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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.

After the Fire: Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church Update

By Debbie Kardaseski with information from Beverly Rafferty and Daniel Flynn

On June 12, 2005, Loudon was hit by severe thunderstorms. At some point during the early evening hours, lightning struck the Town Hall/Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church, starting a fire that eventually destroyed the roof, a portion of the steeple, the vestry and ceiling on the second floor, the downstairs kitchenette, and the attic. Rapid response by area firefighters kept more severe damage from occurring.

Since then, the building has been "buttoned up" with plywood and tarps, awaiting restoration and repair. Through the last five or six months, many people have asked, "What is happening with the repairs?" The building has sat on the hill, a reminder of the triumph of the firefighters — but also a reminder of work still to be done.

Before addressing that question — and it's an important one — I'd like to offer a history of the building. Its status is interesting and, although it may seem odd elsewhere in the country, its dual purpose (church and state) is fairly common in New England. It was this dual purpose that contributed to delays in repairs because there are two insurance companies involved: the Town's and the Church's.

In the beginning...

The Town of Loudon constructed the building in 1779. At that time in history, it was common for town meeting halls to be used for both town meetings and town-supported religious services. The cost of building the hall was usually met through town appropriations



This undated photo shows the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church before the June 2005 fire. Note the lettering on the front for "Loudon Town Hall" is missing at this time.

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www.loudonnh.org

by Rodney Phillips

When is that Planning Board meeting? Is the housing development down the road on the agenda for review? Is the Town Clerk's office open Tuesday evening?

The answer to these and many other questions can be found on Loudon's web site — www.loudonnh.org. The Loudon Communications Council has long wanted a web site where residents and visitors to Loudon can find answers to common questions, find out when meetings occur, and even view the minutes of meetings.

Loudon's web site has been up and running since Summer. The Council has been working to add information important to you, the residents. Over the next few months we need your help to keep the site up-to-date and thereby increasing its value and usefulness to everyone.

Keeping any web site up-to-date can be a time-consuming task. This is especially true for web sites that contain information which is necessarily obtained from disparate groups, committees, organizations, and departments. Loudon's web site definitely falls into this category. With this in mind, the Council has worked to develop a web site that contains important information, presents it in an easy to read and navigate format, and allows for easy maintenance.

From within the site, the user can navigate to virtually any part of the site in one and no more than two mouse clicks — all town committees, boards, organizations, and departments can be reached with a single mouse click. Not sure where a document with information about a committee is located? A search feature is available on the Home page. Simply type in one or more words and documents matching those words will be displayed in



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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.

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tuesday evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

Monday: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tuesday: 3 p.m.–9 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–3 p.m. • Tuesday evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

Tuesday: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Police Department

Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Monday–Friday: 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

Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter Hours)

Tuesday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thursday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer Hours)

Saturday: 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

Monday–Friday: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Monday–Wednesday: 1–9 p.m. • Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

798-5203 (Mondays only) to schedule a ride.

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

Open most Wednesdays from 2–3 p.m. or for emergencies.

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

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 Judy Merrow, chairperson of the Council, 783-4467. ■

Classified Ads Policy

A 2–3 line, 1 column ad will cost \$10.

A 4–5 line, 2 column ad costs \$15.

“The Loudon Ledger” 2006 Schedule

January 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 12/19
February 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/20	Council Meeting: Mon. 1/23
March 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 2/20
April 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 3/20
May 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/14	Council Meeting: Mon. 4/17
June 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/19	Council Meeting: Mon. 5/22
July 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/16	Council Meeting: Mon. 6/19
August 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/14	Council Meeting: Mon. 7/17
September 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/18	Council Meeting: Mon. 8/21
October 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15	Council Meeting: Mon. 9/18
November 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/13	Council Meeting: Mon. 10/16
December 2006	Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/17	Council Meeting: Mon. 11/20

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

Advertising: Terri Barton — 783-9123 / BARTONBOYS@peoplepc.com
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Where to Worship in Loudon

Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034
Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evenings: 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Women's Group: 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Young Men's Group: 7:00 p.m.



Faith Community Baptist Church

334 North Village Road
Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4522

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Winter:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Sunday: 6:30 p.m.

Sept.–June Friends Program: 3rd–5th
grade students. Wed. 6:30 p.m.



First Church of the Nazarene

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307
Ph: 603-224-1311 / Fx: 603-225-6356
phyllysh@nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays:

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided
for Infants and Toddlers. Kinder-Church
(Preschoolers and Kindergarteners).

Children's Church (Grades 1–6)

First Sunday of each month is monthly

Family Dinner: 12:00 p.m.

Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

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

Comparative Religion Study: 7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays:

DIVORCECARE: 7:00 p.m.

Marie Ross (783-4480)

Ladies Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Other:

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

Please call the church office for details: 224-1311.



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 • 798-4339

pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Sunday: 6:30 p.m.



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

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and/or funds raised from the sale of pew privileges.

The original structure was 2-1/2 stories with an entrance in the gable end and in the roadside wall. The interior was one large, two-story room with box pews on the main floor. The three-sided gallery also held pews.

Initially, Loudon's town hall was shared with the local Congregational Church. In 1792 and again in 1810, a local Methodist Church and a Freewill Baptist Church asked to use the building, but their requests were denied. In 1823, the Freewill Baptist Church was finally allowed to use the building. By 1839, the Congregational Church had built its own structure, leaving the Freewill Baptist Church as the only "co-user" of the meeting hall.

In 1847, the Baptists considered building their own church, but instead they agreed to extensively renovate the existing building.

Before the 1847 renovations, the town held a special town meeting where a committee reported the Baptists proposed they be given the use of the upper part of the meetinghouse for their services, with privileges granted in the lower part of the building for entry and a stairway. The town would be given a passageway through the entry to the first floor, which would continue to be used as a town meeting hall. The Town and the Baptist Church would share equally in the cost of repairing the exterior of the building. This agreement is still in effect!

Historical information is not clear on these renovations but the changes would account for some of the anomalies in the current building such as the "pillars" on the front going only part way up and the double walls on the first floor found during the fire. The building originally had a balcony inside and the roof was raised to accommodate a full second floor. The stained glass windows were added, as well as the bell tower, although there was no bell until 1878. The metal roof was added in 1916 and the fire escape from the second floor was built in 1982.

Other renovations accomplished at this time included: lightning rods; a new entry in the southeast gable end; three other entries were closed off; the old main entry porch was removed; and pilasters and pediment cornices on the southeast gable end were installed. At some point after the second-floor renovations were completed, vertical posts were added to the first floor to support the second floor, tie rods or turnbuckles were added, and additional framing and vertical supports were also added on the first floor to support the additional weight.

As time went on...

On Sept. 5, 1990 the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places, under the U.S. Dept. of the Interior National Parks Service.

Currently the Church occupies the second floor but uses the first floor and kitchenette for its suppers and other church functions. The Town continues



We have lift off!

The spire, belfry, bell, and steeple were removed on a cold and windy November 30, 2005.



Touch down!

The spire, belfry, and steeple sitting on the ground awaiting repairs. The bell was placed behind the building and will be moved elsewhere for safekeeping.

to use the first floor to vote, as it has since 1779.

Until 1981, the Town offices were located in this building. Through the years, the Town and the Church have continued to share in the cost of various renovations and upgrades. In May 2003, the \$74,566.66 cost of refurbishing the steeple, bell tower, and spire were split, as were the cost of a new furnace in 1990, foundation repairs in 1996 (\$7,500), and painting (\$14,400) in 2004.

The steeple renovations, though expensive, were probably what saved the building during the fire. If this work had not been completed, the entire steeple probably would have fallen through the roof and the whole building would have gone up in flames.

And now...

If you've driven by the building recently, you've probably noticed the steeple, belfry, and spire have all been removed. Early in November the Selectmen and Baptist Church leaders contracted with Steve Fifield to begin the necessary work to make the building weather tight. Fifield did the 2003 refurbishing of the steeple structure and was the logical choice to do this work. He

specializes in the restoration of historic buildings and is well known for his high-quality work.

Fifield suggested a structural engineer inspect the remaining roof and rafters in order to determine exactly what the extent of the damage was. The Selectmen and Church agreed and a structural engineer was hired at a cost of \$6,000.00. A separate contract was signed for the removal of the steeple (\$19,000) and, on November 1, a contract in the amount of \$218,500 was signed to take care of the exterior structural reconstruction.

Estimates for the remaining interior work still need to be obtained. It was felt that, given the approaching winter, it was most important to close the building off from the elements. It seems unlikely we will be voting in the Town Hall in March. That is most disappointing, as Loudon has voted in that facility since 1779 — a statistic few towns can match.

The Loudon Ledger will continue to keep you updated on the project. Every few months we'll run photos of the work being done. This project is a wonderful example of how a 225-year relationship between "church" and "state" continues to work. ■

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order of relevance (the more word matches a document has, the higher it is in the rankings).

Each group, committee, board, organization, and department in the Town of Loudon has a page on the web site. Each page can have Documents and Forms, a list of Events, current Board Members, Frequently Asked Questions, and web Links. For example, the Board of Selectmen's page contains the Building Facilities and Rental Agreement for town facilities. There is no need of making two trips to the Town Office (one to get the agreement and one to submit the completed document). Need to meet with the Selectmen? The Frequently Asked Questions section provides information on how to do that. The Selectmen, Planning, and Zoning Boards are now putting most of their meeting agendas and minutes on the web site. Have you ever wondered what is on the Zoning Board's agenda in a couple of days? Miss a meeting and want to know the outcome of an application? Now you can find it on the web site.

The Council has a goal of being able to update the web site quickly and easily. This is accomplished with a custom Content Management System (CMS). The CMS allows a Council representative and selected town employees to update the web site content literal-

ly in minutes. For example, when minutes are completed for a Planning Board meeting, it only takes a couple of minutes and the document can be uploaded to the web site. In fact, the entire content of the web site is stored in a database. Every page is generated dynamically when the user navigates to the page. This allows the web site to reflect recent changes without the involvement of the web site designer.

The web is increasingly becoming a way for organizations and people to communicate. In the case of the Town of Loudon, a well-designed and current web site keeps people informed and up to date of events happening in the Town. The home page on the web site provides users with a quick overview of the events happening within the next two weeks, a list of common town phone numbers, and some of the recent document uploaded.

The Council needs your help. If your organization, committee, board or department has not provided us with information for your page on the web site, we would encourage you to contact us. Questions you fre-

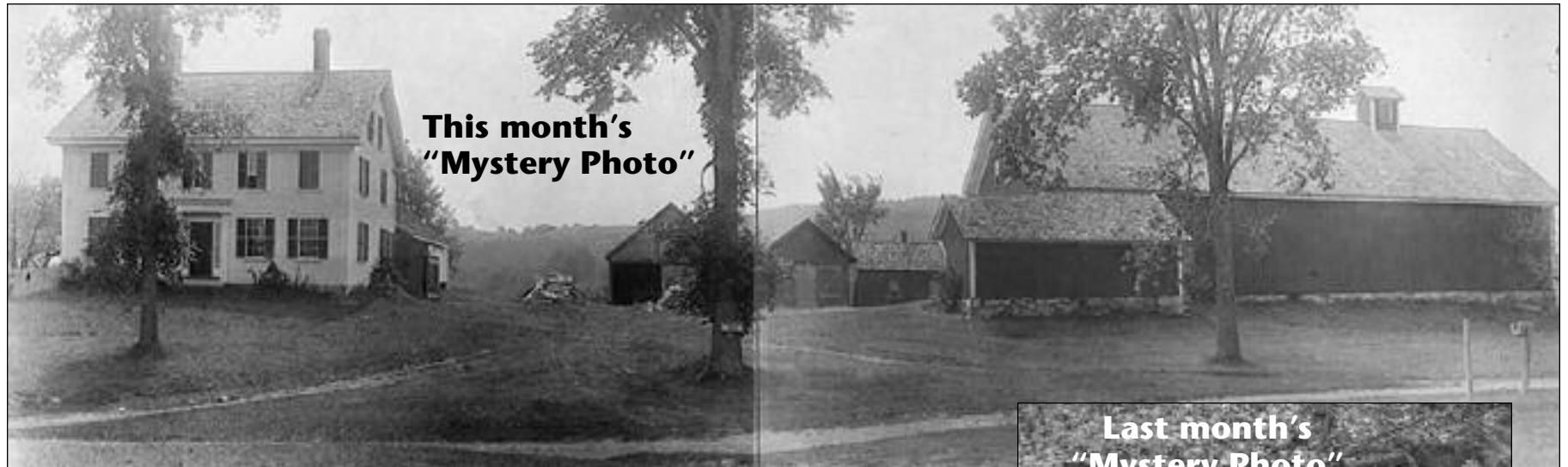
The screenshot shows the 'The Loudon Communications Council' website. At the top, it says '2005 Meeting Calendar'. Below that, there's a table with columns for 'Event', 'Time', 'Location', and 'Web'. The table lists several meetings throughout the year, including 'Regular Meeting', 'Special Meeting', and 'Board of Selectmen Meeting'. Each row provides specific dates, times, and locations for these events.

quently receive from the public should be added to the Frequently Asked Questions. Your meeting dates and time, when added to the calendar, will encourage more public involvement.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Council members. ■

A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse



The mystery photo for last month is going to remain a mystery! All attempts to gather information have come up short on this one. The granite foundation is located on Batchelder Road. If you have information and can share the details please give me a call and any updates will be included in this section. Thank you to Tina Rattee for providing this true mystery.

Let's see if anyone can figure out this month's mystery photo. If you think you know where this photo was taken and would like to guess, just contact me, Amanda, by e-mail at jaelmasse@comcast.net or by calling 783-0227. Please call and share the details as the more information I receive, the more interesting the mystery becomes!!

I need to hear from you if you have photographs that would be of interest to others in town. It doesn't have to be a home, it could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it. If you feel that your area of Loudon has not been represented in this section, dig up some photos and give me a call!!! ■



Let Loudon know what your organization is doing! Send your meeting information to *The Loudon Ledger* for addition to the Calendar on page 27 or your articles to be included in upcoming issues. See page 2 for contact information.



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

Happy New Year to All!

I would like to thank all the participants in our 5th Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive which was held on November 29, 2005. There were a total of 81 donors with 8 first time donors. A total of 77 pints of blood were collected! This success would not be possible without the help of the many volunteers. Thanks goes to John Plummer, Brenda Pearl, Muriel Ford, Terry Barton, Deb Kardaseski, Tammy Williams, Bonnie Theriault, Emily Hunton, Nicole Morin, Samantha French, and Barbara Parent along with Troop 2356 Girl Scouts, Lorraine Duprey, and Marjorie Schoonmaker and Tamara Chalifour (hopefully we didn't forget anyone!). A special thank you goes to Janice Morin for all the coordinating, scheduling, preparation, and fine tuning of this event.

Again, thank you to all the residents that brought us baked goodies during the holiday season. We especially love seeing the little ones that return year after year to give us these goodies and thanking us for what we do. This makes our job all worthwhile!

I continue to remind you to be extra cautious traveling during inclement weather. If a roadway is posted at a certain speed, it does not mean it is a prudent and reasonable speed for the conditions. Please slow down.

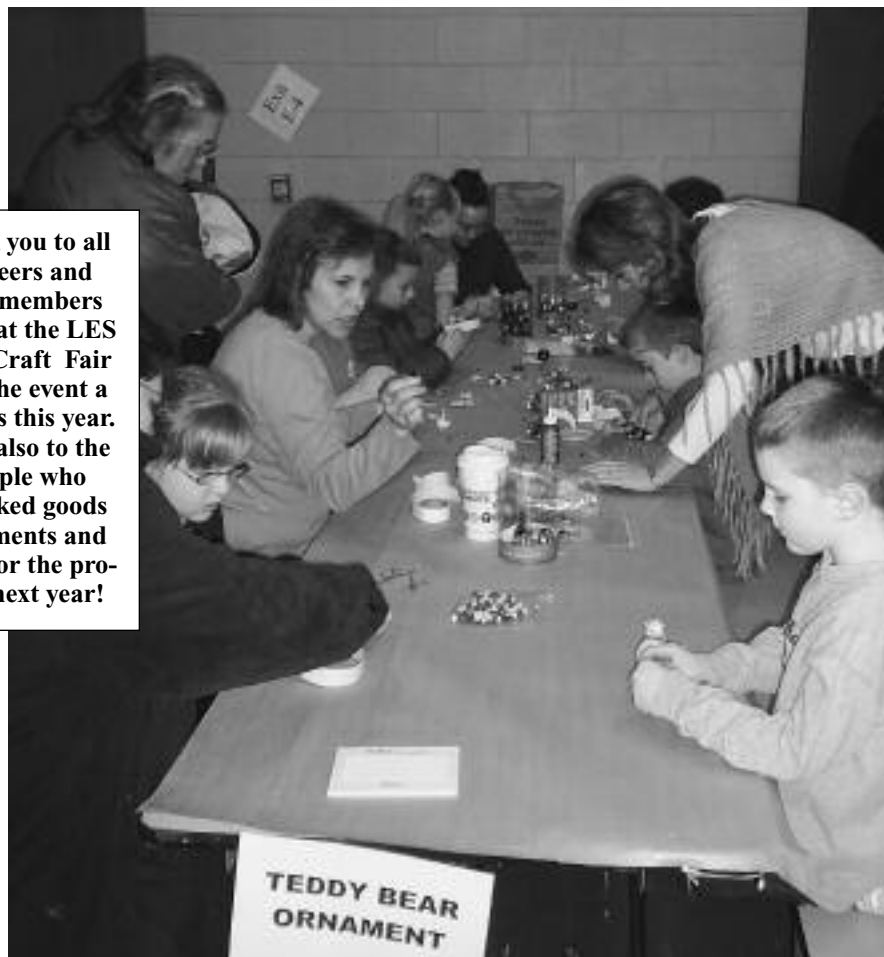
From all the members of the Loudon Police Department, we wish everyone a Happy New Year! ■



LES Christmas Craft Fair Full of Fun!



A big thank you to all the volunteers and committee members who helped at the LES Christmas Craft Fair and made the event a great success this year. Thank you also to the many people who donated baked goods for refreshments and craft items for the projects. 'Till next year!



**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2006
LOUDON LEDGER: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005.**

**NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
COUNCIL: MONDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 6:30 P.M.
AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

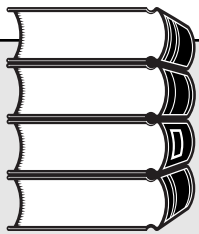
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Dale Gregory

Children's Room Update

We don't often have a chance to be part of something bigger than ourselves, something that lives on long past our own lifetime, something that both endures and changes with the times.

A public library does all that and more. And our Library, having endured and improved for close to a century, is about to be transformed once again thanks to the support of so many good people in Loudon.

With only 750 square feet of space, the original building served the Town until 1996. By then it was virtually a book vault that you squeezed through, with narrow aisles and tables covered with books that wouldn't fit on the shelves. Completing the addition we now use was the first phase of a plan for expansion.

The Library strives to offer resources on par with towns of similar size. Over the past ten years, the number of books and other materials has increased to bring us closer to our final goal. Opening the new Children's Room on the lower level of the building will complete the project and utilize almost 2,500 square feet of space. Creating more room for children's materials will have a ripple effect. On the main level of the Library, space will be open for larger selections of books — fiction, nonfiction, and large print —

books on CDs, DVDs, and music CDs. On the lower level, we will gain a multi-purpose room for meetings and craft programs and a listening room for music enjoyment.

Construction has moved ahead with the help of volunteers. The Library gives sincere thanks to the following hard workers who have donated many hours to the project: Jane Merrow, Troy Cowan, Phil Nadeau, Kenelm Doak, Bernie Meunier, Ed Epp, Herb Huckins, Nancy and Bob Hendy, Sandy Blanchard, and Bob Mann.

The generosity of a number of caring people has allowed the project to keep going. The Library appreciates the way people have come forward to help. Gifts have ranged from a child's \$2.00 weekly allowance to \$5,000.00. Some donors have given in installments, as they were able. The names of individuals, civic groups, and businesses that have given so generously will be featured in a special spot in the Children's Room. Fund-raising events and direct donations have brought in more than \$25,000.00 so far.

Although the work won't be completed, the Library plans to start using the Children's Room in the first part of 2006. Funds are still needed to purchase computers, a copier machine, tables, chairs, shelving, circulation desk, cabinetry, countertops, bathroom fixtures, display case, and audio equipment. Donations are always welcome. Every little bit helps. For details, please call 798-5153. ■

Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Story Times and Scavenger Hunt

With the holidays past and the long winter settling in, you'll find this a good time to get your little ones out to story time. The children will continue to explore the works of Jan Brett through January as they enjoy some of her classic winter stories and make snowy crafts. On Thursday, January 5th, and Monday, January 9th, they will hear *The Mitten* and make a mitten craft. *The Hat* will be the featured story on Thursday, January 12th, and Monday, January 16th. The children will make gingerbread babies and hear *The Gingerbread Baby* on Thursday, January 19th, and Monday, January 23rd. Finally, on Thursday, January 26th, and Monday, January 30th, the children will hear *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

Look for new releases for adults to enjoy as well. Recent additions include: *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly, *Predator* by Patricia Cornwall, *A Million Little Pieces* by James Frey,

Mary, Mary by James Patterson, *Blue Smoke* by Nora Roberts, *A Wedding in December* by Anita Shreve, and *At First Sight* by Nicholas Sparks. Please call the Library at 798-5153 to have your name added to the reserve list of any popular new title. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 1–9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

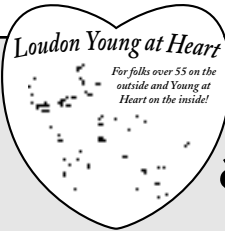
Library Scavenger Hunt

Get to know the Maxfield Library better as you find the answer to this question:

Don't drop this one on your foot! An unabridged version of the *Oxford English Dictionary* has 20 volumes. Look in the Library's *New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* to find the last word defined in the "z" section. Give your answer at the Circulation Desk. Good luck! ■

Photos of the Children's Room in progress:





Loudon Young at Heart

Our December 13th meeting was our annual Pot-Luck lunch. We always have a nice variety of dishes prepared by our members, and this year was no exception. We had forty members and three guests present to enjoy the bounty.

Three poinsettias were donated by D.S. Cole Florists for door prizes which were won by Pat Ordway, Jack Rice, and Dick Malfait.

We had a welcome addition to our Christmas Carol sing-along with the presence of Kathy Labonte Lafaro. She sang for us, and with us, in conjunction with Roger Dow on the organ. Don't we all wish that we could sing like she does? We thank her immensely.

The donations of food items that our group made to the Food Pantry were helpful in allowing 40 families to each receive a Thanksgiving basket. Henry and Betty sent us a sincere thank-you card for our addition to the cause.

Our program for the January 10th meeting is "Show and Tell." We have had this program several times, and it has been quite varied in its often unique and always interesting topics. Our members are encouraged to participate. We are always receptive to whatever interests people may have.

On February 14th, we plan to go to "Food for Thought" in Belmont for lunch. Of course, we're assuming that our charming, delightful New England weather will not prevent us from doing this. Remember that twelve inches of snow one day in December?

Whenever the Merrimack Valley School District closes schools due to weather conditions, we will cancel our meetings also. ■

Maxfield Public Library

Dear Library Supporter,

After years of planning and anticipation, the Maxfield Public Library is ready and eager to complete the lower level for the much-needed Children's Room. In 1995, when the library addition was constructed, the lower level was designed to be used as the children's area. Loudon is growing, as well as the children's book collection, and the time has come to use this 2500 square foot space.

Proposed plans will provide:

- child-friendly environment
- youth computer stations
- quiet listening room for using audio cassettes/CDs
- craft and story time area
- elevator for wheelchair and stroller accessibility

Added benefits for the entire library will include:

- more shelving space for both adult and children's books
- larger areas for non-print materials (videos, DVD's, book/music CDs)
- room for material storage and processing
- additional space for programs and meetings

How can you help?

To complete the new Children's Room, we need to raise \$100,000. The Maxfield Public Library is looking for tax-deductible gifts ranging from \$1 to \$100,000. Please make your check payable to the "Maxfield Public Library Children's Room Fund." For more information, contact the Library Director, Nancy Hendy, at 798-5153.

Thank you!

With your help, we look forward to creating a magical place for the children of Loudon.

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Helping Those in Need: Blessed Hope Food Pantry

Many people are not aware that there is a food pantry in town to help those in need. The Blessed Hope Food Pantry is located on 30 Chichester Road here in Loudon. The food pantry stocks mostly non-perishable food items but has some perishable items as well as toiletries and paper products. Recently the pantry began accepting clothing donations for families in need. The food pantry proudly serves individuals from Loudon as well as other surrounding communities. Currently 31 families are being helped and the pantry averages a distribution of between 700–1,200 meals each month. Over 40 boxes were filled this year and delivered to families this Thanksgiving.

The Blessed Hope Food Pantry would like to thank those who have donated. Items are donated from many different sources. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Young at Heart have all held food drives as well as the Loudon Elementary School's annual Turkey Trot canned food drive. Churches, local farms and individuals also contribute to the pantry. The USDA and the Manchester Food Bank are also sources of food. Donations are always graciously accepted, if you would like to help with donations, please call or drop them off at the pantry on Wednesday or at 237 North Village Road.

The food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 2:00–3:00 p.m. However if you are in urgent need of food, please call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost anytime at 783-4540. Please remember that distributions are confidential. If you need help, please don't let pride get in the way as everyone needs a little help at some point in their lives. Be sure to call we are here for you. ■

Happy Hill 4-H Starts a New Year

The Loudon Happy Hill 4-H Club began its new year in October 2005. The club elected new officers: Caitie Sittig, *President*, Charles Aznive, *VP*, Heather Gray, *Secretary*, Bridget Aznive, *Treasurer*, Rachael Howell, *Chaplain*, and Carly Colby, *Reporter*. Congratulations!

Happy Hill 4-H also welcomed new members: Elizabeth Drago, Erin Barrett, Morgan Kenney, Emelia Campbell, Haley Gagne, Sarah Silveria, Tianna Vanderwoude, and Melissa and Kenneth Chaput.

At Merrimack County Honors Evening in September, Heather Gray won the Alice Thompson Award and Charles Aznive won the "I Dare You Award." At the Happy Hill Achievement Night in November, club members received their prize money for Hopkinton Fair entries.

Since October, the 4-H club has been busy selling cookies and candy bars. We completed Thanksgiving and Christmas craft projects. Ongoing projects include practicing for the Horse Quiz Bowl competition and sewing mittens for the less fortunate as part of a Citizenship project.

December brings holiday fun at our annual Christmas party and Secret Santa gift swap. In January, new club projects will include sewing and cooking.

Happy Hill 4-H always welcomes new members and we meet the first Monday of the month at the Legion Hall from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Please note that the January meeting has been changed to January 9 because of the New Year's Day holiday. For more information on Happy Hill 4-H Club contact Liz LeBrun at 783-4671. ■

Help us Beat the Winter Blahs...

Are you a consultant or sales representative for Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Creative Memories, Mary Kay or any of a number of other home party companies? If you are, contact Samantha French at 783-4601/harvestmoon@aol.com to add your business card to our special "Beat the Blues" page in the February issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. We will feature your ad, together with others, and encourage people to contact you to schedule an event and "beat the winter blues." ■



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It's Cookie Time!

Yes, it's that time of year again! Girl Scout cookies can be ordered beginning Friday, January 6th, 2006. The boxes are still \$3.50, and one new cookie is being introduced this year. The new Café Cookies will replace the Double Dutch. Like the shortbread cookies, the Café Cookies are thin, wafer type cookies with a hint of cinnamon. All the other cookies remain the same: Thin Mints, Samoa's (coconut/chocolate), Tag-a-longs (chocolate peanut butter), Do-Si-Dos (peanut butter oatmeal), Trefoils, Lemon Coolers, and All-Abouts (shortbread with fudge bottom). Buying cookies from Loudon Girl Scouts helps support not only the individual girl, but also her troop. Be on the lookout for a Girl Scout!! If you can't find one (or one doesn't find you), call Michelle Drago at moofns@comcast.net or 783-4685.

Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300

By Amanda Masse

The girls of Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300 are continuing to have great fun. We finished our first Brownie Try-it called Puppets, Plays and Dolls. To earn this award the girls made bag puppets, glove puppets, yarn dolls and created a play complete with scenery performed to the others in the troop. We have begun work on our next two try-its which are Science Wonders and Making Music. For the science try-it the girls have completed several experiments including making a bubble solution, experimenting with skim milk and lemon juice, growing our own crystals and the science behind static electricity. Our troop was very successful with the fall product sale and we look forward to the start of Girl Scout Cook-

ie time! As a troop we helped sponsor a family in need donating winter clothing. We also held a troop Christmas party and made some great crafts. We are looking forward to our evening of fun with a pizza party and Glow Bowling to start off the New Year. The girls will be participating in the Loudon Cookie Kick-off night and have several girls attending the Council-wide cookie rally in Manchester in January. The girls of Brownie Troop #300 are just getting started and looking forward to a great 2006!

Brownie Girl Scout Troop #45

By Michele Holbrook and Linda Elkins

Troop 45 is now working on their next Brownie Scout Try-It "Make It-Eat It." The girls made sculptures with edi-

ble dough, planted rosemary for them to grow, and are putting together a troop recipe book. Also as part of this try-it they had to bake something with an adult's help, to the benefit of the LES staff and teachers who received the baked goods as a thank you for being our meeting space sponsor. They are having fun and look forward to our upcoming events and activities.

Upcoming events include: World Thinking Day where girls celebrate Girl Scouts around the world, the 3rd annual Loudon Cookie Kick-off, and a sleep-over at the YMCA in Goffstown. We are also in the process of ordering t-shirts for every Loudon Girl Scout. We are looking for local sponsors...is your business interested? Your company name will be printed on the sleeves of the shirts! Call Barbara Parent at 783-9719 for more information. ■



MCCA – GO – FIGHT – WIN!

By Kris Tripp

It's show time for the MCCA Cheerleaders! January 7th will be the official start date for our basketball game participation. We are looking forward to seeing our friends and family at the games to cheer us on!

The Kindergarten spirit squad, sponsored by MB Signs has been practicing each Thursday at the Loudon Elementary School and they are looking fine! We hope to see them cheering for the Loudon girls third / fourth grade basketball team.

The 1st grade spirit squad sponsored by Mullevey Electric has been practicing on Wednesdays after school at LES. They will be cheering at the Boscawen

Elementary school for the Mullevey Electric third/fourth basketball team.

Our Second grade squad and Third/Fourth grade squad sponsored by ANB Fire will also be cheering in brand new uniforms for the Brookside Pizza Basketball team at the Boscawen Elementary School. We are also hoping to participate in our first competition this year in Concord at the Capital City Tournament. The Capital City Tournament will take place on Sunday, February 5th.

The fifth & sixth grade spirit squad will be routing for the boy's fifth/sixth Rivco basketball team. These games will be taking place at the MV Middle School. Last but not least, our 7th/8th grade spirit



squad is going to rock the house this year! The new uniforms look great. They will be cheering at the Penacook Elementary school and will also be participating in the Capital City Tournament as well as the Pembroke Tournament.

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

Loudon Youth Athletic Association

By Kris Tripp

January Board Meeting Agenda, Scheduled January 24th

Want to make Loudon a better place for your children to live? Become a member of the L.Y.A.A! The L.Y.A.A. will be holding their annual meeting to nominate and vote for open positions on the board. The agenda will include:

- Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Soccer Commissioner
- Amendments to the LYAA by-laws

Any one who wishes to nominate a person for an open office must be pre-

sent at our January meeting. You don't have to be a board member to participate! Come to our meeting at the Maxfield Public Library on January 24th at 7:00 PM and find out what is happening! We look forward to seeing you there!

New! Youth Referee Program

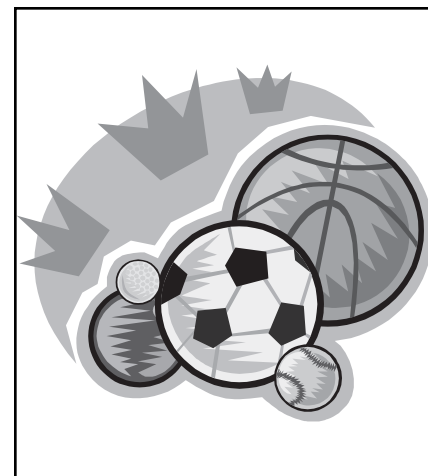
The LYAA is putting together a program for youth referees! The program will involve a weekend training session with indoor and outdoor activities. We hope to have the training session this spring. If you are interested in this program, please contact our Soccer Commissioner, Colette Garside: 783-9255 or e-mail: colgarside@comcast.net.

Loudon Baseball Needs Your Help!

A message from David Meeken, Baseball Commissioner

In preparation for the upcoming baseball season, L.Y.A.A. will be holding a meeting on Wednesday January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library. We will be trying to fill board positions for the 2006 season as well as discussing possible goals for the baseball program.

There are many board positions available representing a wide range of responsibility and commitment. If you are interested in helping to improve the baseball program in Loudon please plan on attending. Questions or inquiries please contact David Meeken,



phone: 798-5266 or e-mail: dkameek@comcast.net

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library. Our January meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00. We hope to see you there! ■

Build A Healthier Lunch Box With Your Kids

By Alicia Grimaldi, Certified Holistic Health Counselor at "Affirm Your Health, Affirm Your Life"
affirmhealth.com

I hope this finds everyone happy and well in the New Year! I've heard from many of you who took on the water challenge. Way to go! It's amazing what you can do as a family around one healthful conversation. Keep up the great work! This is the time your children are most impressionable and you should feel really good about helping them to create healthful habits that will last them a life time.

For many the New Year is a time of new beginnings and New Year resolu-

tions. Often we make personal goals like, "this year I'm not going to take on so much" or "I'm going to the gym every day" or "I'm going to lose that 20lbs I've wanted to shed." Sound familiar? The important thing to remember about resolutions if you want to be successful is they need to be realistic. Start small. Once you reach your goal, pat your self on the back and set another goal. This way you can gradually create new habits that can last a life time.

What about one or two New Year resolutions as a family? When you're taking on a challenge with those you love it's a whole lot easier. This way you have a built in support system. Family just won't let family down. "We can do this!" We all know old habits die hard, but you can create new ones just by taking that first step.

Does this seem like a daunting task? Don't let it be. Get your family together and share your idea for a healthier new year. Go ahead, just try. You will be amazed what your kids come up with and you'll find out more about what really concerns them regarding their health and yours. They may suggest you watch too much TV and do not spend enough time together as a family. A possible goal may be to go for a walk after dinner rather than turning on the TV. I can hear you — start small, pick one night a week when your together and do something active that's fun, such as going for a swim at the Red Roof Inn, a snow shoe around the door yard, or sledding down Church Hill. Give this priority in your life — it will make a difference in your lives, in your health and well being.

I'm confident you and your kids will come up with lots of ideas, but here are a few more just in case. Set specific

goals depending on what works for your family. Remember, you want to be able to reach your goal. Once you have reached your goal, go ahead and celebrate and talk about your next challenge.

1. Take the water challenge — start by drinking water when you wake up in the a.m.
2. Eat more fruits and vegetable a day — if your only eating one, then go for two.
3. Eat less junk food — find a healthier alternative to your favorite junk food.
4. Get more exercise — purchase odometers (inexpensive) and see who can walk the most miles in a week. Kids are really up for this challenge.
5. Spend more time together as a family — create a family fun night once a week.

I hope these suggestions are helpful to all of you. Please find time to play, to be happy, and healthy. Wishing you all a healthful and happy New Year!

If you have any questions regarding this article or have suggestions regarding future articles, please email me at affirmhealth@yahoo.com.

Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

If you enjoy seeing wildlife, living in Loudon is a special treat! On any given day, it is possible to see a moose or see and hear a multitude of birds year round. New Hampshire is the host for more than 450 species of fish, mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles. A variety of insects and marine animals are also part of our wildlife heritage.

In an effort to make the Loudon Ledger a paper for all ages including our younger readers, the LCC would like to feature an animal that you might see in Loudon and we encourage you to read this section with your child. The animal featured this month is the white tailed deer — a very common sight in Loudon any time of the year.

The white tailed deer is the official state animal of New Hampshire! In the winter months, the deer will turn a grayish brown color. Deer are so common that many people don't realize the species has some interesting attributes. For instance, **a white-tailed deer can run up to 36 miles per hour**, jump up to eight feet high, and leap up to 28 feet forward. As a gardener, I will make sure my fence is nice and tall this next year!

Deer are herbivores — an herbivore eats plants. They like to eat grasses, flowers, new leaves, buds and shoots of trees, fruit (like apples), nuts and acorns, and farm crops like corn. In the winter, deer will feed on woody vegetation, including the twigs and buds of birch, maple, and many conifers. The New Hampshire Fish and Game department does not recommend that you feed deer during the winter. This will actually make deer more vulnerable to starvation, predators and disease.

Deer are primarily nocturnal but may be active at any time of the day. They often move to feeding areas along established trails. They usually bed down near dawn, seeking concealing cover. Deer are also good swimmers. The winter coat of the northern deer has hollow hair shafts, which fill with air, making the coat so buoyant that it would be difficult for the animal to sink should it become exhausted while swimming.

For more information about the white tailed deer, visit these fantastic websites: www.wildlife.state.nh.us/, www.nhptv.org/kn/wildnh/wildnh5r.htm, www.nhptv.org/natureworks/white_taileddeer.htm


If you are interested in learning more about New Hampshire wildlife, the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is a fantastic NH resource. For more information, visit their website at: www.nhnature.org. The center re-opens in May and is one of the best exhibits in New Hampshire for children (and adults too!). Facts for this article were obtained from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept. and New Hampshire Public Television website listed above.

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



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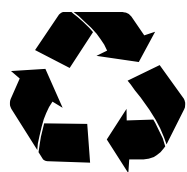
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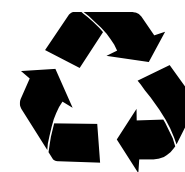
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Loudon to Hold Backyard Compost Bin and Kitchen Pail Sale for Earth Day 2006



Tired of seeing all of those kitchen leftovers from preparing meals and snacks get thrown out in the trash or eaten by critters in your makeshift composting bin in the backyard? Here's your chance to turn those scraps into a rich soil amendment.

As part of Earth Day 2006 celebrations, the Town of Loudon Recycling Committee is participating in a statewide backyard composting bin sale. Through March 20, 2006, a home compost bin and how-to guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be pur-

chased for only \$35. The bin is black, has a 10-year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 35" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five.

A smaller container, The Kitchen Pail, designed for kitchen organics, is also available this year for only \$10. This beige oval shaped pail with tight-closing lid has a 7-1/2 liter capacity and accommodates the shape of dishes making it perfect for mess-free scraping.

It's estimated that 25 percent of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps which can be easily composted. Loudon residents can save money for every ton of waste they compost because it is not shipped out of town for disposal.

Contact Alex Colflesh @ 783-8028 to learn more or obtain an order form. All proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase recycling bins for the Town of Loudon to use at special events such as Old Home Day and Town Meeting. ■

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Loudon Small Business Looking to Make Big Impact in Africa


On Wednesday, November 16, 2005 two hundred houses in the Ebute-Metta area of Lagos, Nigeria were destroyed due to an unattended fry pan filled with oil. Unfortunately, this is so common that Divisional Police Officer Mr. Kayode Turner described the incident as *minor*! Jeffries Emergency Management Associates (JEMA) hopes to change that mind set.

JEMA, owned by Darlene Jeffries, is a public safety-consulting firm. Darlene's husband Bob is president and emergency planner. Bob and Darlene are long time residents of Loudon and run their business out of their home on Lower Ridge Road. They succeeded in receiving an appointment as consultants to the State of Lagos, Nigeria in emergency management matters in September of this year. Their task is to rebuild the fire service in the state of Lagos by locating fire trucks and equipment to be sent to Lagos, training the fire fighters from the state fire service, performing a feasibility study of the fire service and the communications system and developing a fire/emergency services program for the youth in order to give the youth a positive activity to keep them off the streets and train them in a career oriented occupation which could lead to their employment as fire fighters and emergency medical technicians for the state of Lagos. This is a huge undertaking due to the poor existing conditions of the fire service. Lagos, Nigeria has a population of approximately 16 million people and is very similar to New York City in it being an ocean port and commercial center of Nigeria. Unlike New York, it has only 400 fire fighters and one working fire truck among its eight fire stations.

When asked why they would want to attempt such an impossible mission and how they hoped to accomplish it, Bob's reply was, "It's a God thing." He continued, "Darlene and I have been blessed beyond measure by God. We are close to retirement and we want to spend our years left giving back and helping people. Yes, this is a daunting task and some may say impossible but Darlene and I have seen God do the impossible many times. He is leading this project and tells us what to do. God has a heart for the Nigerian people and their country. He simply chose us to be used by Him to help minimize their suffering due the horrors of fire, homelessness and poverty."

Bob Jeffries is currently a state employee working for the Department of Safety, and has twenty years experience between emergency management and the fire academy. Darlene Jeffries is currently an Assistant Manager with Wal-Mart and has extensive experience in business management.

Their company JEMA is a partnership classified as a disadvantaged woman-owned small business. ■



Loudon Elementary School News

Ski Program

30 students and parents will enjoy skiing and snowboarding this winter at Gunstock on Tuesday evenings.

Instrumental Concert

Family members will enjoy an Instrumental concert on January 30th at 6:30 PM. The concert will be led by instructor Elaine Hashem.

Important Dates

No school on January 16th — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 27th — Marks close for report cards

Construction Update

Currently the Merrimack Valley School District is in the process of finalizing the architectural plans for all the buildings that will have construction. It is expected that a contractor will be in place by the end of January. The actual construction for the addition to Loudon Elementary is anticipated to begin in the early Spring, with heavy involvement during the Summer months.

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

Next Deadline: Friday, January 20, 2006.
Communications Council Meeting:
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| * Games and refreshments | * <i>And more...</i> |

Final information will be available in the February *Ledger* and in brochures around town.

Loudon Recreation Department Spring Schedule

February 11th	1-4 pm Winter Carnival
March 11th	Bus Trip to the New England Flower Show
April	Family Candy Bar Bingo
May	Possible day trip to NYC (subject to interest)

More information will be available in the February *Ledger* regarding prices and times of the bus trips. Contact Becky Osgood 798-3361 with any questions.

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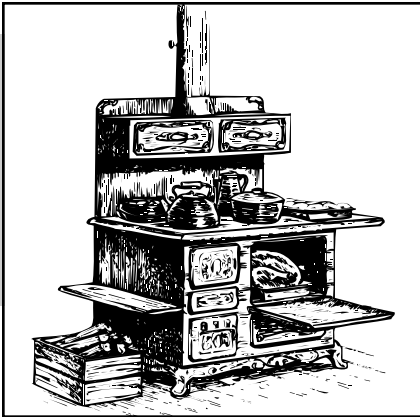
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What's Cookin'! Recipes from Loudon kitchens...

This month: Comfort Food

January is only mid-Winter but many people are ready for "comfort food" not far into the month! Our recipes this month are sure to warm you up on cold Winter days. Cooking with the kids is also a wonderful way to keep them entertained on those "snow days."

NEXT MONTH: February means Valentine's Day and that means chocolate! Send us your most decadent chocolate recipes. If you have a special recipe that your sweetie particularly enjoys, share it with us. You may email your recipes directly to the *Ledger*: debbie@debbiekgraphics.com, or mail them to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. We look forward to hearing from all of Loudon's great cooks.

PARMESAN CHICKEN — From *The Gourmet Cookbook*

One of the things that can be dispiriting about skinless, boneless chicken breasts is that they lack the luscious contrast between crisp golden skin and moist, tender meat. Not here. We use English muffin crumbs and Parmesan to make a coating for the chicken. This is classic comfort food without too much fat. The chicken can marinate in the mustard mixture, covered and refrigerated, for up to 2 hours.

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 6 small skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (scant 2 pounds total), rinsed and patted dry
- 1-1/2 English muffins
- 3/4 cup finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

Special equipment: parchment paper

Put a rack in middle of oven and preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Whisk together mustard, vinegar, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl. Add chicken, tossing to coat well. Pulse English muffins in a food processor until finely ground. Add cheese, butter and remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper and pulse until well combined. Transfer to a shallow dish or pie plate. Dredge chicken one piece at a time in crumbs, coating completely and pressing gently so crumbs adhere then transfer to baking sheet. Bake until golden brown, and cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes.

HOT CAROB DRINK — From Alicia Grimaldi

Here is one of my favorite comfort food recipes. I love this after being outside playing in the snow or to put in a thermos to take on snowshoe treks. It is deliciously chocolatey without the added sugar or caffeine and the honey gives it the perfect sweetness.

In a small saucepan, combine 1 cup milk (soy, rice or almond milk is great, too), 1 tablespoon carob powder, 1 tablespoon of honey, and 1/2 teaspoon of pure vanilla extract. Heat until hot, but do not boil. Enjoy!

HUNGARIAN GOULASH — From *Betty Crocker's Cookbook*

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| 1/4 cup shortening | 2 teaspoons paprika |
| 2 lbs. stew beef | 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard |
| 1 cup sliced onion | dash cayenne red pepper |
| 1 small clove of garlic, minced | 1-1/2 cups water |
| 3/4 cup catsup | 2 tablespoons flour |
| 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce | 1/4 cup water |
| 1 tablespoon brown sugar | 3 cups hot cooked noodles |
| 2 teaspoons salt | |

Melt shortening in large skillet. Add beef, onion, and garlic; cook and stir until meat is brown and onion is tender. Stir in catsup, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, salt, paprika, mustard, cayenne, and 1-1/2 cups water. Cover; simmer 2 to 2-1/2 hours. Blend flour and 1/4 cup water; stir gradually into meat mixture. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Serve over noodles.

AFTER CHURCH STEW — From Debbie Kardaseski

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| 2 lbs. stew meat | 1 package carrots, sliced |
| 2 teaspoons salt | 2 onions, quartered |
| 1/2 teaspoon basil | 2 cans condensed tomato soup |
| 1/4 teaspoons pepper | 1 can of water |
| 2 stalks of celery, sliced | 6-8 potatoes, cut into chunks |

Cut stew meat into little cubes. Place cubes in the bottom of a 3-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with salt, basil, and pepper. Top with celery, carrots, and onions. Combine soup and water. Pour over meat and vegetables, stir to mix. Cover tightly and bake at 300° for 3 hours. Add potatoes and bake another 45 minutes.

RUM BALLS — VERSION 1 — From Dottie Mulkhey

- 8 ozs. shelled walnuts, finely ground
- 8 ozs. (two bars) German sweet chocolate, finely grated. (This can be done in a blender)
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg whites, lightly beaten
- Rum
- 4 to 6 ozs. chocolate shot

Mix together the nuts, chocolate, sugar, and half of the egg whites, add enough rum to moisten the mixture, so that it holds together to form a dough. Form balls and roll in cocoa powder or finely chopped nuts.

RUM BALLS — VERSION 2

- 1-1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs (about 50 cookies)
- 1/4 cup Barcardi, dark rum
- 1/4 cup honey
- 8 ozs. (2 cups) ground walnuts
- Confectioners sugar

Combine all ingredients, except sugar, blend thoroughly. Shape into small balls, (1" in diameter) roll in confection sugar. Store in tightly covered container.

Both recipes are excellent and will keep several weeks in containers, but I doubt they will last that long. Enjoy!

— Dottie Mulkhey

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Pre-Register for Grief Support Group

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer two eight-week Grief Support Groups: Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., February 10 through March 31, 2006 at the Centennial Senior Center, Concord, and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., February 9 through March 30, 2006 at the Centennial Senior Center, Concord. **Pre-registration is required.** Please contact Laurie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator at (603) 224-4093 ext. 2826 or lbrooks@crhc.org.

Anonymous Donor Issues Challenge Grant for Hospice House

Concord Regional VNA Hospice House Just Shy of \$1 Million Goal

Concord, NH—The capital campaign to fund renovations at the Hospice House of Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is enticingly close to its goal of \$1 million, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO. Through contributions and grants from community individuals, businesses and foundations, the campaign has raised more than \$940,000. Now an anonymous donor has challenged the community to help reach the goal. This donor will match every dollar donated up to \$5,000, resulting in a \$10,000 gift to the campaign.

"We are so pleased and grateful for the contributions given so far. In this month of awareness about hospice services, it would be fitting to complete our campaign by reaching our \$1 million goal," says DeVeau.

The \$1 million goal includes funds for renovations, the creation of the Susan McLane Memorial Garden, and funds to augment the small existing Hospice House

Endowment. The Endowment will help fund future repairs as well as community awareness and education programs about hospice care.

The Concord Regional VNA Hospice House is a 10-room residence that is open, regardless of ability to pay, to those who are at the end stage of life. The staff provides 24-hour nursing care, personal assistance, and meals. Contributions from the public help sustain the operation of the House, which is located on Pleasant Street.

In addition to individual and corporate gifts, the campaign has received grants from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, Alvin B. Cross Trust, Fidelity Foundation, Arthur Getz Charitable Trust, Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, Oleonda Jameson Trust, Parker Nelson Foundation, Sovereign Bank Foundation and Verizon Foundation, plus the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation of Philadelphia, PA.

To make a donation or for more information or a video about Hospice House, please contact Mary Reath, Development Director, CRVNA, at 603-224-4093, extension 4879, P.O. Box 1797, Concord, NH 03302-1797 or visit www.crvna.org to donate online.

Hospice House Receives \$15,000 Grant from The McIninch Foundation

Concord, NH—Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association has received a \$15,000 grant from The McIninch Foundation for its Hospice House, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO of Concord Regional VNA.

The grant funds will be used to purchase quality, appropriate art work for the resident rooms and common areas of the 10-bedroom Hospice House in Concord. The Concord Regional VNA Hospice House is a vital component of Concord Regional VNA's Hospice Program. One of only two such facilities in the state, it is a residence that is open, regardless of ability to pay, to those who are at the end stage of life. The staff provide 24-hour nursing care and personal assistance.

According to DeVeau, the capital campaign to raise \$1 million for Hospice House renovations has now received \$975,000 toward its goal. If you would like to contribute, please contact Mary Reath, Development Director, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, 603-224-4093, extension 4879 or visit www.crvna.org.

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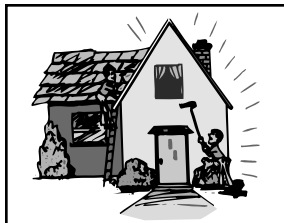


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CLEAN HOME CHAT

By Ron Stonis, Stonemark Carpet Cleaners

Oriental Rugs

Here we are now into 2006. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year for 2006; however, please remember that oftentimes it is we that must make it happen. It just doesn't come to most of us without some effort on our part. It takes planning, working, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Sometimes it means paying off those credit cards and keeping within your income level. It all amounts to hard work and discipline, but in the end your year can truly be a happy and prosperous one unless something happens beyond your control.

Some of you who are reading this article have Oriental rugs in your home. Others of you are thinking about purchasing one or two — perhaps for your living room and dining room. Oriental-style rugs add a special beauty to your hardwood floors and there are many styles and colors. But keep in mind that good ones are not cheap. Generally they are made of wool and, depending on where you purchased them, they can range from a few hundred dollars to thousands. If you are limited in your budget, then you can purchase less expensive ones, which are actually synthetic or made from something other than wool. Many are made from Olefin or polypropylene. The same can be said for many Berber carpets. Olefin is tough wearing, but rugs made from this type of fiber do

not look as good as those made with 100% wool.

Oriental rugs are also expensive to have cleaned. There is a company in Concord that cleans them, but you must be prepared to pay around \$1.26 or more per square foot. If you have an 8' x 10' oriental, then you have 80 square feet of area to be cleaned. Multiply that times \$1.26 and you have \$100.80 for the cleaning bill. They will come, pick the rug up, and take it into their plant to be cleaned and then deliver it back to your home. Or, if you cannot afford such a hefty price, there is also your *professional carpet cleaner* who can clean them *right in your home*. The average cost is between 40 and 50 dollars. I do it all the time and the carpets come out like new again. Of course your carpet cleaner must know what to use for cleaning agents when cleaning wool or he will damage the rug. Wool colors can easily bleed into the other colors if the wrong cleaning agent is used. If too much heat is used, there can also be damage. If it is over wetted, there can be shrinkage or what is known as "cellulostic browning" in light-colored rugs. A reputable carpet cleaner usually has been trained to clean these types of rugs, hence when you call him just ask him if he knows how to clean Orientals. He should be honest with you if he does not.

Rugs made from wool are extremely durable and usually out-perform all other materials. Wool is much more

resilient, cleans better, and stays clean longer. To make your Oriental rug last longer you should rotate it annually depending on how the traffic flows. Oriental rugs should be vacuumed regularly, but avoid vacuuming the fringe. Also don't forget a good pad. A quality pad should be placed under the rug to help protect it from dirt, wear, and slippage.

When spills occur, dilute the spill with plenty of water. Then blot the area from the edge of the spill towards the center. Do not rub the area. Place a cotton towel over the area and weight it down. If you spill colored drinks, you must work immediately and fast. Follow the above procedure. Ink spills must be blotted up as much as possible. If it is just a small amount, you can spray the stain with hair spray and let it

dry. Then brush with a small amount of water and white vinegar. Remove chewing gum by putting ice cubes on the gum until it becomes brittle. Then use a hammer and break it off. You can use a spot remover to remove any leftover traces of the spot.

What if you spill glue on the rug or carpet? Try using vinegar and alcohol. Saturate the spot with a cloth soaked in the solution. And what about wax? Take a brown paper bag or cotton towel and put a warm to hot iron on the bag or towel. The wax will melt into the paper bag or the towel. A steam iron is best.

If you take care of your Orientals they will last for years and can be passed down to your children for them to enjoy as well.

Take care and see you next time. ■

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Bowles, and Little.

Also present: Planning Board member Bob Ordway, Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, ZBA Chairman Roy Maxfield, David Powelson ZBA member, and Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Little moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 1, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Roy Maxfield discussed a letter received from Bob Blake regarding a parcel on Chichester Road. He discussed the road closing and right-of-way and the Zoning Board's letter stating there were a few issues with this lot being developed. He stated if the landowner is developing that lot the ZBA would want to see them regarding the CI/Residential issue and the driveway setback situation. Mr. Maxfield stated he would inform Mr. Blake and the Compliance Officer that if there is development down there beyond using that right-of-way access to the property the ZBA wants to see them. Selectman Bowles stated he recalled

someone coming into the Planning Board for a subdivision on this lot. Bob Ordway discussed the issue of properties having been subdivided in the past with the frontage going with one lot and the backland being retained with a fifty foot access. He stated the intention was that the access would be the roadway into the property. Mr. Ordway said over time the regulations have changed and the road/driveway now has to abide by the setbacks and with a situation like this it becomes a problem for the property owner. He stated he does not feel a driveway should have to abide by the setbacks set for subdivisions. Discussion ensued regarding parcels having either twenty-five or fifty feet access. Mr. Maxfield stated he felt it would call for a Special Exception from the ZBA. Discussion ensued. Roy Merrill ZBA member was recognized. Mr. Merrill discussed the approval by the Planning Board for a subdivision for this parcel within the last two years with the twenty-five foot access being on Chichester Road even though there is road frontage on Route 106. Selectman Little asked if an individual had fifty-foot right-of-way and they were going to put in a driveway for their own use would they have to meet the setback requirements. He also asked if that fifty-foot

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An Omission:

Last month's article about the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Veterans' Memorial neglected to mention that another person received a plaque of appreciation from the VFW. That person was the article's author: Roger Maxfield. Mr. Maxfield played a key role in organizing the project and kept it moving along. The VFW felt it was important that this oversight be corrected!



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Right-of-way were to be turned into a road how would it work. Mr. Maxfield stated that is the issue with this parcel, they have to put in a fifty-foot road to get to the back property and use the right-of-way to make the road. He stated the ZBA would have to look at the two properties they are trying to go in around and determine where to put the road. Selectman Little asked if the two abutters would be getting more road frontage. Mr. Maxfield stated that was a good question and it states driveways not roads and all that is required is a fifty-foot right-of-way to put a road in for a subdivision. Mr. Maxfield stated Mr. Fiske should look into what the property owners are doing on this lot and send them to the ZBA for approval.

Mr. Maxfield stated he wanted to discuss Dee Dee Maratea's request for a building permit extension for Tax Map 58, Lot #21. Chairman Maxfield discussed the possible change to the Ordinance. He stated the previous Board of Selectmen had extended building permits for hardship cases, not the current Board. He went on to say the ordinance states a foundation must be in place within one year of the issuance of the building permit in order to qualify for an extension. He went on to say he wanted to know who can issue an extension for a building permit as the ordinance does not say the Selectmen can't extend it nor does it say they can extend it. Chairman Maxfield stated he understood that Buttrick Construction would be going in and getting the foundation in place for Dee Dee Maratea. He stated if someone's building permit expires it could be three years before they could get another one issued due to the length of the building permit waiting list. Chairman Maxfield asked the Boards to discuss this at their meeting to determine if an extension should be given by Zoning, Selectmen, or Bob Fiske. Mr. Fiske discussed his concerns regarding the one year time limit for the foundation and one additional year for the house to be built. Discussion ensued regarding property owners having more than one building permit at a time as well as the requirements that have been in place for many years. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Little discussed Roy Merrill's request to replace a mobile home on Map #52, Lot #007. Selectman Little stated Mr. Merrill wants to replace the old mobile home with a new one for rental purposes. He went on to say the problem is that the old mobile home had never been connected to a well or septic system nor did it ever have a Certificate of Occupancy. Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen recommended Mr. Merrill go before the Zoning Board with this issue. Mr. Roy Maxfield agreed the ZBA should review this issue.

The Board met with Bob Ordway. Mr. Ordway discussed the Mill Pond with regards to the dam after the damage due to the recent high water. Mr. Ordway discussed the possibility of Federal money for assistance in the repairs of the dam. He reminded those present there is a plan in place for the repairs. Mr. Ordway discussed the erosion that has taken place over the years as well as the details of the plan already in place. Selectman Little explained that he and Road Agent David Rice attended the Disaster Declaration meeting at EOC and FEMA was present. He stated they were advised there is some funding in place for Hazard Mitigation for recurring issues that pop up like floodwaters. Selectman Little stated the available money would be based on a share formula of 75% Federal money and 25% local money. He went on to say it was discussed there is a possibility the 25% could be split between the State and Local Municipality but it is not definite yet. Discussion regarding the potential for damage to the bridge, dam, and roads ensued.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing for accepting the FEMA grant money in access of \$5,000.00 as a result of the January 2005 snow event.

Chairman Maxfield explained that as required by RSA 31:95 b III, a public hearing must be held by the Board of Selectmen for acceptance of unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$5,000.00 or more. Any action taken must be duly noted in the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. The Town applied for emergency snow removal reimbursement due to the storm of January 22 and 23, 2005. The Town submitted eligible expensed totaling \$14,010.78. The Town received federal funds in the amount of \$10,928.41, which represents the federal share of 75%. These funds will become part of the general fund to offset overtime expenses, equipment rental, and materials used to treat the roads. *Selectman Bowles moved to accept the \$10,928.41 FEMA Grant money from the Snow Event of January 2005. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Bob Ordway.

Mr. Ordway discussed the document that accompanies the Town of Loudon Quilt. He explained the book was with the Quilt when it was on display at the Maxfield Public Library. Mr. Ordway went on to say he has been trying to get the book since the Quilt was removed from the Library with no success. He went on to say he would like to have the Board make a request to the Library Trustees to get the book so it can be kept for historical purposes with the Quilt. Chairman Maxfield will follow up on this issue.

Selectman Bowles discussed the bridge abutment on Wales Bridge Road and asked

if Mr. Rice would address it when he meets with the representative from FEMA. Discussion regarding the bridge abutment ensued. Selectman Little asked if Mr. Fiske had checked on a mobile home on Stanleys Road relative to the flooding issues. Discussion ensued.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew was working on getting things ready for winter. He stated they are working on grading roads as they can get to them. Selectman Bowles stated there is an area on Lovejoy Road that appears to have a spring running through and it is causing water to form on the road which could potentially cause problems. Mr. Rice will look into this situation and check the ditches.

Chairman Maxfield asked about the metal pile at the Transfer Station. Mr. Rice stated the Town pays to have it hauled away; however, if the revenue for the tonnage is over the cost of the hauling fee, the Town receives the additional revenue. Chairman Maxfield discussed the issue of not allowing residents to remove any items from the metal pile. Mr. Rice stated no one is supposed to be allowed to remove anything without the consent of the Attendant. Discussion ensued regarding this issue and possible additional signage. Mr. Rice will speak with Mr. Bennett regarding this subject.

Chairman Maxfield thanked Mr. Rice for removing the flag poles at the triangle in the Village.

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

Chief Fiske stated the only item he had was the pistol permit that was signed by the Chairman.

Selectman Little asked if Mr. Fiske had looked into the setback issue for the property on Lower Ridge Road. Mr. Fiske discussed the history of the property relative to the driveway approval being issued prior to the new setback ordinance. Mr. Fiske stated Mr. Harris came to the Selectmen and requested approval to build an accessory structure on the property prior to the residence being built. Mr. Harris is on the building permit list for the new residence for 2006.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chairman Maxfield asked Chief Burr if he had any room to house the Cate Van during the winter months. Chief Burr stated they are planning on working on the Forestry Truck during the winter. He stated someone had donated a remote car starter so they could let the Van warm up and he believes someone has offered to install it for them. Discussion ensued regarding this issue. Selectman Bowles stated if there is anyway to get it in under cover that would

be great but if there is no room then it would have to be dealt with. The Board agreed the J.O. Cate Van is a wonderful program and services many Loudon residents. Chief Burr will check and see if there is any way to move equipment around at Station 2. Discussion regarding a block heater ensued.

Chairman Maxfield stated he hoped to see everyone at the Veteran's Memorial dedication on Friday morning.

Selectman Bowles stated he wanted to thank Bob Bahre for the use of the Track for the Halloween party for kids in Loudon. Bob Fiske stated the Loudon Police Department has sent a thank you to Mr. Bahre.

Selectman Bowles stated he had received a couple of phone calls regarding safety issues with trimming trees. He stated he really appreciates the Fire Department helping out. Selectman Bowles stated he has spoken with Chief Burr regarding this and would like to see the Highway Department work with them on safety gear.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board has received a request from William Taranovich, Jr. for a building permit extension for his property on Tax Map #33, Lot #36. *Selectman Little moved to deny the extension for building permit #05-019 for William Taranovich, Jr. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Little stated by denying it he can go to Zoning for a hardship extension. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of the Town's payment to Fifield Building Restoration and Relocation for advance payment of the contract approved on 11-01-05. Selectman Bowles stated he had spoken with Mr. Fifield and it is his hope to begin setup on the Town Hall by the end of this week.

The Board received information on the Community Mosquito Control seminar. Selectman Little will attend the December 2, 2005 meeting.

The Board received copies of the 2005 equalization report for their review.

The Board received a notice of a proposed administrative fine to Peter & Gary LLC.

The Board received a notice of increase on building and property insurance effective July 1, 2006.

The Board received the agenda for the November Planning Board meeting, October 24 Open Space sub-committee minutes, and the draft October ZBA minutes.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. Seconded by Selectman Little. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Bowles, and Little.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Little moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 8, 2005 with one correction to page 3, section III-a to read EOC, not DOT. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated he is working on obtaining prices for Warrant Articles for a new truck as well as the reconstruction of the paved portion of Clough Pond Road and Old Shaker Road. He also advised the Board he was still looking into the cost of a waste oil heater for the Highway Garage. Chairman Maxfield asked what the projected costs were for the items. Mr. Rice stated the estimated cost for the truck is \$107,000.00–110,000.00 and the estimated cost for the waste oil heater is \$5,000.00.

Chairman Maxfield reminded Mr. Rice of the Capital Improvements Plan meeting on Wednesday at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he would be on vacation part of next week and would not be in attendance at next weeks meeting.

Chairman Maxfield asked about the issue of the metal pile at the Transfer Station. Mr. Rice stated Steve Bennett has made up a sign and it will be posted.

The Board met with William Taranovich to discuss his building permit extension request.

Mr. Taranovich provided the Board with documentation. He went on to say he would like to have the Board reconsider his request for an extension. Chairman Maxfield stated he and/or the Board can talk with the ZBA Chairman regarding this issue. He went on to say based on the ordinance the Selectmen are required to uphold what it says. Mr. Taranovich stated he had applied for his building permit in 2003, waited two years to get it and in the mean time had some financial issues with his business expansion going over budget as well as having a terminally ill family member ask him to not proceed with building his new home so he could participate in assisting his family with the caretaking. Mr. Taranovich stated he had checked many times with a Town employee regarding his circumstances and was told not to worry as no one had been denied an extension. He went on to say he is not only a Loudon resident and taxpayer, he also con-

tributes to the Town when he can. Mr. Taranovich stated other people have been granted building permit extensions even though they didn't have extenuating circumstances and he feels that he is being discriminated against because he is virtually the first person to get denied. Selectman Little stated he disagreed with Mr. Taranovich as the Board has denied other building permit extensions for not having the foundation in place. He went on to say he realized there have been extensions granted in the past, there have been permits extended for more than one year which the lots were then sold with permits attached for profit; however, when he came on as a Selectman a month or two ago he read the Zoning Ordinance again after an extension was approved without it meeting the criteria set in the Zoning Ordinance and he since has voted against building permit extensions because they have not met the criteria. Selectman Little stated that although there have been some inconsistencies in the past; he feels it is the Board's responsibility to see the Zoning Ordinances are followed. Mr. Taranovich discussed other building permit extensions in Town. Selectman Little stated he felt Mr. Taranovich should go to the ZBA for an appeal as they have the authority to grant the extension based on hardship. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board wants to have the Ordinance changed. Selectman Bowles said the Ordinance states the foundation must be in place and with the Selectmen's denial, Mr. Taranovich should go to the ZBA for an appeal of this decision. Mr. Taranovich stated he couldn't be heard by the ZBA until December and the building permit expires December 31, 2005. He went on to say he has been going under the information he had been given from a Town employee not to worry about it as no one has been denied. Mr. Taranovich asked that the Board use discretion regarding his request because he was given the wrong information and precedence has been set. Selectman Little asked if they could request that Mr. Taranovich be placed on the agenda so he would not have to wait until December. Selectman Bowles stated due to posting deadlines, he did not feel Mr. Taranovich could be on the agenda for November. Discussion ensued regarding there being no room in the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the building permit extension for the Board to make adjustments. Selectman Little stated if the ZBA were to hear Mr. Taranovich's appeal on December 22, 2005 and grant his extension based on his hardship case, and then Mr.

Taranovich would be all set. Chairman Maxfield stated as the Chairman, he can speak with the ZBA Chairman, provide him with the paperwork from Mr. Taranovich and get him on the December ZBA agenda. Selectman Bowles stated there is still plenty of time to get on the agenda for December it is the November meeting that they are too late for. Discussion ensued regarding the requirement of the 14 day notice period. Chairman Maxfield called Planning and Zoning Secretary Tammy Davis regarding the ZBA agenda. Mrs. Davis advised him Mr. Taranovich was already on the November ZBA agenda for 7:30 PM and proper notice has been made. The Board advised Mr. Taranovich to have his paperwork with him for the meeting. Chairman Maxfield stated he would speak with the ZBA Chairman regarding this situation. The Board advised Mr. Taranovich to go over and meet with Mrs. Davis.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding Barbara Cameron's inquiry for storage of the Cate Van for the winter. Selectman Little will speak with Ms. Cameron.

The Board reviewed a letter from Bob Fiske regarding Tax Map #011, Lot #012. The Board discussed the subdivision of this property and setback issues.

The Board reviewed a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding Special Duty Pay. *Selectman Little moved to bill the Red Roof Inn for Special Duty pay for Fire Fighter Charles Byrne for a period of four hours. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding a Veteran's Credit abatement. The Board stated they are in agreement the Credit stays with the property.

The Board received the November ZBA agenda. Chairman Maxfield stated Mr. Taranovich was already included on the agenda.

The Board received a copy of the 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee from ESMI in the amount of \$25,225.72.

Selectman Little moved to forward past due ambulance bills to collection: account #30888 in the amount of \$415.44, account #29568 in the amount of \$365.00, and account #30755 in the amount of \$575.94. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield stated for the record three pistol permits were submitted for signature and review.

Chairman Maxfield stated he had given Selectman Little the contact person at Comcast so he could contact them directly with any questions or concerns he may have.

Chairman Maxfield stated Bob Ordway had asked about the historical book that goes with the Town Quilt at last weeks meeting. Chairman Maxfield stated he has spoken with Library Director Nancy Hendy.

Mrs. Hendy agreed to try and locate the book. Ray Cummings stated the book was actually a scrapbook that Michelle Paquette is currently in possession of as she is adding to it.

Selectman Little discussed the need to make some improvements to the current Town Office Building as it is deteriorating and until such time a new building is approved the current site needs to be addressed. Chairman Maxfield asked Selectman Bowles to look into this and identify what money is in the current budget as well as what items need to be addressed.

Chairman Maxfield acknowledged John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer asked about the status of the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church. Selectman Bowles stated Steve Fifield is now onsite and has been taking out the burned debris to make it safe to work inside, Thursday they are planning if all goes well to remove the steeple and bell if they can get the crane in place, and then they will start on the roof and beam structure.

Selectman Little stated the reason he is getting in touch with Comcast is due to the recent notification to EMS in Loudon that the State has started a new system of computer generated patient care reports. He went on to say while it appears to be an unfunded mandate he believes it is something that will begin either in January or March. Selectman Little stated with the type of computer system and dial up service at the Fire Department he feels there will be a considerable amount of time spent trying to generate those report to the State Fire Academy. He went on to say he felt going to a Broadband type of internet service would cut down the amount of time spent on these reports. Selectman Little stated some of the surrounding cable companies supply this service to the public safety agencies as part of the service they provide to the community. Selectman Little will contact Mr. Christensen of Comcast to see if they will provide this service. Mr. Plummer asked if this was the same service where if there is an ambulance call the information is fed onboard. Selectman Little stated it was not the same. He said the State Bureau of EMS is gathering statistical information by requiring EMS personnel to file a two page report detailing any and all treatment given to patients via computer. Discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Selectman Bowles thanked those who participated in the Veterans Day Memorial dedication. He stated the VFW deserves special thanks for all of their efforts.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Selectman Little. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
David M. Little, Selectman

Next Deadline: Friday, January 20, 2006.
Communications Council Meeting:
Monday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Community Building



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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Present: Selectman Maxfield and Bowles. Selectman Little will not be present. There were no department heads in attendance for this meeting.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 15, 2005 as written. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Majority rules, motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding a veteran's credit. Chairman Maxfield stated, the Selectmen agree that a supplemental bill will be issued for the amount of the credit.

The Board discussed meeting with the Library Trustees to review their budget on December 6th. The Board agreed that this date and time is acceptable to meet. Trustee Sandra Blanchard will be advised that this date is acceptable.

The Board discussed meeting with the assessors to review the equalization ratio report and other assessing issues. This meeting will be December 7th at 10:00 A.M.

The Board received structural engineering plans for the Town Hall from Foley and Buhl Engineering for their review.

The Board received Town Office architectural drawings for option C from Kurt Lauer for review.

The Board reviewed a letter from Pat Chagnon, Chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist regarding computer accessibility during town elections. Chairman Maxfield requested that Mrs. Chagnon be advised to include this in her proposed budget along with justification for the expense.

The Board was provided with two abatement recommendations for review.

The Board received a letter from residents of Greenview Drive regarding the status of Greenview Drive being accepted as a town road. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

John Plummer was recognized from the audience and asked for an update on the reconstruction taking place at the Town

Hall. Selectman Bowles said things are progressing and plans are underway to remove the steeple and belfry very soon. Mr. Plummer also asked about Voted Road. He wanted to know if this road was a town road all the way up through. The Selectmen agreed that it was still a town road.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
David M. Little, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, November 29, 2005

Present: Selectman Maxfield and Bowles. Selectman Little was not present.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 22, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board they Highway Crew was working on fixing truck #6 as well as general maintenance issues.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr provided the Board with information regarding a grant for the purchase of a Mass Casualty trailer for the Fire Department. The Town would be responsible to pay the \$52,000.00 up front and the grant would reimburse the Town 100% after the purchase. The Board advised Chief Burr he should check with Office Manager Jean Lee to review funding options.

The Board discussed the memo from Chief Burr regarding the winter storage for the Cate Van at Station #2 on Clough Hill Road. Discussion ensued regarding future storage options. It was discussed there is a possibility of some Town-owned land where a building could be placed to house the Van permanently.

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

Chief Fiske advised the Board the Loudon Police Department Annual Red Cross Blood Drive is again a big success. Selectman Bowles thanked the Police Department for holding this yearly event.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board discussed the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church Building and insurance questions. Selectman Bowles stated he had spoken with Steve Fifield and feels everything is going well.

Chairman Maxfield stated he had not heard from Engineer Lee Eddins regarding the status of the updated tax maps. Chairman Maxfield will follow up and contact Mr. Eddins.

The Board discussed the printing of the Annual Town Report. The Board agreed this should go out to bid.

The Board was reminded the CIP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports.

The Board received a copy of a reimbursement check from Keyspan for a service call.

The Board received a copy of an invoice from Foley & Buhl for the Town Hall contract. The Board agreed to forward the invoice to the Church Trustees and The Local Government Center for payment.

The Board reviewed a letter from Shirley Gowling regarding continued drainage problems on Berry Road. The Board forwarded the letter to Road Agent David Rice.

The Board received a written request for a reduction on an ambulance bill. *Selectman Bowles moved to reduce the ambulance bill by 50% and to have the Office Manager work with the family making the request to establish reasonable monthly payments. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the Merrimack County Budget figures for Fiscal Year 2006 and notices of public hearings.

The Board received the renewal notice from *Better Roads* magazine. The Board agreed to renew the subscription.

Chairman Maxfield noted for the record that the deadline for FEMA disaster assistance from the October flood is December 27, 2005. He noted for those present the assistance is for homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the flood.

The Board discussed the letter received from residents of Greenview Drive and the response by the Board. These letters will be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:17 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
David M. Little, Selectman

**Next Deadline:
Friday,
January 20, 2006**

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Bowles, and Little.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 29, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Little abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed the draft Winter Inclement Weather Policy. He stated it has to be formally adopted by the Board. Selectman Bowles stated he thought it had been forwarded to Town Counsel for review and comment. The Board agreed to wait for Attorney Mayer's comments before moving forward.

Mr. Rice stated he and Selectman Bowles were working on an issue with

Berry Road where a new house has been placed. Selectman Bowles stated it was at 88 Berry Road.

Chairman Maxfield stated he and Mr. Rice had viewed the area of Town-owned property where a building could be placed for the Cate Van storage. The Board agreed on the location and discussed the possibility of volunteers working to build the new building. A Warrant Article would need to be drafted.

The Board met with Conservation Commission member Dan Geiger.

Mr. Geiger informed the Board there are outstanding legal fees which were associated with the Brown family/LCHIP grant application process which fell through. He stated the lawyer's fees are in the amount of \$6,500.00 and was asking where the Board wanted to take the money from in their budget.

Mr. Geiger discussed the milfoil issue. He advised the Board the Conservation Commission and members of Rocky Pond will be holding a meeting in the Community Building on December 21, 2005 and they have invited members of the Clough Pond

Association, representatives of Crooked Pond, the Gilmanton Conservation Commission, and the Canterbury Conservation Commission. Mr. Geiger stated they will discuss ways to raise money, possible inclusion in their budget for next year as well as looking at matching grant programs. He stated currently Clough Pond is clear of milfoil as they had a volunteer watching boaters all summer, Rocky Pond has become infested with milfoil and feels

since it is a public pond, the Town's should share in the responsibility of mitigating the problem. Mr. Geiger stated he will keep the Board up to date with any information as it is available. Chairman Maxfield gave a brief history of the milfoil issue that has taken place in the past.

Chairman Maxfield asked Mr. Geiger about the legal fees from the Brown family/

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LCHIP grant. Mr. Geiger said the Conservation Commission would determine which budget line the legal fees would come out of.

Selectman Little asked about any available funding from NH Lakes Association. Mr. Geiger stated he had spoken with a representative from NH Lakes Association who has advised him the funding sources are limited. Discussion ensued regarding citizen participation.

The Board met with David Pelissier of 97 Berry Road.

Mr. Pelissier stated he has concerns regarding the condition of the road left by three building projects in the last five months. He stated it seemed as no one was policing the projects and the road keeps getting torn up. Mr. Pelissier stated Mr. Knowlton had some logging done in July and with that the road got torn up. He stated he had left messages for Bob Fiske and a message for the Selectmen regarding the condition of the road and never got a return call. Mr. Pelissier stated he did receive a call from Selectman Bowles today. He went on to say the road had been blocked for a couple of hours last week when a house was being placed on a lot. He discussed safety concerns and asked what the Town would be doing to fix some of the problems. Chairman Maxfield stated once the building construction is completed they will work on cleaning up the road in that area. He stated Mr. Rice is continuously working on Berry Road and will continue to work on the area. Mr. Rice stated he and the Town Engineer have gone out and reviewed the area. He stated due to the amount of work to be done, it will have to be done in stages. Mr. Rice stated they have to protect the pond due to runoff and deal with drainage issues as well. Mr. Rice stated DES is also involved in working on this area. Mr. Pelissier stated he was concerned about who was policing these people causing the problems and felt it was not up to the Town to have to go back and clean up after them.

The Board met with Library Trustees Sandra Blanchard, Herbert Huckins, and Philip Nadeau to discuss the proposed budget for FY 2006–2007.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board has reviewed the Library's proposed budget which appears to be up approximately 8% over last year. He stated one issue is the Library Director's salary. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board has not decided on the cost of living increase for Town employees yet. Selectman Little stated it appeared the Library Director's salary has an increase of approximately 32%. Mr. Huckins stated Mrs. Hendy has been employed by the Town for 20 years; she has the equivalent of a master's degree and supervises a minimum of 10 employees. He stated she is working as a professional and is not necessarily getting professional wages. Mr. Huckins stated if she were to quit, the Trustees would have a hard time hiring a new director for the current wages. He also stated Mrs. Hendy does not cost the Town for health insurance. Mr. Huckins stated for those reasons the Trustees have decided to make this increase. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would have to discuss this issue. Selectman Little stated it appeared that the Library wages in the past few years have been consistent with the rest of the Town. Ms. Blanchard stated if they continued to follow that pattern, then Ms. Hendy's salary would never get to where they feel it should be. Mr. Nadeau stated they knew that it was a significant increase. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board determines the final budget information after they meet with all the Department Heads. It was discussed that Mrs. Hendy does not actually have her master's degree

because she would have to go out of State in order to complete it, she does have an equivalent to the master's degree based on NH requirements. Mr. Huckins stated for the Children's Librarian the figure for this year is \$26,520.00. Last year the budget was for this position was for only a half year. This year it will be for the full year. He stated the part-time employee figures do not appear to have a big change as not all of the part-time employees will be getting raises this year as they got them last year or the year before. Mr. Huckins stated the Children's Librarian was paid from the part-time wages for half of the year we are currently in. He stated they can go back and determine what the figure would be without the cost of living allowance for the part-time employees not getting the increase. Selectman Little asked what qualifications the Children's Librarian had. The Trustees stated they were not sure. Ms. Blanchard stated Mrs. Gregory has been taking classes in Library Science and she thinks that she has a bachelor's degree. Mrs. Gregory has been doing story hour and all the children's programs. The Trustees stated some of the increases are for increased fuel costs, electricity, etc., associated with higher prices and the use of the Children's room. Mr. Huckins stated the increase for books and reference materials go along with the opening of the Children's room. Chairman Maxfield stated the cleaning line for all the departments is getting higher and maybe the Town should consider having its own janitor. Selectman Bowles stated there are a lot of increases due to the Children's room and asked when this area would be open to the public. Ms. Blanchard stated they hoped to have it ready by the beginning of the year. She said they are waiting on the carpet to come in. Ms. Blanchard stated they are in the process of doing a fundraiser. Selectman Little asked about the millwork issue. Ms. Blanchard stated it was very expensive and that they will continue to do the fundraising. She stated the charge desk is over \$8,000.00. Mr. Huckins stated they have some shelving they would use temporarily but they need to put in some more appropriate shelving for the children. Selectman Little asked at what point the Trustees would be coming to the Town for additional money for the children's room. Ms. Blanchard said not this year. Mr. Huckins said they will try and go forward with the fundraising and see how far it will take them before they come to the Town.

Chairman Maxfield asked about the building maintenance line for brick repairs. Ms. Blanchard stated it was for the brick repair for the front steps. She stated they have talked with three different people and asked the Board if they had anyone they could suggest. Chairman Maxfield suggested Skip Riel on Currier Road as he worked with John Rice on the Veteran's Memorial.

Chairman Maxfield asked about the elevator maintenance costs. It was stated that this cost is associated with the elevator contract.

The non-print line item was discussed. The Trustees stated this line has seen a large increase in use.

The \$4,000.00 computer line was discussed. Mr. Huckins stated there would be two computers downstairs in the children's room, one for the circulation desk and the other for the children's librarian. He stated at some point in the future there would be computers for the public's use. Mr. Huckins discussed the network hookup for the internal networking as well as the internet network. Selectman Little asked about the internet service. Mr. Huckins stated Comcast donated internet service to the Library.

Ms. Blanchard discussed the collection maintenance fund. She stated due to the

expansion of the children's room there is a need to increase the book selection. The Board discussed the current budget figures as well as the figures requested. Mr. Huckins and Ms. Blanchard discussed the purpose of the collection maintenance fund. Selectman Bowles stated he felt there were increases in other line items where the new books will be purchased from and questioned why the collection maintenance fund request would need to be doubled.

The Board discussed the need to get the children's room open as soon as possible.

Ms. Blanchard discussed the CIP program and she stated the Library did not put anything together for the updated CIP. Chairman Maxfield stated Mrs. Hendy could write up any items the Library wanted included in the CIP as she is a department head.

Mr. Huckins asked if the Board wanted to have the part-time wages worked out in their request before the next time they meet with the Selectmen. The Board stated they would like those figures as soon as possible.

The Board met with Russ Pearl and Bob Bollinger to discuss Terry Drive.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board had forwarded letters to John Rice advising him that he needed to upgrade the road to Town standards. Bob Bollinger stated Russ Pearl had come before the Selectmen back in August to be sure he could get a building permit for this lot prior to purchase of the lot. He went on to say it was Mr. Pearl's understanding that the Board agreed he would be required to put in a gravel driveway. Mr. Bollinger stated Mr. Pearl was instructed to put the driveway in past the lot so there would be room for fire truck access. He stated they planned on doing that and asked what the Board wanted from them. Selectman Bowles said he did not recall exactly what the plan was. Mr. Pearl stated the plan was to see David Rice for a driveway permit and making sure that he was happy with the fire access. Selectman Bowles stated a class VI road waiver was also required. Mr. Pearl stated he had one. A plan was reviewed by those present. Mr. Bollinger discussed the original subdivision and plan and discussed the possibility of this lot being grandfathered. Discussion ensued regarding having a doublewide turn around driveway brought up to gravel standards, a signed class VI road waiver non-maintained by the Town. Selectman Bowles stated he felt as long as the homeowner was made aware that was not a Town maintained road and the Class VI road waiver was in place it was ok with him. Selectman Little stated he wanted it to be crystal clear that this was private and would not be accepted by the Town.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board was reminded of their meeting on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM with the Assessors.

The Board agreed to meet with department heads to review their budget requests on Tuesday, December 13 from 8:00 AM–12:00 PM and again on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 from 8:00 AM–12:00 PM. Office Manager Jean Lee will schedule the department heads accordingly.

The Board discussed the winter inclement weather policy. Selectman Bowles stated he felt it was at the Attorney's for their review.

The Board received draft personnel policy packets for their review.

Chairman Maxfield stated he had not heard back from Engineer Lee Eddins

regarding the tax maps. He requested Mrs. Lee contact Attorney Mayer to begin appropriate actions.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board received a proposal from Fifield Building and Restoration for sandblasting at the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church. Selectman Bowles discussed the proposal which is to sandblast and remove the char and clean up from the fire damage. He stated some of the main structure beams need to be cleaned up prior to them being laminated. *Selectman Little moved to accept the proposal for fire cleanup and structural repairs for the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church from Fifield Building Restoration and Relocation, LLC in the amount of \$7,950.00 and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town. Selectman Bowles seconded the motion and stated the Freewill Baptist Church would be responsible for half of the proposal. Selectman Little moved to amend the motion to say the Town will be responsible for \$3,975.00 and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town. Selectman Bowles seconded the amendment and asked that Mrs. Lee forward a copy of the proposal to the Church Trustees. Selectman Little stated the Board was accepting the proposal as written but will be responsible for only the half payment of \$3,975.00. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board reviewed the invoice from Fifield Building Restoration and Relocation, LLC for approval. *Selectman Bowles moved to allow the Chairman to authorize the Local Government Center–Property Liability Trust to pay Fifield Building Restoration and Relocation, LLC the amount of \$7,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Little. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the cover letter from the Loudon Recreation Area inspection.

The Board received the September and October compliance reports from ESML.

The Board received the November ZBA meeting minutes.

Chairman Maxfield stated there is an opening in the Loudon Emergency Management Office. He stated currently Jim Tranfaglia is the Administrative Planning Director and Brian Grimaldi is the Communications Director. Chairman Maxfield stated there is an opening for Emergency Management Director. *Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Sigrid M. Little to the position of Loudon Emergency Management Director for a term of one year. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Selectman Little abstained from the vote.*

Selectman Little stated for the record that he attended the Mosquito and Black Fly seminar last Friday in Concord. He stated the recommendation for mitigation for EEE or West Nile would be to take action in the spring while the mosquito and black fly populations are in their larva condition. Selectman Little stated there is no money budgeted for this year but the Board should look into adding it to the budget for next year. Discussion ensued regarding cost and ways the mitigation takes place.

Bob Bollinger asked the Board for a written response to their conversation. The Board agreed they would forward a letter.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Seconded by Selectman Little. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman
David M. Little, Selectman

Next Deadline: Friday, January 20, 2006

Capital Improvement Plan Workshop — November 16, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Roger Maxfield, Capital Improvement Program Chairman; Bob Ordway and Tom Moore, Planning Board; Robert Fiske, Police Chief; Jeff Burr, Fire Chief; Dave Rice, Road Agent and Christine Barry, Merrimack Valley School District were present. Dustin Bowles and David Little, Selectman were not present.

Roger Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Mr. Maxfield started with line items on the schedule.

Highway Department — Dave Rice:

School Street project is completed.

Move the 1-ton to 08/09. Tom Moore suggested adding \$5,000 to the cost because engine costs are going up next year.

Warrant article is needed for the Truck and Plow Wing Spreader for next year.

Clough Pond Road needs to be upped to \$300,000 for next year. Warrant article will be needed for this item

Road Grader will stay in 07/08

Old Shaker Road, this is a phased project. Will update numbers.

Mckenzie Road can be taken out.

Board of Selectman — Bob Ordway:

Mill Pond/Dam Restoration — drainage for the Village District should be a highway department item. The grant from DES has been turned down two years now. Project could be called "Village Storm Water Drainage." Move the project up to 06/07. The project may get FEMA money with the recent storms. Dave Rice added they will know about FEMA by tomorrow.

Mr. Maxfield summarized the CIP Program for committee members and explained

the importance of the program in order for the Town to access impact fees and have a growth management regulation. Mr. Maxfield stated the CIP is a tool used for the annual budget and reviewed the criteria for a CIP project: (1) the item must have a cost of greater than \$10,000; (2) it must have a useful life of two years or more; and (3) any project requiring bond financing within the next six years should be included. Eligible items include major equipment, vehicles, special studies, purchase of land or easements, as well as construction of roads and buildings. Mr. Maxfield concluded stating the CIP needs to be updated every year.

Transfer Station — Dave Rice:

Septic Treatment Plant is in the planning phase.

Tractor has been replaced this year. A new one will be needed for 10/11

Trailer should be placed in 06/07. It is being priced out now. A warrant article will be needed to withdraw the funds from the CRF.

Bob Fiske stated he has no items for the CIP.

Fire Department/Rescue Squad — Jeff Burr:

CAFS, take off schedule.

Heavy rescue, leave as is.

Ladder Truck is a high maintenance vehicle. We have a used one now. In ten years it may cost \$1 million, we may be able to purchase another used one. We can ask the track to contribute. In 2015 it will need replacing. The CRF needs to be beefed up to \$100,000 per year to prepare for these costs.

Tanker, leave as is.

Emergency Management — Jeff Burr:

Emergency Power Supply is a high priority for the school. Should be increased to \$60,000 for FY 06/07.

Communications should be increased to \$21,000; they currently cost \$3,500 a piece.

Board of Selectman — Roger Maxfield:

Replacement of Town Office Complex, do not know where we are at now. Put \$1,200,000 in as a cost paid for by the CRF.

The committee discussed the physics of the Mill Pond Dam. Jeff Burr pointed out the dam is there for fire protection, it is a water supply. Chief Burr also added the Town does not own the Mill Pond parking lot and the Town should address this issue. Chief Burr stated a dry hydrant or cistern could be tied into this project. Discussion ensued regarding the name for a warrant article. The committee discussed the fact that there is \$109,000 in the Bridge CRF that can be used for the bridge portion of the project. Chief Fiske stated the grant line should be removed here and on the entire schedule because you have to ask for the full amount and this is deceiving. Chief Burr suggested tying in the last storm drain and having it rerouted downstream of the dam to ease the silt situation. Chief Fiske discussed who should present the project at Town

Meeting. Bob Ordway stated he will talk to the Turner Group concerning updated figures.

Planning Board — Bob Ordway:

Study for Sidewalk/Underground Utilities can be dropped.

Soucook River Corridor Plan can be moved to FY 10/11.

Town History can be moved to FY 09/10; it is not a priority.

Recreation Committee — Roger Maxfield:

Leave section as is for now.

Conservation Commission — Roger Maxfield:

Leave section as is for now.

Roger Maxfield stated the Selectmen are going to increase some CRF's. Mr. Maxfield stated the Fire Department will increase to \$100,000 and Bridge Repairs should go to \$20,000. The next meeting was set for December 14, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the community building.

Roger Maxfield made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:39 a.m. Seconded by Robert Fiske. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Davis, Administrative Assistant

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Capital Improvement Plan Workshop — December 7, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Roger Maxfield, Capital Improvement Program Chairman; Bob Ordway, Planning Board; Jeff Burr, Fire Chief were present. Dustin Bowles and David Little, Selectman; Tom Moore, Planning Board; Robert Fiske, Police Chief; Dave Rice, Road Agent and Christine Barry, Merrimack Valley School District were not present.

Roger Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Mr. Maxfield started with line items on the schedule.

Fire Department — Jeff Burr:

Ladder Truck will cost \$700,000–\$1,000,000 by 2015 and will need to increase the CRF or finance some other way.

Add an Ambulance for \$180,000 for replacement in 2009. Should come out of the Ambulance CRF. Ask that this CRF be increased too.

Need to replace a Fire Apparatus, engine, in 2011/12 for \$280,000 from the FD CRF.

Planning Board — Bob Ordway:

The Storm Water Drainage should go hand-in-hand with the bridge and dam restoration. Put storm water in 2007/08, right after the dam. Jeff Burr stated FEMA might help with the bridge but we won't know for some time.

Push the Corridor Plan and Town History each out one more year.

Conservation Commission — Roger Maxfield:

Move Wetland Mapping to 2007/08.

Emergency Management:

The committee agreed Communications should not be included in the CIP because it does not qualify, only costs \$3,000 each and does not have a long enough useable life.

Board of Selectman — Roger Maxfield:

Put the Town Office Complex for \$1.5 million in 2007/08 by CRF and property tax.

Highway Department:

Roger Maxfield stated the Bridge on Clough Hill should be moved to 2008/09.

Put Mckenzie Road back in for 2008/09 at \$140,000 from property tax/CRF/exaction fees.

Recreation Committee:

The committee moved Staniels Road Ball Field to 2009/10.

Jeff Burr stated all references to grants need to be removed from the schedule. The committee reviewed project/purchase requests from departments and made the following decisions:

Fire Department:

Ambulance, FY 2009/10, \$180,000, Ambulance CRF. Self ranking 4, committee ranking 4.

Ladder Truck, FY 2014/15, \$1,000,000, Fire Department CRF. Self ranking 5, committee ranking 4.

Class A Pumper, FY 2011/12, \$270,000, Fire Department CRF. Self ranking 5, committee ranking 4.

Conservation Commission:

Inventory of Town Land & Database Development, FY 2006/07, \$12,000, Con-

servation Commission CRF. Self ranking 6, committee ranking 4.

Planning Board:

Village Road Storm Water Drainage, FY 2007/08, \$175,000, property tax. Self ranking 5, committee ranking 5.

Selectmen:

Town Office Renovations, FY 2006/07, \$66,500, property tax. Self ranking 4, committee ranking 8.

Replacement of Town Offices, no FY, \$1,000,000, bond. Committee ranking 8.

The committee changed priority rankings for the Mill Pond/Bridge and Dam

Restoration to 8, Staniels Road Ball Field to 3 and Construct a Fitness Trail to 3. The committee edited the CIP book page ii to add this year's committee members. The committee updated the financial analysis section of the book.

The next meeting is set for December 14, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the community building.

Roger Maxfield made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:45 a.m. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Davis, Administrative Assistant

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Capital Improvement Plan Workshop — December 14, 2005 (DRAFT)

ATTENDANCE:

Roger Maxfield Capital Improvement Program Chairman; Robert Fiske, Police Chief; Dave Rice, Road Agent; Jeff Burr, Fire Chief were present. Dustin Bowles and David Little, Selectman; Bob Ordway and Tom Moore, Planning Board and Christine Barry, Merrimack Valley School District were not present.

Roger Maxfield called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

November 16, 2005 — Robert Fiske made a motion to accept the minutes with one change to page 1, line 23, change "Mackenzie" to "Mckenzie." Seconded by Dave Rice. All were in favor.

December 7, 2005 — Jeff Burr made a motion to accept the minutes with one change to page 2, line 1, change "Mackenzie" to "Mckenzie." Seconded by Robert Fiske. All were in favor.

CIP BOOK:

The committee reviewed the changes to the book and schedules as a result of the last meeting.

The committee discussed the census information on page 23. The committee agreed to use more updated population information gathered by the State of New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning. Jeff Burr made a motion to update the "Abutting Community 2004 Tax Rate Comparison" chart with 2004 population estimate from the NH Office of Energy and

Planning. Seconded by Roger Maxfield. All were in favor.

Roger Maxfield made a motion to approve the Capitol Improvements Program FY 2006/07 to FY 2011/12 and present it to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Seconded by Robert Fiske. All were in favor.

Robert Fiske made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:44 a.m. Seconded by Jeff Burr. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Davis, Administrative Assistant

Zoning Ordinance Workshop — November 14, 2005 (DRAFT)

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:45 P.M.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Tom Dow called this workshop to order at 6:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Planning Board — Tom Dow, Vice Chairman; Clem Lyon, Tom Moore, and Stanley Prescott.

Zoning Board — Roy Maxfield, Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman; Roy Merrill, and Dave Powelson.

Selectmen & Planning Board Ex-Officio — Dustin Bowles.

Conservation Commission — Julie Robinson

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission — Lucy St. John

Public — Pauline Touzin

DISCUSSION:

Open Space Regulations: Tom Dow stated the open space committee received comments from Lucy St. John and Town Council, Bart Mayer, and have decided to go ahead and amend both the Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations. Lucy St. John stated it is great to get the ZBA's input at this point and added the Board could call these developments cluster or open space. Ms. St. John stated the word cluster is used in New Hampshire but the principal of

how they are used is different from the actual meaning of the word. Mr. Dow stated the term cluster raises too many questions and the Board calls them open space. Ms. St. John asked why the Board put the 100 acre requirement in. Dustin Bowles stated 10 acre parcels don't preserve space and they needed a starting point. Julie Robinson added they may be too cautious but 25 acre or less parcels in town are marginal at best. Ms. St. John stated a definition of buildable area should be in the Zoning Ordinance and added she can make a suggestion for a definition. Ms. St. John stated the definition can exclude wetlands, steep slopes, right-of-ways and easements. Julie Robinson stated developers use open space for the land they couldn't use anyway. Mr. Bowles stated the idea is to allow no more houses than a conventional plan would yield. Ms. St. John stated if the Board adds the provision to show a conventional yield they need to describe the amount of detail required to derive at that yield. Ms. Robinson stated both developers who have come through with open space have taken advantage of our regulations. Ms. St. John stated if a developer violates the zoning regulations the Board can pursue them through the court system. Ned Lizotte asked what could be imposed on the developers; what kind of provisions are out there. Ms. St. John

stated the Board can send their plans out for review and bill the applicant for these services. Mr. Lizotte asked if a developer comes in and the plans are reviewed but the Board misses something where is the accountability. Stanley Prescott stated the Board needs to have site walks. Ms. St. John asked the Board if the 150' setback is around the houses or the parcel. Roy Merrill stated around the houses. Ms. St. John read Zoning Ordinance section 205. Mr. Merrill stated the original intent of open space was to have it only in the AFP district. Ms. St. John stated this section will need revising. Roy Maxfield stated all open space sections in the Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations will have to be removed and replaced with these new regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Maxfield added this will have to be one ballot item. Ms. St. John stated she recommends the changes be reviewed with town council. Tom Moore stated they are trying to preserve trail systems. Ms. St. John stated the Board should state that in their regulations. Ms. St. John stated regulations 4a and 6 can be combined. Pauline Touzin asked Ms. St. John if she knows of any towns we could model our regulations off of. Ms. St. John stated she does not know of any that stands out. Mr. Merrill asked if Ms. St. John works for all these towns why can't she come up with one

that works. The group discussed rural character and open space. Ms. St. John stated she will use what the Board has done and come up with a definition of open space. Mr. Dow stated they would like to keep section 401.1 in the Zoning Ordinance but remove everything else. Ms. St. John stated section 23.7 of the Land Development Regulations is not a function of the Planning Board and needs to be in the Zoning Ordinance.

Driveways: The group concurred there are no problems with the driveway regulation request but the language needs to be clarified. Ms. St. John will work on this. Ms. St. John stated the Planning Board can make developers show the driveway slopes on their plans.

Roy Maxfield stated the Zoning Board has no amendments to the Zoning Ordinance this year and is agreeable with the Planning Board's recommendations.

The next workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Stanley Prescott at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Davis, Administrative Assistant

Zoning Ordinance Workshop — December 6, 2005 (DRAFT)

CALLED TO ORDER:

Planning Board Chairman Gary Tasker called this workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Planning Board — Gary Tasker, Chairman; Tom Dow, Vice Chairman; Clem Lyon, Bob Ordway, and Stanley Prescott.

Zoning Board — Roy Maxfield, Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman; and Dave Powelson.

Conservation Commission — Julie Robinson.

Fire Department — Chief Jeff Burr, James McNeil and Richard D. Wright.

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission — Lucy St. John.

Public — Pauline Touzin.

DISCUSSION:

Gary Tasker stated he was not at the last meeting and would like to have Tom Dow update the Board on what has been going on. Tom Dow stated Lucy St. John has done some work since the last meeting and would like her to start commenting on her letter. Lucy St. John stated she was given draft regulations from the open space committee in

October; she commented on these regulations and came to a November 14 Zoning Workshop meeting. Ms. St. John stated she has made more comments from that meeting and tonight's letter contains proposed Zoning Amendments for the Board to discuss.

Letter from Lucy St. John — Proposed Zoning Amendments

Buildable Area — Ms. St. John read pg. 2 buildable area definition. Ms. St. John stated this definition supports recommendations from the Master Plan. Roy Maxfield asked if number 4 will be trouble down by the river. Bob Ordway stated the Board can get out of that problem if needed. Ms. St. John added that buildable area needs to be defined in the Zoning Ordinance not Land Development Regulations. Roy Maxfield asked if the slopes were okay. Stanley Prescott stated it is 25% now, he was looking for less than 15% but 15% is good. Clem Lyon stated he drove by a subdivision and the slopes were real steep; the driveways will be very steep there and Board needs to keep an eye on this. Ms. St. John stated the Board can include specifications for driveway slopes in their regula-

tions. Gary Tasker asked if everyone was happy with 15% slopes. All were in favor. Dave Powelson stated the same changes should be added to the Steep Slopes District. Ms. St. John stated she addresses this later.

Contiguous area — Ms. St. John stated this definition is helpful to avoid lots with pieces all over; 50' width is added so you do not get slivers of land. Stanley Prescott stated it should also state not to include wetland buffers. Julie Robinson asked if the buffers should be in the contiguous definition or the buildable definition and stated there are two buffers, the first is a 25' no touch zone and the next 50' follows the shore line protection regulations. Bob Ordway stated he would include the first 25' in the definition of buildable area. Roy Maxfield stated he thinks this buffer is addressed in the wetland definition. Gary Tasker stated the table of dimensions should note the buildable and contiguous areas when it is reprinted.

Fire Department — James McNeil stated the Fire Department is trying to come up with rules that are easy to follow without having to come to meetings to decide what

each applicant will be subject to. Mr. McNeil read the proposed regulations. Gary Tasker stated these sound like land development regulations. Lucy St. John stated some of these sound like building codes. Chief Jeff Burr stated the Town has no local building codes and refers to State codes. Chief Burr stated the Department is looking for some teeth in their regulations. Stanley Prescott stated the Town's teeth is its Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. McNeil stated they would like for everyone to be upheld to the same requirements and asked where the sprinkler requirements would belong. Ms. St. John stated it appears to be a building code. Dave Powelson asked what a 13R sprinkler system is. Mr. McNeil stated it has a pump that runs off well water to a holding tank with back-up battery power. Chief Burr added 13R was adopted nationwide in October and will be adopted by the State in the next few years. Ms. St. John stated some of these regulations are building codes and some are land development regulations. Gary Tasker stated the Board will review

Planning Board Minutes — November 17, 2005 (DRAFT)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Dow, Vice Chairman; Dustin Bowles, Ex-Officio; Bob Ordway, Tom Moore, Stanley Prescott, and alternates Clem Lyon and Jason Masse were present. Chairman Gary Tasker and Henry Huntington were not present. Alternate Clem Lyon will be a voting member to replace Gary Tasker and alternate Jason Masse will be a voting member to replace Henry Huntington. Tom Dow will act as Chairman.

Conservation Commission representative Bob Butler was present.

Fire Department representative James McNeil was present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

October 20, 2005 Public Session. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes with one change to page 1, line 5 of Nathan Sanel's discussion. Change "DES" to "the Conservation Commission." Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.*

October 24, 2005 Open-space Subcommittee. *Stanley Prescott made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Clem Lyon. All were in favor.*

DISCUSSIONS:

Wildwood Sanctuary — Raymond Shea from Sandford Surveying represented the developer. Mr. Shea stated the Zoning Board requested letters from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Health Officer concerning the special

exception for wetland impacts. Tom Dow stated the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission representatives were out on a site walk last week and the Planning Board has a letter from the Conservation Commission. Bob Butler stated the Conservation Commission has three concerns; some of the wetlands were not adequately flagged, lot #5 has no access except through either a wetland or the 75' wetland buffer, and the elevations relied on Ariel photography and were incorrect. Mr. Butler also stated the wetlands on lots 5 and 6 show they are not contiguous on the plans and during the site walk it was seen that they are contiguous. Mr. Shea stated they have revised some of the mapping in light of these deficiencies. Developer Len Lepadula stated they are currently seeking a special exception for the wetlands crossing and can either go back to the ZBA for the issues with lot #5 or take lot #5 off the plans at a later date. Mr. Shea stated Peter Schauer delineated the wetlands; there are areas out there that appear to be wetlands but are wet due to the recent rains. Stanley Prescott stated Dan Geiger and Wildwoods agent should get together and discuss these issues, including the topo problems. Mr. Prescott added the Board would expect lot five to be done by hand in cases like these. Mr. Lepadula stated they have redone the lot by hand as a result of the sitewalk. Mr. Shea stated they have compiled this information in the last two days and have not had time to put it together yet. Mr. Prescott stated you indicated there will be a 15" or 18" pipe at

one of the crossings and he is not sure if that will be sufficient. Mr. Shea stated they have done a preliminary drainage study and if they need a bigger pipe they will install one. Mr. Lepadula stated the Conservation Commission will give a letter to the ZBA too; the Planning Board is only saying they have seen the plan and are aware of it. Mr. Butler stated the Conservation Commission will be meeting with Mr. Shea on December 13. Mr. Dow stated the Planning Board secretary can put a letter together stating the Planning Board is aware of the wetland crossings and what the developer is doing. Dustin Bowles stated the developer should not leave any questions open with this road design and cross all his t's.

Dan Aversa/Gary Vermette — Mr. Aversa and Mr. Vermette were not present.

CONCEPTUAL CONSULTATION:

Northern Design Precast, Inc., Major Site Development, Located on 51 International Drive, in the C/I District. Map 50, Lot 24. Jesse Thompson stated they are proposing an addition to the back of the building adding 3,840 square feet and 51 more parking spaces. Mr. Thompson stated since the plant has been built in 1999 they have been producing at capacity and could use more manufacturing space. Mr. Thompson added they do not need extra parking spaces but the regulations require that many. Mr. Thompson stated the roof line would match the existing building and the parking spaces will be on dirt. Mr. Thompson stated they are not adding any new jobs they have 30 employees with 20-22 cars in the parking lot. Tom Dow stated this is a major site development and there are many requirements, most are already shown on the plan. Mr. Dow added they would like to see the design of the building and emergency access to the building; a representative from the fire department should review the plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application #05-25, Michael Minery, Minor Subdivision, Located on Route 129, in the RR District. Map 30, Lot 26. No abutters were present. Mr. Minery stated he would like to continue with his original plan. Tom Dow stated the Board has received a memo stating the ZBA did not like the plan and felt the original way Mr. Minery had presented it was what it should be. Mr. Minery stated he has received State subdivision approval. *Tom Moore made a motion to accept this application as compete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Jason Masse. All were in favor.* Mr. Dow read a waiver request from section 23.6(e) for the lot lines. Stanley Prescott asked how the section of the regulations pertaining to non-conforming lots effect the lots Mr. Minery owns. Mr. Prescott stated Mr. Minery owns two adjoining non-conforming lots now. Tom Moore stated this is two existing structures, not placing new structures on the lot. Mr. Prescott stated he does not want the Board to say they didn't really read it, and then say they didn't understand it and there is a problem. Dustin Bowles stated even if Mr. Minery combines the two lots it does not change the two houses in the front. Mr. Prescott read section 601.1 in the Zoning Ordinance and stated, based on the ordinance he would have to vote "no" tonight. Mr. Prescott stated it is noting personal and he understands where Mr. Minery is coming from but the Board should go by the Zoning rules. Roy Merrill stated the ZBA suggested Mr. Minery straighten out his lot lines by removing one house but he did not like that

idea. Mr. Merrill stated Mr. Minery was creating two non-conforming lots with his plan. Mr. Minery asked what harm will subdividing these lots cause. Mr. Prescott replied if Mr. Minery sold the back lot, no one could build a house on it. Mr. Dow asked if the back lot is a lot of record with a right-of-way. Mr. Minery stated it is not a specified right-of-way on the deed. Mr. Minery stated he has read the non-conforming section and feels his lots are legal. Bob Ordway stated the back lot needs a 50' access described in the deed. Mr. Prescott stated if the back lot was in separate ownership there would be no problem. Mr. Merrill stated the ordinance was changed to say 50' of road frontage, not a right-of-way, to create a new lot he needs 50' of frontage. Mr. Ordway stated the intent of the ordinance was to have 50' of access and he would research the ordinance. Dustin Bowles asked if the back lot has deeded access to it. Mr. Minery stated no, at one point all these lots were one lot. Mr. Dow stated the initial intent here is to subdivide the front lot. Mr. Prescott stated the back lot is non-conforming because it does not have any frontage and the front lot is non-conforming because it has two houses on it, so the ordinance states they have to be combined into one lot. Mr. Bowles stated he is not sure if it is the Planning Boards place to make a ruling on the back lot being non-conforming, the Board should be ruling on the subdivision. Mr. Ordway stated State Legislation recommended these regulations and the Town has been ignoring it. Mr. Ordway stated we have a ZBA so people can get variances. Mr. Merrill stated the ZBA was willing to work with Mr. Minery with one non-conforming lot but Mr. Minery wanted two non-conforming lots. Mr. Moore stated the Board would want to see deeded right-of-ways to the back lots. Mr. Bowles stated Mr. Ordway should research the ordinance and get back to Mr. Minery. Mr. Prescott stated the Board should talk to the Town Attorney concerning the issues. Mr. Dow asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. The hearing was closed to the public and open to the Board only. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.* This application will be heard on December 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #05-11, Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Major Subdivision, Located on Youngs Hill Road, in the AFP District. Map 34, Lot 2. No abutters were present. Tom Dow stated the applicant requested to continue earlier this evening. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Jason Masse. All were in favor.* This application will be heard on December 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at this facility. This is the only notice.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

Letter to Alvin Davis — Stanley Prescott stated the Board discussed with Colin Cabot that the area deeded to the Town needs to be surveyed; we need a plan, the area needs to be marked on the ground with monuments, and blazed and painted in the field. Mr. Prescott stated the Conservation Commission's letter needs to be more detailed than it is now, the Conservation Commission agreed they should not accept any land they cannot identify in the field. Mr. Prescott added Mr. Davis has not submitted a signed copy of his covenants to the office yet. Tom Dow stated there is also a note about hold-

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these and get back to the Fire Department. Mr. McNeil stated another concern is when a tract of land is subdivided one lot at a time, eventually there will be six houses on the tract that did not have to follow any regulations. Ms. St. John stated this is why the Fire Department reviews plans ahead of time and makes comments for the Planning Board.

Letter from Lucy St. John — Proposed Zoning Amendments Continued

Wetland — Ms. St. John stated the State has defined wetlands in RSA 674:55 and read them. Ms. St. John suggested removing S 301.2 and replacing with the most current regulation in the definition section. Ms. St. John read a recommended new S 301.6. Roy Maxfield stated he would like to state for an explanation this is to be consistent with State regulations. Gary Tasker made a note to keep track of changes to the Land Development Regulations.

Steep Slope District — Stanley Prescott stated his only suggestion is to strike out NH and just put licensed surveyor, you do not have to be licensed in NH to survey a parcel. The Board concurred everything else was okay as presented.

Open space development — Lucy St. John stated she suggests removing all existing regulations and replace them with the new ones; so as not to confuse the voters. Julie Robinson debated the wetland buffer and stated the wetland definition should state buffers to protect all wetland area in excess of 2,000 square feet not 1/2 acre. Gary Tasker asked if the Board was in favor of changing 1/2 acre to 2,000 square feet. All were in favor. The Board changed part B. General Provisions and Restrictions: d) to permit open space developments in the RR & AFP Districts and to allow open space developments in the Village District by Special Exception. Dave Powelson stated part C.

Development Standards a) should be based on total buildable area not tract area. Stanley Prescott stated we need to remember we are trying to preserve some of the good land. Ms. St. John stated part C. a) will be based on total area. The Board discussed minimum tract size. Tom Dow stated the Board had a provision to reserve the right to review smaller tracts and it is not here anymore. The Board settled on 50 acre RR & Village Districts and 75 acre AFP District tract minimums. The Board changed C. f) back to 125' road frontage. The Board changed C. g) back to 150' buffer. Tom Dow stated the Board asked for section C. h) to be 6 lot clusters with 225' buffers. Discussion ensued. Ms. St. John stated this does not promote the intention of what cluster is suppose to do. Mr. Tasker asked if everyone was in favor of 10 lot clusters with 225' buffers. All were in favor. After discussion Ms. St. John stated C. j) & k) will be combined. Ms. St. John stated C. q) has a grammatical error, "shall" should be "should."

Driveways — Roy Maxfield stated numbers 5 and 6 should be included and cover what Dave Rice was looking for. The Board agreed to include only numbers 5 and 6 in the Driveway definition.

Lucy St. John stated she will make the changes to the proposed ordinances and forward a copy to the Planning Board office. The Planning Board will discuss the updated changes at the next Planning Board meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Tasker at 9:25 p.m. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Davis, Administrative Assistant*

Zoning Board Minutes — November 23, 2005 (Draft)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Roy Maxfield called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on October 27, 2005 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

The following members were present: Roy Maxfield, Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Vice Chairman; Steve Ives, Roy Merrill, and alternate Jon Huntington. Dave Powelson and alternate George Saunderson were not present.

Jon Huntington will be a voting member to replace Dave Powelson.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2005 MINUTES:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

Appeal from an Administrative Decision – William Taranovich. Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen have been granting extensions for building permits for the past several years contrary to the rules of the ordinance. Chairman Maxfield read sec-

tion 801.7 and stated the ordinance does not give authority to the Selectmen to extend or make special conditions and therefore anyone wishing to extend a building permit needs to appeal to the ZBA stating their hardship. Chairman Maxfield stated the other side of the issue is the backlog of building permits in town and someone who is able and willing to start building has to wait for someone who is speculating or sitting on a permit for a year. Chairman Maxfield stated court decisions over the past several years on building permits have allowed towns to deny building permits providing it isn't unreasonable and the land owner can get the value out of the property by applying and receiving another building permit. Chairman Maxfield stated the second appeal on the agenda tonight has withdrawn and decided to get the foundation in; which was required to grant an extension. Chairman Maxfield stated Mr. Taranovich is appealing to grant an extension to his 2005 building permit and tonight the Board has to decide if they wish to accept the appeal. Chairman Maxfield stated Mr. Taranovich was misinformed he would automatically be granted an extension. Chairman Maxfield read the Selectman's meeting minutes of November 15, 2005. *Steve Ives made a motion to accept the appeal. Seconded by Roy Merrill. Jon Huntington asked why the Selectmen turned down his extension. Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen are neutral and are referring him to the ZBA. Mr. Huntington asked if the ZBA turns him down does he have to go to court. Chairman Maxfield stated the court decisions he has read indicate the town has no liability beyond the one year the applicant has to start building. Ned Lizotte stated things happen and plans have to be deferred for a year but on the other hand there is no foundation in the ground. Steve Ives stated he deserves his day in court. All in favor. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #05-24 — Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Special exception for wetland crossings. Young's Hill Road, Map 34, Lot 2. Abutters have been notified. Chairman Maxfield stated Wildwood is not here and read a continuance request from them. Chairman Maxfield stated the Conservation Commission has several issues with the applicant and if they were here tonight they would ask to continue this application. *Roy Maxfield made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Ned Lizotte. All in favor.* This application will be heard on December 22, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at this facility. This is the only notice.

Case #05-26 — James Drolet — Special exception for a major home occupation. 127 Lovejoy Road, Map 38, Lot 12. Abutters have been notified. General contracting business and an auxiliary metal workshop. Mr. Drolet stated the property is 1.49 acres and he is proposing to build one building. Chairman Maxfield read the special exception application. Chairman Maxfield asked how they will remain in harmony with the residential character of the neighborhood. Mr. Drolet stated there will only be one car coming and going in connection with the business and the exterior of the barn will be vinyl siding; they plan to sound proof the barn. Mr. Drolet stated he is the only employee for the contracting business and his father works with him in the metal shop. Mr. Drolet stated the barn is around 2,500 sq. ft., including a second floor office. Ned Lizotte asked if the barn meets setbacks. Mr. Drolet stated yes, the driveway is

just inside the 30' side setback. Chairman Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the applicant. Chairman Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

Case #05-28 — Russell Pearl — Special exception for a major home occupation. 113 Lovejoy Road, Map 38, Lot 24. Abutters have been notified. Chairman Maxfield stated this application is for a local contractor similar to what has been granted to others. Chairman Maxfield stated he visited the site today. Chairman Maxfield stated the defined area to be used will be kept on file. Chairman Maxfield read the application. Chairman Maxfield stated the ordinance was changed last year to allow local contractors with any conditions the Board deems appropriate. Chairman Maxfield asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the applicant. Chairman Maxfield closed this hearing and it will be taken up under unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Case #05-26 — James Drolet — Special exception for a major home occupation. 127 Lovejoy Road, Map 38, Lot 12. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to open the application for discussion as submitted. Seconded by Jon Huntington.* Mr. Lizotte stated he would like to define the hours of operation; otherwise what he is asking seems reasonable. Chairman Maxfield stated the metal shop could run from 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday; on the contractor portion, coming in and out should not matter. Chairman Maxfield stated the information is on record as to what he wants to do and how many employees. Chairman Maxfield stated if Mr. Drolet wants more than one employee he can come back to the Board. *Chairman Maxfield made a motion to approve the application with hours of operation for the metal work to be Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; and if there are additional employees to come back to the Board for review. Seconded by Ned Lizotte. Roll call vote: Jon Huntington – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Roy Merrill – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, application approved.*

Case #05-28 — Russell Pearl — Special exception for a major home occupation. 113 Lovejoy Road, Map 38, Lot 24. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to open the application for discussion. Seconded by Roy Merrill.* Mr. Lizotte inquired to hours of operation. Chairman Maxfield stated with a contractor the Board should state reasonable hours of operation and leave it to the contractor's discretion. The Board concurred. *Roll call vote: Jon Huntington – yes, Roy Merrill – yes, Steve Ives – yes, Ned Lizotte – yes, Roy Maxfield – yes. All in favor, application approved.*

DISCUSSIONS:

Abby Ladd — discuss a home occupation. 159 Blake Road. Map 36, Lot 13. Ms. Ladd stated she wants to produce garlic jellies and pecan maple clusters from her home. Chairman Maxfield asked if there is a sign. Ms. Ladd stated, "no, the business is very inconspicuous." The Board reviewed the differences between major and minor home occupations. Chairman Maxfield asked if a State health permit is required. Ms. Ladd stated she has one. Chairman Maxfield asked if there are any employees. Ms. Ladd stated her sister grows the garlic in Gilmanton and handles the marketing. Ms. Ladd stated she does the producing.

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ing building permits or certificate of occupancy to ensure these conditions are met. Tom Moore stated why not hold an ace in the hole; this hasn't been a smooth subdivision. Mr. Prescott stated the issue of the land was a condition of approval and needs to be resolved ASAP; his plan has already been recorded and should not have been until he met all these conditions. Mr. Dow stated the Conservation Commission needs to submit their letter to the Planning Board office as soon as possible and Mr. Prescott can make sure this gets taken care of.

Capitol Improvements Program — Bob Ordway stated they had an initial meeting and David Rice, Jeff Burr, Chris Berry, Bob Fiske, Tom Moore, and Roger Maxfield attended. Mr. Ordway stated they had a lot of discussion but is not sure they went anywhere with it. Mr. Ordway stated the committee updated the dates on some line items. Tom Moore stated the committee only finished half of the agenda and everybody left. Mr. Ordway stated it takes several meetings to get through the revisions and updates. Mr. Moore stated the financial data needs to be updated and voted on by the December 15, 2005 Planning Board meeting. Mr. Moore suggested adding another meeting to work on this. A CIP meeting is set for November 30, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the community building.

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Tammy Davis reported that the Board has three public hearings on the agenda, Wildwood Sanctuary is asking for a special exception to impact the wetlands; James Drolet is asking for a special exception for a home occupation, and Russell Pearl is asking for a special exception for a home occupation. Ms. Davis reported there are two appeals from administrative decisions that need to be considered for hearings and three discussions on the agenda.

Report of the Board of Permit: Bob Ordway stated there was one discussion about a letter from Robert Blake. Mr. Ordway stated Mr. Blake is concerned about the use of a right-of-way next to his property on Chichester Road. Mr. Ordway stated Bob Fiske felt the owners could use their right-of-way if they wished.

Tom Dow stated there is a lot on Lower Ridge Road where a garage is being built without a residence on the property. Bob Ordway stated this has been done before; if there is a building permit the accessory building can start before hand. Mr. Ordway stated a bond can be placed on the property so if the residence is not built, the accessory building can be removed by the Town. Stanley Prescott stated he knows several people who have been told they could build out buildings ahead of time. Dustin Bowles stated these issues can be addressed at the zoning workshops so provisions can be added to the regulations for these situations.

Dan Aversa/Gary Vermette: Stanley Prescott stated he was on a site walk with Dustin Bowles, Roy Merrill, Dave Rice, and Tony Puntin. Mr. Prescott stated it appears they have not used onsite materials other than out of the stockpiles. Mr. Prescott stated the slope from the end of the guardrail to approximately station 13 does not meet the plan; if they are not going to make it meet the plan, they need to extend the guardrail or have them fix it to the plan. Mr. Prescott stated Tony Puntin came up with some figures and the office added some items that were missed and came up with \$74,800 cost for work to be completed. Mr. Prescott stated a 15% maintenance bond will be \$69,556.51; there has been discussion about not giving the maintenance bond amount back. Dustin Bowles stated we are not starting a maintenance bond but want to make sure the funds are there when a maintenance bond is needed. Tom Moore stated the Board should retain \$144,356.51, to cover a maintenance bond in the future and for the cost of work to be completed, releasing \$55,643.49. *Tom Moore made a motion to reduce the letter of credit by \$55,643.49. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All in favor.* The Board reviewed the road plan in regards to the grading. Dustin Bowles stated where the grade has not been met should be brought up to the plan design of 4:1. The Board agreed. A copy of Tony Puntin's letter will be forwarded to the developers.

Tom Dow stated Dan Geiger has visited National PowerSports and conducted a site review.

Tom Dow stated the Planning Board received a letter from Brewster Bartlett concerning site construction on Berry Road. Stanley Prescott stated the building is on a 25% slope and the driveway exits on Range Road on a curve. Dustin Bowles stated if a stop sign is put on Range Road the Town has to maintain it. Roy Merrill stated the change to driveways in the zoning workshop did not include slopes on the whole driveway and this should be addressed. Mr. Merrill stated driveways should have a flat area near the road. Mr. Dow stated the next Zoning Workshop is scheduled for December 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department meeting room. James McNeil stated the fire department would like to address mandatory sprinklers for residences at the next workshop. The Board discussed the need for sprinklers. Mr. Prescott suggested the Fire Department put their issues in writing and submit them to the office before the next zoning workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Ordway at 9:44 p.m., seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Davis, Secretary*

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Chairman Maxfield stated he feels this is minor. Ms. Ladd inquired if this falls under farming in the AFP district. Chairman Maxfield stated she should be all set with a minor and the Board will inform the compliance officer.

Eric DeCato & Darlene Trudeau — special exception for a reduced setback for a driveway. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board is well aware of this property with frontage on Rt.106 and no access on Rt.106; driveways require 30' setbacks on both sides and the right-of-way off of Chichester Road will require reduced setbacks. Mr. DeCato stated this would be for residential use, just two vehicles traveling on the existing drive. The Board reviewed photographs from Robert Fiske of the right-of-way. Mr. DeCato stated the right-of-way is 25.29' at the opening widening to 100' at the end of the right-of-way. Chairman Maxfield stated Mr. Blake will probably be at the public hearing. Chairman Maxfield stated he would be okay with residential traffic but not commercial traffic using the right-of-way. Mr. DeCato stated he may want to subdivide in the future but right now he is looking for one residential lot. Chairman Maxfield asked if this was a right-of-way or a swatch of land Mr. DeCato owns. Mr. DeCato stated this is land that he owns and belongs to the whole lot.

Summit Realty Partners — Variance for reduced lot size. Map 30, Lot 23 in the C/I District. Justin Belair from Summit Realty Partners presented the application for Madelyn Greenwood. Mr. Belair stated they would like to turn a non-conforming grandfathered use into a conforming grandfathered use because it is a 1.5 acre parcel and does not meet lot size requirements. Mr. Belair stated they do not have a use for the lot yet but would like to make it a commercial lot with a variance. The Board stated it would be a special exception. Chairman Maxfield stated under section 602.2 it would be a special exception. Chairman Maxfield stated once the property is changed to commercial use it cannot be used as a residence. Chairman Maxfield stated it will have to comply with non-conforming lots as far as build-out goes. Mr. Belair stated if they are changing the use do they need a public hearing. Chairman Maxfield stated yes because the Board needs to make a ruling and the Board needs to operate in a public forum.

ADJOURNMENT:
Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Davis, Secretary*

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1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	3 9-12•Community Action. Call 225-6880 for appt. SELECTMEN'S MEETING CANCELLED	4 7:00 p.m.•Town Office Building Com. Mtg. at Com. Bldg.	5	6	7
8	9 6:30 p.m.•Happy Hill 4-H Club at American Legion 8:00 p.m.•Fire Dept. Mtg. at Safety Building	10 10:00 a.m.•Young at Heart at Com. Bldg. 6:30 p.m.•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit/ Inclement Weather Policy Hearing/Approval of FEMA Flood Funds	11 6:30 p.m.•Old Home Day at Com. Bldg.	12	13 9:00 a.m.•Young at Heart Steering Committee	14
15	16 TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	17 9-12•Community Action. Call 225-6880 for appt. 6:30 p.m.•Selectmen's Meeting	18	19 7:00 p.m.•Planning Board at Com. Bldg.	20 LEDGER DEADLINE 6:30 p.m.•LES Instru- mental Concert	21
22	23 9-12•VNA at Com. Bldg. Call 224-4093 for info. 6:30 p.m.•Communication Council at Com. Bldg.	24 6:30 p.m.•Selectmen's Meeting/BUDGET HEARING 7:00 p.m.•LYAA at Maxfield Public Library	25	26 2:30 p.m.•Cate Van Com. at Com. Bldg. 7:30 p.m.•Zoning Board at Com. Bldg.	27 Marks close for report cards	28
29	30	31 6:30 p.m.•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session				

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