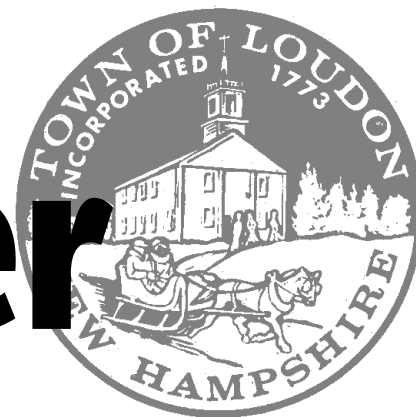


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## 2007 Blood Drive a Huge Success!

*By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police*

Loudon Police Department's annual blood drive was held on November 27, 2007 at the Loudon Safety Building. This year, we added a bone marrow drive in addition to the blood drive. We had an amazing outcome! A total of 137 donors for blood arrived, providing 127 units of blood! Last year there were a total of 76 donors and 68 pints of blood were collected. A total of 76 donors participated in the bone marrow program.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this success in addition to the donors. We are in a critical state of need and once again your support came through. Special thanks to all of our volunteers that helped "man the stations" and made soups and refreshments to make this event a success: Brenda Pearl, Marjorie Schoonmaker, Kay Doyon, Sam Doyon, Tamara Chalifour, Lauryn Chalifour, Craig Chalifour, Marilyn Jenks, Lorraine Duprez, Martha Plumer, Loudon Elementary School kitchen staff, Roxanne Spencer, 106 Beanstalk Store and Loudon Girl Scouts.

### Other Police Department News

Welcome aboard our newest full-time officer Shawn Williams. Officer Williams recently joined us after Officer Seth Plumer transferred to Derry Police Department. Officer Williams recently was separated from the U.S. Marine Corp. Welcome aboard! ■



## Town of Loudon Office Hours

### Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

### Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

### Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

### Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

### Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

### Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

### Transfer Station

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

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

### Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

### Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

### 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

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### Merrimack County — District 6

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

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

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

**Deborah H. Wheeler**

### Senators — District 07

**Harold W. Janeway**

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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](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com). From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

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**January 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 12/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 12/17

**February 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 1/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 1/21

**March 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 2/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 2/18

**April 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 3/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 3/17

**May 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 4/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 4/21

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**July 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 6/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/16

**August 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 7/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/21

**September 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 8/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/18

**October 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 9/12 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/15

**November 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 10/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/20

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## Where to Worship in Loudon

### Family Bible Church

*"Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is Lord!"*

*Pastor Steve Ludwick*

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577

www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: fbc@emlot.com

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

*Sunday Worship:* 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs. Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

*Monday:* Men's Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.

*Wednesday:* Women's Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.

*Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies:* call for details

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### Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

*Pastor Jeff Owen*

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • Office Hours: Tues.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

www.fcbe-loudon.org

#### *Winter Worship Hours:*

*Sunday Worship Service:* Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Sunday School Classes:* 9:30–10:30 a.m. • *Bible Study:* Thursday 9:30 a.m.

*Youth Group:* Leader Tom Stevens. Sept.–June 6:00 p.m., Grades 6–12

*FWFriends:* Weds. evenings 6:30–8. Ages 3 through Grade 5 (Sept.–June)

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries.

Please call for more details.

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### Landmark Baptist Church

Fundamental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

*Pastor Paul J. Clow*

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

*Sunday School:* 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (New Beginnings Class:

for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

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

*Sunday Evening:* 6 p.m.

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

*Saturday Street Witnessing:* 9:30 a.m. •

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

We never cancel services for any reason!

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### Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

*Rev. Henry Frost*

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

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

*Sunday Worship:* 10:00 a.m.

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### Loudon Congregational Church

*Rev. David D. Randlett, III*

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

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

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

*Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:*

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

Wednesday, 7–9 p.m.: **Family Night.** Small groups for men, women, teens, and kids.

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### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

*Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor*

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon., Wed., Fri., 9–4, Tue., Thu.

phyllysh@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

*Children's Church* (Grades 1–4)

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

**Tuesdays:** *Early Youth Group* (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

**Wednesdays:** *Youth Group w/Youth Pastor:* 6:30 p.m. [Brian Bollinger]

*Children's Bible Quizzing:* 6:30–7:30 p.m. (Grades 1–6) *Adult Bible Studies:* 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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### SonLight Christian Fellowship

*Pastor Thomas Friedrich*

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

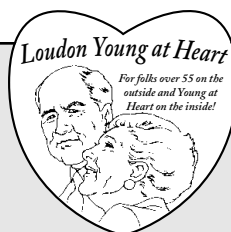
Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

*Sunday Worship:* 10:30 a.m.

*First Sunday of Every Month:* Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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To have your Church's information added to this column, please email your information to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com)



## Loudon Young at Heart

*By Joanne Arsneault*

We had our annual Christmas meeting on December 11th. Roger Dow played the piano, and we sang Christmas Carols. We each brought in a dish to share for a pot luck lunch, and everything was great.

Three poinsettias donated by D.S. Cole, were won as door prizes by Pat Ordway, Alan Davidson, and Eileen Cummings. They were just beautiful.

Due to the change in New Hampshire's primary date to January 8th (we just have to be first), we had to also change the scheduled program to our March meeting. So, in addition to our regular (decaf) coffee, we will have Dunkin Donuts at our January meeting, as well as our Community Action Program lunch. We will just sit around and talk or play cards or whatever.

The Pittsfield Seniors Group invited the officers and committee members and spouses to join them for a CAP lunch on December 13th. Ten of us attended and had a very nice meal of chicken croquettes and all the fixings, topped off with ice cream.

On November 24th, The Wyman Farm Bed and Breakfast had a fire and suffered a great deal of damage. The owner, Judy Merrow, is a member of our group and our thoughts are with her at this trying time.

On February 12th, the group will go to "Food For Thought" in Belmont for lunch. We will carpool, and expect to have around 35 of us attending. We still need ideas for a June trip for the "Young at Heart." Summer will be here before you know it. ■

## Help Needed With A Senior Project



**I need children to make my senior project successful! Please, consider coming:**

### Reading With Katie

Mondays in January 6–7pm

Maxfield Public Library, Loudon

Sign-up at the checkout desk in the children's room.

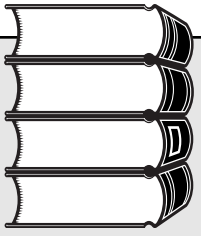
Children will enjoy a form of literature and complete a project to take home.

**Parent must remain in the library. Space limited to ten children.**

## Historical Society Looking For Help!

*Do you like to write or research history?*

The Loudon Historical Society is looking for someone to write the history of Loudon. If you know an historian or someone with the experience to assist us with this, please contact Cynthia Babonis at [cbabonis@gmail.com](mailto:cbabonis@gmail.com).



## Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

### STORY TIME

As the cold winds swirl outside your window, join us for story time in the cozy indoors!

We start off the New Year on January 2nd and 3rd with *First Snow* by Emily Arnold McCully and *Snow Dance* by Lezlie Evans. The children will form a tin snowflake to glisten inside their homes.

From January 8th through the 10th, we'll build a snowman of a different sort after listening to *All You Need for a Snowman* by Alice Schertle and Lois Ehlert's book *Snowballs*.

On January 15th through the 17th, the children will hear *The Gingerbread Baby* by Jan Brett and *Snowbaby Could Not Sleep* by Kara LaReau. Story time will end after the children catch their own Gingerbread Man.

There will be music in the air January 22nd through the 24th, as the children are entertained with *Our Marching Band* by Lloyd Moss and Joanna Cole's *It's too Noisy!* After which, the children will make a musical instrument and (hopefully) beautiful music.

We end the month with Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Deer in the Wood* and Marc Brown's *The Silly Tail Book*. The craft on January 29th, 30th, and 31st will be a deer windsock to hang in the north winds.

### NEW BOOKS — For Children

The children's room has recently acquired a large assortment of new books! You can catch up on Kathryn Lasky's *Guardian's of Ga'Hooole* series, the *Rotten School* series by R.L. Stine, and the fifth book in Suzanne Collins' *Gregor* series.

### Having fun at the Library!



If you like football, we have a brand new book in by NFL's Tim Green (defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons) called *Football Genius* about a boy who can predict football plays before they happen. If he can convince the Falcons to listen to him, there will be no stopping them as they head to the Super Bowl.

If baseball is more your speed, we've added two more of Dan Gutman's Baseball Card Adventures series: *Babe and Me* and *Satch and Me* where a boy travels back in time to see if Babe Ruth really called that shot and if Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever.

### NEW BOOKS — For Adults

#### Fiction

Berry, Steve  
Box, C.J.  
Brooks, Geraldine  
Delinsky, Barbara  
Foster, Alan Dean  
Garlock, Dorothy  
Grippando, James  
Hyland, Adrian  
Jance, J.A.  
Lescroart, John  
Rankin, Ian  
Rowland, Laura Joh

*The Venetian Betrayal*  
*Blue Heaven*  
*People of the Book*  
*The Secret between Us*  
*Patrimony*  
*A Week from Sunday*  
*Last Call*  
*Moonlight Downs*  
*Hand of Evil*  
*Betrayal*  
*Watchman*  
*The Snow Empress*

#### Nonfiction

Brokaw, Tom  
Conaway, James  
Durant, Judith  
Greenberg, Peter  
Kuttner, Robert  
Martin, Steve  
Quindlen, Anna  
Sacks, Oliver  
Terkel, Studs  
Wansink, Brian  
Wilcove, David S.

*Boom!*  
*Vanishing America*  
*101 Designer One-Skein Wonders*  
*The Complete Travel Detective Bible*  
*The Squandering of America*  
*Born Standing Up*  
*Good Dog. Stay.*  
*Musicophilia*  
*Touch and Go*  
*Mindless Eating*  
*No Way Home*  
*Scrapbooking Made Easy*

### BOOK GROUP

When the Transcontinental Railroad first crossed the United States, what social legacies did its builders encounter? Book group readers go West once more to explore the roots of "Manifest Destiny" and its impact on the Indian nations. *Blood and Thunder*, by Hampton Sides, is the selection for January 31, at 7:30 p.m. "Hampton Sides doesn't just write a book, he transports the reader to another time and place. With his keen sense of drama and his crackling writing style, this master storyteller has bequeathed us a majestic history of the Old West." — James Bradley, author of *Flags of Our Fathers*

### LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Mondays 1–7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day. ■

What did the explorer say when his sled dog was eaten by a polar bear?

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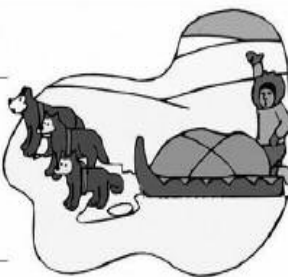
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December Word Scramble Answers

December Reindeer Cards Ice Skate Cold Snow

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## The Loudon Recreation Committee Invites You to Loudon's Winter Wonderland!!

The Loudon Recreation Committee hopes that we continue to have great weather for skating and that many of you can take advantage of the ice skating rink that is set up in the village at the recreation field parking lot. The Committee has posted contact information at the rink, if you notice that it needs maintenance, please contact the numbers listed on those sheets. Thank you to those who have volunteered to snow blow, shovel and maintain the rink. Thank you also to the Loudon Fire Department graciously volunteered to flood the rink when that is necessary. Of course we are always looking for more help, if you are willing to volunteer, even just a few times, with the snow blowing or shoveling, please contact Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Chairperson with the contact info below. Get out there and enjoy!!

The Loudon Recreation Committee is planning a Winter Carnival event on Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon for some winter fun at the Recreation Field & Ice Skating rink. Ice skating, snowman building competition — with prizes, snowshoeing with snowshoes available for use (if you have your own please bring them); relay races, obstacle course and tug of war in the snow are all on the agenda!!! We will have free hot cocoa and cookies available. Also available for purchase will be drink, hot dog and chip combos. More details will follow in the February issue of *The Loudon Ledger*, but save the date and start gathering materials and ideas for your snowman for the competition!! We will have a “no-snow” or “storm” date of March 1st in the event of no snow or treacherous traveling conditions on the 23rd.

The Loudon Recreation Committee is offering Aerobics Classes in January. There will be two FREE demonstration classes on Thursday, January 3rd from 6:00 a.m.–6:45 a.m. and from 5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m. The regular classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January for four weeks from 6:00 a.m.–6:45 a.m. There will be a limit of 25 people per class. The classes will be held at Loudon Elementary School gymnasium. The fee is \$25 for 8 classes. Registrants will need to bring their own mat, water bottle and hand weights (3 to 8 lb). You will also be asked to sign a waiver of liability. Look for a flyer on the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) or for more information contact Alicia Grimaldi.

If you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see there are several ways for your ideas to be heard. You could contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193 or email [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) or you can print and return the events and activities survey which is available on the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org). Another way is to join us at our monthly meeting. The Recreation Committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library, please join us if you are interested in helping out, we hope to see you there!!! ■

## Concord Hospital Offers Free Water Fitness Program for Women Who Are Cancer Survivors

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care and Rehabilitation Services will introduce a free water fitness program for women who are cancer survivors on Thursday, January 17 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation. Following the introduction to “Strong Women in Motion (SWIM),” classes will be held four consecutive Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning on January 20 and ending on February 10 at The Racquet Club of Concord.

Being active can help improve a cancer patient's quality of life. Physical activity has also been shown to improve anxiety, mood and depression, boost self-esteem and relieve fatigue among cancer survivors, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). Consult your physician to discuss how physical activity may help you. A \$5 fee is charged per class and pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031.

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

## A Huge Thank You to the Sno-Shakers and the Brown Family

By Michelle Drago



Alex Drago loves his snowmobile! It was a gift from the Canterbury Sno-Shakers. Alex is shown here with (left to right): Kim Bean, Tom Dow, and Dennis Moore, members of the Sno-Shakers. Photo by Michelle Drago.

Last January (2007), the local snowmobile club, The Canterbury Sno-Shakers, held their Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Mystery Auction to benefit Easter Seals. Easter Seals Child Representative, Alex Drago, was invited to show people first hand how their donations affect local children and families. In what can only be described as a gesture of amazing generosity, then 2nd grader Wilby Brown decided to hand down his outgrown Artic Cat snowmobile to Alex. The snowmobile club gave it a tune up and presented it to Alex at the dinner. It was awesome!

The true impact of this gift did not hit Alex until the snowmobile was delivered to our home later that evening. He was shocked when he realized that he now owned this snowmobile! Many people ask if Alex can even ride a snowmobile since he walks with crutches and uses a wheelchair. Absolutely! Snowmobiling is an excellent source of physical therapy for Alex. It requires all sorts of balance that helps build up abdominal and upper body muscles. What's even better is that everything is hand controlled — perfect for a child who can't feel his feet!

When the NH Snowmobile Association's Annual Ride-In was held in February, Alex was asked by Easter Seals to attend and show off his new sled. Dana Cabana, former President of the NHSA, generously offered to transport Alex's snowmobile up to Lancaster. Not only did Alex have the time of his life, he also won a 3rd place trophy in an obstacle course race!

When the snow storm came last month, Alex was obsessed about getting out and riding his snowmobile. He is truly a natural and cruised around our yard until we (the parents) were too cold to stay outside. He is so proud to be the recipient of such a gift and it's wonderful to see him so happy. We would like to sincerely thank Wilby Brown and his family, Dana Cabana, Dennis Moore, Kim Bean, and the Canterbury Sno-Shakers for their wonderful generosity and thoughtfulness. Without you, this is an opportunity Alex would not have. We are truly touched and appreciate how much you have impacted Alex's life in a positive way! After 7 major surgeries and with endless doctor's appointments and therapies each week, it's nice to have see Alex having so much fun! Thank you!! ■



## LOUDON GIRL SCOUT NEWS —

# Making a Hit and Making a Difference in 2008!

We hope those in the village area aren't too disappointed that we weren't able to sing on Sunday, December 16th. It was just too cold and snowy and unsafe for us to be out. Thank you for understanding and we hope to see everyone next year. The girls plan on singing at our cookie kick off in January and that will be fun as well.

The Loudon Girl Scouts are holding our Annual Sock and Toiletries Drive. This year we are collecting items for The Friends Program. Please ask a Loudon Girl Scout about the drive or bring your donations to the Maxfield Public Library and put them in the collection box. We are looking for new or gently used warm socks and new travel-sized toiletry and personal care items. Thank you all for your support in our efforts!

We know after the holidays many of you are thinking of dieting, but we hope that you have room for our fantastic Girl Scout Cookies!!! It is Girl Scout Cookie Time here in Loudon!!! Look for Loudon Girl Scouts beginning on January 5th for your Girl Scout cookie cravings!! We have all your favorites including Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, All Abouts, the new Lemon Chalet Cremes, and new Sugar Free Chocolate Chip cookies. The cookies will be delivered to Loudon in February and you can look for some booth sales to be popping up around town come the end of February and beginning of March. If you don't know a Girl Scout, please contact Michele Holbrook, Loudon Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Manager at 798-3669 or [simplybyhand@yahoo.com](mailto:simplybyhand@yahoo.com) and we will fix you up with some cookies!!

The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit continues to welcome any girl or adult volunteer interested in joining our fun. If you are interested, please go to the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) and print the forms under Girl Scouts. If you were involved in Girl Scouting years ago and would like to come back and have fun, please let us know! We always welcome more volunteers. In addition we are looking for materials such as troop flags, and ceremony items that former leaders and volunteers may have stored away. If you have these items and would like to move them out of your space, please contact Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager at 783-4275.

The Loudon Girl Scouts wish you much happiness in 2008!

Here is an update on a few of our great Loudon Girl Scout troops, keep checking back for continued updates as our troops (and troop leaders) are so busy they don't get a chance to update each month:

### Daisy Troop #955

*Amanda Wolf & Karry Gay*

We are looking for more kindergarten girls to join our fun!! We meet twice a month and work on the parts of the Girl Scout Law and Girl Scout Promise. We are also going to participate in the fun town-wide Girl Scout activities with the older Girl Scouts in Loudon. Fill out the form located on the website to join in our fun!!

### Brownie Troop #45

*Lysa Crouch & Tamika Carter*

We finished up our Movers Try-It and moved on to the Senses Try-It. It was fun to use our senses to tell us about the world around us. We tried to identify 10 different smells (and we did very well!). We used our sense of touch to identify an item inside one bag and then tried to find the mate in another bag. We "mapped our tongues" by applying sweet, sour, bitter, and salty solutions to different sections of our tongue to find the section with the most reaction to the solution. As a bonus, we learned that we all have different likes and dislikes — some of us liked the sour (vinegar) taste while others preferred the bitter (grapefruit) taste. We played a trick on our eyes by drawing a fish on one side of a square and a fish bowl on the other. We then mounted the square on a straw and rolled the straw in our hands to reveal a fish in the fish bowl! Our troop has chosen Germany as our World Thinking Day country. Our next few meetings will focus on researching Germany and our presentation materials. We are looking forward to the Cookie Kick-Off with all the Loudon



Girl Scouts and the cookie selling season. Happy New Year to all!

### Brownie Troop #685

*Christine Campbell & Karen Minery*

Troop #685 has been very busy this month with community service projects. The girls adopted a family for the holidays and are collecting toys and other items on their wish lists. The girls participated in a patch program at Build-A-Bear in Manchester (shown above). They earned the Around The World try-it and made eleven bears. Some girls made girl bears like cheerleaders, princesses, and gowns, and others made bears suitable for boys, firefighter, policeman, Marine, and soccer player. The girls donated their bears to Loudon Rescue to be given as comfort to children who are transported in the ambulance. The girls had a wonderful tour of the Fire Department filled with many questions and interest. A huge thank you to Lt. Lake, who was extremely patient with all the girls' questions and very knowledgeable. We should all be proud of the great equipment that Loudon has to offer our residents and other towns in need. Future events include attending a Polar Express event in Holderness hosted by a junior troop. We are gearing up for Cookie Kick Off the first of the New Year.

Karen and I wish everyone the merriest Christmas and a happy New Year to all!!!!

### Brownie Troop #300

*Amanda Masse, Michele Paquette & Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz*

The girls of Troop #300 continue to be very busy. We delivered the 5 fleece blankets to Concord Hospital and received a nice thank you note from the Pediatrics Department. The girls finished requirements for two more try-its. We made balloon rockets, pinwheels, paper airplanes and windsocks to earn the Movers try-it. They learned the importance of proper oral care, hand washing techniques and the importance of calcium in our bodies to earn the Health Habits try-it. The girls have decided to participate in Loudon's World Thinking day in February and present the country Italy. They will be learning all about Girl Guides in that country as well as other facts about life in Italy. We are planning on having a great time at Loudon's Cookie Kick-off event and look forward to a great 2008 with Loudon Girl Scouts! ■

## Loudon Elementary School Celebrates the Talent of our Youth

Loudon Elementary School PTA Invites the entire Loudon Community to celebrate the talents of the local youth at an Art Reflections Celebration Exhibit on Thursday, January 24th from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School Gymnasium. Students have been working hard creating works of art in the areas of literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Students are competing and will be judged on their entries. We hope you can attend this event to support and view their hard work. There will be refreshments available. Winners from each group will go on to compete at the state level. ■





# LOUDON HISTORY AND MYSTERY

By Amanda Masse

Last month's mystery photo was taken in 1976 and is the Osborne Farm on Upper City Road in Loudon. The photo was taken by Ken Williams for an article that appeared in *The Concord Monitor* on May 14, 1976 by Asher Neeland about local Bicentennial Farms. If you are out and about looking for a nice scenic drive, just keep going straight on 129. As you travel, you will go into Gilmanton, but there are seven families tucked away in a beautiful quiet corner of Loudon on Upper City Road off Route 129. The Osborne Farm is there.

At the time of this writing, Mary Osborne Kolodziej was the only person who responded to this mystery — of course correctly. The original buildings on the property date back to 1775 and have remained in the Osborne family since that time.



**Last month's mystery.**

Stay tuned next month for information on Lord Loudoun!!!

I am always looking for more individuals interested in helping out with this section, and of course am always looking for your great photos. If you are interested in helping or have photos to

share please contact me, Amanda by email at [jaelmasse@comcast.net](mailto:jaelmasse@comcast.net) or call 783-0227.

Please consider stopping by and joining the Historical Society, the next meeting is on January 2nd. Please email Cyndi Babonis at [cbabonis@gmail.com](mailto:cbabonis@gmail.com)

for meeting details. Let's all help keep Loudon's history alive! This group has gathered some great energy and plans on working in sub-groups on topics such as cemetery documentation, oral histories, and public relations efforts; join them to find out more! ■



## More Bird's Eye Views of Loudon

*Photos by Debbie Kardaseski, who was flown by Steve Jackson.*

*Left: Loudon Country Club.*

*Below left: Meadow Ledge Orchard and Millican Nursery.*

*Below right: Sanborn Farm.*



# Did You Make a New Year's Resolution?

By Christine Campbell

January is the perfect time for setting a goal to carry out in the New Year. People choose a variety of goals, more popular choices being to lose weight or quit smoking. This year, how about volunteering?

## Why?

Volunteering gives you an opportunity to change things for the better. You can have a direct impact on another person's life by volunteering. Volunteering is a good way to meet people who have similar interests, make new friends or make contacts that lead to internships or jobs. "Helping others in need is such an important part of the American way of life that many high schools require their students to spend a certain number of hours volunteering in order to graduate" (Dr. Dowshen, pg 1). Merrimack Valley High School requires each graduating senior to complete a minimum of twenty four hours of community volunteer service.

A 2005 report on volunteering was compiled for the federal government and ranked New Hampshire 18 in the nation for volunteer service. According to the report New Hampshire spent forty-eight hours annually on volunteer activities. The volunteering rate in 2002 was 29.9% and increased to 33.2% in 2004, but sadly declined to 31.6% in 2005. Of the total number of volunteers only 28% donated more than one hundred hours annually.

## How are New Hampshire Volunteers Contributing?

Granite staters were most likely to fund raise or sell items to raise money, serve as coaches, referees, tutors, teachers or mentors which reflects volunteering activity trends across the Northeast. In New Hampshire, 1 out of 5 volunteers provided professional or management assistance. This was about 3% higher in New Hampshire than observed in the Northeast (17.5%). One third of New Hampshire volunteers served primarily through educational or youth service organizations. New Hampshire had the highest proportion of volunteers working with educational or youth service organizations in the nation. The total percentages of volunteers in New Hampshire is as follows:

- 33.1% Educational or youth service
- 19.7% Religious
- 14.4% Social or community service
- 9.5% Civic, political, professional or international
- 8.6% Hospital
- 4.7% Sport, hobby, cultural or arts
- 4.0% Other
- 2.6% Environmental or animal care
- 2.1% Not reporting type of organization
- 1.3% Public safety

## Find What's Right For You!

You choose what really interests you and who (or what) is most deserving of your time. If you like animals, help out at a local animal shelter. If you think you may be interested in politics, volunteer with a campaign. A campaign is a great way to find out how things work on the inside. You can make a difference by helping on a political campaign-whether it's for the president of the United States or your town selectman. If you have a friend or relative who has had a medical problem, you might be inspired to donate your time to help an organization that raises money for research, delivers meals, or provides a service for the person with the illness. If you enjoy children or the elderly, there are tons of volunteering opportunities. Right here in Loudon you could:

- share your hobby with a girl or boy scout troop
- enjoy history, consider joining the Historical Society

• like writing, the Communications Council is always looking for articles to add to the Ledger

• sports your thing, consider coaching or sharing your interest in Loudon Youth Athletic Association or Merrimack County Cheerleading Association.

## Find What Fits Your Schedule

After you discover something that interests you decide how much time you want to spend and if it fits your schedule. Many organizations require a set time commitment each week, however others are very flexible. Consider volunteering for only a specific project or day long event. This is helpful in determining whether you really want to get involved long term giving you the opportunity to explore the organization without a commitment for anything more. Remember, the rewards of volunteering are certainly great for the organization (many are dependant on volunteers and

can't provide service without them), but the greater rewards are yours. Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, provide a sense of responsibility, develop an understanding of people who are different than you, feel that you have made a difference and feel proud of the goals that you have achieved.

Make 2008 the year you get involved in something you feel passionate about. The goal of this article is to empower every citizen in Loudon, regardless of age or sex, to volunteer this year. Your involvement in the world can be meaningful and you can make Loudon a better place for all to live!!

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## Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care Offers Workshop on Cancer-Related Fatigue

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care is offering a free program, "Managing Cancer-Related Fatigue" in collaboration with the American Cancer Society on Thursday, January 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presenters include Jennifer Welch, RN, BSN, Lisa Gold, MA, MS, LCMHC and Barbara Tynan, PT.

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

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

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

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

Concord Hospital is a nationally accredited, regional medical center that provides comprehensive acute-

care services and programs to people throughout New Hampshire. The Hospital offers 42 medical specialties and subspecialties, including its cornerstone centers of excellence in orthopaedics, cancer, cardiac, urology and women's health. Concord Hospital, along with innovative technology and exceptionally trained clinicians, ensures high quality patient care and safety. Additionally, Concord Hospital and its subsidiaries, nationally recognized for cardiovascular, stroke and diabetes medical care, offer a network of primary and specialty care physicians throughout Concord and its surrounding communities. In 2007, the charitable, not-for-profit organization provided more than \$31 million in community benefits to the residents of Central New Hampshire. For more information, visit [www.concordhospital.org](http://www.concordhospital.org). ■

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# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS IN LOUDON:

## Aprylle and Reed Desrosiers on Flute and Guitar

By Lee Laughlin

As I write this, snow is falling lightly but my house is warm and snug. I am enjoying the sounds of *Into The Winter's Night*, a CD of holiday music from the 9th to the 20th centuries performed by Loudon residents Aprylle and Reed Desrosiers. The lyrics from *Silent Night* "...all is calm, all is bright" come to mind.

### Aprylle

All you have to do is Google Aprylle Desrosiers to see the diversity in her background. In just the first two pages of results, you will see links to Aprylle and Reed's web site, NH Wedding Magazine, the Conval school district, and the New England Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution. Aprylle has used her extensive training as a flutist more to maintain her sanity than solely as a professional venture. Through her diverse career Aprylle has worked with some challenging populations, she has taught health to high school students, lead the Safe Schools program in Manchester, run teen pregnancy and parenting programs, and is currently an elementary school guidance counselor with the Conval School district. Throughout it all, she has played the flute as part of her duo with Reed, with chamber music groups and orchestras. "Music has always been my therapy."

### Reed

Reed Desrosiers holds the American equivalent of a Ph.D in guitar performance from Hochschule die Kunste in Bremen, Germany. At the tender age of

22, he was invited to start the guitar performance major at Keene State University. The program was a quick success, going from no students to 30 majors in just the first four years of its existence. By designing a curriculum that included courses in arrangement, and pedagogy, he sought to develop well-rounded musicians who could integrate guitar education into existing music curricula. Nowadays, Reed is getting his chance to implement exactly such a program in the Hillsboro-Deering schools. He also arranges music (a passion) and teaches private lessons.

### The Duo

Aprylle and Reed have known each other since the early '70's. They performed together and traveled in the same social circles. For the next 20 years, they saw each other about once a year more by coincidence than by plan. It wasn't until another one of those chance meetings in 1993, this time by a Coke display at a grocery store, that they realized coincidence might, not be just coincidence. They were married two years later.

From April through November, their weekends are devoted to performing at weddings. December is usually holiday gigs for corporate or private clients. January and February are dedicated to exhibiting at the bridal shows. They typically play between 80 and 100 gigs a year throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

It was all the traveling that prompted their move from the Monadnock region to Loudon. Since the Concord area is

more centrally located, it was the natural choice when they started searching for land. "About 5 years ago, we began looking for land in the Concord area — from Webster to Canterbury — and finally found the beautiful, secluded parcel of land we were looking for on Bumfagon Road. We began building a new house two years ago, and finally moved in at the end of this past June," said Reed in his introductory email to me. They've been very happy with their choice, "Everyone is so friendly and welcoming," Aprylle says with a warm smile.

When performing at weddings, they view their role as not just musicians, but as part of the team working to make that day one of the most memorable of the couple's lives.

Of course weddings being weddings, there are some great stories to tell. At one wedding the couple booked Aprylle and Reed and a jazz pianist. There was some discussion about which of them would play the *The Wedding March* (a.k.a, *Here Comes the Bride*), ultimately; the couple chose the jazz pianist to play the processional. Imagine *Here Comes the Bride* played by a swing band and you get the picture.

They have played at a variety of venues around Northern New England, including some of our beautiful outdoor locations. There is one outdoor wedding in Maine that stands out in their memories. It was the first of November and as they drove over with the heater going full blast, they were confident that the festivities would be moved inside. They were wrong and ended up playing in seventeen degree temperatures for two hours.

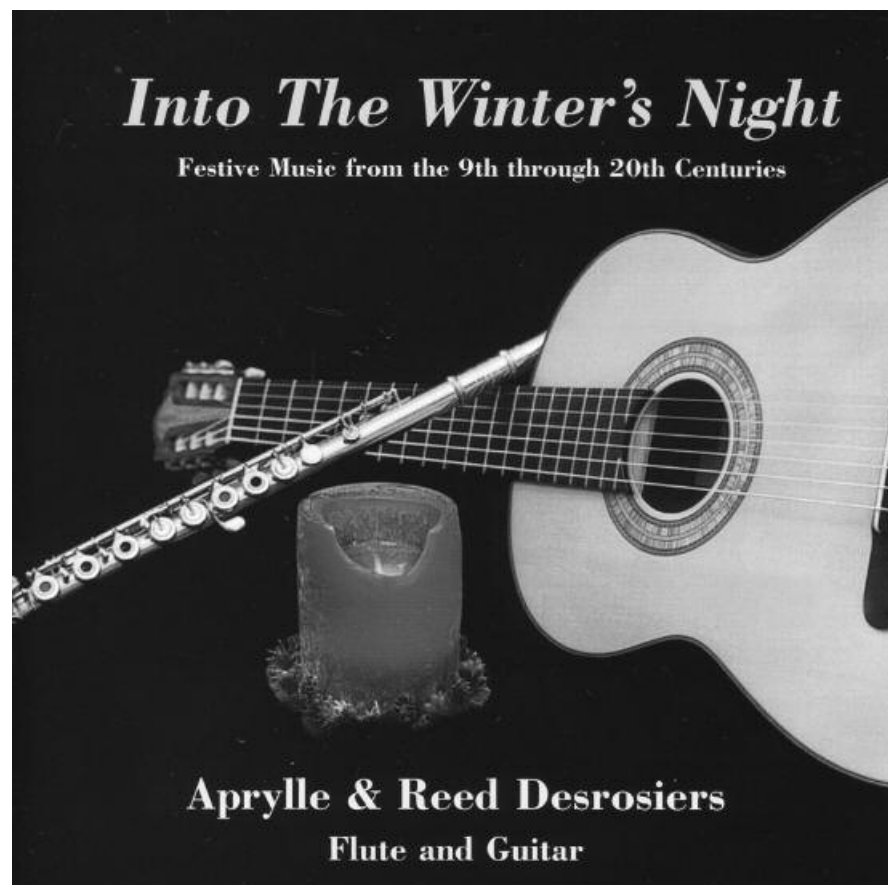


Lastly, there was the wedding that featured a magician along with the duo. The magician used live doves in his performance. When it was time for music, the doves insisted on having the best seats in the house. They perched on Reed's shoulders as he strummed.

Although both enjoy the challenges and the diversity of their careers, performing is their passion. They enjoy the creative outlet and the opportunity to work together.

To purchase their CD, hear samples of their music, or for more information on Aprylle and Reed you can visit their web site at [www.aprylleandreed.com](http://www.aprylleandreed.com).

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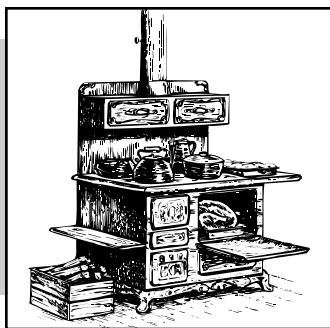
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# What's Cookin'!

## This month: Super Soups

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Happy New Year! Super soups are hot, hearty, and healthy. If you are daring in the kitchen (like me) you can turn almost any assortment of stock or broth, veggies, meat, pasta or grain into a delicious soup. For those of you who need a good recipe, here is a sampling of soups to warm your soul.

### HAM AND SPLIT PEA SOUP — Recipe courtesy Emeril Lagasse

- 1 pound dried split peas
- 1 ham hock
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup finely chopped yellow onions
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup finely chopped carrots
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 pound Smithfield ham, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 8 cups water
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme

Place the peas in a large pot or bowl, cover with water by 2 inches and soak 8 hours or overnight. Drain the peas and set aside. Score the ham hock. Place in a pot, cover with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer for 1 hour. Drain and set aside. In a large pot, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add the celery and carrots and cook, stirring, until just soft, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add the ham hock and ham and cook, stirring, until beginning to brown. Add the drained peas, salt, pepper, and pepper flakes and cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Add 8 cups of water, the bay leaf and thyme, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the peas are tender, about 1 hour. (Add more water as needed, if the soup becomes too thick or dry.) Remove the bay leaf and discard. Adjust the seasoning, to taste, and serve immediately.

### YUCATAN LIME SOUP — Recipe courtesy Emeril Lagasse

- 1 chicken breast half, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, plus 1/4 teaspoon
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil, plus more if needed
- 8 corn tortillas, cut into 1-inch strips
- 3/4 cup finely chopped white onions
- 1 teaspoon Essence or Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup seeded, chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon minced Serrano chiles
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 lime, cut into thin slices, for decoration
- 1 avocado, seeded and diced, for topping

Season the chicken with the cumin and 1/4 teaspoon salt and set aside. In a large pot, heat 1/2 cup of the oil over high heat. Fry the tortilla strips in batches until golden brown on both sides, adding more oil as needed. Drain on paper towels. Remove all but 2 tablespoons of oil from the pan. Add the onion, Essence and 1/4 teaspoon salt, and saute until soft, about 3 minutes. Add the chicken, garlic, tomatoes and chiles and saute for 3 minutes. Add the stock and lime juice and simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the cilantro. Place 1 lime slice in each soup bowl and ladle the soup on top. Top each serving with diced avocado and serve the fried tortilla strips on the side.

### ASIAN MUSHROOM SOUP — Recipe courtesy Dave Lieberman

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 (2-inch piece) fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 quarts reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce, optional
- 2 portobello mushrooms, caps peeled, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 5 ounces cremini mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 10 small shiitake mushrooms, cleaned and left whole
- Outer leaves of 1 small Napa cabbage or 1/2 large cabbage, leaves roughly torn
- 2 carrots, peeled, cut in 1/2 lengthwise then in 1/2 crosswise, and very thinly sliced
- 2 good handfuls snow peas
- 1 small bunch scallions, thinly sliced
- Dark sesame oil

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and cook the garlic and ginger until browned. Combine the broth, soy sauce, and fish sauce, if using, to the saucepan and bring to a simmer. Add the remaining ingredients except the snow peas, scallions, and sesame oil. Simmer for 20 minutes, and then add the snow peas. Cook for just a few minutes longer, until the snow peas have softened but are still bright green. Add the scallions to the saucepan, remove from heat, and ladle into serving bowls. Drizzle a bit of sesame oil over the top of each serving.

### ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP — Recipe courtesy Giada De Laurentis

#### Meatballs:

- 1 small onion, grated
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 slice fresh white bread, crust trimmed, bread torn into small pieces
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 8 ounces ground beef
- 8 ounces ground pork
- Freshly ground black pepper

#### Soup:

- 12 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 pound curly endive, coarsely chopped (1 pound of spinach would be a good substitution)
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan, plus extra for garnish
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### To make the meatballs:

Stir the first 6 ingredients in a large bowl to blend. Stir in the cheese, beef and pork. Using 1 1/2 teaspoons for each, shape the meat mixture into 1-inch-diameter meatballs. Place on a baking sheet.

#### To make the soup:

Bring the broth to a boil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the meatballs and curly endive and simmer until the meatballs are cooked through and the curly endive is tender, about 8 minutes. Whisk the eggs and cheese in a medium bowl to blend. Stir the soup in a circular motion. Gradually drizzle the egg mixture into the moving broth, stirring gently with a fork to form thin stands of egg, about 1 minute. Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper.

Ladle the soup into bowls and serve. Finish soup with parmesan cheese if desired.

**Next Month:** Beg and borrow. Recipes worth begging for and sharing with the people you love. If there is a recipe that you would love to have, or think someone else should have, contact me by email at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net), call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307.

# What Is Phishing?

*Submitted by Vicky Phillips, from the IRS's web site*

Phishing is the act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be a legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that could be used for identity theft. According to the Federal Trade Commission, phishers send e-mails or pop-up messages that claim to be from a business or organization, for example, an Internet Service Provider, a bank, an online payment service or even a government agency. The message may ask you to update, validate or confirm your account information. Some phishing e-mails threaten dire consequences if you don't respond. The messages direct you to a Web site that looks just like a legitimate organization's site — but it's not. It's a bogus site whose sole purpose is to trick you into divulging your personal information so operators can steal your identity and run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

## Remember these tips:

- If you get an e-mail or a pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information, do not reply or click on any links in the message. Legitimate

companies don't ask for this information via e-mail. If you are concerned about your account, contact the organization in the e-mail by using a telephone number you know or open a new Internet browser session and type in the company's correct Web address yourself. Don't cut and paste the link from the message into your Internet browser — phishers can make links look real, but it actually sends you to a different site

- Use anti-virus software and a firewall and keep them up-to-date. Some phishing e-mails contain software that can harm your computer or track your activities on the Internet without your knowledge. Anti-virus software and a firewall can protect you from inadvertently accepting such unwanted files.

## Beware of phishing schemes involving the IRS.

Although the FTC has reported that the IRS has a low number of identity theft crimes, phishing schemes using the IRS name have been escalating in number and sophistication. The current phishing scheme attempts to convince

the users that they are receiving an e-mail from the IRS. The e-mails use an official IRS seal and ask recipients to provide personal information, such as Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and bank PINs. You should only respond in writing or by phone to the phone number listed on an IRS notice. Remember, the IRS does not initiate communication with taxpayers through e-mail.

## What if you believe you've been a victim of a scam?

File a complaint at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov), and then visit the FTC's Identity Theft Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/). Victims of phishing can become victims of identity theft. If an identity thief is opening credit accounts in your name, these new accounts are likely to show up on your credit report. You may catch an incident early by ordering a free copy of your credit report from any of the three major credit bureaus. See [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) for details on ordering a free annual credit report.

## What if you become aware of an IRS-related phishing scam?

Find more on how to report phishing schemes at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (keyword: identity theft). The IRS and the Treas-

ury Inspector General for Tax Administration can use the information, URLs, and links in the bogus e-mails to trace the hosting Web site and alert authorities to help shut it down.

## How do I report other IRS scams?

You may report misuse of the IRS name, logo, forms or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800.366.4484.

## How do I report tax fraud?

Don't fall victim to tax scams. Remember, that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Report suspected tax fraud activity by sending a completed Form 3949-A, Information Referral, to Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888. You can download the form or call 800.829.3676 to order by mail. For more information about identity theft prevention and victim assistance, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (keyword: identity theft).

## For additional information:

If you would like more information about this topic and others, including suspicious emails and identity theft, please visit the Internal Revenue Service's web site: [www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155682,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155682,00.html). ■

# NH Ice Conditions Unpredictable

The deep snow already covering the state may mask unsafe ice conditions, cautions Major Tim Acerno of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Outdoor enthusiasts are urged to play it safe and check ice carefully before venturing onto ice-covered waters.

"Snow-covered lakes might appear to be safe, but the snow can hide places where the ice is dangerous. Don't assume that if the ice is safe on one part of a waterbody, it is safe throughout," said Acerno. "Also, deep snow can have an insulating effect, causing ice not to form as fast."

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

Another hidden ice hazard is fluctuating water levels. An example of this hazard is Highland Lake in Andover, where the dam is undergoing extensive repairs. Work crews have had to raise and lower the water level because of the extent of the repairs. When the water level is lowered, air pockets form, causing dangerous conditions. The Fish and Game Department cautions all users to stay off the ice on Highland Lake in Andover and other bodies of water

where water levels are constantly changing.

How can you tell if ice is safe? There are no guarantees — always consider ice potentially dangerous. Assess ice safety by using an ice chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness and condition. Make sure you continue to do this as you go further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the pond or lake.

The Cold Region Research Laboratory in Hanover offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness, suggesting that there should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or ATV travel. Depth is not the only factor — warming trends can break down the ice, and the slushy surface then re-freezes into weaker ice.

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

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

To download a brochure from Fish and Game called "Safety on Ice — Tips for Anglers," visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm>. ■

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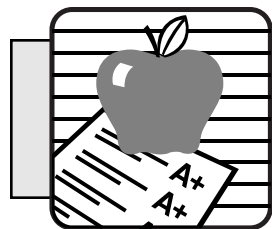
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## Merrimack Valley School District News

### Loudon Elementary School

#### Important Dates

<b>January 1</b>	School closed for New Years Day. Happy New Year!
<b>January 3</b>	PTA meeting
<b>January 4</b>	Mid Term
<b>January 8</b>	Environmental Kids Club 3:30
<b>January 18 &amp; 21</b>	School closed
<b>January 24</b>	Reflections Program Art Reception
<b>January 25</b>	Marks close

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

### MV Middle School

#### Important Dates

<b>January 11</b>	TIGER Assembly
<b>January 14</b>	School Board Meeting
<b>January 16</b>	PTO meeting, 6:30 Library (3rd Wed.)
<b>January 17</b>	Spelling Bee
<b>January 18 &amp; 21</b>	School closed
<b>January 23</b>	2nd quarter ends (pending snow)
<b>January 25</b>	Hat Day
<b>January 29</b>	Report Cards

WOW! The students at MVMS have collected over 600 pounds of food during their holiday food drive. The food was collected for the New Hampshire Food Bank. Thank you to all students and families who donated, this generosity will provide food to families in need this holiday season.

MVMS Library had a very successful **Book Fair** and thanks the students, families, and staff for their support! We were able to add many new books to the collection — many of which the Book Club and other students selected. Several teachers received “wish” books for their classrooms and the fundraiser was a success, overall.

Team 7A went on a **field trip** to the Fish Hatchery on Wednesday, November 14th. Team 7B will be going to the Hatchery on Wednesday, November 28th.

In **science classes** the students will be starting the Newton Scooter project. This project will have the students examine force and motion.

**7th grade Art** students studied artists Cassatt, Kollwitz, Bonheur, and Remington and have used the research to complete a sample writing prompt in which they express information clearly and stay within the allowed writing space. The prompt is great practice for the state test writing format. The open form projects are almost complete. Students have been learning, practicing and applying 3-D skills to create cylinders from oaktag and clay. Some students are choosing to do one of each medium transferring knowledge from clay to paper. Student confidence and speed completing the second cylinder is amazing to see. Painting or glazing will finish the cylinder project. Color theory, drawing from observation, and perspective projects are the next areas of study.

### MV High School News

Check out our New Website: <http://mvhs.mvsd.k12.nh.us>. We are working to make it all you need it to be!

Dear Santa,

Please bring the parents of MV students brand new digital cameras. This way they can donate their old, still useable video cameras (nothing too old, maybe from the 90's on up) to the school. There are many things we could do with cameras. Students who have to do speeches can film themselves, rewind and see what they need to work on. Other students could create digital stories like the ones students at Mabry Middle School in Georgia create (<http://mabryonline.org>). We have the software to make these, but we don't have a lot of filming equipment. Also, please keep everyone safe over the holiday break!

#### Junior Class News:

The Junior Class participated in the WJYY food drive contest. We didn't win, but we were able to donate 250 lbs. to the New Hampshire Food Bank. Thanks to all who contributed! On Friday, December 21st we will be having a bake sale. Juniors can bring goodies to Mrs. Corrow in room 211 on the morning of the 21st. *Submitted by Mrs. Corrow, Junior Class Advisor*

#### National Honor Society:

The following seniors were inducted into the Peter J. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 15 at 7 p.m. in the library: Tyler Fenton, Hanna Fyfe, Frank Hemsing, Ryan Jelley, and Amos Powelson. Congratulations to all! *Submitted by Shari Johnson, NAHS Advisor*

#### Math Team:

The MVHS Math Team moved from third into second place in The Lakes Region Math League competition. Perfect scores in the individual categories were recorded by Brett Branscombe (2), Patrick Bousquet (2), Ian Coll (2), Megan Coll, Frank Hemsing, Kendra Carlson, and Morgan Matthews. In addition, Patrick Bousquet and Brett Branscombe received the distinction of being the second highest scorers among the 158 participants. *Submitted by Mr. Hallahan, Math Team Advisor*

#### News from the MVHS Wellness Center:

##### NHTI Dental Clinic:

This is a reminder to send in permission forms for your child to ensure that they are scheduled for a free check up courtesy of the NHTI Dental School. The clinic will be starting after the Holiday break on most Mondays and Fridays. If you have questions, or need another permission form, please contact Mr. Smith in the Wellness Center. Send in completed permission forms as soon as possible.

##### Smoking Cessation course:

There will be a 10-week smoking cessation course starting in January for those students interested in kicking the habit of tobacco. Contact Mr. Smith for more information.

##### Anger-Stress Management Group:

Guidance and Wellness continue to facilitate a group for students interested in learning new coping strategies and discussing their issues in a supportive group setting. For more information about this group, please contact Mr. Ciarametaro or Mr. Smith.

##### Counseling Services in the Wellness Center:

We are fortunate this year to have Jen MacLeamy from Riverbend Community Mental Health join us and offer on-site, outpatient services to students in need. Jen is a doctoral level intern finishing up her program through Stanford University.

Also, we are fortunate to have Heather Kingston (Student Assistant Program) working with students regarding substance abuse issues. Heather splits time between MVMS and MVHS during the week. *Submitted by: Lenny Smith, LICSW, Wellness Center Director*

#### From the Guidance Department

*Respectfully submitted by Mark Ciarametaro,*

##### Seniors:

Please make sure you are getting college applications in before deadlines! Have official records (transcripts) requested from Guidance so you can send them out as well.

##### Reminder to Seniors and their Parents:

The FAFSA forms will no longer be available in guidance. The Department of Education (DOE), who distributes the FAFSA, has made a change in their distribution method. Students will be able to obtain up to three paper copies of the FAFSA forms by calling 1-800-433-3243 or by visiting [www.edpubs.org](http://www.edpubs.org). The DOE still STRONGLY encourages parents and students to file their form on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

#### Upcoming Events:

##### January 2–11th:

NWEA testing for all 9th and 10th graders in reading and language usage and testing in math for all students taking a math course below Algebra II. Go to [mvhs.mvsd.k12.nh.us](http://mvhs.mvsd.k12.nh.us), click on the “Upcoming Events at MVHS” and click on NWEA Testing in the Calendar of Events to view the full testing schedule.

##### January 4th:

A representative from Phillips Exeter Summer Academy will be visiting MVHS on Friday, January 4th to discuss the program with eligible juniors and answer any questions students may have about the program.

## Winter "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" Workshop Opens January 7

Women who want to explore active outdoor interests like ice-fishing or snowshoeing can attend a one-day *Becoming an Outdoors-Woman* (B.O.W.) winter workshop on Saturday, February 23, 2008 (snow date February 24), at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H. The workshop is offered jointly by N.H. Fish and Game and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

Important! Registration for winter B.O.W. opens January 7 and runs through February 8, 2008. Sign up early, because this popular workshop fills up fast. A registration form and course descriptions will be available at [www.nhbow.com](http://www.nhbow.com) after registration opens; to request an application by mail, email [Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov) or call (603) 271-3212 after registration opens. The workshop costs \$55, which includes a box lunch. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

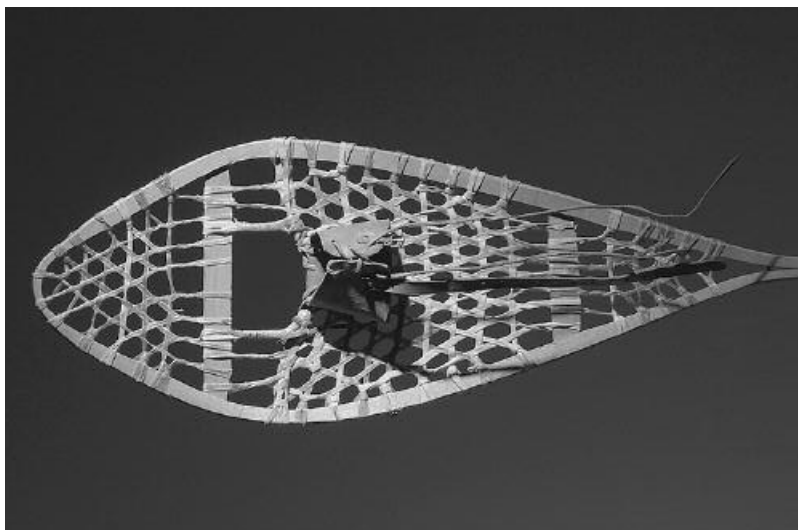
Participants choose a single topic for the day's activities. Choices include ice-fishing; winter outdoor survival skills; basic snow-

shoeing and tracking; snowmobiling; and "Shoe and Shoot," which combines snowshoeing and target shooting.

"Women have a great time at the winter workshop, and they really seem to appreciate having the chance to learn exciting outdoor activities in the company of other women," said Laura Ryder, program leader for hunter and aquatic education at Fish and Game. "The skills they learn from our expert B.O.W. instructors will allow them to spend enjoyable time outdoors with their families — or on their own — during New Hampshire's long winters."

The N.H. Wildlife Federation is a non-profit group that advocates for the promotion and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping, as well as the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. Visit [www.nhwhf.org](http://www.nhwhf.org).

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit [www.WildNH.com](http://www.WildNH.com). ■



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### Library Media Center

*Submitted by Jim Clapp*

As you might imagine, the LMC has been abuzz with activity recently, mostly due to seniors working on their Senior Project papers. Some were putting finishing touches on papers they'd nearly completed. Others were in the process of writing theirs, while more than a few were just beginning their research. Yes, indeed, there's nothing like a concrete deadline for an important assignment to cause students to "get a move on."

I'd like to relay some observations I've made over the four years I have been a witness to his process (mostly stumbling blocks) encountered as seniors go about their project-related tasks.

- Rule #1.** Save your work in more than one location.
- Rule #2.** Save your work in a useable format.
- Rule #3.** Remember to document your resources.
- Rule #4.** Read the directions and follow them.
- Rule #5.** Ask someone to proof read/edit your paper.

### Important Dates:

**December 21, 2007** First day of Holiday Break.

**January 2, 2008** School resumes.

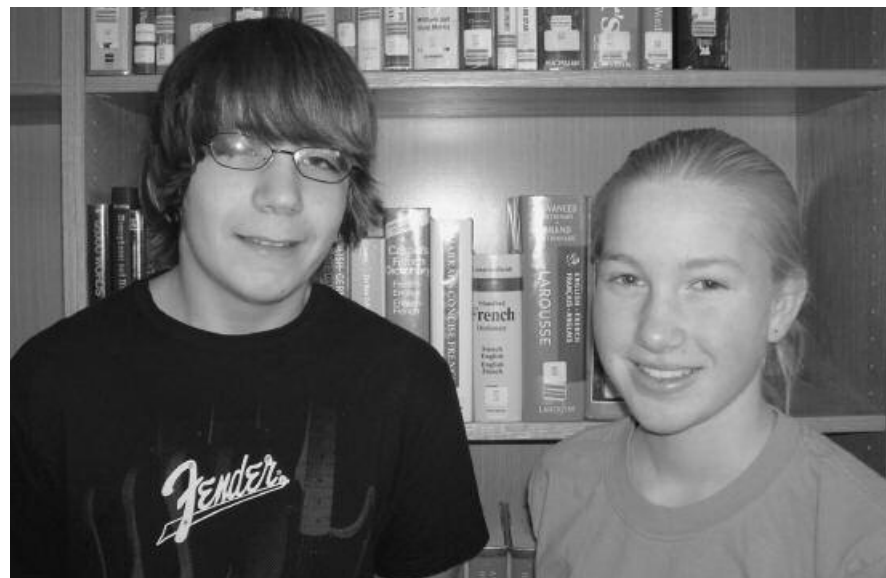
**January 14-17** Competency Week.

**January 18 & 21** No School.

**January 23** Report Cards Mailed Home


### Students of the Month

I am pleased to announce that the students listed below were nominated for recognition as November Student of the Month at Merrimack Valley High School. The winning students — Russell Mancini and Merike Youngs — are pictured above!



<b>Salisbury:</b>	Meghan Burrows, Althea Rosen, Kaila Barry.
<b>Webster:</b>	Kendra Carlson, Stephenie Smith, Jared Balch.
<b>Loudon:</b>	Ashlyn Rouse, Brittanie Schwab, Lindsey Mullen, Scott Vanson, Russell Mancini (Winner), Sam Doyon, Newell Moser.
<b>Boscawen:</b>	Bridget Tevnan, Ann Huckins, Lindsey Galliher, Jillian Kerchin, Seth Magee, Nick Walker.
<b>Andover:</b>	Shawna Barton, Elizabeth Rego.
<b>Penacook:</b>	Mim Powelson, Chelsea Adams, Merike Youngs (Winner).

*Dr. Michael Jette  
Principal, Merrimack Valley High School*



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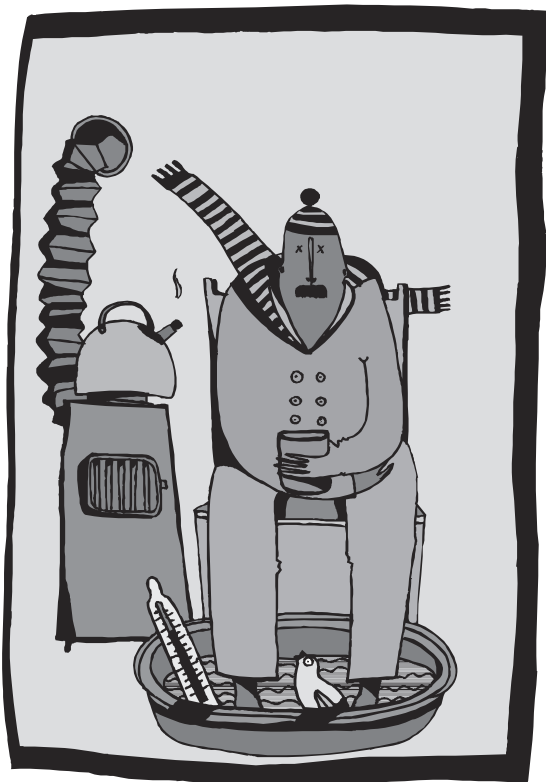
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# T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

## Hypothermia



Hypothermia occurs when more heat escapes from your body than your body can produce. Signs and symptoms of hypothermia may include gradual loss of mental and physical abilities. Severe hypothermia can lead to death. For most people, hypothermia isn't a serious risk. Still, each year nearly 700 people in the United States die of hypothermia. Prolonged exposure to cold air or cold water temperatures are common causes.

When you're outdoors enjoying such activities as camping, hunting, fishing, boating and skiing, be aware of weather conditions and whether you or others with you are wet and cold. If you get cold and wet, move indoors and get warm and dry early — before you develop hypothermia.

**Hypothermia is defined as an internal body temperature less than 95 F. Signs and symptoms include:**

- Slurred speech
- Shivering
- Abnormally slow breathing
- Cold, pale skin
- Loss of coordination
- Fatigue, lethargy or apathy

Symptoms usually develop slowly. Someone with hypothermia typically experiences gradual loss of mental acuity and physical ability, and so may be unaware of the need for emergency medical treatment.

Older adults, infants, young children and people who are very lean are at particular risk. Other people at higher risk for hypothermia than the general public include those whose judgment may be impaired by mental illness or Alzheimer's disease and people who are intoxicated, homeless or caught in cold weather because their vehicles have

broken down. Other conditions that may predispose people to hypothermia are malnutrition, cardiovascular disease and an underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism).

### To care for someone with hypothermia:

- **Dial 911 or call for emergency medical assistance.** While waiting for help to arrive, monitor the person's breathing. If breathing stops or seems dangerously slow or shallow, begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) immediately.
- **Move the person out of the cold.** If going indoors isn't possible, protect the person from the wind, cover his or her head, and insulate his or her body from the cold ground.
- **Remove wet clothing.** Replace wet things with a warm, dry covering.
- **Don't apply direct heat.** Don't use hot water, a heating pad or a heating lamp to warm the victim. Instead, apply warm compresses to the neck, chest wall and groin. Don't attempt to warm the arms and legs. Heat applied to the arms and legs forces cold blood back toward the heart, lungs and brain, causing the core body temperature to drop. This can be fatal.
- **Don't give the person alcohol.** Offer warm nonalcoholic drinks, unless the person is vomiting.
- **Don't massage or rub the person.** Handle people with hypothermia gently, because they're at risk of cardiac arrest.

Source: [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com)

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email Tricia Ingraham: [dtin-graham@comcast.net](mailto:dtin-graham@comcast.net) ■

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# Boating Education Classes Announced

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

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09/13/08	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Seabrook Fire Department, Seabrook
10/11/08	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee
11/08/08	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Seabrook Fire Department, Seabrook
11/15/08	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee
12/06/08	9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	Seabrook Fire Department, Seabrook

## TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

01/21/08 & 01/23/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Dover High School, Dover
01/21/08 & 01/23/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Exeter Library, Exeter
01/21/08 & 01/23/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough
01/22/08 & 01/24/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Bridgewater-Hebron Village School, Bristol
01/23/08 & 01/25/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Meredith Community Center, Meredith
01/28/08 & 01/30/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack
01/28/08 & 01/30/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	West Running Brook Middle School, Derry
01/29/08 & 01/31/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Londonderry Police Department, Londonderry
02/11/08 & 02/13/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Seabrook Fire Department, Seabrook
02/12/08 & 02/14/08	5:30—9:00 p.m.	Laconia High School, Laconia
02/18/08 & 02/20/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Berlin NHCTC, Berlin
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02/25/08 & 02/27/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Moultonborough Public Safety, Moultonborough
02/25/08 & 02/27/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Plaistow Library, Plaistow
02/26/08 & 02/28/08	6:00—9:30 p.m.	Londonderry Police Department, Londonderry
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# NH Fishing Rule Changes for 2008

As the start of the new year approaches, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department wants anglers to be aware of several administrative rule changes that will take effect in 2008.

"These new rules don't reflect major statewide changes for anglers," said Scott Decker, Inland Fisheries Program Supervisor for N.H. Fish and Game. "However, the use of certain types of fishing gear has changed - the use of cusk fishing devices will be limited to specific waterbodies with cusk populations, and the use of a gaff to take fish in any fresh waters of the state is now prohibited. It's also important for anglers who fish certain waters to be aware of specific changes affecting those waterbodies."

The following 2008 administrative rule changes affecting anglers take effect January 1:

## Use of Cusk Fishing Devices:

The use of cusk fishing devices is restricted to the following waters: First Connecticut Lake, Second Connecticut Lake, Third Connecticut Lake and Lake Francis (all in Pittsburg); Newfound Lake (Bristol, Alexandria, Bridgewater, Hebron); Silver Lake (Madison); Big Squam Lake (Holderness, Center Harbor, Sandwich, Moultonboro); Little Squam Lake (Holderness, Ashland); South Pond (Stark); Sunapee Lake (Newbury, New London, Sunapee); Lake Winnepesaukee (Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonboro, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro); and Winnisquam Lake (Belmont, Sanbornton, Laconia, Tilton, Meredith).

## Use of a gaff:

Use of a gaff (a hand-held metal hook used on large fish) to take fish in any fresh waters of the state is prohibited.

## Manmade Openings:

This rule clarifies the definition of "manmade opening" to mean a hole in the ice made by an ice-cutting tool, including, but not limited to, augers, chisels and saws. Manmade openings shall not include areas that remain ice-free because of current and movement created by dock aerators and similar devices.

## Diamond River (Second College Grant):

The fishing rules on the Diamond River, from the Dead Diamond River and Swift Diamond River confluences down to the mouth at the Magalloway River confluence will change to catch-and-release regulations. This means there is no closed season, all fish must be immediately released; only single-hook artificial lures and flies can be used; and, all hooks must be barbless or have all barbs pinched.

## Dublin Lake (Dublin):

The daily limit for brook trout caught from Dublin Lake will be modified to 3 fish or a total of 5 pounds of fish, whichever limit is reached first.

## South Pond (Stark):

The minimum length for lake trout will be reduced from 18 inches to 15 inches.

## Umbagog Lake:

The portion of Umbagog Lake north of a straight line between Molls Rock; Errol, N.H.; and the red post between Spillman and Glassby Coves, Magalloway Plantation, Maine, is closed to ice-fishing.

## Interstate waters between New Hampshire and Maine:

The ice fishing season for all species except salmon will run from January 1 to March 31 in these waters.

## Lower Kimball Pond in Chatham, N.H., and Fryeburg, Maine:

During the open season, smelt can be taken up until 12 midnight.

## Horn Pond and Salmon Falls River in Wakefield, N.H., and Acton, Maine:

The northern terminus of Horn Pond will be delineated by signage in Wakefield, N.H. and Acton, Maine. The upper reach of the Salmon Falls River in Wakefield, Milton, Rochester, Somersworth and Rollinsford, N.H., and Acton, Berwick and South Berwick, Maine, will be defined as beginning at the outlet dam of Great East Lake (also known as State Line Canal) and extending to a point downstream marked by signage delineating the northern terminus of Horn Pond.

## Salmon Falls River in Wakefield, Milton, Rochester, Somersworth, and Rollinsford, N.H. and Acton, Berwick and South Berwick, Maine:

The open water season will run from January 1 to December 31.

For more information on New Hampshire fishing rules, consult the 2008 New Hampshire Fishing Digest, available at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm) (click on the blue publication cover) or from license agents across the state.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit [www.FishNH.com](http://www.FishNH.com). ■



# Wine Tasting Event to Benefit Concord Hospital Breast Care Center

The Annual Wine Tasting to benefit the Concord Hospital Breast Care Center will be held Tuesday, February 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Courtyard by Marriott Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

This year's benefit, co-hosted by The Courtyard by Marriott and Martignetti Companies of New Hampshire, Inc., offers guests the opportunity to learn and experience some of the most prestigious and respected fine wines from prominent wineries throughout the world. Guests will also have the opportunity to experience fine spirits as well. This year's "Sparkling Raffle" features a diamond pendant set in 14K gold valued at \$2,000, thanks to a generous contribution from Capitol Craftsman & Romance Jewelers in Concord.

"The Breast Care Center and its expanded services are an amazing resource for our region," said Pamela Puleo, Concord Hospital's vice president of philanthropy and public affairs. "This year we look forward to adding another genetic counselor, in collaboration with New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA (NHOH) and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) Cancer Risk and Prevention Program, to our existing program at the Breast Care Center to meet our patients growing needs. Philanthropic support from events like the annual wine tasting helps make the center and services like this possible."

Tickets are available for \$30 per person. A limited number of tickets are available and advanced reservations are required. For more information, call (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076.

Concord Hospital Breast Care Center, in collaboration with Concord Imaging Center, Concord Surgical Associates and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord, provides streamlined care from education and detection to treatment and follow-up. Services provided include annual mammograms, breast ultrasound, ultrasound-guided breast biopsies, stereotactic breast biopsies, surgical consultations, and genetic testing and counseling. For more information about the Breast Care Center including the genetic testing and counseling program, call (603) 230-7266 or visit Concord Hospital's Web site at [www.concordhospital.org](http://www.concordhospital.org). ■

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# My, How Times Have Changed!

By Debbie Kardaseski

Before you know it, March will be here and we'll be into Town Meeting season! I thought the *Loudon Ledger* readers would enjoy a blast from the past. Here are some facts and figures from the February 15, 1902 *Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Town of Loudon*. Included were reports from the Board of Education, the agent for the Fernald Fund and the Eliza Smith Fund.

Some of the miscellaneous accounts paid out include \$10 to J.R. Durgin for services as police plus another \$5 for services as truant officer. M.F. Bickford was paid \$20 for horses at a fire and Geo. Theobald was paid \$5 for horses at a fire! Albert Smith was paid \$75 for damage to a horse. School supplies cost \$266.96. Depen-

dent soldiers and their families cost a total of \$279.39 with town poor costing \$160.05.

That year, the treasurer received a total of \$13,131.04 and paid out \$10,605.08. The Eliza Smith Fund held \$100 and the Fernald Fund balance was \$347.96. S.M. True, road agent, reported he'd paid \$432.83 for miscellaneous expenses, including \$6.25 for bridge plank. True M. Hill, road agent, had expenses of \$569.99, and road agent Henry J. Ordway reported expenses of \$356.30. I can't tell from the report if the town had three road agents working at one time or if they were consecutive road agents. If anyone remembers, please let us know.

The School Report was included with the Town Report and for the year ending February 15, 1902 During the year the Yellow school was closed because of diphtheria. \$21.50 was paid for building fires! Teacher salaries totaled \$1,786.00, with the highest-paid teacher being Blanche Emerson, who earned a whopping \$240 from June 1901 through February 1902. A total of \$112.08 was paid for repairs and \$38.55 for cleaning. Another \$103.50 was paid for wood. The total school budget was \$2,061.63 — and that was for ten schools, all located in Loudon: White, Yellow, Village Grammar, Village Primary, Clough, Brown, Osborne, Lower Ridge, Moore, and Cate. ■

## 10 Basic Tips For Winter Driving

(NAPS) — When driving in snow, sleet and ice, safety takes a turn for the better if you take note of these winter-driving tips from IndyCar Series driver Danica Patrick. Here are her 10 basic guidelines to follow for safe winter driving on slippery roads:

1. Buckle those seat belts. (It's the law.)
2. Keep your windows clear of snow and ice. Do not start until your windshield is defrosted. For clear windows, try products such as Peak Rain-Off Deicer, which deices windshields, windows and wipers for better visibility.
3. Be patient and pass other cars only when it's safe to do so.
4. In rain, fog, snow or sleet, do not turn on your high-beam headlights.
5. Reduce speed and increase your following distance. Your speed should be adjusted for the conditions and match the flow of traffic.
6. Roadway conditions may vary depending on the sun, shade or roadway surface. Watch for slick spots, especially under bridges, on overpasses and in shaded spots.
7. If the pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently. Begin braking early when you come to an intersection.
8. If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you feel you have regained traction, then straighten your vehicle.
9. Be alert when you approach a cloud of snow covering the road, especially on passing lanes. Slow down and approach with caution. A snowplow may be at work clearing the lane or preparing to turn around.
10. Consider getting off the road before getting stranded if weather is worsening.

Safe winter driving starts before you even get on the road. In order to keep your car running smoothly this winter, be sure to check your antifreeze. Look for products backed by a lifetime guarantee that's good for as long as you own your vehicle. Log on to [www.peakantifreeze.com](http://www.peakantifreeze.com) for more information. ■



IndyCar Series sensation Danica Patrick provides safe winter-driving tips.

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**The deadline for the next issue is Friday, January 18 for the February 2008 issue of The Loudon Ledger.**



# Some Like It Hot, Some Like It... Brrrrrr!

*The following was taken from a February 3, 1963 of "New Hampshire Profiles" magazine. Many thanks to Muriel Burr for sharing her scrapbooks with us!*



*With their truck and "bob house" in the background, Hiram Cate chops a hole through the ice while Warren Jenkins, left, and Charles Cate await their turn to lend a hand.*

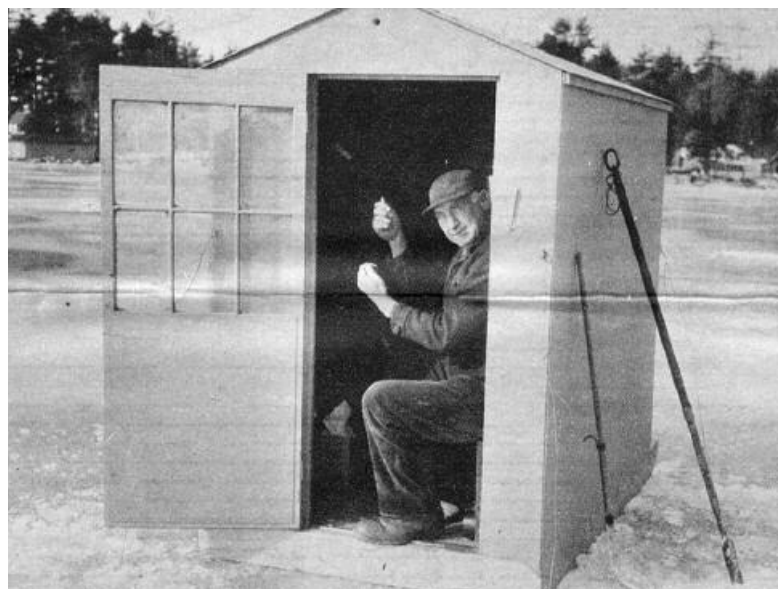
Tiny, home-made shacks — not much bigger than a telephone booth — dot New England lakes and ponds this time of year as a hardy band of ice fishermen try to land the "big ones." These photos, taken at Lake Winnepesaukee, show how the New Hampshire experts of the sport go at it.



*After hole is completed, Jenkins baits a live minnow and prepares to set the trap.*



*The hook baited, cold hands carefully finish setting the trap. When fish bites, the looping spring is released and "flag" pops up at top of trap.*



*While waiting for a nibble, Hiram Cate works on gear in nearby "bob house" from which he can keep an eye on the trap in comparative comfort.*



*The trap is sprung, and Charles Cate, with an able assist from Jenkins, hauls out a good-sized cusk, frigid water dripping from its tail.*

## Volunteers of America Update on Loudon's Affordable Senior Housing Project



*The Volunteers of America Northern New England project on South Village Road as of December 24, 2007.*

Representatives from Volunteers of America Northern New England met with Loudon residents on December 18, 2007 to update everyone on the affordable housing project being built on South Village Road. The following staff and advisory board members were present to answer questions: Julia Wilcock, *VP of New Business Development*; Karen Clarke, *Director of Program Development*; Deborah Danforth, *Site Manager for Paul Hazelton House in Saco, ME*; Michael Cook, *Director of IT*; and Bob Ordway, *Chair, Loudon Senior Housing Advisory Committee*.

About 70 people heard the good news that April is the anticipated date of occupancy! There are 30+ units available to those who meet the income guidelines set forth in the detailed information packets available at the meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like one of the packets, please contact Bob Ordway at 783-9804. The information includes a fact sheet for HUD assisted residents ("How Your Rent is Determined"); a sample floor plan (pictured below); Residential Selection Criteria; an explanation of the application process; a list of important things you should know; and a certification/recertification questionnaire.

**Step 1** includes filling out a form requesting an "official" information packet be sent to you in the mail. One packet will include information and documents for you to read and keep for your records. The second packet will be the application, which

must be filled out completely and returned with a copy of your birth certificate and social security card. **You will not be considered for the wait list until the application is complete.**

**Step 2** is the verification process. This will include a sit-down interview and collection of further information. At this time, they will need complete addresses and phone numbers for your banks, insurance companies, pension/retirement benefits, landlord, etc.

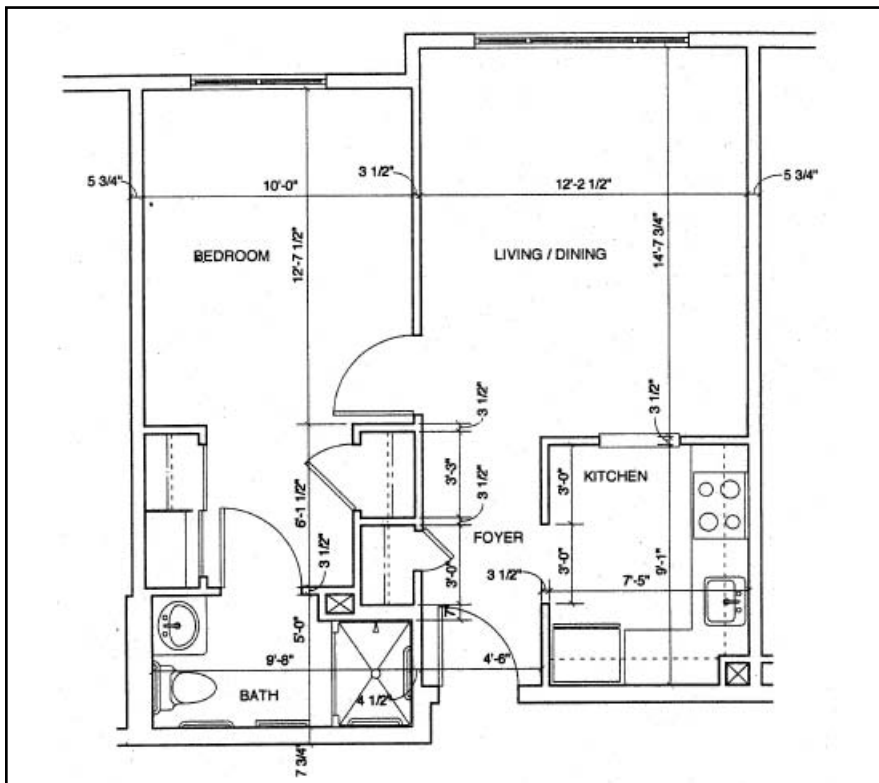
You'll also need a copy of your social security letter, as well as information about other sources of income. A detailed list of all your assets will be required, including checking accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. Your medical expenses will be taken into account when calculating your rent so plan on providing information related to prescription costs, health insurance premiums, co-pays, etc.

Landlord references will be checked and a background check will be performed. Once all of this is done, you'll be notified of your position on the waitlist.

**Step 3:** move in!

This is definitely the "condensed" version of the process! If you are interested in applying, you should start gathering some of the necessary information while waiting for the official application to arrive in the mail. ■

*Sample floor plan of one of the units in the Affordable Senior Housing project.*



*The building will have a very welcoming entrance.*



## Be Prepared for Any Emergency... Continued

The information appearing on this page is weeks 13 through 24 of the Home Emergency Calendar. Last month, we ran weeks 1 through 12.

This information is from CERT-Loudon (Citizen Emergency Response Team). This is excellent information to have in any emergency, be it a power outage or snow emergency — something we may all be looking at with the Winter months ahead of us.

We encourage you to tear out this page and keep this information handy. Hang it on your refrigerator where it will remind you on a daily basis of what you need to stockpile.

If you are involved in a community group of any kind and would like a presentation from the CERT group about preparing for an emergency, please contact Faith Stevens at 798-5215 or email her at [fsfiasco@yahoo.com](mailto:fsfiasco@yahoo.com). You may also contact Rick Nelson at 225-3375 or email him at [Galixem31@comcast.net](mailto:Galixem31@comcast.net). ■

<b>Week 13</b> Hardware Store <input type="checkbox"/> whistle <input type="checkbox"/> ABC fire extinguisher <input type="checkbox"/> pliers <input type="checkbox"/> vise grips  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Take a first aid/CPR class	<b>Week 14</b> Grocery Store <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can fruit* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package paper plates <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package eating utensils <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package paper cups <input type="checkbox"/> adult vitamins  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Make a plan to check on a neighbor who may need help in an emergency	<b>Week 15</b> Hardware Store <input type="checkbox"/> extra flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> batteries <input type="checkbox"/> masking tape <input type="checkbox"/> hammer <input type="checkbox"/> assorted nails <input type="checkbox"/> "L" brackets to secure tall furniture to wall studs <input type="checkbox"/> wood screws  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Brace shelves and cabinets	<b>Week 16</b> Grocery Store <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can meat* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables* <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box large heavy-duty garbage bags <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box quick energy snacks (such as granola bars or raisins)  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Find out if you have a neighborhood safety organization and join it!
<b>Week 17</b> Grocery Store <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of graham crackers <input type="checkbox"/> assorted plastic containers with lids <input type="checkbox"/> assorted safety pins <input type="checkbox"/> dry cereal  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for a friend or neighbor to help your children if you are at work.	<b>Week 18</b> Hardware Store <input type="checkbox"/> "child proof" latches or other fasteners for your cupboards <input type="checkbox"/> double-sided tape or Velcro-type fasteners to secure moveable objects  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Pack a "go-pack" in case you need to evacuate	<b>Week 19</b> Grocery Store <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box large heavy-duty garbage bags <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box quick energy snacks (such as granola bars or raisins)  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Have an earthquake drill at home.	<b>Week 20</b> Hardware Store <input type="checkbox"/> camping or utility knife <input type="checkbox"/> extra radio batteries Also: purchase an emergency escape ladder for second-story bedrooms if needed.  To Do <input type="checkbox"/> Find out about your workplace disaster plans.
<b>Week 21</b> Hardware Store <input type="checkbox"/> heavy work gloves <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box disposable dust masks <input type="checkbox"/> screwdriver <input type="checkbox"/> plastic safety goggles	<b>Week 22</b> Grocery Store <input type="checkbox"/> extra hand-operated can opener <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rolls paper towels	<b>Week 23</b> Hardware Store <input type="checkbox"/> battery-powered camping lantern with extra battery or flashlights	<b>Week 24</b> Grocery Store <input type="checkbox"/> large plastic food bags <input type="checkbox"/> plastic wrap

Create a Family Disaster Supplies Kit

To Get Started

- ☐ Check your house for supplies that you already have on hand.
- ☐ Decide where you will store supplies (food may be packed together in a single container or kept on shelves for easy rotation).

Meet With Your Family to Plan

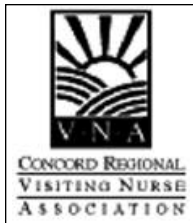
- ☐ Discuss the types disasters that could occur.
- ☐ Explain how to prepare; explain when and how to respond.
- ☐ Discuss what to do if you need to evacuate.
- ☐ Practice your plan.

\*Suggested Foods

Select based on your family's needs and preferences. Pick low-salt, water-packed varieties when possible

Canned Meat	tuna, chicken, ravioli, chili, beef stew, Spam, corned beef, etc.
Vegetables	green beans, kernel corn, peas, beets, kidney beans, carrots, etc.
Fruit	pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, applesauce, etc.
Cereal	Cheerios, Chex, Kix, Shredded Wheat, etc.
Quick energy snacks	granola bars





## Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

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

### January Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is a Senior Health Clinics at the Loudon Community Building on January 22 from 9 a.m. until Noon. All services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call VNA's Senior Health Program at 224-4093. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

### Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

An affordable walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages will be held on Monday, Jan 7 from 1–3 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call CRVNA's Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

### Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

A free blood pressure clinic will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2007, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office, 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.



## A Different Ending

By Jack Prendiville,  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Homeownership isn't always a "happily ever after" story. There are times when owners can no longer meet their mortgage obligations. In this case, there are several options.

One is foreclosure. In this scenario, buyers have a grace period where they can stay in the home and try to make good on their outstanding debts. Eventually, if they are unable to reverse their current course, the bank or lender will evict the owner, reclaim the home, and place it on the market for sale.

A second, lesser-known option is called a short sale. Here, the lender agrees to take a loss on the home in exchange for recouping most of what is owed to them. In other words, if you owe 490,000 on your mortgage, you bank may agree to take \$80,000 and consider the debt paid. The benefit for the lender is that the case is expedited and closed without the added expense of a foreclosure proceeding. Of course the seller would not see any profit from the sale. If you find yourself in such a position, research the short sale option further. Start by using online resources to learn about the agreement. If you think it is feasible for you, consult with your lender and a real estate attorney who is familiar with this arrangement.

Also, it is very important that you understand the tax implications in a short sale. While the lender may be willing to accept less than what it is due, the government will consider the debt forgiveness as income and a taxable gain. Speak with a certified public accountant who is well-versed in this area. When you closed on your home, you surely did not envision yourself in this situation. Unforeseen circumstances, such as a job loss, can put you in a position you never imagined. It is imperative that you look at all options, including bankruptcy, foreclosure, and the short sale before you select the one that will work best for you. ■

## Wish List of Care Givers at Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association provides community-based health care and hospice services for the residents of central New Hampshire. In addition, the Concord Regional VNA Parent Friend Program offers assistance and guidance to struggling families.

### Needed for Parent Friend Families

Gently used or new small bureaus, strollers, double strollers, car seats, playpens, cribs, safety gates, children's new winter clothes, new smoke detectors, new dental care supplies, and gift certificates for hair cuts. **Contact:** Lauri Johnson, 224-4093, extension 4839.

### Needed for Elderly Clients

New non-skid bath mats, handheld shower nozzles, bedside commodes, raised toilet seats, walker baskets, and one-pound weights. **Contact:** Tina Smith, 224-403, extension 4829.

## Concord Regional VNA Receives Funds From Arthur Getz Foundation

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association has received \$3,600 in grant funds from the Arthur Getz Foundation, Citizens Bank Trustee, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO of CRVNA.

The funds will be used to purchase 40 additional finger pulse oximeters, which measure oxygen saturation levels in home care patients. ■

## Planning Board Minutes — November 15, 2007: Growth Management Ordinance Presentation

In attendance were the following:

**Planning Board members:** Bob Ordway, Henry Huntington, Tom Dow, Stan Prescott, Tom Moore, Steve Jackson, and Jeff Green.

**Selectmen:** Steve Ives, Roger Maxfield, and Dustin Bowles.

**Zoning Board members:** Dave Powellson, Roy Merrill, and Ned Lizotte.

Gerald Coogan began the presentation at 6:00 p.m. with an overview of the study that he has conducted on the town's growth. Members were given a draft copy of Mr.

Coogan's findings and questions were presented to and answered by Mr. Coogan. Mr. Coogan was asked to look into a couple of other items and report back to the Board next month.

A meeting was scheduled for December 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The presentation ended at 7:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*



## The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

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## Conservation Commission Minutes — November 13, 2007

Julie Robinson, Dan Geiger and Jess Storey were present.

Julie will be attending a presentation about upcoming changes to the Shoreland Protection Act and will make copies for the commission.

The commission received a report that fill is being dumped in a wetland at a house on 106 on the track-side of the road. Julie or Dan will drive by to take a look.

The commission briefly discussed the fact that the track has been sold and that the buyer likes to make tracks bigger. The commission expects to see plans in the future, and noted that the Canterbury group would likely be interested and involved.

The upcoming Saturday is the last watershed conference, in Concord. Commission members are encouraged to attend if they have time.

A stormwater technology workshop is also coming up in Connecticut. Dan will be going to a different workshop on the same topic in New Hampshire.

A meeting is scheduled for December 3 to discuss and learn about tools for building open space networks.

The commission received monitoring sheets for LCIP land, and the commission emphasized that they have to do the monitoring. Julie plans to contact Bob and Colin about that.

With a new person in charge, NRCS has changed how it processes grant

applications. They are trying to get a bundle about 20 projects, then send them out to bid for appraisal. Intended to save some money on obtaining appraisals, the process has slowed down considerably. This is somewhat ironic because for the first time in some time NRCS has money for wetlands projects.

**Gary Spaulding for DJP Realty Trust subdivision on Bee Hole Road:** This project was in front of the commission in the summer for an expedited DES permit. DES has reviewed it and sent back, asking for a stamped survey plan, which they have provided. DES also asked for the wetlands to be mapped on the whole property, a recorded plat for Phase 1 with metes and bounds, and accepted conceptual with wetlands shown for Phase 2 with an acknowledgment that Phase 2 would be under a separate permit.

The project has an impact within 20' of an abutting property: a retaining wall is proposed to reduce the impact (down to 280 feet). The apron of rip rap goes into the 20' setback. The applicant did not consider it a permanent impact because the conservation commission asked for silt under, so it should revert to a wetland. Dan concurred with DES that it is still a permanent impact and that the applicant should obtain a letter from the abutter or go through full waiver process. Julie noted that usually the planning board requires a letter from the affected abutter anyway.

This project will be back one more time, and Julie will be copied with the letter and plans sent to DES.

Dan recused himself to make a presentation regarding:

**Dan Geiger for Bill Leombruno, the owner of The Ledges Golf Links, Inc. (the Loudon Country Club):** Mr. Leombruno has owned it since 1999, but many of the current issues go back before that. Dan put together a dam permit for the 12th hole. It's a duck pond, no formal structure there. In the last year and a half, developer Bollinger has built two homes down slope — as a result the Dam Bureau now categorizes the duck pond as a AA dam, because of the potential for damage to property. The Dam Bureau asked Leombruno to register the "dam." (About 80' of earth is considered the impoundment or dam and there is a 12" invert that works like a drain and is the only regulated way out for the water). When Dan gets confirmation from the Dam Bureau that the requirements have been met, he will provide a full package to the commission. At that time, Mr. Leombruno will have to get a wetlands permit.

Mr. Leombruno has increased the storage capacity of the pond. Dan has completed a drainage analysis that demonstrates the pond can meet a 50 year storm plus 1 foot of freeboard. The pipe has been dropped down to earth level, so the storage capacity is at its highest possible.

The wetlands permit is not needed to temporarily drop the water level, but it is needed. Mr. Leombruno has lowered the pond and begun planting the 3' of muck to prevent erosion. The wetlands permit will be an expedited minimum impact permit because he is changing the composition of the pond, not its footprint. The pond is currently 24" lower than it was, and that space between the new edge and the old edge will be wetlands plantings to allow for more water storage in big storms. Dan will need to do planting scheme, and to receive expedited review, Julie will need to sign the permit.

On a related note, Mr. Leombruno has hired Steven Nix as his attorney because the Dam Bureau has asked if Mr. Leombruno has the right to make these changes because the easement for Grandview Drive is in the pond (the road was not built in the middle of the right of way).

**Jason Masse for a house on Beck Road:** Jason wants to put a house in the back of an approximately five-acre lot, and he is unable to avoid the 75' wetlands buffer with the driveway in any scenario. The proposal has no impact on the first 25' of the buffer, as the proposed driveway is about 30–35' from the edge of the wetland at closest point. He does not need a DES wetlands permit because there is no wetland crossing. The issue is getting a special exception for the impact to the wetland buffer. The conservation commission discussed its concern with protecting the 75' wetland buffer as much as possible in the context of the special exception request. They noted that the

plan maximizes the buffer at the back of the lot which is an upland, that there no impact to the buffer near the front side of the large vernal pool, and the proposed driveway weaves between the vernal pool and the very poorly drained area with as little impact as possible. The board also noted that a drainage easement exists on one side of the lot (and vernal pool) effectively prohibiting placement of the driveway on that side of the lot. The commission indicated that it is important to connect the two buffers, and asked Jason to install an open bottom culvert under the driveway where the buffers are closest to one another. Julie pointed out that if there is a big flux of water, e.g. during a big storm, that will be the safest and most stable construction anyway. Jason asked what size the commission would suggest. Dan and Julie suggested 8' is probably large enough, and 5' might work. Dan also said that reasonable prices can be had for pre-fabricated culverts in the 8' to 10' size, and that while larger is typically better, it is also valuable to perform less slope work to limit the impact of the excavation on the nearby very poorly drained area. Jason intends to do a box-cut rather than use an excavator, and use the material somewhere else on the property to minimize the impact. He also indicated that he planned a dirt driveway, which the commission noted is not a significant impediment for amphibians (that live in and cross the buffer between the wetlands).

While the commission is concerned about setting a precedent allowing driveways in the 75' buffer protecting wetlands, it felt that, given the plan for the site, the various impediments on the property, avoidance of an impact to the buffer of the most valuable resource, and the choices like the dirt driveway and the open box culvert that will limit the impact on the buffer's utility, the commission is willing to work with him. Dan will prepare a letter to the ZBA regarding the commission's opinion; Jason hoped to be on the ZBA's schedule next month.

Jason was also invited to join the conservation commission.

**Nancy Huckins:** Nancy is doing a GIS course. For the 10-week workshop, a project is optional but a great learning experience, and Nancy is interested in doing something that is of use to the town. Julie explained that the commission has worked with a couple of developers in the past to protect wetland buffers, such as Tony Merullo's development off of Clough Pond near Pickard and Shaker Brooks, the Villages of Loudon on Foster Road which goes by the Soucook River, and Loudon Woods on Bee Hole Road. Julie asked if Nancy would be interested in delineating those buffers, and Nancy said she would. Julie will get plans to her and Dan will go out with her to show her how to calculate the buffer boundary. The intention of the mapping is for the buffer edge to be easily identifiable so land owners can tell where it is and the commission can monitor more easily.

Meeting adjourned.

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 13, 2007

*Present:* Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

*Also present:* Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, and Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

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

*Selectmen Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 6, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board had received a copy of a letter addressed to the Planning Board from residents of Greenview Drive regarding road safety concerns. He stated the letter addresses concerns regarding the changes the owner of the golf course has made relative to the golf cart path. Mr. Dow said that since this road is a private road he is not sure what the residents want the Board to do. He said that the road belongs to Claire Crowley. Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen have written to Ms. Crowley and have received no reply from her. Chairman Maxfield said that Mr. Leombruno, owner of the golf course, has put in a golf cart path and there is a berm in place to keep the water in the pond and has made a Tee. Discussion ensued regarding which portion of the road was in place when Mr. Leombruno purchased the golf course and the written agreements between the homeowners and Mr. Crowley regarding the maintenance of the road. The road plans for the first phase of the road were discussed. Selectman Bowles said he believes these issues need to be dealt with between the homeowners on Greenview Drive and Ms. Crowley. Mr. Powelson talked about the approvals that were given during the subdivisions. Mr. Dow said that at some point the road contours were changed from what was originally approved. Mr. Fiske discussed the requirements of DES to lower the reservoir and create the berm, which has been done. He said that the water drainage issue could be stemming from the DES requirements. Selectman Bowles said the road is not a Town approved road, it is an approved lay-out of a private road. He said that the golf course has received letters from DES and they have met every requirement that DES has mandated. Discussion continued regarding the reservoir and the natural flow of water. Selectman Bowles said he feels that the Town does not have the jurisdiction to push this issue. Selectman Ives said that he wanted to be sure that the Town is cautious with getting involved with a private road. Selectman Bowles said that the Selectmen accepted Greenview Drive as an emergency lane for Police and Fire to have access if there is an emergency. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board made it clear that the Town would not be accepting Greenview Drive as a Town Road when they accepted it as an emergency lane. He advised Mr. Dow that someone needed to respond to the letter. John Plummer was recognized from the audience. Mr. Plummer discussed the option of the residents on Greenview Drive obtaining a quitclaim deed from Ms. Crowley for the road and land underneath the road. He said if the residents of Greenview Drive were to obtain the deed, they could form an association and deal with the maintenance issues themselves. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board had advised the residents of Greenview Drive that they could look into forming an association or Village Dis-

trict for this purpose. Mr. Fiske stated he had spoken with two residents of Greenview Drive regarding the road issue and they maintain that the Town originally approved the road so to speak, any changes made thereafter, are the responsibility of the Town because the road is not built to the same standards that was accepted. Selectman Bowles discussed the dry hydrant and stated that he felt it should be reviewed now that the water level has been adjusted to be sure it will still work adequately. Discussion ensued regarding the content for the response letter. Selectman Bowles said he also wanted to recommend that people check to see if the golf cart path is actually in the right-of-way or if it is further in on the golf course property. Discussion ensued regarding bonding. Mr. Dow stated that he felt a letter should be drafted to Ms. Crowley stating that the Board is in receipt of a letter from residents of Greenview Drive requesting that something be done regarding their concerns. Selectman Bowles said he felt a copy of the letter should be submitted to Ms. Crowley's attorney as well. Discussion ensued regarding this being a civil issue.

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

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

Mr. Fiske discussed the pay rate calculations for a possible new hire that will be attending the Police Academy. He said if the rate of pay for the first 40 hours was based on minimum wage and the time and a half calculation for the remaining hours while at the Academy, it would come out to be approximately the same salary as what the previous cadets were paid. Discussion ensued regarding finding ways to address the hours that the officers are required to be at the Academy without actually being in class. Mr. Fiske will look into this to be sure that the minimum wage figures are accurate and calculate the weekly salary figures. The Board asked that Mr. Fiske have the cadet accurately fill out and sign a weekly timesheet. Mr. Fiske asked if the Board agreed to have the cadet sign the employment agreement as has been done in the past. The Board agreed that Mr. Fiske should have the officer sign the agreement.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received notification that Michael Harris called the Selectmen's Office to request a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the sale of NHIS. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would have Office Manager Jean Lee contact Mr. Harris and advise him that the Board is not aware of any new plans or changes at this point and that Mr. Harris can read the newspapers as the Selectmen do to get their information.

The Board received copies of a letter Bob Fiske forwarded from Plourde Sand and Gravel regarding inquiries about the gravel pit operation. Mr. Fiske stated he felt that the issues have been addressed. He said that it appears the excavation is within the original lot that had the gravel pit and that Mr. Plourde has not begun excavating on the "Dodge lot." Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Plourde having to go before the Planning Board if he decided to begin excavating on the "Dodge lot" to obtain a 155-E Permit.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding a message

received at the Town Office. The Board will follow-up on this issue.

The Board received an invitation to an open house at Merrimack Valley.

The Board received copies of the draft Growth Study report from Jerry Coogan. Mr. Coogan will be meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to review the draft.

The Board received a reminder that the next CIP meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. They also received copies of the current status of Capital Reserve Funds as well as the status of the Impact Fees for CIP review.

The Board received copies of the November 8, 2007 CIP Meeting Minutes.

The Board received copies of the final State Bridge Aid reimbursement for Cross Brook Road and the initial reimbursement for Chichester Road Bridge.

The Board received copies of a letter sent from Road Agent David Rice to Andrew and Debra Knowlton on Berry Road regarding the revisions to their driveway permit.

The Board received information from the Office of Energy and Planning regarding FEMA Map updates and the Town's responsibilities.

The Board received a response regarding the Energy Audit software.

The Board received a notice from PRIMEX regarding a training program in December.

The Board received notice of a retirement party for Bob Anderson at DRA.

The Board received copies of the Northeast Resource Recovery Associations newsletter.

*Selectman Ives moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes, Bowles yes.* Chairman Maxfield stated the Board came out of executive session at 8:01 p.m. The results of the executive session are that the Board discussed hours worked and documented by a department head. A meeting with the department head will be arranged so that this concern can be further addressed.

Chairman Maxfield recognized John Plummer from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked if the Board had any response from the Library Trustees regarding the agreement. Selectman Bowles said

that there has been no response from the Trustees since the Board sent back a response agreeing to pay a monthly payment of their budget. Chairman Maxfield stated the agreement included that the Library Trustees would be responsible for all aspects of the Library payroll. Mr. Plummer asked if this would cost the Town more money. He asked if the Trustees planned to hire someone to process the payments. Chairman Maxfield stated the Trustees talked about hiring an accountant. Selectman Ives stated that the Selectmen set the bottom line budget and the Trustees cannot spend any more than is budgeted. Mr. Plummer asked about the property insurance and who would pay for that. Selectman Ives said the building would be covered under the Town's insurance policy.

Mr. Cochran stated that the Library Trustees could spend their budget as they see fit and if they hire a bookkeeper to do the payroll and bill paying then it takes money away from the Library budget for books and payroll. Discussion ensued regarding the Library Trustees having to stay within the budget that is approved at Town Meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Library Trustees Meeting postings. Mr. Cochran stated he has not seen any posting for the Trustees Meetings. He said that he had gone to the posting places that the Town uses and has not seen one notice of a meeting. Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Cochran that he could contact the Attorney General's Office and speak with Terry Knowles to find out the specifics for the postings. Chairman Maxfield advised Mr. Cochran that he could go to the Library and see what he could find there. Chairman Maxfield stated the Trustees Meeting Minutes used to be sent to the Selectmen's Office and they have not been received for a very long time. Selectman Bowles said that the Board discussed this issue with the Trustees and Mrs. Knowles and the Trustees agreed to forward the Minutes to the Office; however, they have not done so.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 20, 2007

*Present:* Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

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

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed the encumbered money for patching and paving and stated that some areas will have to wait until spring before he can get to them. He stated that the basecoat for the apron at Bear Hill Road was done last Friday.

Mr. Rice said that aside from one flat tire, there were no problems with the first snowfall of the year.

Selectman Bowles asked about the shingles that were dumped on the side of Flagg Road. Mr. Rice stated that the Highway Department would be picking up the shingles. Selectman Bowles said the area where the Highway Department had done the work for drainage is where the shingles were dumped. Mr. Rice said it was approximately a 1-ton load. George Page was recognized from the audience. He stated that there was concrete debris along the road further up in Canterbury and it may have been the same person that dumped the shingles. Chairman Maxfield stated he has seen some items that have been discarded along Currier Road.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that there are two trees that need to be removed on Clough Pond Road and PSNH has agreed to work with the Highway Department to take down the large pine tree on Hot Hole Pond. Mr. Rice also talked about a tree on Bumfagon Road.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that there had been a structure fire on Wales Bridge Road in which the building was gutted. He asked the Board what the landowners needed to do to have their assessment adjusted. The Board advised Chief Burr to speak with Jean or Bonnie in the Office.

Chief Burr asked if the Board would consider moving the Saturday portion of Town Meeting to the new gym at the Elementary School. The Board stated that they would look into this option.

Chief Burr reminded the Board of the Loudon PD/Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at the Safety Building on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Ives discussed the Cate Van relative to storage until there is power at the new building. Selectman Bowles stated that the garage door is in but they are waiting for

power to be connected. Selectman Ives asked Chief Burr if there was any room to store the Cate Van at the Fire Station until the heat is on in their new building. Chief Burr said he felt that there was some room for the Van. He will contact Barbara Cameron regarding this issue.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Petition and Pole License for one replacement pole #9AA6CV on Lower Ridge Road. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of a letter from Bob Fiske to the Selectmen regarding a letter he received from Ken Lorden and Susan Witham of Greenview Drive and their concerns for the road.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Tony Merullo from the audience regarding his road bond reduction request. Mr. Merullo explained that he had met with the Planning Board for the reduction and was granted the approval to reduce the road bond to \$55,000.00. He stated that he has submitted the request to the Selectmen's Office for the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to move forward with the reduction. Mr. Merullo discussed the need to come up with a standard system for the bonding and reduction process to help expedite the process. Selectman Bowles stated the Planning Board did vote unanimously to allow the reduction of Mr. Merullo's Road Bond for Creek Water Lane to \$55,000.00. *Selectman Ives moved to reduce Tony Merullo's Road Bond for Creek Water Lane Tax Map #058, Lot #010 to \$55,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of the 2008 GAT figures for review. Chairman Maxfield stated the yearly expense would be \$153,180.00.

The Board received correspondence from the Library Trustees along with the signed copy of the agreement between the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen, which states, that the Town will forward monthly payments to the Library Trustees and that starting July 1, 2008 the Library Trustees agree to take over all the administrative duties to include paying salaries. Selectman Bowles said that the letter states the Library Trustees want the Selectmen to forward the monthly payments; however, the letter also states "the Trustees will however, continue to explore the financial ramifications of item #4 as they relate to employee benefits and the administration of public funds." He went on to say that, he felt by this statement the Trustees have not agreed to item #4 of the agreement. Chairman Maxfield stated that item #4 of the agreement states, "As of July 1, 2008, the Library Trustees shall administer all appropriated funds voted by the Legislative Body including payroll and employee benefits." He said they signed the

contract, so they agreed to it. Selectman Ives said the Trustees signed the contract.

The Board received copies of an application to register an existing dam in Loudon from DES.

The Board received copies of the invoice from Gerald Coogan for the Growth Management Study for approval. *Selectman Bowles moved to approve payment on invoice #2007-01 in the amount of \$3,090.00 for the professional services of Gerald Coogan with the Growth Management Study funds to be from the contingency fund. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of legal correspondence from Attorney Mayer.

The Board received copies of the check for the State portion of reimbursement for the April 2007 Flood in the amount of \$3,338.52.

The Board received copies of the 2007 City of Concord property tax assessment update for town owned property in Concord.

The Board received notice of meetings regarding the changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.

The Board received copies of the notice of FEMA meetings regarding the new updated Flood Hazard Maps for Merrimack County.

The Board received copies of a Regional Impact Notice from the Town of Epsom.

The Board received correspondence from Congressman Paul Hodes for review.

Chairman Maxfield stated the CIP Committee had their final meeting for this year

this morning. He stated the information would be forwarded to the Planning Board.

Selectman Ives stated he would like to draft a memo to the Library Trustees requesting copies of the Trustees Meeting Minutes be forwarded to the Selectmen's Office as had been requested previously. Discussion ensued regarding the requests from citizens to view the Trustees Meeting Minutes as well as the fact that some people feel the minutes should be included in the Loudon Ledger. Mr. John Plummer stated that he had been to the Library two weeks ago and also this evening looking to see if anything was posted and he did not see anything.

Mr. George Page asked about the sale of the racetrack and the effect that it would have on the assessment and taxes. Chairman Maxfield stated the Town contracts with a professional assessing company and they will look at all aspects of the assessing. Selectman Ives stated that the sale of a business is different from just the sale of real estate. Selectman Bowles said he felt that people should just relax regarding the sale of the racetrack. Chairman Maxfield stated that the assessors would continue to review the information.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 27, 2007

*Present:* Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

*Also present:* 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 20, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with an appointment paper for a new hire. Selectman Ives asked about the issue with the time at the Police Academy. Mr. Fiske stated he was still finalizing the information pertaining to the Academy and advised the new employee that he was in the process of finalizing the information and the new employee stated he was ok with it. Mr. Fiske asked for a start date of December 3, 2007. Selectman Bowles asked if Mr. Fiske had discussed the wages/salary during the time at the Academy with the new hire. Mr. Fiske said he did explain that the hours that are overextended while at the Academy are to be covered by minimum wage. He said the new hire stated that he understood and agreed to sign the three-year contract with the Town. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the hiring of Shawn D. Williams as a fulltime Patrolman for the Town of Loudon with a start date of December 3, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in*

*favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Maxfield asked how many fulltime Officers the Police Department has including this new hire. Mr. Fiske stated six. He said that he is trying to get Officer Williams in the January 2008 class at the Police Academy.

Selectman Ives asked how the blood drive was going. Mr. Fiske said that they have surpassed previous year's donor collections by a lot. He stated that the bone marrow testing is going well as the national average is approximately 20 people per drive and Loudon has already had over 50.

*Selectman Ives moved to reappoint the following members of the Loudon Fire Department to Forest Fire Deputy Wardens: John Reese, Jr., 14 Flagg Road; Robert Bottcher, 192 Clough Hill Road; James McNeil, 284 Lovejoy Road; Jason Crossman, 302 Route 106 South; William Lake, 9 Dogwood Terrace; Richard D. Wright, 250 North Village Road; Michael P. LaBonte, 7107 School Street; Robert Wilcox, 203 Old Shaker Road; and Richard E. Wright, 242 North Village Road Loudon. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Bowles moved to reappoint Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr. as the Town of Loudon District 12 Fire Warden. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board received copies of a letter from the Library Trustees regarding the purchase of commercial grade fans and a carpet

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cleaner/water extractor for the Library. Chairman Maxfield stated the Library had an issue with flooding in the Children's portion of the Library and the Town received an insurance reimbursement check from the Local Government Center, which was placed into the General Fund. He said the Library Trustees are requesting the funds be used to purchase the equipment. Selectman Ives asked if the Town paid the premium on the insurance policy. Selectman Bowles said that yes, the Town paid the premium, as it is the Town's insurance policy. He said the damages were paid for and the reimbursement from the insurance company goes into the General Fund.

The Board received a letter from Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow regarding Greenview Drive. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board had discussed this issue at Board of Permit and Mr. Dow's letter states that this is a civil issue and that the Planning Board is not going to get involved. Chairman Maxfield stated that Bill Leombruno, owner of the golf course, has requested a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss options for Voted Road on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The Board agreed that this is a civil issue as it is a private road.

The Board received memos from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding two fires in Loudon.

The Board received confidential correspondence from Attorney Mayer.

The Board received notification of a date change for the Growth Management Study Meeting with Jerry Coogan on December 5, 2007.

The Board received copies of the November 15, 2007 Growth Management Ordinance Meeting as well as copies of the regular Planning Board Meeting Minutes.

The Board received copies of an emergency permit from DES to replace culverts for NHIS.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from DRA regarding a meeting to discuss Warrant Articles.

The Board received notification of a DES workshop to discuss the development of a satellite septage receiving/dewatering facility for the Lakes Region.

Chairman Maxfield stated that he had contacted Loudon Elementary Principal Tom Laliberte regarding the use of the gym for the second portion of Town Meeting. He stated the school has agreed to set up the chairs and the use of the sound system. Discussion ensued regarding the issue of no food or beverages in the gym. The Board will check to be sure that the refreshments can be available in the cafeteria. Discussion ensued regarding the size of the gym, the issue of having to move the fire trucks out-

side when it is held at the Safety Building, and parking.

The Board discussed the rental of the Community Building. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Selectmen have been considering making changes to the requirements for rental of the building due to recent issues. He stated the Board is considering renting to Loudon residents only. Selectman Bowles said he is not in agreement with just renting to Loudon residents as there have been outside organizations and individuals that have rented the building and have not had any issues. He said that he thought the Board was going to require copies of driver's licenses so that there was a way to track people if needed. Selectman Ives stated the American Legion charges individuals \$275.00 up front and if the building is left in good condition, then they refund \$200.00 to the renter as a security deposit. Selectman Bowles said that the heating cost for the building in the winter is high and when someone rents the building and does not lower the heat when they are through it is a problem. Discussion ensued. *Selectman Ives moved to raise the rental fee for the Community Building (Charlie's Barn) to \$50.00 per use, a copy of the renter's driver's license will be required, and any new renters will be required to leave a \$150.00 security deposit and pay the \$50.00 rental fee; the \$150.00 security deposit to be returned if the building is left in good condition, effective December 1, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. The Board agreed that anyone already approved for the use of the Community Building and has paid the \$35.00 fee for the approved date is exempt from the increase. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield stated that Bill Leombruno had contacted the Office requesting a meeting with the Selectmen. Chairman Maxfield agreed that the Board could meet with Mr. Leombruno on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss options with Voted Road. Selectman Ives said he has no problem meeting to discuss Voted Road options as long as it is clear that the discussion will be limited to Voted Road options and not the whole Greenview Drive situation. John Plummer asked about opening up Voted Road. Selectman Bowles said that the Board has no idea what Mr. Leombruno's ideas are, as this will be just a discussion. Selectman Ives said that the Town does not intend to pay the cost of opening up Voted Road.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman  
Steven R. Ives, Selectman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 4, 2007

*Present:* Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

*Also present:* 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 27, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with a grant application for emergency preparedness for the Town and events at the race-track. He stated that \$45,000.00 would be for a consultant to evaluate the track and develop a plan to secure and/or evacuate if needed. Mr. Fiske went on to say, included in the grant is a request for a mobile com-

mand trailer, generator for Fire Station #2, 2 ATV's, night vision goggles, communications enhancement for Fire Station #2, and camera's to be placed strategically around Loudon for monitoring. He said that they are still in the process of obtaining quotes for an antenna and cameras to complete the grant application. Selectman Ives asked if this was a matching grant. Mr. Fiske stated no, that it is not a matching grant. He said that while they are asking for these items, there is no guarantee that they will be approved for everything that they are asking for. Mr. Fiske said that the items will need to be purchased by the Town and then the grant money would be reimbursed within 30 days. Mr. Fiske said that the Fire Department and Police Department's have been working diligently on completing this application and recognized Bob Krieger and Bill Lake for their work on this project. Selectman

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**The Deadline for the  
February 2008  
"Loudon Ledger"  
is Friday, January 18.**



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Bowles asked if this grant application is approved, what the timeframe for when this project would begin is. Mr. Fiske stated that since the due date for the application to be complete is December 5, 2007, he expects that approval and moving forward could be before the end of December. Selectman Ives said that this is money from Homeland Security and the Town is applying to the State for the grant. Mr. Fiske said that Loudon is not the only town applying for this grant, but that Chris Pope has given Loudon his support for this grant due to the racetrack being in town. *Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant proposal for Critical Infrastructure Protection Program from the State of NH with the amount to be designated on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 once the final quotes are obtained. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield stated two pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Bowles asked about the results of the blood drive held last week. Mr. Fiske stated there were 137 donors. Selectman Bowles said he was glad that the event takes place and that the fire station can accommodate so many people willing to donate. Mr. Fiske stated that Janice Morin is the one who does the majority of the coordination for the event, but there are many people that work hard to make it a success. Selectman Ives said it was a testament to the people of Loudon who were willing to come out and donate their blood, sweat, and tears for this cause.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding:

The rental of the Community Building and the requirement of the \$150.00 security deposit check. Selectman Bowles said he felt there have been many people who have rented the Community Building in the past with no issues and problems and he did not feel that they should have to be required to submit the \$150.00 security deposit each time they rent the building. He stated he felt the advances in computer technology would make it so that keeping track of past renters would not be that difficult. The Board agreed that anyone wishing to rent the Community Building would be required to submit two separate checks, one for the \$50.00 rental fee, and one for the \$150.00 deposit check. The \$150.00 security deposit check would be returned to the renter after the building is inspected if it is left in good condition. Selectman Ives stated that the Board could waive the fees as they see fit.

The issue of the key for the Community Building not being returned by the person who rented the building on November 18, 2007. The Board agreed that they would wait and see what happens as the mother of the renter is actively pursuing the location of the key. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that

when the Loudon PD drives through on their patrol they could check to see if there is any unwanted activity.

The dates for budget workshops. The Board agreed to meet with Office Manager Jean Lee at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2007 to discuss budget preparation. The Board agreed to meet on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. with the Police Chief, 9:30 a.m. with the Fire Chief, and 12:30 p.m. with the Road Agent. The Board agreed that the remaining departments would be scheduled after the holiday break. The Board discussed having the Library Trustees meet with the Selectmen during a Selectmen's Meeting.

The schedule of holiday hours for the Town Office. The Board agreed that the Town Office would close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2007 and at 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2007. The Board also agreed to postpone their meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 to Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. due to the Presidential Primary Election.

The Board received copies of the State Bridge Aid monies received on November 28, 2007. The Board agreed to hold the public hearing to accept the money on January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board discussed the letter received from Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow regarding Greenview Drive. The Board will draft a letter to Mr. Lorden and Ms. Witham explaining that since this is a civil issue, the Town is not going to get involved.

The Board received copies of the damage reports and settlement on the Library flood damage from July for review.

The Board received a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley and copies of the equalization report for review.

The Board received a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding fire damage to Tax Map #048, Lot #005. Selectman Bowles will speak with Mr. Wiley on Thursday regarding this issue.

The Board received copies of the facility use form for the Loudon Elementary School Gym and Cafeteria for the Saturday portion of Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the gym floor and inclement weather. The Selectmen stated that there is a mat that is used to protect the floor.

The Board received a letter from Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative regarding the appointment of a representative and alternate. *Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Stephen A. Bennett as the current Joint Board Representative for the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative and David J. Rice, alternate for the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of a Homeland Security grant for one base station radio.

The Board received notification of the Merrimack County Budget Hearings and copy of the proposed budget. Chairman Maxfield stated the proposed budget for

2008 is \$71,449,887.00 with Loudon's portion being approximately \$1,300,000.00, a 3% increase.

The Board received copies of past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to forward past due ambulance bill account #34314 in the amount of \$484.60, account #37421 in the amount of \$581.30, and account #21404 in the amount of \$578.10 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would be opening the two Town Report Bids received. He said the first bid received is from Town and Country Reprographics, Inc., and gives three options for the printing of the Annual Town Report. The bid amount for the saddle stitch option is \$6,800.00 with an additional 9–10 hours of setup, at a charge of \$40.00 per hour.

The second bid received is from Evan's Printing. The quote for the saddle stitch option is \$6,170.00 for 2000 books, which includes all setup. *Selectman Bowles moved to accept the bid from Evan's Printing for the 2007 Annual Town Report in the amount of \$6,170.00 for 2000 copies per the Town's specifications. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would open the one Cemetery Maintenance bid received. The bid is from Saint's Lawn Care in the amount of \$3,685.00 per the Town's specifications. *Selectman Ives moved to accept Saint's Lawn Care Cemetery Maintenance bid for the 2008 mowing for the Town of Loudon per the Town's specifications in the amount of \$3,685.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing to accept the FEMA Flood Grant money in excess of \$5,000.00.

Chairman Maxfield read the public notice for those present. He stated the grant money is for partial reimbursement for the reconstruction of Cross Brook Road and Chichester Road Bridges. Chairman Maxfield stated the final payment amount is \$446,444.80 and asked if there was any public comment. There was none. *Selectman Ives moved to accept the FEMA Grant money in the amount of \$446,444.80 as final payment on the bridge repair work on Chichester Road and Cross Brook Road; the funds to be placed in the general fund and will reflect in the unreserved fund balance at the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles stated that DRA had authorized the Selectmen to take the funds from the unreserved fund balance to pay for the bridgework and now this payment will replace the funds used. Selectman Ives said that by having the unreserved fund balance, it saved the Town a lot of time and trouble to be able to get the bridge repair started. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield closed the public hearing.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of a regional impact notice from the Town of Epsom.

The Board received notice that Martha Butterfield had advised the Selectmen's Office that she had been cleaning up the trails in the open space land in the Kinkade Haven subdivision. She stated that there is some debris that the Highway Department might need to remove when they have time. Discussion ensued regarding the open space land.

Selectman Bowles discussed a request to hang decorative lights at the Gazebo for a holiday party, by using staples. He stated that the group making the request plans to donate the lights so they can be used at the Gazebo. Selectman Bowles went on to say that the rental form for the Gazebo states that there are to be no staples used and asked the other Selectmen for their opinion. Discussion ensued regarding the Gazebo Committee and what their feelings would be. The Board said they did not have a problem with the staples as long as the Gazebo Committee members agreed.

John Plummer was recognized from the audience. Mr. Plummer stated that the Library Trustees Meeting Minutes are still not being posted. The Board advised Mr. Plummer that he should contact the Attorney General's Office, speak with Terry Knowles, as she is aware of the situation, and should be able to advise him on this issue. They stated the Board has tried to address this issue with the Trustees and have not seen any results. Mr. Plummer said he also understood that the Library is looking into using the payroll service of Paychecks to do the weekly payroll checks for the Library. He stated this would be an additional expense in the Library's budget. Discussion ensued regarding the Library providing some of the meeting minutes as requested by the Selectmen, but not all of the minutes. Chip Cochran was recognized from the audience and stated that meeting minutes for 2004 through 2005 and some from 2007 were provided to the Selectmen's Office, but there are no meeting minutes for 2006. Mr. Plummer stated that the Trustees meetings are not held at consistent times. He said some of the minute's show meetings were held at 4:00 p.m. and others are at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cochran said that the Selectmen requested all the meeting minutes and the Library has not provided them. Selectman Bowles stated that if citizens are concerned regarding issues with the Library, they needed to contact the Attorney General's Office with those concerns. He said the Selectmen have already voiced their concerns to Ms. Knowles of the AG's Office and have seen very little results. Discussion ensued.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Planning Board Minutes — November 15, 2007

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

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Tom Moore, Steve Jackson, Stan Prescott, Henry Huntington, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green were present.

Alternate Bob Ordway was appointed to sit in the absence of member Gary Tasker.

Colin Cabot was in attendance for the Conservation Commission and Chief Jeff Burr for the Fire Department.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**October 18, 2007 Public Hearing.** Tom Moore made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

**October 29, 2007 Work Session.** Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

**November 10, 2007 Site Walk.** Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

### Discussions:

**Tony Merullo — request for bond reduction.** Steve Jackson recused himself. Jeff Green was appointed to be a voting member for this case. Mr. Merullo stated that he is requesting that the Board approve the reduction of his construction bond from \$129,000 to \$49,300. He explained the work that has been done on the road to this point. He said that he will take down a few more trees and level an area that was noted during the recent site walk. An estimate for the final paving was submitted with an additional 20% buffer figured in. Stan Prescott asked if the additional 20% would be enough. Mr. Merullo said that he felt it would be as the estimate is based on 2008 pricing which is already higher than what he just paid for the recent course. He said by adding even more he feels it should be more than enough. Mr. Merullo said that the crushed gravel is done but he is leaving the numbers in the request as an additional buffer. Tom Moore asked about the distance to be paved. Mr. Merullo said it would be 2000 linear feet, 20 feet wide and 1 inch thick. A memo was received from Tony Puntin, the town's engineer, stating that he has reviewed the bond reduction request and concurs with the estimated percents complete and overall cost to complete.

Henry Huntington said, based on the site walk and Mr. Puntin's comments, he would make a motion to reduce the bond to the total of \$49,300. Jeff Green seconded the motion. Dustin Bowles said that he was not opposed to reducing the bond but feels there are a couple of small issues with the project and he would not want to see it too low to fix those issues. He said he would like to see the total amended to \$55,000 to cover unforeseen expenses. Tony Merullo asked how Mr. Bowles came up with the \$55,000 figure. He went back over the list of remaining percentages that he submitted, noting that some of the items were already done but he had left the figures in the estimate as a buffer. Mr. Bowles said that he understood that but he is concerned with the "soft" spot in the road and that it could cost more to fix if it is determined to be a problem in the spring. Henry Huntington said that he would amend his motion and move to reduce the bond to a total of \$55,000. Jeff Green said that he was unable to attend the site walk and asked if others who did attend were in agreement with the concern and amendment. Tom Moore said there is one

course over the spot now and he explained what they saw when on the site walk. Jeff Green said that he would second the amendment to \$55,000. Mr. Merullo said that he will be back to reduce the figure by all of the work that has been done, which he has left in this figure as a buffer. Chairman Dow stated that the motion is to reduce the bond to \$55,000. All were in favor.

Steve Jackson returned to the table.

**Wayne Thistle — request for bond reduction.** Due to a family emergency, Mr. Thistle was not able to attend this meeting. Per the letter submitted by Mr. Thistle, he is requesting that his construction bond be reduced from \$35,000 to \$17,500. Also submitted was an estimate of \$15,600 for the top coat of Thistle Hill Road. Dustin Bowles said that he felt that the Board should do a site visit. Steve Jackson said that he would agree. A site walk was scheduled for December 15, 2007. Tony Merullo asked that the Board visit Creekwater Lane on the same date. The Board agreed to visit Creekwater Lane at 8:00 a.m. and then Thistle Hill Road immediately after. Mr. Thistle will be notified of the site visit, and the bond reduction request will be tabled until the December 20, 2007 meeting.

### Conceptual Reviews:

**Cross Brook Road Subdivision** — Jeff Green of JLG Enterprises spoke on behalf of clients with property on Cross Brook Road at Map 12, Lots 43 and 44. He stated that the clients have two lots at the end of the road, each with an existing house. They are proposing to do a private road of 280' and subdivide the two lots into four. Mr. Green said that the plan would be to have family members build on the new lots. He said that they would have to do a lot line adjustment to get the required frontage for one of the lots. Mr. Green said he would like to know if the Board would be agreeable to a 280' private road with a turn-around. He said there was also the option of extending Cross Brook Road and the cul-de-sac further into these two lots. He explained the layout of the lots, showed wetlands, and the buildable areas, noting that there are not steep slopes or wetlands in those areas. There was discussion of this being and staying a private road, the frontage of the lots, and lot sizes. Mr. Green said that the road would stay private if it is in the deeds as such. He said that the road would be built to town standards and have maintenance agreements. Dustin Bowles said he felt this proposal was getting creative. Mr. Green said that they could ask to extend the road but was not sure what difference that would make. Mr. Bowles said that the town would be more comfortable if it was made a public road so that there were no problems in the future. Stan Prescott mentioned that there is another area in town where there are maintenance issues and residents want the town to accept the road. He said there are all kinds of obstacles with that road and he would not want to see another similar situation. Mr. Green asked if this plan is something that the Board would allow, whether it be private or the town accept it as public, or if they would rather take out the cul-de-sac and move it. Tom Dow asked if there would be adequate frontage if the cul-de-sac was moved. Mr. Green said that it would be sufficient.

Steve Jackson asked for the reason that the original subdivision stopped where it did. It was noted that the land beyond that point is wet and has slopes. Henry Huntington asked why the clients want to do this as a private road. Mr. Green said that it is for

privacy and that both parties felt it was an ideal situation. Fire Chief Burr said that house numbering could be a problem, noting that there would have to be a new road name and numbers. He said he felt it would be easier to extend the road. Mr. Green said that a private road would mean that there would be no maintenance costs to the town and there would be two more taxable houses in town.

Roy Merrill asked if there would still be sufficient setbacks if the road was extended. Mr. Green said there would be and he explained the layout. Dustin Bowles said that he still leans toward extending the road and the need to consider future owners of the properties. Tom Dow said he is not in favor of a private road. Steve Jackson stated that a 280' road along the abutter's line would make that one sub-dividable as well. Mr. Green said that would not be the case because the road would be private and the abutter would not be able to access or subdivide that property from the private road. He talked of different options. Bob Ordway asked if this could eventually come down through to the Sliva property on Bee Hole Road. Mr. Green said the area is too wet and steep to come straight out. He noted that they might be able to go along the property line with less impact. There was brief discussion of connecting to the Bohi property on Bee Hole Road.

Mr. Green said he would come back to the Board with a road design if the Board would be open to looking at it. Dustin Bowles said that a teardrop is preferable. Mr. Green was advised to come in with a couple of options.

**Route 129 Subdivision** — Jeff Green of JLG Enterprises spoke on behalf of clients with property on Route 129 at Map 15, Lots 9 and 11. Mr. Green explained that there is a total of 150 acres on the two lots and this proposal is for a 39 lot subdivision. He said that he has done some preliminary work and some topography. Mr. Green explained that there is wetland at the front of the property so it would be 1000' back to the first lot. He pointed out the wet areas as taken from aerial shots. Mr. Green said if the road length was allowed they could easily do 39 lots. He said that there is very little slope on the property. He noted that the property has a road curb cut for 48 or 49 lots on Route 129. Mr. Green said that there would be approximately 7500' road length. Stan Prescott said that he feels this is premature and that a 7500' dead end road is a concern. Henry Huntington said that if this road was to come out anywhere, it would probably have to be on Pleasant Street. Roy Merrill said that the area to the west of these parcels is high and dry and could be a way to come back out to Route 129. There was discussion of the length of the road, other dead-end roads in town, and what is allowed in the regulations. Dustin Bowles said he feels the road length would be defeating the purpose of the regulations. Mr. Green pointed out that other projects with long roads have received waivers. Stan Prescott said that they have to look at how much of a burden it is going to put on the town. Dustin Bowles said the impact of that many lots would impact a lot of things. Tom Moore pointed out that there could be a 2000' road with houses stacked on both sides and that this longer road could have less houses and impact. Mr. Prescott said if they could get out to another road, with no dead-end, it would be more acceptable.

Mr. Green stated that this would be done in phases, noting that the impact would not be any more than if it was three separate

projects on three separate roads. Steve Jackson pointed out that the Land Development Regulations allow 1000' roads. He said he felt that they would have to look closely at the purpose and intent of that regulation. Mr. Green said that the first phase would be 3200' with 15 lots. There was discussion of what would be economically feasible for the developers with regard to road length and the number of lots.

Mr. Green said that they could leave an easement to another property. He pointed out that there are two proposed and that there could be another one or two. Mr. Green said that they could access another road through those with potential development. Stan Prescott said that there was discussion at a recent CNHRPC meeting about there being too many dead-end roads and the issues caused in emergency situations. Steve Jackson asked what the Board's feeling might be on having Mr. Green draw up the first 2600'. Tom Dow said that would be consistent with what has been done in the past. He said that they would be setting precedent if they allowed the 7500' road, noting that they would be opening up to every piece of property in town. Mr. Dow said they could go part way and then another developer may possibly want to continue with another nearby parcel. Mr. Green asked the Board for feedback on what to come back with. Steve Jackson said he would suggest that Mr. Green come back with a reasonable road length based on other subdivisions in town. Tom Dow said to come back with a couple of options after talking with the developers.

### Old Business:

**Application #07-03, Septic Disposal Solutions — Major Site Development, Located on Dump Road, in the C/I District. Map 40, Lot 7.** Jennifer McCourt of McCourt Engineering spoke on behalf of the applicants. Mrs. McCourt showed a drawing of Dump Road and gave the existing conditions of the road as submitted in a recent memo to the Board. She said the road width ranges from 30' at the end to 18' at the gate to the town property. Mrs. McCourt explained the traffic count that was done in July and the report that was submitted to the Board. She said that the average daily traffic count for the road is 569, the average daily count for the Moody property is 108, and the average daily count to the town property is 419. Mrs. McCourt said that this project would add 14, on the high side, vehicles per day to the Moody property count. She pointed out that the total count calls for 20' of pavement according to the NH DOT guides that were submitted with the report.

Mrs. McCourt explained her recommendations as submitted to the Board. Those recommendations were that the Dump Road pavement be widened from the Town property gates to the first set of catch basins to 20' and the shoulders remain at 5' and that a stop sign be installed at the entrance of the Moody property. Mrs. McCourt said that she is not proposing that her client do the widening, she is simply reporting her findings and recommendations. Roy Merrill asked why the count was not done with one tube across Dump Road and the other across the Moody entrance. Mrs. McCourt explained the margin of error due to stop and go traffic on the road at busier times of the transfer station. Dave Moody said that the count cannot be done accurately on gravel.

Mrs. McCourt showed the Board new plans, pointing out the containment berm

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and that she changed the label. She said as part of the DES process they have changed the way that some of the piping will be handled. She said that she has labeled all of the tanks, sizes, and construction, noting that the 1000 gallon tanks are no longer hooked together. Mrs. McCourt stated that DES asked them to go through and separate out the piping more on the plans. She showed how she has done the separate layers of each part of the process.

Steve Jackson asked if a recent request from DES for more information has been addressed. Darlene Johnson said that they have about completed their response which is due to DES on November 19th.

There was discussion on the approach and apron at the entrance to this site. Stan Prescott said that they have provided what the Board asked for. He said that the traffic count shows that the road is not sufficient for the traffic on the road and that something needs to be done. Dave Moody said that something needs to be done because of all of the new houses in town and all of the traffic to the dump. He said that impact fees collected from those new houses are to be used for impacted roads and at this point Dump Road is not to standard. Mr. Prescott said that he is not disagreeing but the appli-

cants have a proposed development and part of the process is if something is deficient and needs to be fixed, the Board expects it to be part of the project. Mrs. McCourt pointed out that that would be true if incidental to the project itself. She said that the project itself is not causing the need for the road to be widened to 20'. Mr. Prescott said it would be a question of if they wanted the development or not, and if they did then they would have to participate. Dave Moody said that the town has been talking of resurfacing Dump Road for ten years. Roy Buttrick said that the impact fees were designed to offset the impact of development, noting that Dump Road is one of major impact and that it has not been improved with all of the new building in town. Mr. Prescott said that an 18-wheeler is worth 250 trips of a regular car. Mrs. McCourt said that she feels it is more a question of if the road was built to proper standards, noting that the life expectancy of a road is 15 to 20 years and this one is older than that. Mr. Prescott said that he is not saying that the town should not do something and that the road probably should have been resurfaced 10 years ago. Mr. Moody said that he does not feel that it is up to his site to cover all the costs of that. Mr. Prescott said that when the application comes in this could be discussed further. Mr. Moody asked if he was incorrect in that the impact fees from all of the new houses are to fix the impacted roads. Mr. Prescott said that impact fees cannot be used for maintenance. Darlene Johnson said that the traffic study has proven that the traffic on Dump Road at the gateway exceeds the measure of 18'. Mrs. McCourt said that the additional two feet of pavement would be capital improvement, not maintenance. Mrs. Johnson said that is based on the traffic that the road is seeing beyond the corner of Dave Moody's site. Tom Moore said that impact fees are a little more complicated and are broken down by zone. Mrs. Johnson said that the fact is that the road sees more traffic by the town's people than the road is designed for in width. She asked why, if they were to add 14 more vehicles for a fraction of the road that is less than 20', it would be up to the Moody site to widen the road. Chairman Dow said that the Board has not said that yet. Mrs. Johnson said that was what she understood Mr. Prescott to be saying. Chairman Dow said that what Mr. Prescott might be saying is that the matter will be discussed when the formal application is heard, reminding everyone that no decision is binding at this point.

Henry Huntington asked what the court date is for the ZBA matter. Mrs. Johnson said that it is set for December 10th. There was brief discussion about how long that process may take. Chairman Dow said that they will probably have to re-notify abutters

when ready to present their formal application. *Henry Huntington made a motion to table this application to December 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

**Application #07-04, Debra Rattee-Major Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 7.** Mark Sargent of Richard Bartlett & Associates explained that he does not yet have state approval as the wetland delineation has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. He asked that this be continued to the next meeting. *Bob Ordway made a motion to continue this application to December 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* This will be the only notification.

**Application #07-10, Peter & Gary, LLC — Minor Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 8.** Steve Jackson recused himself. Jeff Green was appointed to be a voting member for this case. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept this application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* Mark Sargent of Richard Bartlett & Associates reviewed what has been discussed and done to this point. He reported that they now have state subdivision approval.

There was discussion of the location of this lot and the recreation trail that goes through the property. Henry Huntington asked if the cistern issue on the applicant's previous subdivision has been worked out. Mr. Sargent explained that his client had asked the Board to amend the plans to have sprinklers but was denied. He showed the location of the cistern easement on the main piece. He said that the discussion at last month's meeting was that this lot would not be part of that subdivision.

Chairman Dow read the following waiver requests:

Scale equal or less than 1"=50' — the plat prepared for subdivision is at a scale of 1"=100' due to the size of the parcel. *Motion to approve the waiver made by Bob Ordway; seconded by Stan Prescott. All in favor.*

Natural and manmade features — the features on the proposed lot are depicted,

the applicant is requesting a waiver be granted for the remaining lot. *Motion to approve the waiver made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Jeff Green. All in favor.*

Existing contours — contours at a two foot interval are depicted for the proposed lot, the applicant is requesting a waiver for the remaining portion of the property. *Motion to approve the waiver made by Jeff Green; seconded by Bob Ordway. All in favor.*

Wetlands — the wetlands on the proposed lot and within 75' of the proposed lot lines have been delineated, the applicant is requesting a waiver for the remaining portion of the property. *Motion to approve the waiver made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Tom Moore. All in favor.*

There was discussion about the recreational trail. Mr. Sargent said that if there is an easement on the property that would take away the state insurance program. He explained that if there was an easement, the property owner could not get insurance coverage because of the related liability of the trail. Stan Prescott said that a note of the trail should be shown. Tony Merullo said that he has an equitable interest in the property which will eventually be private property and he would not want to give easements for the trail.

Jeff Burr asked if this lot is being tied to the others with the cistern. Mr. Merullo said that there is a building permit on this lot and there were no conditions for a cistern at the time of the issuance of the permit. He said that he would not think that conditions can be placed on a permit after it was issued. He reported that two lots of the previous subdivision have been sold and that funds have been put in escrow for the cistern. Mr. Merullo explained the potential plans for those two lots and pointed out that there would be no certificates of occupancy issued without the cistern in place. He said that the cistern would probably be done in a year. Mr. Burr was satisfied with Mr. Merullo's explanation.

*Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the application for a minor subdivision; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.*

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Steve Jackson returned to the table.

**New Business:**

**Application #07-17, Huckleberry Heating Oils, LLC — Major Site Development, Located on Chichester Road, in the C/I District. Map 11, Lot 34.** There were no abutters present. Tracy Huckins explained that they are proposing to build a garage onsite for their heating oil trucks and that they want to get them in under cover before snow. She said that they are under the permissible numbers for impermeable area and that there are no setback issues. Tom Dow pointed out that there is no change of use on the property and it is a commercial lot. Mrs. Huckins said that this will be a 2720 SF wood-framed building with five bays. She said that it will be similar style of the other buildings on the property.

*Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.*

Fire Chief Burr said that he has looked at the plans and site and can access the building from three sides. He stated that he had asked Mrs. Huckins to see a civil engineer or fire protection engineer for review of the plans. He said that he received a letter from Mrs. Huckins' fire protection engineer the day before. Chief Burr said that the plan was also sent to the fire marshal. He reported that the engineer could not find anything to prohibit the storage of trucks in this building. Mrs. Huckins explained that Chief Burr had raised the question of combustible liquid in the building. She said that her fire protection engineer's findings were that a building with combustible liquid can be classified to a high hazard with the exception of if the combustible liquid is in a closed system, which this would be. She said there would be no dispensing or transfer of product, they would be closed systems, parked. Mrs. Huckins said that the fire marshal's office has verbally concurred and that she is supposed to have a letter from them next week. She said that she hoped that the engineer's findings would satisfy the Board. Chief Burr said that his mind is pretty much at ease with the findings. He said that if the use changed from storage to maintenance then there would be different codes and criteria. It was noted that a change of use would have to come before the Board. The Board agreed that it would be specific in the written decision about this being a building for the storage of the oil trucks. Chief Burr said that he thought it could be a conditional approval at this point based on the receipt of the fire marshal's response rather than having the applicant come back in a month.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. He read the following waiver requests:

Section 13.6.11 — We request a waiver for submitted elevation drawings prepared by a licensed architect. Due to the simplicity of the structure, it would not be feasible to

incur such an expense if not necessary. *Motion to grant the waiver made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Tom Moore. All in favor.*

Section 13.6.24 — We request a waiver for an Erosion and Drainage Plan as we are not disrupting the lay of the land or adding any new roadways. The proposed building would be built on an existing parking area. *Motion to grant the waiver made by Steve Jackson; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All in favor.*

Section 13.6.25 — We request a waiver for a Stormwater Management Plan as we are not disrupting the lay of the land or adding any new roadways. The proposed building would be built on an existing parking area. *Motion to grant the waiver made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Bob Ordway. All in favor.*

Section 13.6.27 — We request a waiver for a Landscaping Plan as we will have pavement up to and around the sides of the proposed building. *Motion to grant the waiver made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Steve Jackson. All in favor.*

Section 13.6.28 — We request a waiver for a Utilities Plan as we will not be bringing in any new utilities to the existing site. *Motion to grant the waiver made by Tom Moore; seconded by Bob Ordway. All in favor.*

Tom Dow said that he thought that the Board could consider a conditional approval in this case where they are not talking about a lot of land being subdivided and lots being sold before the conditions are met. Dustin Bowles said that they have the fire department assurance, one condition that has been met, as well as the engineer's findings. Tom Moore said that they should be sure that it is documented as a storage building for the record.

*Tom Moore made a motion to conditionally approve this application for a major site development as a storage building for vehicles and not as a maintenance facility, pending the approval of the fire marshal; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.*

**Board Discussion:**

Steve Jackson reported that he and Stan Prescott attended a recent seminar on bridges at CNHRPC. He handed out a summary of the seminar.

Stan Prescott reported on the recent CIP work session. He said that the Board will have to conduct a public hearing once all changes are finalized. He said that the town needs to do a little more with capital reserve fund appropriations.

Henry Huntington asked bond reductions. Discussion ensued about it being part of the Board's function.

Tom Dow announced that there will be a public hearing at DOT on December 7th at 9:00 a.m. with regard to the property at Staniels Road and Route 106. The hearing is on accessing Route 106.

Donna read notices of upcoming seminars and a regional impact notice from Andover.

It was noted that Dan Aversa submitted a Scrivener's Affidavit for the changes to the notes on the Loudon Woods subdivision approval. The Board agreed that they would prefer that revised plans be submitted.

**Report of the ZBA:**

Donna reported that there are no public hearings scheduled for this month's ZBA meeting. There are four requests for building permit extensions, for a total of six permits, one from 2006 with partial work done and five from 2007 that have not been started. There may also be discussion with a resident on a matter with their driveway.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

Chairman Dow reported that a letter has been received from residents of Greenview

Drive with reference to drainage concerns. It was decided at the Board of Permit meeting that he would write a response letter.

**Work Session:**

A work session to review the proposed changes/update of the Land Development Regulations was scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

*A motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. was made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White*

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — Nov. 29, 2007

**REGULAR HEARING**

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of November 29, 2007 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

*Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2007; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

**DISCUSSION:**

**George and Lorraine Duprez — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. Duprez explained that they have been trying to sell this lot but, due to the slow real estate market, they have not been able to secure a buyer. He said the lot is more marketable with the building permit, thus their request for an extension. Dave Powelson asked if this was a permit that the applicants took for their own residence. Mr. Duprez said it was not, it was for a lot in their subdivision. George Saunderson asked how long of an extension Mr. Duprez was asking for. Mr. Duprez said they would like as long of an extension as they could get, whatever the standard would be. Mr. Saunderson asked if they would come back to the Board if given a year and the lot did not sell in that time. Mr. Duprez said they would probably not come back to the Board and that they are asking for more time in hopes of market recovery. Ned Lizotte asked if most of the extensions that have been given have been for individuals building for themselves rather than those trying to sell lots with building permits. Roy Merrill noted that the Board gave Wayne Thistle two extensions last month. Mr. Lizotte talked about the cur-

rent market and the findings of the Growth Management study. He said that the Board is probably going to be seeing more of these requests due to the market. He said they need to offer some sort of relief and help the process along, noting that things are hard enough for people. Mr. Lizotte said he thinks it would be prudent to grant an extension and the amount of time could be discussed.

Howard Pearl said that twelve months seems reasonable based on sales, the time of the year, and the current market. George Saunderson noted that Wayne Thistle had asked for extensions on Cross Brook Road due to extenuating circumstances, not just the market. Dave Powelson said that he believed that permits could be turned in and the next person in line could get the permit. Tony Merullo said that he felt that was incorrect, saying that once a permit is issued it cannot be turned in. He said if a permit had been applied for but not issued, then it could be done. There was discussion of the building permit process. Mr. Merullo said that he feels that developers have to do what is necessary to move their properties which could mean giving up permits or lowering their prices.

Saying that he did not feel that there is any reason not to extend the permit, *Howard Pearl made a motion to grant a one year extension on building permit #07-032; seconded by Roy Merrill.* George Saunderson said that he had no problem with that but he feels that the Board should not be in the business of extending permits over and over. He stated that if the applicant came back another time, it would be harder to extend a second time. Howard Pearl said this would be recognizing the hard market at this point. Jim Venne said that he would agree with the one year extension but would not want to see it done continuously. Jon Huntington

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said that he would agree and that he thinks next year's market is going to be even worse. *Chairman Powelson repeated the motion. All were in favor.*

**Andrew and Debra Knowlton — Driveway.** Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton explained that they have recently been notified of a change in their driveway permit. Mrs. Knowlton said that their original permit of October 2006 (from their building permit application of November 2005) was issued at 6' with a -2% grade per the former ordinance. She said that Dennis Moore did the driveway per that permit. Mrs. Knowlton explained that they received a letter dated November 8, 2007 from the road agent. She said that letter stated that they have to bring the driveway to the current ordinance of 12'. Mrs. Knowlton said that they read in Board of Selectmen's minutes that there was an issue with runoff at one point. She also said that they were told that the driveway was grandfathered.

Dennis Moore told of work that he has done at the property and on the driveway. He said that the driveway location is limited due to the grade, telephone pole, and boundary line. He said that Dave Rice and Bob Fiske approved the driveway as done. He said he then built retaining walls. Mr. Moore said that Mr. Rice wanted gravel at the front on Berry Road so he put four loads of gravel down and any runoff now goes where it is supposed to. He said that the driveway is very workable. Mr. Moore said that Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton got the letter requiring 12' after he got the work finished. Andrew Knowlton said that the 12' requirement would make the driveway very steep. Mrs. Knowlton said the retaining wall would have to be changed, there are buried lines, and the pole would have to be moved. Chairman Powelson said that Mrs. Knowlton had talked with Donna about the best way to address the situation. He said Donna had mentioned the situation to him and that he had discussed different options with her and it would appear that the options would be to apply for a variance or appeal the administrative decision by the road agent. Mr. Powelson said if the applicants chose to appeal, they have 45 days from the date of the letter, November 8th, which would give them until December 23rd. There was discussion of the location of this property, the driveway as constructed, and the need for a site walk. Donna said that she spoke with Dave Rice to find out if a 12' apron could be done and he named the same concerns as outlined by Mrs. Knowlton. Roy Merrill said that he does not think that 12' makes sense but does not feel that the driveway is even 6' as it currently stands.

Howard Pearl asked who generated the letter if Dave Rice was happy with the drive-

way and signed off on it. Mr. Merrill said that the Board of Selectmen had looked at the situation and want it at the required 12'. Dave Powelson asked if the applicants had a driveway permit for the 6'. Mrs. Knowlton said that the original permit was issued at 6' in October of 2006. Roy Merrill said that the driveway has not been approved just because the permit was issued. There was discussion of when the zoning of driveways changed. Howard Pearl went over the timeline of the matter, noting that they applied for their building/driveway permits in November of 2005 and that the zoning changed in March of 2006. He asked why the permit was issued for 6' if the zoning had changed. Mrs. Knowlton said that is where it had been thought that they were grandfathered because they applied before the zoning change.

Jon Huntington said that it seems that there should not be any question if the driveway was constructed and the road agent approved it. Howard Pearl said that a site walk should be done. Dave Powelson said that the applicants would need to know which way they should go and he read the ordinance with reference to appeals of an administrative decision. Roy Merrill said that they have to have a variance if it is in zoning. Mr. Powelson said that it is up to the road agent to issue a driveway permit, that was done and then it was revoked, and that would be the decision to appeal. Mr. Merrill said that the road agent does not approve the driveway. He said that Bob Fiske does that and signs off on a driveway and that has not been done. Howard Pearl said that if it was his driveway he would think that if the road agent issued the permit and it was built that way, he would have a problem with it being changed after the fact.

A site walk at 83 Berry Road was scheduled for Saturday, December 1st at 8:30 a.m. Dave Rice will be notified and asked to attend if possible.

**Denyse Merullo — Building Permit Extensions.** Tony Merullo spoke on behalf of his sister. He stated that he is asking for extensions on building permits for lots 58/127, 58/145, and 58/151 due to the slowdown in the market. Mr. Merullo explained that he decided since the original permit was issued to build his own house on 58/127. He said that the other two lots are on Creekwater Lane where one house is about finished but has not sold in the nine months that he has had it on the market. Mr. Merullo said that he has withdrawn two permits from the 2008 list and will go to the end of the waiting list with those lots. He said that he would like a one year extension on these three permits.

*Ned Lizotte made a motion to grant a one year extension on building permits #07-011, #07-012, and #07-023; seconded by*

*Roy Merrill.* Dave Powelson said that he feels that the Board is getting a little closer to a troublesome point, noting that Mr. Merullo has held three permits for a year that three other people could have used. Howard Pearl said that in looking at the list of extension requests on tonight's agenda, he would not think that others would be any luckier in selling or financing to build. He said that he feels that Mr. Merullo is being wise in giving up the 2008 permits and reducing the prices in hopes of selling. Roy Merrill said that Mr. Merullo has given up permits in the past and allowed others to get them. He noted that Mr. Merullo has paid taxes on lots with building permits. Dave Powelson said that he would be alright with the extensions but did feel that this should be part of the conversation with Jerry Coogan who is doing the Growth Management study for the town. George Saunderson stated his concern that this be a one time extension and not something that the Board is going to do again. *Chairman Powelson stated that the motion is to extend these three permits for one year. All were in favor.*

**Peter & Gary, LLC — Building Permit Extension.** Tony Merullo spoke on behalf of the owner. He said he is requesting an extension of one year. Mr. Merullo said that he will be coming to the Board for a special exception for a major home occupation on this property, noting that the Planning Board approved the minor subdivision at their November meeting. He said that they are going forward with test pits, survey, and wetlands delineation. Mr. Merullo said that he wants to enlarge the lot from the two acres that was approved. There was brief discussion of the plans for the lot. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to grant a one year extension on building permit #07-033; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

**William C. Chesley Family Trust — Building Permit Extension.** Roland Bowie spoke on behalf of the Trust. As outlined in a letter submitted by Stephanie Bowie, Mr. Bowie explained that they are requesting a one year extension due to unforeseen circumstances that prohibited them from completing the construction in a timely manner. He said that the foundation and septic system are in and have been approved. *George Saunderson made a motion to grant a one year extension on building permit #06-032; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

**Roy Merrill — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. Merrill said that he is requesting an extension due to the slow real estate market, noting that the foundation is in. *George Saunderson made a motion to grant a one year extension; seconded by Ned Lizotte.* Chairman Powelson asked if this is a 2007 permit. Mr. Merrill said it is not and that it is on the same idea as Mr. Chesley's. He said he thought that once the foundation was in

he was all set but Mr. Fiske wants him to ask for an extension. Ned Lizotte said that this would appear to be just a housekeeping measure. Jim Venne asked what year the permit was originally given. Mr. Merrill said that he did not know but the foundation was done in December of that year. Donna said that she had been given paperwork showing that this was a 2004 permit that was extended for one year by the Selectmen on December 12, 2004. George Saunderson asked if the foundation was capped. Mr. Merrill said it was not. It was stated that the foundation was done in 2005. There was no other discussion. *All were in favor of extending permit #04-022.*

**Ben and Juanita Elliott — Building Permit Extension.** Scott Jackson spoke on behalf of the applicants. He explained that this property is on Country Hill Road and that the applicants were unable to build this year due to surgeries and subsequent financial constraints as outlined in the letter submitted. Howard Pearl asked if any improvements have been done. Mr. Jackson said there have been no improvements done and that they hope to be able to start within the next twelve months. *George Saunderson made a motion to grant a one year extension on building permit #07-017; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Donna reminded the Board that Jerry Coogan would be presenting additional information from his Growth Management study on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. She said that the Planning Board has asked that the Zoning Board be considering any zoning amendments that they may want to propose as well as possible dates for zoning workshops. Dave Powelson said that wetland crossings may be one topic to discuss, noting that a special exception is currently required. He said he is not sure that the Board needs to be involved if the site has already been through the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the state. He said that while revisions are being made to the Growth Management Ordinance it would be a good time to clear up what they might want to do about building permits extensions. Mr. Powelson also said that he has been approached about putting a windmill on personal property so that might be something for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Jim Venne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>2</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Historical Society  January 2–11: NWEA testing for all 9th & 10th graders	<b>3</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5:30pm•Aerobics @ LES 6:30pm•PTA @ LES	<b>4</b> Rep. from Phillips Exeter Summer Academy at MVHS	<b>5</b> GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES BEGIN!
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion	<b>8</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 3:30pm•environmental Kids Club @ LES 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	<b>9</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Vols. @ LES	<b>10</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library	<b>11</b> TIGER Assembly @ MVMS	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> School Board Meeting @ MVMS 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting  January 14–17: Competency Week @ MVHS	<b>15</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>16</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•MVMS PTO @ MVMS Library 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	<b>17</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES Spelling Bee @ MVMS 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>18</b> LEDGER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE  SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS DAY  SCHOOL CLOSED  6:30pm • Communications Council Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	<b>22</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 9–Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	<b>23</b> 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library  Report Cards Mailed Home from MVHS	<b>24</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6–8pm•Art Reflections Celebration Exhibit @ LES 7:30pm•Zoning Board of Adjustment @ Com. Bldg.	<b>25</b> Hat Day @ MVMS	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> REPORT CARDS OUT  6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting /Work Session @ Com. Bldg.	<b>30</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library	<b>31</b> 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7:30pm•Book Group at Library		

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