is of economic benefit, noting that large amounts of revenue come into the State through snowmobilers. Mr. Brown stated that most residents moved to the area knowing the track was there and that it is important to recognize the impor-

tance of business in NH. He noted that this event is not ongoing every day and he feels it should be permitted.

Jim Bassett of Canterbury spoke at the request of the Canterbury selectmen. He noted that he was the vice chairman of the Canterbury Planning Board in 1999. Mr. Bassett stated that the Canterbury selectmen did submit a letter as mentioned by Chairman Dow. He said there was the question of member connections with the Sno-Shakers but there were also other items mentioned in the letter. He noted that the selectmen thanked the Board for recognizing this matter as a development of regional impact and they appreciated the notice given. Mr. Bassett said that the noise study was informative and it appears that this is a one-time event. He said that the Canterbury selectmen feel that a deal is a deal and it was the understanding at that time (1999) that condition #2 was part of the deal and part of the approval. Mr. Bassett said that is the message he was asked to convey to the Board this evening.

Paul Johnson of Loudon said that he is supporting the event and is disappointed in those who oppose it. He said everyone has interests and it is not right for some to try to stop others from enjoying what they are interested in doing. He noted that the snowmobile club does a lot of fundraisers and donates to Easter Seals and other local groups. Mr. Johnson said it would be nice to give something back to the snowmobilers, pointing out that this type of event does not harm the environment. Dan Cabana of Loudon said that he is in favor of the event. He stated that he was president of the NH Snowmobile Association in the past. Mr. Cabana said that they did a study and found that snowmobilers brought \$1.2 billion into NH. He said this is a big business that brings revenues to Canterbury, Loudon, and other towns through gas and food sales and other related services. Bob Cole of Loudon said that he used to live on Clough Pond Road near the Sno-Shakers clubhouse and he had no problems with machines during all the years he lived there. He thanked the group for that.

Tim Meeh of Canterbury said that he, his brother, and Shaker Village have been allowing machines to use their land for trails for some time. He said in 1999 the objections were noise and traffic related. He pointed out that other businesses are negatively affected by those, Shaker Village being one. Chairman Dow reminded everyone that they are talking about snowmobiles, not cars. Mr. Meeh said that opening the season up could create more events and more noise. He said he expected the conditions that were created would remain in place. Kim Bean noted that a gentleman at the Creamery Restaurant at Shaker Village has snowmobiles come there and he is looking forward to more stopping by.

Judy Elliott stated that she lives uphill from the track in Canterbury. She said she is hearing a lot of anger as it appears to be snowmobilers versus non-snowmobilers. Ms. Elliott said she does not think it is like

that and does not want this to create hostility between the communities. Jim Snyder stated that he is with the Canterbury Planning Board but represents himself this evening. He said he would echo Judy Elliott and would hope that the Board can craft a way to do it in a way that keeps the conditions intact. He said he would see that outcome as the least likely to be appealed.

Gail Beale stated that she lived on Lower Ridge Road for twenty-five years and moved because of the track but that was her choice. She said the 1999 negotiations were well thought out and final at that time. Ms. Beale said that a deal is a deal as Mr. Bassett stated earlier. She said there could perhaps be a way to compromise and not break the conditions as Mr. Snyder has suggested. Larry Hemphill of Stanuels Road in Loudon stated that he was a small business owner in Hopkinton twenty-five years ago where he experienced "snob zoning." He said things change and he asked that consideration be given to businesses in town. John Cronin of Loudon owns the Eggshell Restaurant and said he felt he could speak for the business aspect of the community by saying that they could all use a good shot in the arm in February. Mr. Cronin said the extra business would be much appreciated. Dave Ingraham of McKenzie Road in Loudon offered to show others where the event would be held if track representatives did not mind. It was agreed that Mr. Ingraham was welcome to show the area to anyone with concerns.

Theresa Wyman of Canterbury said that she agreed that a deal is a deal and there is a due process of changing a deal. She said she supports businesses but to change a deal that was carefully brokered bothers her. She asked how many other conditions can be changed. Ms. Wyman said she does not object to people doing what they like. Hillary Nelson said that part of trail #15 goes through her property and she thinks she heard that one half of the expected 5,000 riding in will be on that trail. She asked if that was true and noted that she has not heard anything about traffic patrolling. Kim Bean said that snowmobilers would be coming in from Gilmanton, Pittsfield, and other trails. He said he did not feel that many would be coming in on trail #15. Theresa Paradise of Chichester said that trail #15 runs right behind her property. She said she has a horse rescue facility at that location. Ms. Paradise said that she finds the snowmobilers to be very respectful, noting that she does not snowmobile but has done some work on the trail near her property. She said the trail is within 2,000' of her house and when the machines pass at night with her windows closed she can barely hear them. Ms. Paradise noted that a lot of machines use that trail and she does not find it to be a problem for herself or the horses.

Preston Lawrence of Loudon said that he is not a race fan or a snowmobiler. He asked what the impact would be and if there would be limited traffic on the roads. John Zudell explained that they are estimating 5,000 people in attendance each day. Chairman Dow

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noted that traffic counts on Route 106 show 20,000 vehicles a day on a Friday any time after July 4th. Bob Bottcher of Loudon said that he is not a snowmobiler and pointed out that the applicants are not asking for a monthly event. He said they are only asking for two days to run this event. Mr. Bottcher spoke about the revenue that is brought into the State by recreational events and the fact that residents would have their windows closed. He said he was sure people would not hear the event, using the example of people with their car windows closed not hearing a fire truck behind them. Linda Cote spoke about deal breaking and that part of the deal is that there are not to be night concerts yet the new owners are having night concerts. She said they are having an issue with deal breaking. Dan Plourde of Loudon spoke about the beginnings of the track, the noise that has been part of the track, and the changes over time.

Hearing no further input, Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. He explained that the Board would continue to address track representatives but there would no further comment taken from the public.

Tom Moore asked John Zudell to explain the traffic control plan. Mr. Zudell said that there is no traffic plan in place at this time. He said they estimate 2.5–3 people per vehicle and would think there might be 1,000 cars and 2,000 sleds. Mr. Zudell said that Fish & Game has been contacted and there will be six or seven message boards at crossings for higher awareness of the sleds. He said they have also talked with Chief Fiske. Mr. Zudell said that Gil Rogers is working on this aspect of the event. He said they have no real feel for numbers since they have never done an event of this nature. Bruce Stone said they have identified the snowmobile crossings with Chief Fiske and Gil Rogers, NHMS parking coordinator. Gary Tasker asked if the Board is in receipt of anything from Chief Fiske. Donna reported that Mr. Fiske called the office and stated that he would have a minimum of four officers on duty for the event and they have looked at the various crossing points. Nothing has been received in writing. Mr. Tasker asked if it was mentioned that Fish & Game has been contacted. John Zudell and Bruce Stone explained that there have been two discussions going with Fish & Game; one is with regard to water for making snow and the other is about assisting the track on their property at different areas with speed compliance with the snowmobiles. Mr. Tasker asked if they would have personnel in the area. Mr. Stone said that they said they would. Mr. Tasker said he feels that is necessary and important.

Henry Huntington said that snowmaking was mentioned. Mr. Zudell said they are currently stockpiling snow but would make some if more is needed. He said that Rock Maple Racing has the equipment. Gary Tasker asked what the safety plan would be. Mr. Zudell said that Speedway Safety Services will be there as in summer events. Mr. Tasker asked if they would have inside security. Mr. Zudell said that internal security is involved now. Bruce Stone said the staff that is used for parking, security, and management during a cup race is what would be used for this event. Steve Ives asked if the number of people at a snowmobile race would be comparable to SCCA races where things are handled internally and nothing is needed from the fire or police departments. Mr. Zudell said this event will be even smaller.

Bob Ordway said that facts are unavailable and he would see the logical solution to be granting a conditional approval to run this event this one year and then have facts to use if they wanted to do it again. He said there is a lot of guess work at this point and they need some experience to go by.

Bob Ordway made a motion to grant conditional approvals on applications #09-20 and #09-21 for this sno-bowl event for February 20 & 21, 2010 only; seconded by Steve Ives. Mr. Ordway said they could come back for review after the event. Henry Huntington suggested that something be added to address concerns with safety issues. He said he would like to see letters from the Police Department and Fish & Game as to how they will support the event.

Mr. Ordway amended his motion to include the condition that letters must be received from the Police Department and Fish & Game Department with regard to how safety issues will be handled. Mr. Ives agreed to the amended motion.

Jim Snyder asked if he could ask a procedural question. Chairman Dow allowed his question. Mr. Snyder asked if this approval leaves the 1999 conditions as written or if they will be amended. Gary Tasker said it seems clear that condition #2 is referring to cars as it refers to any race scheduled prior to October 31 being postponed due to weather conditions. He said it is hard to plan a snow event before October 31st. Bob Ordway said it was not his intent to change the condition. Mr. Tasker again stated that the condition pertains to auto racing. Chairman Dow stated that he was told by town counsel that it would be acceptable to do the revision this way with a special condition. Steve Ives said that a lot has been said about breaking deals with the twelve conditions set by the Planning Board in 1999. He noted that the Bill of Rights was a deal and there have been many amendments made. Mr. Ives said that times have changed and conditions change. He said this is an elected board making a deci-

sion to change something based on today's conditions and no deal is being broken. Stan Prescott said this will help the economic climate and he agrees with Mr. Ordway's motion and what Mr. Ives has said. *Chairman Dow moved the question. All were in favor.*

Steve Jackson returned to the Board. Bob Ordway returned to an Alternate position.

#09-22, New Hampshire Motor Speedway — Amended Site Plan, Located on Route 106 in the C/R District, Map 61, Lot 9 and Map 51, Lot 18. A letter was received from John Zudell asking that this application be tabled until the January meeting. *Tom Moore made a motion to table this application until the January 21, 2010 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

#09-23, BDJ Real Estate, LLC — Condominium Conversion/Subdivision, Located on Stanuels Road in the C/I District, Map 1, Lot 58. Abutter Jack Earle was present. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicant. Donna informed the Board that she spoke with town counsel earlier in the day about reviewing the condo documents that were submitted with this application. Mr. Mayer told Donna that he has reviewed documents for other towns but does not feel that it is absolutely necessary as long as an association has been formed, condominium association by-laws, and a condominium declaration. He highlighted some areas to be reviewed in the documents, noting that most often they are written in a fairly standard format. Donna reported that she reviewed those areas and all seem to be covered. Steve Ives said that he felt that Mr. Mayer should review the documents at the applicant's expense; others concurred. Henry Huntington asked what the Land Development Regulations say about condominium conversion and what is required to meet those regulations. Tom Dow said that the conversion cannot be denied. Steve Jackson said, based on what an attorney told the Board when he spoke with them about condominium procedures, that a conversion is a subdivision of property so it has to go to the Planning Board with the documents and common areas outlined. There was discussion about the review of the documents.

Stan Prescott made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Tom Moore. *All were in favor.* Mr. Green gave an overview of the location and the site plan approval granted by this Board on September 17, 2009. He gave an update on the project with regard to the construction and status of work thus far. Mr. Green explained that the owner looked at options of renting, leasing, or selling the units of the building. He said the owner has interest from buyers for five of the units so he chose to go with condominiums. Mr. Green explained the common areas and spoke about the condominium declaration, explaining how each owner would be part of the association and responsible for one tenth of all common area maintenance and other related expenses. He said he spoke with the attorney who drew up the documents and there is no problem with having them reviewed if the Board feels that is necessary. He said they are of a fairly standard format, noting that RSAs dictate the details that must be included. Mr. Green said he would like a conditional approval based on the site plan that outlines the units and common areas. Tom Dow asked if the owner would be in agreement with paying the cost of the document review. Mr. Green said he could say yes based on his conversations with the applicant.

Gary Tasker asked if everything is on the condominium plan that was on the site plan. Mr. Green said this plan is more like an as-

built. He said it shows the condominiums themselves as the plan is titled. He said the plan references the site plan that was previously approved. Steve Ives asked how the units and property would be taxed. Mr. Green explained that each unit is taxed individually and the land is taxed as one parcel. There was discussion on how this would be handled. Gary Tasker said that there should be some wording with regard to taxes in the documents. Henry Huntington said that he has no problem with the application but he does feel that the town attorney should review the documents. He said this seems to be a procedural process if the application cannot be denied. Jeff Green said it is open to the Board as to how they want the plan laid out and what they want shown on the plan. He said he would like to record the plan with the documents.

John Reese said that the Fire Department's concern is that they are notified prior to each unit being sold so that they can review the proposed use. He said the department approved the building for business occupancy. Mr. Reese said if the use is changed from business it would change the fire protection rating of the building. He said the department needs to be notified if any interior alterations, such as a closet or bathroom, are made so that they are sure it still meets the ratings that the building was approved for. Mr. Reese said he would like to see this written in as being mandatory that the fire department is notified. Tom Dow asked if this should be in the form of a letter or in the documents or some other method. Steve Ives said that this could be mentioned to the town attorney. Mr. Green stated that there is language in the documents about having to meet all town and state regulations. John Reese mentioned a conversation he had with Bob Bollinger about a potential tenant doing diagnostic work on a vehicle. He referenced the codes and found this to be an acceptable use; however, if the tenant runs a business on vehicles, becoming an auto repair business, it would change the code and that individual is required to bring the entire building up to that code. Jeff Green said that the condominium association has certain control over what happens. He explained that there is one owner of the entire property now and that is regulated by the site plan that was approved in September. If that owner were to make changes from what was approved he would have to come back to the Board. Mr. Green said as condo owners they would have to do the same thing and also have to meet the condo regulations.

Jack Earle asked what is to stop them from making the units into two-bedroom residences. Mr. Green explained that the units are restricted to commercial uses and are condominiums in the sense of form of ownership, not a form of use. Firefighter Reese referred to the town's regulation that any subdivision over four units requires a cistern. He asked if this would now require a cistern because it is being subdivided into ten units. Mr. Green said that the building did not change, just the form of ownership changes. There was discussion as to why this option of ownership was not discussed at the time of the site plan.

Henry Huntington asked how broad the use of the building was left during the site plan approval process. He asked if it was left to anything permitted in the commercial district. John Reese stated that the fire department approved the building for business occupancy per the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code. He said that is strictly for businesses to have an office, store supplies, equipment, and vehicles. He said that does not include transactions of goods such as restaurants or

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stores. Gary Tasker said he thought the site plan was approved for anything permitted in that district.

Stan Prescott spoke about parking and uses permitted in the commercial zone, noting that the parking varies based on the use. Mr. Green said that the site plan approval cited the parking calculations; he read those calculations from the approved site plan. He said that the applicant had referred to small offices and small businesses, with no intention of retail, at the time of the site plan review. Mr. Prescott asked how the spaces would be divided per unit. Mr. Green said that the condo association is responsible for deciding that. He said they are not at this meeting to approve a site plan as that was already done. It was suggested that the approved parking and uses should be in the condominium documents. Mr. Green said those are set by the approved site plan. Discussion continued about how to regulate the parking and uses.

Steve Jackson said that the hardest part of this to grasp is the fire department's comments on uses allowed. Mr. Green said that the site plan was approved on the number of parking spaces for the uses presented during the initial discussions. He showed the approved site plan that outlines office space and storage, explaining how the parking was calculated. Mr. Green said that the building permit dictates some of this also and the declarations do state that they have to meet town regulations. John Reese said that each unit is sealed with 5/8" fire rated drywall that meets NFPA code for business occupancy. He said there is a common attic and there will be heat detectors in the building. He said they are working on getting a monitoring system. Mr. Green stated that the current owner will use two of the units for his own business and there is one contractor interested in two other units. He asked for a conditional approval based on there being no problems with the condo documents. Stan Prescott noted that the 250' Shoreland Protection line is not shown on the plan. Mr. Green said that he could put it and the buffers back on the plan.

Steve Jackson spoke about understanding the different uses under the town's definitions of commercial uses. He said the site plan as presented did not limit to non-retail. He said as a real estate agent he looks at this as ten units of real property and he sees any changes such as a closet or bathroom as building permit issues, not Planning Board or fire department. Mr. Jackson said he is not sure that the Board has any control of uses based on zoning and the way the site plan was approved. Steve Ives said that it was built for specific uses. Stan Prescott said the owner needs to look at and know what is allowed and if converting to anything other than that they would be looking at a change of use. John Reese clarified that any use other than those approved would need to bring the entire building to standard for the hazard being created. He used an auto body shop as an example, stating that they would have to have a spray booth with a suppression system. Stan Prescott asked if the fire department puts this into writing to developers. Mr. Reese said they do to a point. He explained the process of how a set of plans is reviewed when brought to them by a developer.

Henry Huntington said he understands the concerns but feels that what was approved by the Board and what can be enforced is whatever was approved for uses. He said he is not clear on that, noting that it can be quite broad based on permitted uses in that zone. He said the Board has potentially approved any permitted use for the zone and he is not sure they can do more than that.

Mr. Prescott said that he feels the Board has to get on the same page with the fire department. Mr. Huntington pointed out that the site plan has already been approved. Mr. Prescott said how the building is constructed dictates what it can be used for. Henry Huntington said that is code enforcement, not Planning Board. Donna read from the minutes of July's meeting where the applicant talked about housing office and storage space, some units having a second floor. That was the only discussion of uses found in the minutes. Stan Prescott said that it was his recollection that contractors such as plumbers or electricians were mentioned. He said anything above that type of business would require a change of use. Tom Dow agreed. Gary Tasker said they would be pretty limited under the permitted uses. Steve Jackson asked if it would be as simple as putting a covenant in the deeds or something in the condo documents. He said there is some enforcement with the condo association but his concern would be that a buyer would find out after the fact that they cannot use the unit for their business. Roy Merrill suggested that the Board could put conditions on it, relative to what it was determined to be rated to be. Donna read from the September meeting minutes about a letter from the fire department being required. Gary Tasker suggested that the occupancy could be determined by the fire code and parking. Stan Prescott recommended that the documents go to town counsel at the applicant's expense. Jeff Green said it could be tied to the original site plan.

Steve Jackson asked John Reese to explain what he said earlier about a potential owner having to upgrade the entire building to meet code if they were to change the use. He said this would affect nine other owners, possibly inconveniencing them with construction upgrades. Mr. Jackson said they could possibly plan for maximum uses and ratings. Gary Tasker asked if something could be inserted into the documents. Stan Prescott said they should be consistent with the initial site plan, meeting the parking planned and business originally thought to be approved. He said he has a pretty good handle on what was intended for this building, offering the example given during earlier hearings of a plumber with an office and warehouse. Tom Dow said they would have to go to the fire department if the use was different from what presented and they could be sent to the Planning Board if need be. Mr. Green explained that the parking calculations from the original site plan were based on proposed uses. He again read the calculations from the site plan approved in September. Henry Huntington said the uses could be any one of the uses listed in the Zoning Ordinance for this district, noting that leaves a wide range of possibilities that may not fall into the category intended with the site plan approval. He suggested that Mr. Mayer be asked if these issues can be put in the condo documents. Mr. Green pointed out that the site plan has already been approved and built. He said the uses have been approved and this application is not changing anything but ownership.

The following points/questions will be reviewed and/or posed to town counsel:

Can we restrict beyond what the site plan was approved for?

Based on discussions of the site plan what can be done there?

Clarification of what was approved/does parking meet that?

Review fire code documentation for uses approved by fire department

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to January 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at this building; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Board Discussion:

Huckleberry Heating Oils, LLC — Chairman Dow gave an overview of the project that was before the Board in October and November. He reminded the Board that the approval was given on the condition that a letter was needed from the fire department. The chairman informed the Board that, after the approval was given on November 19, 2010, the fire chief told the applicant that they have to put in a cistern. He stated that the applicant had a fire analysis done. Chairman Dow told the group that a memo was sent from the Planning Office to Chief Burr asking for data on how he came to the decision to request a 15,000 gallon cistern. He said the applicants also requested the information in a similar letter to the fire chief.

Firefighter Reese stated that the data came from a document that was furnished by the company that did the fire safety analysis for Huckleberry Heating. He said this information was documented in a letter that Chief Burr sent to the applicant as well as the selectmen and planning office. Mr. Reese said that the fire analysis gave a recommendation of 750 gallons of water for ten minutes and there are 6,500 gallons of water available in town if all of the trucks got on the road at the same time. He noted that there are three full-time staff and they cannot guarantee that they will be available at any given time. Mr. Reese said that the 15,000 gallon cistern would give the coverage recommended with one truck responding. He said he went to Les Cartier at the State fire marshal's office and had the analysis reviewed. Mr. Reese stated that Mr. Cartier said it does not cover the need for engineered plans and items that Mr. Reese requested. He said the document was not received by the fire department until after the Board gave the approval. Chairman Dow said that the Board was repeatedly told by the applicants that they were working with the fire department.

Steve Jackson said that he did a timeline of the applicants' process through the planning and zoning boards. He stated that the applicants went to the ZBA in September and were before the Planning Board in October and November. Mr. Jackson noted that the fire department was given notice and packet information for each of those meetings. He said there were no representatives of the fire department at any of those meetings. Mr. Jackson said that there had been a letter received from the fire department with regard to another matter on the October agenda but nothing about this application. He added that a brief memo was received from the fire department in November stating that there were no questions on any of the agenda items. Mr. Jackson said that he could not understand why the matter of the cistern did not come up until after the final hearing. Mr. Reese explained that they did

not have the fire analysis until after that hearing. Several members of the Board questioned why the fire department had not been in attendance or inquired about the application when they saw that it was for two 30,000 gallon propane tanks. There was lengthy discussion about what took place with this application and what the Board would like to see from the fire department and code enforcement on future applications. Mr. Reese said the bottom line is that this system will require a 15,000 gallon cistern through the authority having jurisdiction and the fire chief. Henry Huntington said that the letter from the fire department was the Board's last line of defense and they cannot change what has happened through the process. He said that condition was specifically put on the approval. Mr. Huntington said that all agree that things should have been done differently but the fire department sent a letter as requested, they said no, and now the applicant needs to do what the fire department is asking. The members agreed to have the applicants come back before the Board. They will be notified with the explanation that a letter from the fire department requires them to install a 15,000 gallon cistern and they must show where it will be located and be approved by the fire department. Abutters will be notified that the application remains on the agenda and related costs will be covered by the Planning office.

A zoning workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Donna will check on the availability of the barn and send reminders.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there are three applications before the ZBA this month; one is for fuel storage tanks at the store in the village, one is for ESMI soil application at Pleasant View Gardens, and one is for a special exception for a driveway in the side setback on Piper Hill Road.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that the following items were on the agenda:

Road blockage complaint on Berry Road
Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club wants to put a bridge over Bee Hole Brook at Wiggins Road; they were told to talk with the landowner.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. was made by Stan Prescott; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

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Chairman Dave Powelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman Dave Powelson, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, Howard Pearl, George Saunderson, and Alternates Jim Venne and Jonathan Huntington

John Reese was present to represent the fire department.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Hearing — George Saunderson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2009; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

Site Visits — Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of site visits done on December 5, 2009; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

DISCUSSIONS

Roy Merrill recused himself from the discussions involving building permit extensions.

Roy Merrill, building permit extension — Mr. Merrill submitted a letter asking for an extension of building permits numbered 06-018 and 06-019. Chairman Powelson asked if these are the first extensions requested on these permits. Mr. Merrill said it is the second request. Howard Pearl asked what year the permits were issued. Mr. Merrill said they are 2006 permits that were issued in 2008 due to the permit waiting list. There was some confusion on the permit numbers and lot numbers to which they correspond. There was discussion about properties with a building permit having an additional \$30,000 added to their assessment. It was suggested that property owners should receive a refund of the additional taxes paid because of the building permit if extensions are not going to be given. George Saunderson stated that the Board has been fairly agreeable to granting extensions for one year and sometimes a second year. Howard Pearl asked who is notified of these requests. Chairman Powelson explained that it is an administrative process and does not require notification or public hearing. Mr. Pearl asked what the pros and cons would be of multiple extensions. Dave Powelson explained that the basic premise when there was a waiting list was that it would be unfair to keep one on the books when others could use it. He stated that due to economic changes there is no longer a waiting list for building permits. George Saunderson said that he could see the con of three or four extensions being that there would be a large number of houses being built in one year. He said he has no problem with extensions of a year or two. Mr. Pearl said that he does not see why there is a fairness issue with no waiting list if they pay extra taxes, noting that it is the permit holder's choice. He said if they can turn the permit in and get a reduction in their taxes then

that is also their choice. Chairman Powelson asked Mr. Merrill if one year is enough of an extension and if he still plans to build. Mr. Merrill said a year would be sufficient and he plans to build if he can sell the lot. *Howard Pearl made a motion to extend building permits #06-018 and #06-019 for twelve months; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.*

(Administrative Assistant note: Research after the meeting determined that the permit numbers should be #09-001 [instead of 06-019] and #09-014 [instead of 06-018]. Records have been changed to reflect the correct permit numbers)

Cecile Merrill, building permit extension — A letter was submitted by Mrs. Merrill requesting an extension of building permit #08-023. This is the second extension of this permit. *Howard Pearl made a motion to extend building permit #08-023 for twelve months; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

Ned Lizotte arrived at this point of the meeting.

Wayne Thistle, building permit extension — A letter was received from Mr. Thistle requesting an extension of building permit #09-026. Mr. Thistle was present and stated that this is the first request on this permit. *Howard Pearl made a motion to extend building permit #09-026 for twelve months; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

Roy Merrill returned to the table.

Jeff Sydow & Ann Norman-Burke — Mr. Sydow explained that he currently operates an auto repair shop on Route 106 in Gilmanston. He said he is interested in buying a lot on Route 106 in Loudon (Map 66, Lot 2). Mr. Sydow noted that there is an existing house on the lot and asked if that could be used as a caretaker house or mixed use with an auto repair shop. Chairman Powelson referred to Section 206.3 B of the Zoning Ordinance where the auto repair shop use is permitted by special exception. Howard Pearl pointed out the requirement of a minimum of two acres in the C/I District for such uses. It was noted that the lot has the required frontage but not the full two acres. Ms. Norman-Burke asked if a variance would be required. George Saunderson asked if they would be looking for setback reductions. There was brief discussion about the required setbacks. Chairman Powelson pointed out that the right-of-way for Route 106 is a lot wider than the pavement. Mr. Sydow stated that they measured from the centerline, noting that there is a metal fence that appears to be the edge of the right-of-way, and there is room for a building without encroaching on the required setbacks. Ms. Norman-Burke asked if the Board would be receptive to auto repair and sales in that area. The chairman stated that a special exception is the

applicant's right and is not as difficult to get as a variance. He noted that there will be changes to the variance language effective January 1, 2010. Ms. Norman-Burke asked if a survey is necessary should they decide to apply or if a hand-drawn sketch at that point would be sufficient. Roy Merrill said that they would not need a survey for this portion of the process. He explained that they would need more detailed plans when they go to the Planning Board for the site development review once they receive ZBA approval. George Saunderson said that they should count on two meetings with the ZBA, noting that the Board would want to do a site walk.

Mike Milligan — Mr. Milligan stated that he was inquiring about doing auto reconditioning and used auto sales at the corner of Village Road and Route 106 (Map 20, Lot 58). Chairman Powelson noted that this is a two acre lot and appears suitable for commercial use. Roy Merrill asked if the access would be off Wales Bridge Road. Mr. Milligan said that it would be but he was also going to approach the State about access off Route 106. Mr. Powelson noted that this is an odd shaped lot and that the setbacks could be an issue. Ned Lizotte referred to another proposal that Mr. Milligan had talked about doing on this lot. He said that proposed use would have required more parking spaces so this use may fit better. Mr. Powelson noted that this lot could be in an aquifer region and there might be a concern of the use's affect on groundwater. Jon Huntington asked if there would be one, two, or three bays and a car wash. Mr. Milligan said he was thinking two bays for reconditioning of used cars. Mr. Huntington asked if they would be selling cars on this lot. George Saunderson asked to clarify if Mr. Milligan was proposing to take in cars to detail for customers. Mr. Milligan said that they might do some detailing for customers but it would mainly be reconditioning cars that they pick up and then sell on the lot. There was discussion of other similar businesses in the area. Chairman Powelson suggested that Mr. Milligan look closely at the required setbacks and apply for a special exception for the use. It was noted that this is a corner lot so would have to meet setbacks on multiple sides. There was discussion about the proposal and it was agreed that the use is permitted by special exception and the applicant would have to prove to the Board that they can meet all of the requirements.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

#09-20, Pleasant View Gardens/New England Flower Farm — ESMI Soil Application, Map 6, Lot 3. Abutters were notified; none were present. Jonathan Huntington stepped down from the table. Henry Huntington represented Pleasant View Gardens. This application was continued from the November meeting. Howard Pearl

stated that the tour given to Board members on December 5th was very informative. He said he believes what was asked for at the site walk has been covered in a letter recently received from ESMI. Ned Lizotte discussed some of the questions that were asked at the site visit. He said guidelines have been given in the letter from ESMI. Mr. Lizotte said that the letter gives documentation of the actual plan should there be any questions. He noted that there are two RSAs mentioned in the letter that also appear in the town's Zoning Ordinance. The reference numbers have been updated and should be addressed with a zoning amendment as a housekeeping measure so that the Zoning Ordinance reflects the correct references. Howard Pearl said that he feels that the applicant and the letter from ESMI have satisfied the Board's questions. *George Saunderson moved to approve the application; seconded by Ned Lizotte.* Howard Pearl asked if any restrictions from the letter should be incorporated into the motion. Mr. Saunderson said they could include some of the guidelines but he felt it is fairly clearly outlined as long as the letter is part of the file. Jim Venne said that he had no concerns with the application. It was agreed to leave the motion as stated. *A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes Unanimous — APPROVED.*

#09-22, Brenda Clark — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 22, Lot 48. Abutters were notified; none were present. Abutter Stacy Lane viewed the application and plan prior to the meeting and had no concerns. Abutter Joshua Sheehy viewed the application and plan at the Zoning Office and then submitted a letter stating that he and his wife Lara have no objections to this application.

Ms. Clark explained that she is trying to sell this two acre lot. She said there is a noticeable wetland and she hired a wetland scientist to delineate the wetland. The purpose of this request is to place the driveway in a location that avoids going through the wetland. She explained that she wants to make the lot more sellable by having an approval for the driveway in the setback already in place. Chairman Powelson asked if she specified a specific distance on the application. Mr. Clark said that she did not specify a distance for the reduction. She said she talked with the road agent about the required driveway width. Howard Pearl asked if this would be near the neighbor's house. Ms. Clark stated that it is ten to fifteen feet to the neighbor's driveway from the boundary line and their house is beyond the driveway. She said the road agent told her that 30' would be needed at the road for turning purposes but then the driveway could be narrower from there into the prop-

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erty. Roy Merrill asked if this should go through the wetlands board because it is in the wetlands setback. Dave Powelson referred to the requirements of the wetlands overlay district. There was a review of the wetland map and the buffer requirements. Ms. Clark said that a house would not be a problem with the buffer; the driveway is the main concern. Jim Venne asked if there is standing water. Ms. Clark said it is more like wet soil than a pond. Jon Huntington stated that the wetland specialist's report pretty much tells that it would be a permitted use and not impact the wetlands in any way. He said it is almost a man-made wetland due to runoff from Piper Hill Road. Ms. Clark talked of water runoff from other lots and the road. She said a diversion was built prior to her owning this and the abutting lot in the mid 1980s. She explained that water from this lot feeds through a hole in a stonewall between this and the abutting lot. The water goes through a culvert on the other lot and into a pond on that lot. Howard Pearl suggested that the Board ask the Conservation Commission for an opinion. Chairman Powelson referred to buffer requirements in the Zoning Ordinance, noting that the Board has to give the Planning Board and Conservation Commission thirty days notice before making a decision. Ms. Clark said that Dan Geiger walked the property with her and offered some advice. She said the town has considered this to be a buildable lot and potential buyers want to know that for sure. Ned Lizotte and George Saunderson suggested doing a site visit. Mr. Saunderson said that it would be ideal to have the Conservation Commission there at the same time.

Chairman Powelson asked if a second application would be necessary or if the wetlands impact could be added to this one. Roy Merrill said that he did not see why the Board would need a second application as long as they got a letter from the Conservation Commission. Howard Pearl said that it seems to be part of this application and the reason for the special exception. Mr. Powelson said that they will need a number for the amount of the setback reduction. Mr. Merrill said that the Conservation Commission would help determine that. Ms. Clark stated that she could have the wetland specialist attend the site visit as well. A site visit was scheduled for January 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Per Section 301.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Health Officer will be notified of the application and site visit. *Howard Pearl made a motion to continue this application to the date of the site visit and then to January 29, 2010 for further deliberation; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

#09-21, Red Hat Realty — Special Exception for Underground Storage Tank, Map 20, Lot 24. Abutters were notified; none were present. Dan Plourde was unable to be present as he is out of state. This application was continued from the November

meeting. Firefighter Reese spoke about the fire codes (NFPA 30A and NFPA 17, chapter 9.8) that would have to be met for this project. He said that the project will have to be designed and installed to those codes. Mr. Reese said that the applicant would also have to meet NFPA 101 Life Safety because of the mixed use of the building and its location. Engineered, stamped drawings will be required. There was discussion of the requirements for the fire department and what the applicant's plan is for the property. The applicant will be asked to contact Firefighter Reese with the proposed tank location and size so that he can further research the codes.

George Saunderson asked if it would be a problem if the Board granted the special exception and then the applicant decided not to do the project based on all that is involved and required. He wondered if they should wait on granting the special exception. Roy Merrill said that has never been done. He explained that the approval stays with the property and it would be up to the applicant, Planning Board, and State to decide if the project can meet all of the related requirements. Dave Powelson said that the applicant has to meet the current NFPA codes. He noted that the applicant has not asked for relief of setbacks. Mr. Merrill stated that the pumps currently exist and do not need setback relief. He said the setbacks mentioned by Mr. Reese are NFPA requirements, not the town's setbacks. It was noted that a gas station is not a permitted use in the Village District. There was discussion about the amount of time that has passed since the property was last used as a gas station. Jim Venne said he felt if the pumps had been pulled out this would be considered an abandoned use but since the pumps are there he feels nothing has been discontinued. Roy Merrill said that he does not see that it is the job of the ZBA to close down an existing business or use. It was noted that the business was in operation, the current owner is in the process of renovation, it would not be a discontinued use, and it is a store and gas station together. Mr. Merrill said that the applicant still has a State permit to sell gas, making it fairly clear that the use was not discontinued. Ned Lizotte said this would be a grandfathered use that was part of the transition of the sale of the property.

Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the special exception for tanks up to 20,000 gallons, noting that the project will have to meet NFPA code when the time comes to replace the tanks; seconded by Ned Lizotte. Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application. Howard Pearl stated that the applicant is not changing the use of the site. He said that the applicant is responding to today's economy and wants to be able to bring in more fuel at one time. Mr. Merrill said he feels the upgrade in tanks would be an improvement. Jim Venne said that he has no problem with the application, noting that it is a moot point if the applicant does not meet the NFPA codes. Jon Huntington spoke about having to have

an environmental specialist involved when they pulled tanks at Pleasant View.

A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes Unanimous — APPROVED

BOARD DISCUSSION

Chairman Powelson noted that the terms of Roy Merrill and George Saunderson run through town meeting in March. Donna will notify members of the dates for filing for candidacy.

Jon Huntington spoke about his concerns of the proposed used auto sales lot that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Deadline for the March issue of The Loudon Ledger: Friday, February 12, 2009

Please note that both Planning and Zoning Minutes are DRAFT minutes, i.e., they have not been approved yet. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning Office after their monthly meetings (798-4540).

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	1 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	3 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Historical Society	4 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	5	6
7	8 7:15pm•MVSD School Board Mtg. @ MVHS 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	9 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	10 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES	11 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY PTA-sponsored Sock Hop @ Elementary School	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY	16 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5:30–7pm•Ninth Grade Transition Informational Mtg. @ Elementary School 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Legion & Auxilliary	18 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	19 LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2010 ISSUE MID TERM 3	20
21	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.	23 9–12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Richard Brown House 10:30am•Movietime @ Library “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	24 2pm•Movietime @ Library “Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian” 6:30pm•Rec. Com. @ Library	25 10–2•Open Craft-time @ Library 2pm•JO Cate Van @ Van Garage 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	26	27 9–1•Book and Girl Scout Cookie Sale @ Library 10–2•Farmers' Market at Cole Gardens in Concord 11–3•Recreation Committee's Winter Carnival @ the Village Rec Fields
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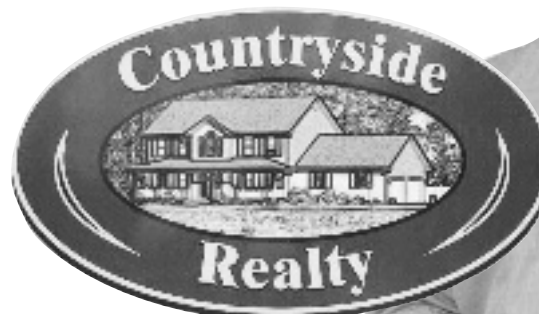
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