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Holiday Food Baskets Delivered

On Tuesday, December 22, numerous volunteers met to help with the annual delivery of holiday food baskets. D.S. Cole generously donated the use of a box truck to bring the food from Concord to Loudon Fire Department where it was sorted and broken down into delivery routes.

The number of boxes this year was additional proof of the state of the economy: last year approximately 38 families received the boxes. This year 101 families got deliveries. As you can see from the photo at right, that's a lot of boxes. Most deliveries consisted of two boxes, which held canned goods, bread, a turkey or chicken, plus other food stuffs, books, and a few toys.

Jean Lee and Bonnie Theriault organized the deliveries and were very appreciative of everyone's help. ■



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Fire Dept. Takes Delivery of New Ambulance

Loudon's new ambulance arrived Tuesday, December 22 and was inspected and in service by December 24. The ambulance is equipped to the Advanced Life Support level, as is the department's other ambulance.

This ambulance replaces an older one as part of a regular replacement schedule. It is a marvel of modern technology that we all hope you don't need to use! ■

Maxfield Library Sees Record Increases in Use

The Maxfield Public Library has experienced record numbers of people taking out books, movies, and magazines during the past six months. A damp summer may have contributed to the 29% increase the library experienced in June and July this last year but increases continued throughout the fall months.

The number of families using the discount passes to area attractions has gone up as well. "The most popular pass has been the Squam Lake Science Center but we have also noticed that families with young children have been using the pass to the New Hampshire Children's Museum, one of our newest additions," reported Library Director Nancy Hendy. Thanks to a donation, the library was able to add a pass to the Wright Museum, which features a collection of WWII memorabilia.

Seeing an increase in demand for public computer use, the library had two desks built and purchased two new computers. An additional two computers had been installed in the

Children's Room earlier, bringing total public computers to six. "Come in anytime during the library's open hours and you will see people using these computers," stated Mrs. Hendy.

The annual Summer Reading Program continued to be very well attended with over 200 children signing up for the program in 2009. Loudon children not only earned prizes for the books they read, they also had a number of special events to choose from; a magician, an animal show, movies and crafts.

"We are thrilled to see so many people using the library. People tend to rely on their public library even more during hard economic times," added Mrs. Hendy. On the flip side, the increased volume of books and other items being borrowed has meant more work for a library staff that has been reduced due to budget cuts. The library is now open 34 hours a week, down from 40 hours two years ago, but part time wage hours are down 50% from two years ago. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.

Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

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

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

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Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Where to Worship in Loudon

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Wednesday: Women’s Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.
Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org
Worship Hours:

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Nursery provided.)
Sunday School Classes for All Ages: 9:30 a.m. • Bible Study: Thurs., 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group: Sun. 6:00 p.m. (Grades 6–12) • Men’s Bible Study: 2nd and 4th Sat. 7:00 a.m.
Church office hours: Tues., Weds., Thurs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • Secretary: phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org



Landmark Baptist Church

Fundmental, Independent, Biblical, Caring
Pastor Paul J. Clow

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurch.info
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (New Beginnings Class: for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children’s Church Provided)
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • Master Club: Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)
Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)
We never cancel services for any reason!



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.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Staffed nursery for infants–pre-K)
Sunday School (all ages): 11:15 a.m. (Sept.–June)
Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)
Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

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



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Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor
33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.
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Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) Jr. Kids Church (2-year-olds–Kindergarteners.) Kidsville (Grades 1–4)
Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.)
Tuesdays: Children’s Bible Quizzing (Grades 1–6). 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744
Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Brian Bollinger)
Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.
Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS.
Please visit our website or call the church office for details.



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich
Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.
Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons



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

Loudon Church News

Sonlight Christian Fellowship — A Reason for Giving Thanks

For the past several years, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Sonlight Christian Fellowship has been providing a free community dinner from our location at the Loudon American Legion. What began as a small church gathering of friends turned into much more as we sought to follow Christ’s example of outgoing love and thankfulness. For three years now Sonlight has partnered with Reach4Hope, an outreach to the homeless in the Concord area, to make this meal available to those who need it most. In order to handle the growing numbers, we served two meals – one at 12:30 p.m. and another at 2:30 p.m.

With the blessings of God and the help of many generous organizations and individuals, volunteers from Sonlight and Reach served approximately 160 meals this year. We wish to thank all who volunteered their time and their resources to make this meal such a great success.

Sonlight Christian Fellowship wishes to send out a special thank you to:

- American Legion Post 88 for a generous \$50 donation toward the purchase of turkeys (see photo below) — not to mention allowing us use of the hall the night before so we could do a great deal of the prep work ahead of time.
- Reach4Hope (www.reach4hope.org) for the crew of volunteers who have faithfully given of their time and talents to serve the local community.
- Rise Again Outreach (<http://riseagainoutreach.org>) and their mobile food and clothing pantry, for providing many of our guests with good used clothing and winter wear for the difficult months ahead.
- Lakes Region Charter and Shuttle Service (www.lrstnh.com) who generously provided two vans and two drivers for the whole afternoon. Because of their generosity, we were able to provide rides for many in Concord who had no transportation of their own.
- Friends of Forgotten Children (www.fofc-nh.org) for the boxes and boxes of clothing of all types and sizes — what a blessing!
- West Congregational Church (www.westcongr.org) who enthusiastically helped out by providing goody bags for our guests to take home with them.
- Starbucks (Loudon Road) for supplying all of the coffee for both meals.
- Aspen Family Dentistry, who donated a whole case of tooth brushes for our guests.
- Hannaford Brother’s Supermarket in Concord for providing a \$15 gift card as well as cups and napkins for the event.

With grateful hearts we at Sonlight look forward to 2010 and the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in the greater Capital region once again. ■



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Firefighters Cook Breakfast for Town Employees

Each year on December 24, Loudon's fulltime firefighters offer a delicious breakfast to town employees and Selectmen. This tradition began in the late 1990s and has continued ever since.

The food is purchased by the full-timers and usually cooked by them. Lt. Lake and FF Reese were unable to cook due to readying the ambulance for inspection so other firefighters were drafted into cooking duties!

This year's cooks included: Santa Bob Bottcher, Rich and Joanne Edgecomb, Chief Jeff Burr, Tom Henley, Brian Searles, and Debbie Kardaseski.

Breakfast consisted of bacon, sausage, cheese omelettes, pancakes, coffee, orange juice, and English muffins. Judging by the smiles, it was a delicious meal thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. ■





Loudon Young at Heart

The atmosphere was festive and folks had donned their holiday sweaters and sweatshirts for the December meeting of the Loudon Young at Heart. Dottie Mulkhey, Vice President, conducted a brief business meeting. New members Marie Gray and Jack Shimanoski were welcomed. Poinsettias donated by Cole Gardens were won by Eileen Cummings, Ginny Nichols, Gloria Heath, and Bob Haines. These winners are asked to bring a doorprize for the January meeting. The January meeting on the 12th will be a Show and Tell. People are asked to bring something they own or have made which they would like to "share" with the group.

A seasonal flu clinic for Dec 4 was announced. It will be held at the Richard Brown House. The February meeting is a trip to Food for Thought Cafe in Belmont. Sign up with any member of the board.

The group enjoyed singing carols accompanied by Roger Dow on the piano. This was followed by a delicious potluck luncheon. Young at Heart has some great cooks.

We hope to see you at our January meeting. ■

Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club

The Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club is made up of riders from the Chichester and Loudon area.

Our Club has met 3 times so far in the 2009–2010 year. The following persons have been elected to office for the coming year: Jack Earle, *President*, Bill Lane, *Vice President*, Elgie Goodwin, *Secretary/Treasurer*, Larry Ricker, *Trail Administrator*, Paul Sanborn, *Trail Master*, and Paul Sanborn, *Website Manager*.

We have received word that we were awarded State grants for a "new" Skandic grooming machine, as well as for some trail work. With the delivery of the new Skandic, this brings us to four machines with which to maintain our trail system.

Various members have been diligently working on the trail which was negotiated to restore the Corridor 15 connection crossing State Route 129 in Loudon. A new bridge is in progress further east on Corridor 15, to replace a culvert that the Town of Loudon was required by FEMA to remove.

Those of you who used our system last year hopefully noticed a vast improvement in conditions over previous years, and we are striving to make them even better this year. We are still trying to work out the logistics for a bridge which will restore the connection between our trails and the Suncook Valley Sno-Riders trails in the area of State Highway Route 28.

The Club has experienced an increase in membership requests, and has had several well-attended work details.

If you would like any information about our Club or trails system, please visit our website: BeeHoleBeavers.org, and use our contacts page if we can assist you in any way. ■

Pittsfield Area Senior Center News and Activities

Serving: Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Loudon, and Pittsfield. Located in the Pittsfield Community Center. 74 Main St. Pittsfield, NH 435-8482 Our entrance is around the corner off Broadway Street.

The Pittsfield Area Senior Center offers daily delivery of Meals on Wheels as well as community dining at our facility served at 12 noon sharp. Our Rural Transportation Service travels into Concord Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for medical purposes and shopping. If you or someone you know lives in our service area we may be of assistance with medical and shopping transportation. Call for more information 435-8482.

January Activities

Bingo

Every Monday and Thursday

Games

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. We play card games and board games. It is a surprise each week. Dan McGuire leads the gaming adventure.

Crafts Day

Wednesday. Throughout the month of January two of our volunteers will be teaching Cake Decorating. Call and reserve a space. 435-8482

Chair Exercise and Yoga

Friday mornings. Chair exercise is at 9:30 and Yoga at 10:30.

The Pittsfield Area Senior Center Is Conducting a Survey

Please help us with our survey by taking a few moments to read our questions and call 435-8482 with input and answers.

A very generous person within our 5-town service area has offered to purchase a Wii for us. However, before the expense is made, they would like to know if there is enough interest and the center would like to know so time may be scheduled. See details to learn what a Wii is and what the benefits of having one are.

Also, we would like to purchase a movie license so we can legally show movies. Are there 5 or 6 of you who would enjoy watching a movie once a month while sipping hot chocolate and nibbling fresh popped popcorn?

What is a Wii?

A Wii is a Nintendo product. It is a hardware console that connects to a TV and becomes an interactive gaming program. Several may play at the same time provided there are enough wands. We could play golf, bowling or shuffleboard. There are physical fitness games with options of competitions and there are simply fun games to play. The Wii has been found to be mentally stimulating for seniors and help keep your brain and body in flexible motion with better balance.

Movie Matinee Day

In order for us to legally watch movies here at the senior center, we must have a movie license to do so. We would like purchase one but wonder if there would be people besides volunteers who would want to join us for good wholesome movie viewing while savoring morsels of fresh popcorn and fresh brewed hot chocolate.

Call 435-8482 and let us know what you think. ■

US Census 2010: Ten Questions. Ten Minutes

Census History

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census was also created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey, and economic censuses every five years.

The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted — both citizens and non citizens.

When: You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How: Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.

Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments, and other community facilities.

Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important, and Safe

With only ten questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately ten minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, and races of others living in the household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should fill out the census questionnaire?

The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.

How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?

In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just ten questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit www.census.gov.

How are census data used?

Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.

What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?

2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more

details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.

How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?

Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes, and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

2010 Census Key Dates

February–March 2010.

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

March–April 2010.

Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

April 1, 2010. CENSUS DAY.

May–July 2010.

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

Dec. 31, 2010.

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

March 2011.

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states. ■

Blue Storm Sports

Blue Storm Indoor Soccer

Blue Storm Sports will be offering Indoor Soccer programs beginning the middle of January for 12 weeks. All games are held at Fieldhouse Sports in Bow, NH. There are 6 teams ranging from ages 8 to 16. Anyone with questions or interested in joining a team please email us at bluestormsports@yahoo.com.

Blue Storm Indoor Lacrosse

Blue Storm Sports will be offering an 8-week Indoor Lacrosse program on Saturdays beginning February 6th. This program will be held at the Concord Sports Center. There will be four leagues, Beginners (ages 7–11) at 5–6 p.m., U–11 at 6–7 p.m., U–13 at 7–8 p.m. and U–15 at 8–9 p.m. The cost is \$100.00 per player and each league is open to the first 20 players to sign up. Beginner league equipment will be furnished at no additional cost for the duration of the program only. U–11, U–13, and U–15 players must provide their own full gear. Signups will be held at the Concord Sports Center on January 4th, 6th, 13th, 14th, and 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. All inquiries please contact Al Rattee at 556-0510 or ratteeajrsr@yahoo.com.

Blue Storm Outdoor Spring Lacrosse

Signups for Spring Lacrosse Divisions U–11, U–13, and U–15 will be held at the Concord Sports Center on January 25th and 27th from 5:00–7:00 p.m., on January 30th from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and also on February 6th from 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. The cost is \$100.00/player and each division is open to the first 20 players to sign up. Full gear will be available for the U–11 division at a rental fee of \$25.00 for the season, and other gear will be available for purchase. Please bring recent proof of physical not more than 1 year old as of April 1, 2010 to signups. All inquiries please contact Al Rattee at 556-0510 or ratteeajrsr@yahoo.com.

Donna Newcomb, VP, Blue Storm Sports

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2009 Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair Catching the Christmas Spirit at Loudon Elementary School!

By Lee Laughlin

On Saturday December 12th, the Loudon Elementary School PTA, hosted their annual Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair. The event featured homemade pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, juice and coffee all for just \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Nearly 300 people enjoyed the delicious breakfast served up by PTA volunteers and LES Principal Tom Lalibertie.

The event also featured visits with St. Nick himself, a raffle and a cookie walk. Kids lined up to visit with Santa Claus and share their hearts desires. Community members and a local business donated toys, decorations and gift cards to the raffle; there were easily over one hundred items available! One dedicated community member even stood in line at Target so she could donate this year's hottest toy the Zhu-Zhu pet.

Loudon elementary parents answered the call and donated more than 50 dozen cookies for the cookie walk. Participants purchased a bag and filled it with home made delights.

The Craft Fair brought in 22 different vendors selling such items as wooden bowls, jams, jellies, jewelry, tree skirts, head bands, clothing, toys, scrapbooking supplies, doll clothes and home décor.

All totaled the event raised just over \$2,300 which the PTA will put towards to subsidizing field trips, student awards, 5th grade t-shirts and an educational scholarship among other things.

The PTA would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and the community members who helped make the event such a success. They'd also like to recognize: B&B Syrup, Pearl & Sons, and Windswept Maples Farm for their donations of delicious, real maple syrup, the Ivory Rose for their generous donation of 18 Webkinz toys to the raffle, and Tom Lalibertie and Roseann Storrs for their ongoing support of the PTA. ■



Loudon Food Pantry Update

Intake Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Volunteer Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and (for November and December) Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Holiday Boxes

We gave out 120 Thanksgiving Boxes this year. That's double what was given out last year. Thanks to your support, households received apples, bananas, carrots, onions, squash, and potatoes as well as basic Thanksgiving meal items such as a turkey, a roasting cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, canned yams, a dessert and dinner rolls. Beyond that basic box, they were allowed to pick additional canned

goods off the shelves so that they could receive up to the ten days worth of food that we allotted for each household.

And thanks to the Holiday Food Basket Project which is run by Capital Region Food we only needed to supply Christmas meals to those from out of Capital Region's service area. Because of this, the donations we've received during the Holiday season will carry us further into the new year.

Immediate Pantry Needs Larger Transportation Vehicle

When we first started (July 2008) we were servicing 17 households per week. We are currently servicing anywhere between 75 - 80 households weekly. Along with a larger numbers of households in need, comes a need for transporting larger amounts of food to the

pantry. Our Honda Fit is often packed to capacity and we are finding that nearly every food transport requires additional vehicles.

The food pantry is asking for a generous person or company to donate a van that we can use for these food pickups as well as other pantry business (such as deliveries, when necessary). The van must be roadworthy and able to pass inspection at a mechanic of our choosing.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization (IRS tax exempt letter available upon request) so your donation would be tax deductible to extent allowable by law.

Larger Location

We operate out of three rooms totaling roughly 400 square feet. While this was more than enough space when the pantry was not handling as many household, we are now finding it increasingly difficult to find space for the stock, volunteers, and patrons. Several times throughout the day when we're handing out food, the room is "standing room only," and on the days when we're not handing out food, there is not enough space to set up workstations to get everything processed in time by the volunteers. This causes us to have to stay very late in order to make sure that everything is prepared for Wednesday and Thursday.

While we're very happy that those needing our services are coming in for assistance, it also saddens us to know that we will soon need to leave our location in order to retain our sanity. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to Dave and Tracy Huckins for donating our current space to the pantry. They have been exceptionally generous and understanding.

We need to find a place that can support a larger stock room, a waiting area, a display room (where food is given out to our patrons) and an area to display clothing and household goods. Of course, the new location must be in Loudon. If you can help, please contact Sue or Sarah at (603) 724-9731.

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our donors and volunteers for assisting the pantry in many different ways. Whether it was sending money, dropping off food, organizing or participating in a food drive, coming in and helping to process the food, clothing, and household goods, or hosting a drop off location – your efforts have made all the difference to those who find themselves in need. For ourselves, and on behalf of our patrons, we cannot thank you enough.

To find out more about our pantry visit LoudonFoodPantry.org. Have a safe and Happy New Year! ■



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LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee

Happy New Year!! Because of the holidays, I thought I would allow some extra time for the December mystery pictures. If you know any of the folks pictured please let me know.

The January mystery picture was given to me by Randy Cummings. It was taken at the Grange Hall (now the American Legion). Eileen Cummings recalls that there was a curtain on the stage that had pictures on it. Do you remember that?? Better yet, anyone have a picture of it?? I have heard many people say there was much entertainment that took place in that building. Fill me in on what you remember about it. E-mail me, Tina at trattee@comcast.net or call me at 783-0483. I am always looking for a good mystery. Help me out this year and send me one.

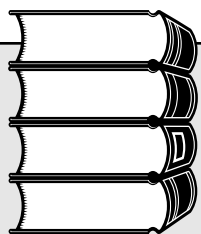
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Last month's mystery photos.



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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



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DECEMBER WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:
WINTER, ICICLE, SLEDS, DECEMBER, SLEIGH, PRESENTS,
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What do snowmen eat for lunch?
They eat ICEBERGERS!!

STORY TIME

On January 5th, 6th, and 7th, story time will listen to stories about fish. Ken Geist's book the *Three Little Fish* and the *Big Bad Shark*, and Leo Lionni's *Swimmy* are the books of the week. The children will be carrying a shark home from craft time.

We head back to land on the 12th, 13th, and 14th, to hear about elephants. Following Jerry Smath's *But No Elephants* and *Peanut* by Linas Alsenas, the children will create an elephant puppet sure to fit in the palm of their hand.

January 19th through the 21st, the theme of the week is the cardinal. The craft for the day will be a winter bird decoration preceded by the books *Wild Birds* by Joanne Ryder and Kevin Henkes' *OH!*

Skating Day and *Tacky and the Winter Games* by Mercer Mayer and Helen Lester, on January 26th, 27th, and 28th, will remind us that there are fun things to do when it's cold outside. The craft to follow will be a personalized picture of your Olympic skater or hockey player.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

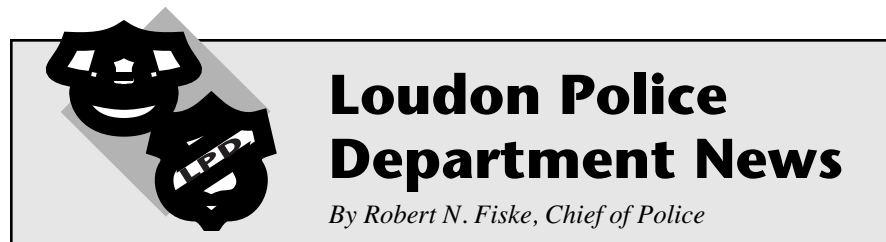
Berry, Steve	<i>The Paris Vendetta</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>The Wrecker</i>
Grafton, Sue	<i>U is for Undertow</i>
Jones, Stan	<i>Village of the Ghost Bears</i>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>The Lacuna</i>
Koontz, Dean	<i>Breathless</i>
Roberts, Nora	<i>Bed of Roses</i>
Roker, Al	<i>The Morning Show Murders</i>

Nonfiction

Benedict, Helen	<i>The Lonely Soldier: The Private War of Women Serving in Iraq</i>
Carlin, George	<i>Last Words: A Memoir</i>
Collins, Billy	<i>Ballistics: Poems</i>
Gawande, Atul	<i>Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance</i>
Hood, Ann	<i>Comfort: A Journey through Grief</i>
Phillips, Mackenzie	<i>High on Arrival</i>
Sloan, Bill	<i>The Darkest Summer: Pusan and Inchon 1950</i>
Stewart, David O.	<i>The Summer of 1787</i>

NEW DVDs

Angels & Demons; G-Force; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince; Julie & Julia; Moonlight Serenade; Night at the Museum: Battle at the Smithsonian; The Other Man; Paper Heart; Phoebe in Wonderland; Star Trek; Sunshine Cleaning; Whatever Works



First and foremost, as the holidays are fast approaching, on behalf of all the members of the Loudon Police Department, we extend our wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season.

On a sad note, on November 24, Loudon Police Department mourned the loss of one of our past officers. Officer Nathan Taylor started his career with the Loudon Police Department in August 2006 and left last year to join the Bow Police Department. Officer Taylor passed away at this residence in Epsom in a tragic accident. He leaves behind his wife Kristy and daughter Hailey. Donations are being made in Officer Taylor's name for a scholarship for his daughter and will be accepted at any Merrimack County Savings branch. We appreciated the support the community gave not only to the members of this department but to the family as well.

Annual Blood Drive a Huge Success!

On December 1, 2009, the Loudon Police Department held the annual Blood Drive. We were excited that we exceeded our goal and last year's number of donors! A total of 137 donors gave 122 pints of blood!! My appreciation and thanks to everyone who came out to support this worthwhile cause. Many thanks to the donors as well as the many volunteers that assisted with their time or providing a soup, chili, stew, bread or dessert to include Marjorie Schoonmaker, Marilyn Jenks, Nick Metalious, Bobby Krieger, Girl Scout Troop 12544, Boy Scout Troop 30, Kay Doyon, Roxanne Spencer, Barbara Sullivan, Lorraine Duprez, Jean Cooper, and Lysa Crouch.

Calendars Have Arrived

The Loudon Police Association Community Calendars are here! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing advertisement or purchasing a calendar. A special thanks to Brenda Pearl for all her hard work in taking on this project!!

Use Common Sense

I urge everyone to use common sense when planning to host or attend the numerous holiday parties that occur during this time of year. Don't drink and drive. We will be out with extra patrols to deter drinking and driving. Plan ahead and utilize a designated driver and please buckle up.

Again, we thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department and on behalf of all members of the Loudon Police Department, Happy Holidays! ■

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ART EXHIBIT

Ken Krzewick is the featured artist to kick off the new year's monthly shows. His watercolor and oil paintings include views of Loudon, Canterbury, and other New England landscapes. Ken's work as a docent at the Canterbury Shaker Village deepened his appreciation for the beauty that is ever-changing through our four seasons. His artwork will be on display through the end of January.

BOOK SALE

Have your tote bags handy to haul away some great deals on books to keep or give away. The sale will take place on January 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For your own personal e-mail reminders of upcoming sales, please call Debby at 798-5153.

BOOK GROUP

At a time that feels to many like the twilight of the Republic, it is heartening to go back to the dawn and watch the authors of the Constitution struggle to create a democracy that would endure. In "The Summer of 1787," David O. Stewart re-creates this moment with fidelity, great feeling, and insight. His book renews our appreciation of one of the masterpieces of Western civilization and reminds us, as Benjamin Franklin reminded his colleagues at the Constitutional Convention, that it was one thing to found a republic — and quite another to keep it. — Patricia O'Toole, author of When Trumpets Call: Theodore Roosevelt After the White House.

Book group will meet at 7 p.m., on January 28th, to revisit the founding fathers and their accomplishments that hot summer in Philadelphia, long ago. Newcomers are welcome.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Scenes from this year's Blood Drive



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

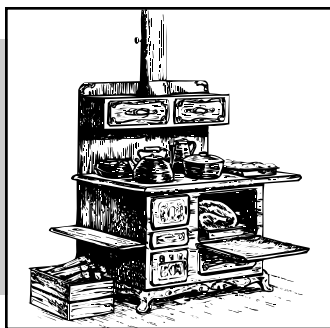
Corporal Jason S. Fiske, D.A.R.E. Instructor

This year's D.A.R.E. Program will begin January 8, 2009. The course is 12 weeks, with 11 weeks of class and the last week being graduation.

This will be my fourth year teaching D.A.R.E. and I am very enthusiastic about this program and working with the students and teachers at the Loudon Elementary School. Not only does this program teach the children about drug and alcohol abuse, it also teaches them life skills and ways to resist peer pressure that they will undoubtedly face when moving on to Middle School.

We would like to thank the many supporters of this program. We have one fundraiser, D.A.R.E. Pizza Night with a raffle usually held in March. The money raised at this event is supplemented by various donations from individuals and businesses. There are also many individuals that donate to this program throughout the year and we appreciate all who contribute.

I look forward to continuing my position as the D.A.R.E. Instructor to the Loudon Elementary School fifth grade classes. If you have any questions regarding this program, I encourage you to contact me at the Loudon Police Department at 798-5521. ■



What's Cookin'!

This month: New Year's Resolutions!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Happy New Year Loudon! As the year begins we are all making and breaking resolutions. My hope for all of you is success. In years past I have always made January a month of healthy tips and recipes...well this year I have decided to help out all of you that have already broken your resolutions. And for those of you who haven't cheated yet, here are some recipes worth coming to the dark side for. As long as you are eating healthy 90% of the time, indulging occasionally is a great reward.

All that talk of cheating and the first recipe I'm giving you is actually pretty good for you. This recipe came from my friend Alicia who makes these yummy macaroon like pancakes for her son Chance. I like to add chopped pecans too.

COCONUT MACAROON PANCAKES

If you make the batter the night before, the batter will be thick. Just give it a stir then drop little scoops onto the griddle — they will flatten out when they come in contact with the heat. They go from golden to burnt in a flash so stay attentive.

- 1 14 oz. can of coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons of honey or agave nectar
- 1/4 cup whole wheat pastry flour or all purpose flour or any regular pastry flour
- 3 cups unsweetened dried shredded coconut
- 1/2 teaspoon (scant) fine grain sea salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 3 large eggs, whisked in a medium bowl
- 1/4 cup natural cane sugar or brown sugar

In a small saucepan heat the coconut milk and honey, bring barely to a simmer. In a separate large bowl combine the flour, coconut, salt and baking powder. Stir the coconut milk into the flour mixture.

Whisk about 1/3 cup of the coconut mixture into the eggs. Now quickly mix the eggs back into the large bowl of coconut batter. Stir until well combined. You can do this the night before if you like.

Heat your favorite non stick skillet, pan or griddle. If a drop of water dropped onto the pan starts to dance, you are in the ballpark. Drop a heaping tablespoon into the skillet and sprinkle the top with a bit of brown sugar. Wait until the pancake bottom is deep golden in color, then flip with a spatula and cook the other side until golden and cooked through. Repeat with the remaining batter.

Makes dozens of silver dollar sized pancakes. Enjoy! I did!!!

There is one dessert that I can never pass up, with it's combination of satiny smooth sweet cream and crisp caramelized sugar, crème brulee is my favorite. I'm drooling just thinking about it. Crème Brulee is not the easiest desert to make but it is well worth the effort.

COFFEE CREME BRULEE

- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 large whole egg
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1-3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1-3/4 cup milk
- 1-1/2 tablespoon instant espresso powder
- 2 tablespoons kahlua
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar — or raw sugar

Preheat oven to 325°F. In a bowl whisk together yolks, whole egg, and granulated sugar. In a heavy saucepan heat cream and milk over moderately high heat until mixture just comes to a boil and stir in espresso powder and Kahlua, stirring until powder is dissolved. Add milk mixture to egg mixture in a stream, whisking, and skim off any froth.

Divide custard among 1/2-cup flame-proof ramekins set in a roasting pan and add enough hot water to pan to reach halfway up sides of ramekins. Bake custards in middle of oven until they are just set but still tremble slightly, about 40 minutes. Remove ramekins from pan and cool custards.

Chill custards, covered loosely with plastic wrap, at least 4 hours or overnight. Set broiler rack so that custards will be 2 to 3 inches from heat and preheat broiler. Sift brown sugar evenly over custards and broil custards until sugar is melted and caramelized, about 2 minutes.

(Alternatively, raw sugar may be sprinkled over custards and caramelized with a blowtorch). Chill custards 20 minute.

So maybe sweet isn't the way you want to blow you calories. How about creamy and hot or crunchy and spicy? Here are a couple recipes just for you.

HOT CRAB DIP

- 6 tablespoons mayonnaise 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon horseradish cream
- 2 teaspoons Old Bay Seasoning
- 1/4 cup minced celery
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- Tabasco sauce, to taste
- 1 pound fresh crabmeat
- 1 cup coarsely crumbled cornbread

Heat the oven to 400°F and arrange a rack in middle. Place mayonnaise, mustard, horseradish cream, Old Bay, celery, and onion in a small bowl and mix until well combined. Season with salt and Tabasco sauce, add crab, and mix until well incorporated.

Place crab mixture in a 3-cup ovenproof dish and top with crumbled cornbread. Bake in the oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Serve immediately with toasts or celery sticks.

SPICY BACON WRAPPED WATER CHESTNUTS

- 1 pound bacon
- 2 (8 ounce) cans water chestnuts
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup chili sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut each strip of bacon in half. Wrap one strip around one water chestnut. Secure with a wooden toothpick. Place in shallow baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. While the wraps are baking, in a small mixing bowl combine brown sugar, mayonnaise, and chili sauce to make barbecue sauce. After the wraps have finished baking, transfer them (removing them from the grease) to a second shallow baking dish. Pour the sauce over the wraps. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 additional minutes or until bacon is crispy. Serve hot out of dish with toothpicks.

Foods aren't your downfall? Well then stretch the holiday spirits a little bit more with a toast to the New Year. Thanks for reading Manda and Jason — these are for you. xoxo

This one sounds weird but tastes just like chocolate cake.

CHOCOLATE CAKE SHOOTER RECIPE

- 1/2 shot Absolut Citron vodka
- 1/2 shot Frangelico hazelnut liqueur
- 1 lemon wedge

Mix equal parts Absolut Citron and Frangelico into a shot glass. Drink the shot, and follow it immediately by sucking on a sugar-coated lemon wedge.

Turn up the heat and start dreaming of warmer weather or a tropical get away.

BEER MARGARITA

- 6 oz. can frozen limeade concentrate
- 12 oz. bottle Corona
- 6 oz. vodka
- 6 oz. water

In a large pitcher mix the Corona and limeade mixture (follow the directions on the frozen limeade except substitute one can of water with one can of vodka - cheap is fine). Serve in frosted mugs with ice.

Next month:

Kid Concoctions — Fun recipes for February vacation. If you would like to share your ideas, comments or recipes, send them to me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net or call 783-8986. ■



By Tracy Koufos

Become a Member of LYAA! LYAA asks that you get involved to help the youth of Loudon and to keep our programs running strong. We have many different ways you can help and any amount of time you can commit will go a long way! Becoming an LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings, which are scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. You can also contact Tracy at tkoufos@msn.com to request to be on our email and/or to see where help is needed. At this time LYAA will begin accepting names of persons interesting in holding a position on the board. All positions are a 1-year term and are elected by LYAA members. For further information or to submit your name feel free to contact John Charron at 765-5280 and/or attend our next LYAA meeting.

Current happenings!

From everyone at LYAA we hope you had a memorable holiday with family and friends.

Thank you to the Loudon Lions Club for their contribution and support of the youth of Loudon.

Work is continuing on the new soccer fields as we raise money to build the snack shack and provide irrigation.

LYAA is in need of new board members. These one-year positions are up for re-election this month. We are seeking the involvement of new members and welcome parents/guardians of children K-5 to attend an LYAA meeting to see how you can get involved. We are especially asking for the involvement of parents with children in grades K-1-2. Your children are just beginning with the programs and without your help LYAA struggles to get the appropriate programs up and running for these children.

Be watching for updates about the upcoming Baseball/Softball season.

Please get involved! Come to a meeting to find out how you can keep the programs LYAA offers Loudon youth a success! For more about LYAA and how you can help with any of the activities please visit www.lyaanh.org and let an LYAA Board Member know. ■



American Legion Post 88

Hope you all had a great holiday season. I have not put out an article in a couple months due to my health, but the Legion has been rolling right along. We have been doing well on memberships — keep up the good work. We are trying for 100% again this year. We are always looking for new members and welcome all transfers.

We have been active during the holiday season, donating to the Loudon Food Pantry for Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. The picture to right shows the Christmas donation to Sarah Houck, President of the Loudon Food Pantry, by Chaplain Fred Osgood and Commander Jim Dymont.

The Legion also made a sizeable donation to the Veteran's Home in Tilton, NH towards the residents for their Christmas. The donation was presented to Commandant Barry Conway by the Loudon Commander and Chaplain again. The Tilton Veteran's Home contact was Alice Brown with Jackie Bonafide taking the photograph.

I'd like to thank the Legionnaires for the understanding they have shown me with my health concerns and all the support the community has given too.

I also want to take this time to remind folks that the Legion Hall is available to be rented for meetings, banquets, etc.

Glad we made it through the holidays, this is all for this month. Take care and have a safe new year. ■

The Legion Family



Loudon Recreation Committee News

Winter Carnival Date Has Been Set!

Loudon Recreation Committee is looking for a 55-gallon drum/metal barrel that can be cut in half. If you have one you are willing to donate, please contact Alicia Grimaldi 435-5193 — thanks.

Loudon Recreation Committee is offering **Line Dancing classes** and **Olympic Style Archery lessons** in January and February. Classes may have already started but if you would like to see if space is available please see details on the flyer and registration form at www.loudonnh.org.

SAVE THE DATE: LOUDON WINTER CARNIVAL on Saturday, February 27th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with fun for all!! We will have snowman building competition with prizes, snowshoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, and winter fun for all! New this year will be a raffle with great raffle prizes. There will be a bonfire to keep warm and free hot cocoa and cookies. Also available for a nominal fee will be drink, hot dog and chip combos and those proceeds will benefit the Loudon Food Pantry. Come on down to the Recreation Fields for some fun with your friends and neighbors from Loudon. We are always looking for help on the day of the event, if you can help please let us know!! In the event of bad weather or no-snow on the 27th, we will hold the event on Feb. 28th.

In the works is a possible snow tubing event at Gunstock in early March — stay tuned for details!

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

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

WINTER REMINDER TO PROPERTY OWNERS

From The Governor's Commission On Disability Parking Committee

It is illegal to pile snow into an accessible parking space or access aisle.

Accessible parking spaces and access aisles must be cleared within 24 hours of an adverse weather event.

Signs designating accessible parking spaces and access aisles that are relocated for the purpose of snow removal must be immediately returned after the weather event.

The route of travel from the accessible parking to the accessible building entrance must be kept clear of snow and ice.

Obstruction of an access aisle or parking place reserved for persons with a walking disability carries a fine of up to \$250. (RSA 265:74-a)

New Hampshire's residents and visitors will thank you!

For additional information contact Wendy Beckwith at the Governor's Commission on Disability: 603-271-4177 or wendy.beckwith@nh.gov. ■

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Loudon Girl Scout News

Guess what time it is?

That's right folks, IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!!

The proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies support troop activities and community service projects. They also help our Girl Scout Council (Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains) provide activities and camps that help girls in New Hampshire and Vermont develop their individual interests and leadership skills.

The 2010 Girl Scout cookie sale kicked off at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2010. The girls have set their individual and troop goals and have their order cards ready. Cookies will be available through March, but get your orders in early to insure timely delivery and the best selection. This year's cookie roster features the traditional favorites, Thin Mints, Tag Alongs, Samoas, Trefoils and Do Si Dos, but we also welcome, Lemon Chalet Creams, Dulche Le Leche, and Thank You Berry Much cookies (featuring dried Cranberries, yum!).

Many troops are participating in Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.'s Gift of Caring program. With this program, you can purchase a box (or more) of cookies that will be shipped to U.S. Troops overseas or donated to other local charities. Ask your Girl Scout for more information.

Did you know that Girl Scout Cookies freeze well? Why not buy a few extra boxes of Thin Mints or Tag Alongs for a refreshing summer treat? One need only consult your favorite search engine to find easy and delicious recipes that incorporate Girl Scout Cookies.

Also this month, we will be kicking off our annual sock and toiletry drive. Watch for additional information at the Maxfield Public Library.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Daisy Troop #10955

Tracy Koufos, Kellie Goble & Tammy Bourque

The Daisies sent a care package to one of our local police officers who is overseas fighting for our country. This activity was part of earning the Make The World a Better Place Petal. We are looking forward to more fun activities in 2010.

Brownie Troop #10454

Julie Segien, Karen Thurber

We started our new journey with the *Wonders of Water*. This included a story with the three girls from last year's journey plus the magical ELF. Then the girls picked up their markers and sparkly sticker paper and started to journal and draw what they love about water and know about water. This will be included in our end of the year Scrapbook. In an effort to understand how some countries have a shortage of water, the girls role played by answering tough questions on how to get by using small amounts of water in a day. We have a long, fun journey ahead of us.

Brownie Troop #10045

Kathleen Fisher, Jennifer Maguire, Kimberley Lowell

We've been busy this Holiday season. The girls enjoyed dipping pretzel rods in chocolate to donate to the Loudon Service Unit Bake Sale. They also created



foam craft door hangers, decorated candy jars (from recycled baby food jars) and pieced felt mice tree ornaments to sell at our table at the Loudon Elementary School PTA craft fair. Thanks to all your support we sold over \$50 in gift items! Before we break for Christmas vacation, we'll have our Investiture/Rededication Ceremony where our older brownies will officially welcome our new scouts. The girls made initiations to invite their families and have incorporated a flag ceremony that we have been practicing. Plans for the new year include: starting our Brownie

Quest books, choosing another community service project and yup, you can smell them now...COOKIES! We'll be ready to take your orders after Jan 1st!!

Junior Troop # 12083

December was a short month for our troop as one of our meetings was cancelled due to snow. At our second meeting, we made time capsule ornaments that

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Cadette Troop #12356 Restaurant Reviews

We are Girl Scout Cadette Troop #12356 here in Loudon NH. We are working on two interest project badges that have to do with food. Two of the requirements are to try some new and interesting foods and to write food reviews for a local paper. We decided to try some new foods at two of the local restaurants right here in Loudon. We are a troop of 8 girls in grades 6, 7, and 8. We hope you enjoy our review.



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included a current picture and strips of paper where each girl detailed their favorite parts of 2009.

We also discussed the Girl Scout Cookie Sale and set our per girl, and troop goals. The girls can't wait to get started selling cookies!

When we come back in January, we are looking forward to earning some new badges and participating in community service projects.

Junior Troop #12641

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

The girls have completed the Science Discovery badge and we had a holiday gathering with crafts, food and fun to round out our 2009 year. The girls are busy planning what they want to do in 2010. We will be selling Girl Scout cookies starting January 1st!! Thanks for reading what we are up to.

Cadette Troop #12356

Advisors: Samantha French & Amanda Masse

We helped out at the Loudon Police Blood Drive — thank you to those who donated! Alicia Grimaldi came and spoke to us about being a holistic health counselor. She enjoys sharing her passion for healthy living and shared with how she and a friend decided to take that passion and turn it into a successful business — Affirm Water. She discussed the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and even got us hooked on kale chips!! Check out www.affirmwater.com for more information and we thank her very much for taking the time to come by to meet with us. To round out our 2009 Girl Scout year, we held a celebration and food review meeting where we sampled foods from two local restaurants. King's Chinese Restaurant and Brookside Pizza — both located at Brookside Mall on Rte 106. Please read our food reviews (above) and be sure to visit these two local businesses and try something new!! We will have lots more to share with you in the year 2010 and hope you like hearing what we are doing. Remember that we are always looking for ways to help out in our community — please let us know if we can help!! ■

Brookside Pizza

Brookside Pizza has been a fixture in Loudon for over 20 years! Located at Brookside Plaza on Route 106 the restaurant and those who own and work there have been a very important part of our community. Brookside Pizza is a very popular place with the locals and those who are just driving by. They have sponsored more Loudon sports teams than you can count (you will see many team photos on their walls), they have supported more community organizations and groups than we could list in this article. They employ eight people here in Loudon and also have a second restaurant in Belmont called — Brookside II that also has "The TAP" which is right next door to the Belmont location.

Here is a little summary of the items we tried and our opinions (make sure you try it for yourself).

We ordered the "Spaghetti Pizza" and here are our thoughts (all of our comments are listed):

- Sounded odd at first, but was really good
- A delicious pizza that you wouldn't expect
- Great, tasted like regular pizza with a fun twist
- Delicious, I had never tried or heard of it, but it was great
- I thought it was wonderful since I like spaghetti and pizza
- My favorite of the foods we tried, not hard, but chewy with lots of flavor to it
- Crispy Greek crust with noodles. The semi-sweet sauce and salty feta contrasts perfectly to make two excellent dishes into one, scrumptious, food is all about balance and this is
- When you think about spaghetti and pizza, you usually don't think of them together. When I heard of spaghetti pizza I did not know what to expect and I was kind of grossed out. When I tried it, I was shocked, it was exceedingly amazing! It had just the right amount of everything to make two separate meals work together to succeed as one. The feta made it taste just like spaghetti and the crunchy crust was incredible.

This dish got an 8 star rating from the troop — we recommend you try this out!!

We also tried the "Philly Cheese Steak Pizza" and here are the thought of those who wanted to share them:

- good, had an awesome mix of meat and veggies in it
- pretty good
- filling, meaty, YUM

For dessert we had "Baklava" and this reviewed with high marks by the troop:

- Sweet pastry, flakey, crispy, yummy, nutty, loved it!
- A chewy and nutty dessert
- Moist, flakey, gooey
- Crispy phyllo dough and sticky sweet honey contrast the cinnamon and nuts beautifully. A simple, delicious ending to a fantastic meal
- AH-MA-ZING (*that is amazing for those who aren't familiar with teen lingo*)
- A flakey top with a thick, gooey, nutty mixture all drizzled in super sweet honey is a dream in a Greek dessert!

When we arrived to pick up our order Mike gave us a little something special to try. It was a Greek pastry with lemon custard. We thought it was good and are

glad we had the chance to try it. We are glad that Brookside Pizza is a part of Loudon and hope that you will try something new next time you call in or stop by to order — we are glad that we did!!

King's Chinese Restaurant

King's Chinese Restaurant has been in Loudon for seven years. Also located at Brookside Plaza on Route 106 the owners started out in nearby Laconia before settling in Loudon. We tried several dishes from the menu. We recommend to ask when you call if you aren't sure what a particular dish has in it. They are very willing to explain what the different foods are.

We ordered "Orange Flavored Chicken" which also has broccoli in it. Here are our thoughts (all of our comments are listed):

- loved it, could have been milder but very good with broccoli and white rice, sticky and spicy
- Delicious!
- A spicy treat
- Sticky and pretty hot so keep lots of liquids at hand!
- Spicy and saucy, with an orange kick when you come across a piece of orange skin that's cooked in with it
- Beautiful white chicken chunks covered in a spicy orange tinted glaze was just mouthwatering

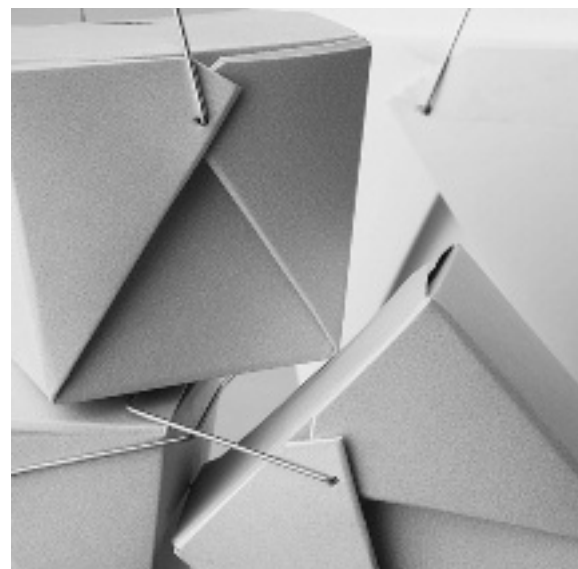
Many of us tried the "Hot and Sour Soup":

- Sweet at first then it gets really, really spicy. Lots of good flavors.
- In small doses it is sweet and thick, but with a little more, your mouth is toasty!
- One bite not hot, the next mild. Every bite a new adventure, tofu and scallions add nice undertones of flavor, a perfect soup if you are feeling down and need some sinus clearing zing
- Starts out smooth, thick, chunky and sweet then turns hot and spicy in seconds. I don't really like tofu, but it played its part perfectly in this fantastic soup
- Clears your sinuses

We tried "Spring Rolls":

- Smooth, crunchy outside and a super-stuffed center, it was very good. The veggies and a touch of everything made it perfect

Remember that foods from other countries sometimes need clarification on what they are. If you aren't sure, just ask! We did and we had a great time trying new things — we hope you do too!! ■



Merrimack Valley School District News

November Student of the Month

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

Loudon: Sara Kowalski, William West, Nathan Merrow, David West, Kaitlyn Stevens, Lauren Johnson

Andover: Norbu Dickinson, Kristi Perreault, Emily Laro, Chantal Caron

Penacook: Kassandra Bacon, David Paiva, *Andrea Stinson — Winner*, Angela Fedion, Kelly Davies, Christina Courchesne, Alex Williams, Brandon Cail, Kirstyn Bassett, Janice Disla, Mackenzie Duquette, Amber Cronan, Katie Copp, Kierstin Davis

Boscawen: Amanda Wilson, David Petrangelo, Rachel Aznive, Jacob Hooper

Webster: Shelby Hamel, Anthony Quintiliani, *Brian Baril — Winner*

Salisbury: Patrick Monaghan



MVHS National Art Honor Society Induction

The following students will be inducted into the National Art Honor Society at Merrimack Valley High School on Wednesday, December 2nd. Congratulations on this recognition of outstanding talent!

Penacook: Chelsea Adams, Alex Ainsworth, Stephen Bowden, James Brasil, Mike Leite, Lexi Potter, Steph Walsh, Haley Wilson, Marin Zlatunic

Andover: Curtis Blodgett

Webster: Faith Bouchard, Amy Evanofski, Cara Pratt, Shelby Hamel

Boscawen: Carrie Brewster, Lilly Downing, Chelsea McKerley, Jon Raymond

Loudon: Shylar Chevalier, Natalie Davies-Brown, Sarah Gilbert, Fiona Rodrigue, Becca Silveria, Temina Troncone, Nate Webb

Salisbury: Becca Landry, Dan Landry ■

School Board Meeting Minutes — Oct. 5, 2009

Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Webster Elementary School was called to order by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake (arrived at 8:30 p.m.), Lorrie Carey, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

Administrators Present:

Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Sandy Davis, Tracy Murch, Linda McAllister, Tom Laliberte; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Pat Severance; Assistant Principal for Special Education Mary Paradise; Facilities Director Fred Reagan; MVLC Administrator Paulette Fitzgerald

Others Present:

Alex Cilley, MVHS Student Representative; Ellen Kontinos-Cilley, Parent; Bill Heinz, Boscawen Resident

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Will Renauld, to approve the Sept. 14, 2009 meeting minutes (pages 1–5 in the packet) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Robin Heins reviewed the NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT (page 5 in the packet) and reported that everything is fine. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Thomas Godfrey, to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Participation:

Alex Cilley, MVHS Student Representative, reported on sports and activities at the high school.

Good News:

Mike Martin and the building principals reported on the good news items included in the packet (pages 22–34). Chris Barry reported on the good news items included in the yellow folder.

Committee Reports:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Troy Cowan reported on the September 14, 2009 Finance Committee meeting (minutes on page 35 in the packet). Mark Hutchins pointed out that his name was omitted from the list of Board Members Present at this meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Robin Heins reported on the September 21, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting (minutes on pages 36–37 in the packet). *Motion by Will Renauld, second by Laura Vincent, to accept and approve the recommendations of the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.*

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Chris Barry reported on the September 21, 2009 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on pages 38–51 in the packet). Included in the packet for a first read are Policy IJOA (School Approved Trips) and Policy IHBG (Home Education Instruction). Included in the packet for a second read are Policy IFA (Instructional Need of Students with Different Talents), Policy IHAM (Health Education and Exemption from Instruction), Policy IHBBA (Limited English Proficiency Instruction), IHCA (Summer Activities) and Policy IJO (Community Resources). *Motion by Thomas Godfrey, second by Troy Cowan, to approve Policies IFA, IHAM, IHBBA, IHCA and IJO as presented. Motion passed unanimously.* The board discussed the school trip policy.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

Laura Vincent reported on the September 28, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting (minutes on page 52 in the

packet). Laura Vincent pointed out that her name was omitted from the list of Board Members Present at this meeting.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

OTHER:

Mike Martin reported that Dolores is scheduling an Editorial Staff (*Community Pride Link*) meeting.

The next Long Range Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

Old Business:

SNOWPLOWING SIDEWALKS — PENACOOK:

Mike Martin reported we are still working on this.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT (IB):

Chris Barry reported on the September 17, 2009 Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) (minutes on page 57 in the packet).

The next Steering Committee for Improvement (IB) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:45 a.m. at the SAU office.

ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK:

Mike Martin shared additional information regarding transitioning from textbooks to netbooks.

COMMUNITY PRIDE LINK:

Mike Martin reported that the October issue of *The Community Pride Link* is in the packet (pages 61–62) for the board to review. Also included in the packet (pages 63–64) is a draft of the November issue.

OTHER:

Fred Reagan updated the board on a variety of items including capital projects at PES, SES, LES and BES. Fred also reported on the MS Sidewalk Grant, Safe Routes to School application and a request from the City of Concord to share park maintenance costs.

New Business:

NH SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION:

Included in the packet is a memo from the NH School Board Association (pages 65–80) calling for resolutions to be considered at the January 16, 2010 Delegate Assembly. The board will select a Delegate to represent Merrimack Valley at the November meeting.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST:

Included in the packet (pages 81–83) is a request for permission for an overnight field trip for the high school band and chorus students to travel to New York City over April vacation (April 24–27, 2010). *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Lorrie Carey, to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.*

OTHER:

None

Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

Troy Cowan reported that the Finance Committee met before tonight's board meeting and voted to recommend that the board approve the manifests and journal entries. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.* Manifests and journal entries were circulated for board member signatures.

Board Chairman's Report:

None

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported she received communication from a Loudon resident regarding naming the new field after a student who passed away. The board discussed the request.

Loudon Boy Scout and Cub Scout News

Boy Scout Troop 247 News

Well, the boys would like to thank Pack 247 for allowing us to attend meetings and answer questions about Boy Scouting. Our adult leaders continue planning the "Town" activities for the Boy Scout Patrols and the special activities by Crew 247 for the Webelo Scouts. The Wannalancit Klondike Derby is coming February 6, 2010 to the Rec. Field right here in Loudon! Details are available at <http://nhscouting.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=15063&orgkey=1804>.

Troop and Crew 247 held their annual Yankee Swap on December 17, 2009. Fun and the spirit of giving was had by all.

Pictured below:

Boy Scouts: Riley Charron, Tim Decato, Ryan Hoar, and Chance Smith (Scouts), Cullen Rodrigue (SPL), and leader Andrew Rice (ASM).

Pictured Venture Crew: Kayleigh Decato, Corrina Turcotte, and James Paul, Jessica Fife (VP), and leaders Brittany Potter (Associate Advisor) and Jean-Maire Fife (Advisor).

Not pictured: Cam Smith (Crew President), Boy Scout leaders Mrs. Jan Rice (CM), Mr. John Rice (ASM), and Mr. Scott J. Rodrigue (SM).

From all the scouts and families of Troop and Crew 247 ~ Peace and Love for the 2010 NEW YEAR! ■



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Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin reported that he sent a letter to Boscawen, Webster, Salisbury, and Loudon Selectmen and Concord City Councilors (page 84 in the packet) regarding agenda items for the proposed October 29th annual meeting with the selectmen. The board discussed possible agenda items.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Mark Hutchins, Normandie Blake (arrived at 8:30 p.m.), Lorrie Carey, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

See Non-Public Session Minutes.

Motion by Thomas Godfrey, second by Lorrie Carey, to go out of non-public session at 9:57 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Normandie Blake, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Welch, Clerk

NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM ENERGY CONFERENCE

January 12, 2010 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

NH Department of Environmental Services — Conference Room
29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH • Cost: \$15

Presented by: Southern NH and North Country RC&Ds, NH Dept. of Agriculture, NH Dept. of Environmental Services, NH Office of Energy & Planning, NH Public Utilities Commission, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Rural Development, UNH Cooperative Extension, and EnSave

The morning session will be devoted to a preview of farm energy opportunities. There will be a brief welcome from Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner, NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food followed by presentations by Southern NH Resource Conservation & Development, NH Dept. of Environmental Services, UNH Cooperative Extension, and EnSave.

Coffee will be available at registration and the morning break. Lunch (on your own) from 11:30–12:30.

The afternoon session will consist of 9 break-out sessions on Farm Efficiency, Energy Opportunities, and Financial and Technical Assistance Programs.

For more information and to register, please go to www.nhrd.net.

Registration forms available at: <http://nhrd.net/Farm%20Energy%20Initiative/FEI%20Conference%20Agenda%20and%20Registration%20Form%20011210.pdf>

HELP US HELP YOU

The Loudon Fire Department is asking the citizens of Loudon for their assistance by making sure your E-9-1-1 street address is visible from the road.

If you have a **mailbox** at the end of your driveway, make sure it is marked with **2-INCH REFLECTIVE CONTRASTING NUMBERS ON BOTH SIDES** so it is visible at night from either direction.

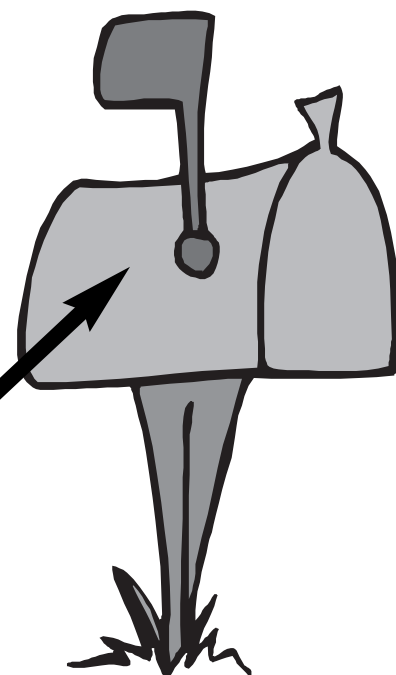
If your **mailbox** is not at the end of your driveway, we ask that there be a **POST WITH 2-INCH REFLECTIVE CONTRASTING STREET NUMBERS** by the edge of the road.

If your **house** can be clearly viewed within 100 feet of the road, we ask that you have **2-INCH REFLECTIVE CONTRASTING NUMBERS on the street side of your house.**

By doing this, you will help us respond to your emergency with less chance of delay.

Thank you for assistance in this matter.

The members of the Loudon Fire Department



REFLECTIVE STREET NUMBERS HERE



Winter Carnival

Saturday

February 27, 2010

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

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

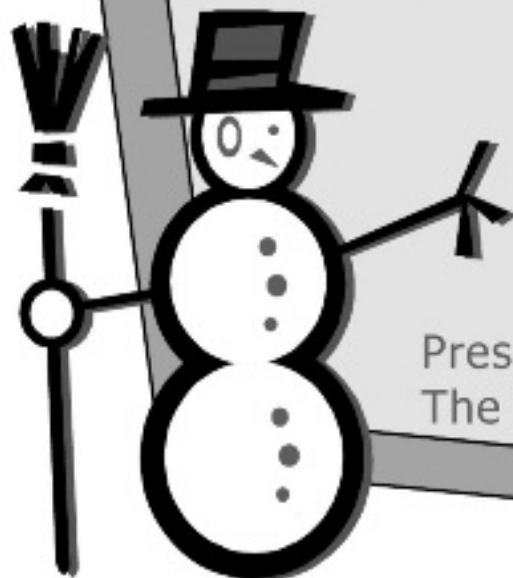
Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon
for some winter fun at the Recreation
Field in the village

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

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

Proceeds to benefit Loudon Food Pantry

Presented by
The Loudon Recreation Committee



State Of New Hampshire Department Of Safety

Boating Education Class Schedule

Call 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 (Monday through Friday 8:15 AM–4:15 PM). WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.nhboatingeducation.com
The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required. Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

01/16/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
01/23/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
01/30/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
01/30/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
01/30/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
02/20/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
02/20/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
02/20/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
02/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
02/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
02/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
02/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
03/13/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
03/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
03/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department	Londonderry
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03/27/10	9:00 AM–4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

01/25/10 and 01/27/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
01/26/10 and 01/27/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
01/26/10 and 01/28/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
02/15/10 and 02/17/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
02/15/10 and 02/17/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
02/16/10 and 02/18/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
02/23/10 and 02/24/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
03/15/10 and 03/17/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
03/15/10 and 03/17/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
03/15/10 and 03/17/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
03/23/10 and 03/24/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
03/29/10 and 03/31/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
04/05/10 and 04/07/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
04/05/10 and 04/07/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
04/12/10 and 04/14/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
04/19/10 and 04/20/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
04/19/10 and 04/21/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
04/19/10 and 04/21/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
05/03/10 and 05/05/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/10/10 and 05/12/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/11/10 and 05/13/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/11/10 and 05/13/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
05/17/10 and 05/19/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Department of Safety	Concord
05/17/10 and 05/19/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
05/24/10 and 05/26/10	5:00 PM–8:30 PM	Meredith Community Center	Meredith
05/24/10 and 05/26/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
05/25/10 and 05/26/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia
06/01/10 and 06/03/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Dover High School	Dover
06/01/10 and 06/03/10	6:00 PM–9:30 PM	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Laconia

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2010 New Hampshire Fishing And Hunting Licenses Now Available

As of today, you can buy your New Hampshire fishing and hunting licenses for 2010. Get yours and be set for a WILD year of outdoor adventure, from ice fishing this winter to bagging your deer next fall. Licenses are good for the calendar year, from January 1 through December 31, 2010. Purchase online at www.WildNH.com, at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord or from more than 250 license agents statewide.

Your hunting or fishing license — or, best of all, your “combo” license — is your year-round ticket to New Hampshire’s great outdoors. For state residents, an annual fishing license is \$35; the basic hunting license is \$24.50; and a combination (hunting and fishing) license is \$48.50. For nonresidents, annual fishing licenses are \$53; hunting licenses, \$105.50; and the combo license is \$143.50. Residents can buy a one-day fishing license for \$10. Nonresidents can opt for one-, three- or seven-day fishing licenses.

There are just two fee changes for 2010, affecting the pheasant license and an Internet transaction fee. For 2010, pheasant hunting licenses are \$26 for both residents and nonresidents (previously \$16). This fee increase was recommended with the input of hunters and was necessary to ensure that the same number of pheasants can be stocked.

Those buying 2010 licenses online will be charged a \$3 Internet transaction fee, similar to fees incurred with online purchases of tickets or campsites. This fee offsets the cost of maintaining the online licensing site. The Internet transaction fee will not apply to over-the-counter purchases at local license agents or Fish and Game headquarters.

“Online license purchasers may wish to consider buying all their 2010 licenses in one transaction, rather than at different times during the year, to avoid multiple transaction fees,” said Fish and Game Licensing Supervisor Sue Perry.

2009 licenses are no longer available through the online purchasing site, however, they may still be bought at license agents or Fish and Game headquarters.

When you get your license, pick up a copy of the new 2010 New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest, hot off the press and also available online at www.wildnh.com/Fishing/fishing.htm. You’ll find fishing rules, color photos for identifying fish and much more. The Digest has a whole new look this year — bigger, brighter and more readable. Additional advertising support makes the new format more cost-effective for Fish and Game.

For hunters and anglers concerned about maintaining access to pursue their sports, the \$10 Wildlife Legacy donation (a check-off on the multiform license) provides an opportunity to support Fish and Game’s Landowner Relations Program, which works in partnership with hunters, anglers and landowners to maintain hunting and fishing access to private lands. Learn more at www.wildnh.com/Inside_FandG/Wildlife_Legacy_Initiative.htm.

Fishing and hunting license fees directly support wildlife and fisheries management, law enforcement and conservation education in New Hampshire. The only Fish and Game Department program that receives any General Fund support is the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program, which gets a small matching grant from the state. Therefore, license sales are critical to support the programs and management people have come to expect. For a link to online license sales and a list of local license agents, visit New Hampshire Fish and Game’s website at www.wildnh.com. ■



News From the Richard Brown House

Our ears are ringing here at the Richard Brown House! To bring 2009 to a musical conclusion we enjoyed the River of Grace Church’s musicians and singers. A real treat!

To follow that, residents were thrilled by the enchanting Faith-a-Peel Bell. Ringers from the Faith Community Bible Church. The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church carolers and pianist Reverend Henry Frost put Brown House residents in the true spirit of Christmas. Finally the Concord Christian Academy pre-kindergarten group brought delicious treats and sang a couple of festive songs.

Marie Gray spear-headed an effort to collect items for shipment to our troops overseas. Residents gathered items from a list of things needed by the soldiers and shipped them to Afghanistan. We have since received letters from our troops who nicknames us the LOL – Ladies of Loudon. They look forward to every box of goodies.

We were amused by a holiday trivia game at a coffee chat with Letty Barton. She keeps us laughing!

On December 19th residents had a finger food party and Yankee Swap. We are very thankful that we have an amazing population of extraordinary cooks in this building. A good time was had by all. Our Christmas dinner is always special as well as the New Year’s Eve party. We all look forward to a 2010 filled with good food, good friends and good fun! ■

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Congress Extends and Expands Homebuyer Tax Credit

By Jack Prendiville@c21nh.com,
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On November 6, President Obama signed legislation that extends and expands the homebuyer tax credit. Now, for the first time, the credit is available to current homeowners as well as people purchasing for the first time. The first-time homeowner tax credit has been instrumental in helping the real estate market recover. The credit has brought new families into the housing market, and they in turn helped reduce the inventory of unsold homes. The expanded credit is expected to encourage more investment in residential housing. Here are the details.*

- The \$8,000 first-time homebuyer credit is extended through April 30, 2010, giving buyers who have signed a purchase contract by that date until June 30 to close on their home. The actual credit is equal to 10% of a home's purchase price, up to a maximum of \$8,000.
- A new credit of up to \$6500 is available for repeat homebuyers who purchase a principal residence if they have been living in their current home for five consecutive years out of the past eight years preceding the purchase.
- Income limits have been increased. Now, single buyers with incomes up to \$125,000 or married couples earning up to \$225,000 may be eligible. Partial credits may be available to homebuyers who earn more.
- The credit is extended until April 30, 2011 for certain qualified military buyers.
- The credit only applies to homes priced at \$800,000 or less.
- If you're planning to buy, act quickly. Experts say there will be no further extensions of the tax credit, so this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save money while buying a new home.

*This is not meant to be tax or legal advice. Consult a tax professional for details. ■

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care Offers Three Classes on Reiki

Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care is offering a free program, "Reiki I Class," on three consecutive Tuesdays beginning January 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The presenter is Ami Sarasvati, a Reiki master teacher.

The Reiki classes are open to cancer patients, survivors, and family members. Learn applications of Reiki, and practice doing Reiki on yourself and others.

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

Loudon Farms: Buy Locally!

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

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

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

Ramsay's Farm Stand
783 Loudon Ridge Road
Vegetables and Cut Flowers, Small Fruits in Season
8 a.m.–7 p.m. Daily
267-6522
Red Manse Farm
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Organic Produce, Farm Patron Program
Thurs.–Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
www.redmansefarm.com
435-9943

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Concord Hospital Offers Water Exercise Sampler Program for Cancer Survivors

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care and Rehabilitation Services Care offering a water exercise sampler program for cancer survivors on Thursday, January 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. held at the Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation in the Concord Orthopaedics, P.A. building.

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. "This exercise sampler program is designed for cancer survivors," said Janet Lehoullier, PTA, Concord Hospital Rehabilitation Services. "Participants learn how to exercise safely and enjoy the benefits of water to decrease the stress on joints and muscles."

Registration for this program is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031. ■

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Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics on **Tuesday, January 26 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Richard Brown House Senior Housing**. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages:

Monday January 4, 2010 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday January 19, 2010 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 5815.

Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics:

Wed., Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to Noon Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord
Wed., Jan. 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m. White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow

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

Concord Regional VNA Honors Merrimack Co. Nursing Home Hospice Unit Opening

Hospice staff of Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association presented staff of the Hospice Unit of Merrimack County Nursing Home with books and blankets at the Unit's recent open house. Both organizations were celebrating the opening of MCNH's Hospice Unit, which will help meet the need for end-of-life care for those residing in nursing homes.

The books are for the library in the Merrimack County Nursing Home Hospice Unit. The books, on end-of-life caregiving, cultural issues, and grief, are for staff and family/caregivers. The special, comforting blankets are weighted in order to enhance sensory integration and provide sensory support for end-of-life patients residing in MCNH's Hospice Unit. ■



Lois Ferguson (far left), Vice President-Hospice, Concord Regional VNA, presents comforting blankets for residents in the MCNH Hospice Unit. Left to right are Merrimack County Nursing Home staff Gail Ela, Amy Nichols, and Lori Stratton.

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes — Oct. 26, 2009

Next Meetings:

Monday Jan 11, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Feb 8, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Mar 8, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday April 12, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday May 10, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday June 14, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday July 12, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Aug 9, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Sept 13, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Oct 11, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Nov 8, 2010 — 7 p.m.
Monday Dec 13, 2010 — 7 p.m.

Board Members:

Carole Soule, Bruce Dawson, Earl Tuson

Attendees:

Charlie and Pearl Aznive

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the Sept 28, 2009 were reviewed and accepted
2. Bruce Dawson has provided a web-site: loudonag.org. Minutes and documents from presenters have been posted to the Web site.

3. *Speaker:* Alex Lehman, Agricultural Program Coordinator from CHI (Cultural Homestay International). Placements are available for 6 month Ag worker.

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4. There was further discussion of the Loudon Zoning Ordinances and it was agreed that Earl Tuson will present recommendations to the Loudon Zoning Board for consideration. The Zoning Ordinance is located at: http://www.loudonnh.org/documents/zb/2009_Zoning_Ordinance.pdf.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — Nov. 3, 2009

5:35 p.m.

In attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Sue Kowalski and Debbie Kardaseski, Library Director Nancy Hendy, Alternate Ken Krzewick, and town resident Laura Vincent.

Minutes from the October 6, 2009 and October 9, 2009 meetings were accepted.

Financial Report:

The budget to date was reviewed. Nancy pointed out that some lines were still at 0 because they are paid at the end of the year.

Directors Report:

Last month I attended a seminar at the NHSL on the topic of **OverDrive's downloadable audio books**. The technology has expanded to include many types of iPods. By going to nh.lib.overdrive.com and scrolling to the bottom of the left hand column, patrons can check to see if their players are compatible. They can also see which of the more than 3,000 books available are

supported by Apple devices. Easy to read icons are listed by each title showing on what types of devices the audio books may be played and whether or not the files may be burned to CDs. Nancy suggested providing a how-to workshop for borrowers.

Along with staff members Florence Omar and Cheryl Ingerson, I attended the **Children's Literature Festival** at Keene State College on Oct. 31. Speakers included Newbery Medal winners Lois Lowry and Katherine Paterson and Caldecott Medal winner Beth Krommes.

I'm booking **speakers to give programs** on how to get started in photography and the basics of using QuickBooks software.

Loudon artist Ron Gibeault's works in acrylic and wood burning are on **display** now through Nov. 21. Ron is originally from Rhode Island and his artwork features many ocean-related themes.

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Study carrels needed for the main floor have arrived from Dennison's. The two new **public computers** will be ordered tomorrow and should be here by the end of next week. This will help cut down on wait time for computer users and will bring the total number of public computers to six. Deep Freeze has been installed to block users from changing settings. The Technology line will be over budget due to service calls. Debbie suggested looking into a service contract for the computers since we will now have six public ones in use.

Building maintenance projects completed since last month's meeting include having the main entrance columns painted and the walkway holes patched and smoothed over.

The main floor **furnace** has been having problems. We have had four service calls in the last two weeks. The work so far has been covered by our service contract.

A local man who has assisted with building maintenance in the past is interested in doing **snow shoveling** and snow blowing on our walkways. What arrangements do we want to make? The board decided Nancy should ask Adrian how long on average it took him to clear the walkways. \$30 per job was suggested. Access to the snow blower was discussed but not resolved.

The Veterans' associations have hired Adrian to **maintain** the area around their monuments. Sue will get a memorandum of

understanding to clarify the maintenance agreement between the VFW and the library.

Our next **book sale** will be on Nov. 14. The email notifications continue to be very effective. The Girl Scouts will be using the meeting room for their **bake sale** on Nov. 21.

Children's Librarian's Report:

Concord Headstart will be visiting story time on November 19 with 10 adults and 3 teachers.

The second **apple picking field trip** took place on October 14 with 21 children and 23 adults.

Children's Librarian participated in a free **Webcast event:** Teen Read Week 2009 Book Buzz on October 22.

Story time groups went **trick-or-treating** through the town offices, police and fire stations on October 28 and 29.

Story time numbers for October: 177 children and 113 adults.

Old Business

Sandy wanted to make sure the alternates are sworn in by the Town Clerk so that they will be ready to vote when needed.

Sandy reported that after lengthy research, and with the help of architect Tom Wallace, she has contacted the manufacturer of the roofing and found there is a 20 year warranty. She is still in communication with them. Debbie offered to take pictures of the rust to send to the company.

The fact that the meeting room door has still not been replaced was a concern. Debbie said she would contact the volunteer and let him know that if he is not able to replace the door by November 16 then we will have to hire someone to do it.

Tom Wallace recommended the library have the sheet metal company make metal clamps to secure the metal sheeting on the air intake platform.

Sue offered to take the bulletin board door frame to Beckett Glass to have the lexan cut to size and installed.

Debbie will make a few small changes to the revised Internet Policy and it will be available at the library desk for trustees to sign.

Ken suggested using charts to show the library budget in comparison to the town budget. It was agreed a pie chart published in the Ledger would be a good idea. Sue

will work on the chart with the intent of getting it in the January issue, prior to the time budget hearings will be held. It was also decided the library will submit an article explaining what the library is asking for in the 2010-2011 budget and why we are asking for it. Debbie suggested the article include stats such as how many of Loudon's households use the library.

It was determined that the new employee benefits line in the library budget will be about \$15,000. The corresponding lines in the town budget equal over \$600,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard
Susan Kowalski
Deborah Kardaseski

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

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
December 14, 2009	Merrimack Valley High School
January 11, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
February 8, 2010	Merrimack Valley High School
March 8, 2010	Penacook Elementary School

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — Nov. 4, 2009

1:00 p.m.

In attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Sue Kowalski and Debbie Kardaseski, Library Director Nancy Hendy, Alternates Ken Krzewick and Marilyn Sylvester, town auditor Paul Mercier, and bookkeeper Norma O'Brien.

This special meeting was called to review accounting practices at the library.

Paul explained that generally it is best to have separation of responsibilities to provide good internal control. After a lengthy discussion, he recommended Norma O'Brien handle the accounting. This would include entering the information in QuickBooks and

doing the reconciliation. This would relieve Nancy of some duties and provide a second set of eyes looking over transactions. Norma will also help Nancy set up the budget in QuickBooks for easier reporting.

There was discussion about whether the trustees need to pre-approve bills. Paul stated that he felt the director and board had been managing things well and as long as the trustees are signing off on the financial reports (Reconciliation and Profit & Loss Statement prepared by Norma) at each trustees meeting, they are fulfilling their obligation of overseeing expenditures. Nancy stated that she would like to continue

having a trustee initial each invoice. It was decided the previously voted on \$300 allowed without pre-approval was for on-the-spot purchases. It was also noted that the director regularly brings larger expenditures to the board for discussion.

It was also recommended the trustees prepare an Accounting Policy.

Debbie asked if library funds (such as book sale proceeds, etc.) should be kept in a separate account from town funds so that the money cannot be claimed as unspent at the end of the year. Paul pointed out that it was not necessary as the lines are looked at separately.

There was discussion about how best to handle a sum of money that was found in a book donated to the book sale. It was decided that since staff has made every effort to locate the donor, the money will be accepted as a donation to the library.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, November 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to discuss the 2010-2011 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard
Susan Kowalski
Deborah Kardaseski

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — Nov. 9, 2009

1:05 pm

In attendance: Trustees Sandy Blanchard and Sue Kowalski, Director Nancy Hendy and Alternate Ken Krzewick.

This meeting was scheduled to discuss the 2010-2011 budget which needs to be submitted to the Selectmen by November 16, 2009.

Wage lines: Sandy discussed her concerns about disparity of wages in the town and that the Library Director continues to be paid less than other department heads. It was decided the library needs to know what the Selectmen intend for employee raises before the salaries for Director and Children's Librarian can be entered. Nancy suggested \$15,000 be added to the Part Time Wages line in order to add 25 clerk hours per week. This would relieve the current strain on staffing. Increased circulation has required more work and this line is still down significantly from the 2007-2008 budget.

Non wage lines are level funded except for the Technology Line which will increase \$1000 due to added computers thus more need for service, and an increase in the Downloadable Audiobooks fee.

The board discussed adding an employee benefits line but since the library has not received official notice from the Selectmen regarding this change, it was decided not to add the new line at this time.

Sue said she could write an article for the Ledger noting the record circulation numbers the library has experienced as well as other highlights. Nancy will gather the information.

Nancy will e-mail the final budget to trustees for approval before submitting to the Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard
Susan Kowalski

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 10, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Robert Fiske, Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, Zoning Board Chair David Powelson, and Planning Board Vice-Chair Stanley Prescott.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 3, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated he had followed up on the complaints alleged by Mr. Jerry Weeks in regards to the paving on Bumfagon Road. Chairman Bowles said some of the allegations made were false and the Board feels the work done was done adequately. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit portion of the meeting.

Bob Fiske addressed the right-of-way issue on Wiggins Road. Mr. Fiske said this issue has been in controversy for the past two or three years. Mr. Fiske said the road varies all the way through from Route 129 to Bee Hole Road. Mr. Fiske said he had checked with Wayne Thistle for the width on his end of the road, which goes from 14 feet to 23 feet, stone wall to stone wall. Mr. Fiske said he had spoken with Stanley Prescott in regards to using stone walls as the boundary and Mr. Prescott said that the stone wall measurement is not always concrete. Mr. Fiske said his conclusion after talking with Road Agent Dave Rice is that Wiggins Road is a two rod road. He said the rocks and debris have clearly been pushed onto an abutting property owners land. Chairman Bowles said the Board had directed the Road Agent to address this issue and if needed request additional sup-

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port from the Code Enforcement Office. Mr. Fiske said if the Selectmen are in agreement in stating this is a two rod road, 32 feet wide, and any debris that has been placed outside of this measurement has to be removed. Stanley Prescott stated a two rod road is actually 33 feet wide. He said he has done research on town roads at the State Archives and Department of Transportation. Mr. Prescott said he feels the Board should not state for a fact this is a two rod road without further research, but could say until proven otherwise, the town will establish Wiggins Road as a two rod road. The Chairman recognized Guy Petell from the audience. Mr. Petell is the abutting property owner on whose land the debris has been pushed. Mr. Petell provided a survey plan from DOT for the Board's review. The plan shows boundary markers and indicates the road is a rod and a half wide. He said if this is the case, he is giving up eight feet of his land. Mr. Petell said if the Board can state the road is two rods from the markers on the plan, he is ok with that. Mr. Fiske said once the Board has made their decision he will notify the other property owner that he cannot go beyond the two rod measurement.

The Board addressed the replacement of gasoline tanks at the Village Store. Dave Powelson said the owner had come into the Planning/Zoning Office to inquire if he needed to come before either Planning or Zoning for site review or additional permits. Mr. Fiske said the current tanks are two 3,000 gallon tanks which were put in place in 1986. He said he does not believe there were ever any permits granted by the town for the tanks. Mr. Powelson said he feels it would be cleaner if the owners came before the Boards for review. Mr. Prescott asked if Mr. Fiske knew what is being proposed. Mr. Fiske said he believes it is only speculation

at this point, but he believes the owner wants to put in a 10,000 gallon tank as he owns his own tractor trailer, and wants to be able to drop a tanker load instead of smaller loads. Mr. Prescott said the owner should come before the Planning Board for a site plan review and then the Zoning Board for the in-ground tanks.

Mr. Fiske reviewed a letter he received from Bruce Stone of NH Motor Speedway regarding the proposed Sno-Cross event tentatively scheduled for February 20 and 21, 2010. Mr. Fiske said there is already controversy over this event, as October 31 is the last date to hold events at the facility. The Selectmen said the dates of operation are included in the 1999 Planning Board minutes as part of the approvals granted. Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns and location for the individual events. The conclusion is that the Speedway should apply to the Planning Board for approval to conduct this event.

Mr. Fiske said he would like to discuss the use of ESMI soils at Pleasant View Gardens. He said Pleasant View is going before the Zoning Board this month. The stipulations call for the soils to be applied to commercial properties only. He said according to the assessment records for this property, it is listed as residential. Mr. Powelson said he believes the zoning regulation is derived from Department of Environmental Service's rules. Mr. Powelson said the regulation does not state commercial property only, it says not for use on residential property.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit and resumed the regular Selectmen's meeting.

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

Chairman Bowles stated for the record two pistol permits were approved for signature.

Mr. Fiske said he was asked by Steve Fifield for any requirements for the handicapped ramp at the Town Hall. Mr. Fiske said he wanted to be sure the bid specifications from the Selectmen did not include any special requirements. Mr. Fiske said he would clarify a light switch issue with Mr. Fifield in the morning.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Town of Canterbury that was included with their 2009 fall tax billing as an explanation of the 2009 tax rate.

The Board received a petition from Wayne Thistle requesting the town schedule a public hearing to accept Thistle Hill Road as a town road. The Board will hold a public hearing on this petition on December 1 at 7:00 P.M.

The Board received a copy of a letter from DES sent to Henniker Septic Service in regards to the authorization to dump the septage at the Loudon lagoon.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the credit account with Tractor Supply Company.

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Jeff Burr for eight additional cards from CN Brown for diesel purchases for the fire trucks. Chairman Bowles said he feels a tank should be installed at the Safety Building for this purpose as bulk delivery would be less expensive than buying at the pump. The Board approved this request.

The Board reviewed a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee in regards to budget preparation. Discussion ensued on engineering services, auditor, assessments, utilities assessments, tax map preparation, cemetery maintenance, and health and dental insurance. Mrs. Lee will contact these firms for proposals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

The Board discussed responding to the letter received from Department of Trans-

portation in regards to the State's intent to sell a parcel on Staniels Road. Selectman Ives said he hopes the State will take into consideration this parcel is located in the town's commercial/industrial zone and would be a benefit to the town to have this parcel back on the tax roll.

The Board received the 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee from ESMI in the amount of \$13,548.70.

The Board received the settlement statement from St. Jean Auctions for the police cruiser that was sold at the State auction October 17th. The cruiser sold for \$1,600 with the town's proceeds being \$1,440.00.

The Board received an acknowledgment from PRIMEX regarding extension of the Workers Compensation Insurance program until 2013. This agreement saves the town 5% on their workers compensation coverage.

The Board received a copy of the Wiggins Road monitoring report from The Louis Berger Group for review.

The Board received an email from Jim Preshner of the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-Operative regarding single stream recycling.

The Board received notification from the Labor Board on a new law going into effect January 1 regarding notification of lay off for employers of 75 or more employees.

The Board received information from Fairpoint Communications on their bankruptcy filing.

The Board received a questionnaire from Office of Energy and Planning for review and comment.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 8:01 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 17, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Road Agent Dave Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Conservation Commission Chair Julie Robinson.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles noted for the record that one pistol permit was signed for approval.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice said he had one driveway permit he wanted to discuss. The driveway is located on Thistle Hill Road by the cul-de-sac. Mr. Rice said he would like Chairman Bowles to look at the driveway location and work that has been done along the edges of the driveway. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Rice to wait until he can look at the driveway before he signs off on the approval.

Mr. Rice advised the board he needed to change another bearing on the screener. Mr. Rice said as soon as the bearing is received it should only take about a day and a half to get it installed.

Selectman Ives asked Chairman Bowles about the fuel storage tank the Board would like to see installed by the Safety Building for diesel for the fire trucks. The Board

asked Chief Burr to think about where he would place a tank at the Safety Building. Mr. Rice said he would like to replace the pump on the tank he has at the Highway Garage.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr said the repairs to the paving at the back of the Safety Building have been completed and the water now runs away from the entrance. Mr. Rice recommended sealing this area in the spring.

Chief Burr said the Highway Crew assisted the department with insulating the hydrant at the Village Dam. Hopefully this will alleviate the freezing problems that have been encountered in past winters. Selectman Maxfield asked about placing a barrier at the edge of the guardrail at the dam.

The Board met with Conservation Commission Chair Julie Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson stated she wanted to discuss the monitoring of conservation land being done by intern Robert Buzzell. She said he is doing a great job and the Commission would like to expend an additional \$1,500 to complete this project, including the town owned lands. The Board approved this request.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board noted receipt of an invoice from Fifield Building Restoration and Relocation for work completed at the Town Hall. Chairman Bowles will follow up on funds available for payment of this invoice.

The Board received a copy of the Highway Block Grant payment in the amount of \$43,614.77.

The Board received a memo from Bonnie Theriault confirming the Concord Post Office has approved the street name for the Herm Fortier proposed subdivision road off Oak Hill Road as Fieldview Lane. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve Hermel Fortier subdivision road name to be Field-*

view Lane. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a request from Michael Harris, which he titled a Freedom of Information Act request, regarding relations between town officials' decisions and NH Motor Speedway in regards to police and fire protection coverage during the 2009 racing season. The Board concurred all discussions on this subject were included

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- **Maxfield Public Library**
- **Beanstalk Store**
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- **Transfer Station**
- **Web Site**

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in the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings and have been published in the *Loudon Ledger*. Chairman Bowles said the track was billed for the police and fire protection services and the track has paid the bills. The Selectmen will send Mr. Harris a letter to this effect. Chairman Bowles noted Mr. Harris requested this letter not be included in the correspondence portion of the meeting, but this is how the Board reviews all letters and written materials received.

The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District newsletters. Selectman Maxfield noted the district is going to institute a new International Baccalaureate program, an international program which is intended to get kindergarten through high school students to ask more questions.

The Board received a request from Pearl Aznive for the scholarship awards received by her daughter and son to be paid directly to the student loan company. The Board agreed to this request.

The Board reviewed information regarding a news story that appeared on *WMUR* on City of Keene's woodstove trade out program. Melanie Kiley submitted this article and asked if Loudon is participating in this program. Chairman Bowles said the Board will follow up on the criteria to participate in the program.

The Board received copies of the September Agricultural Commission meeting minutes.

The Board reviewed a copy of a letter from the Professional Fire Fighters of NH regarding their litigation against the Local Government Center.

The Board received a copy of the storm water and erosion control plan being submitted to DES by Rob and Judy Hamilton on Berry Road. This plan was requested by Department of Environmental Services.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the hiring of Dustin J. Bowles to the position of part time transfer station attendant at the rate of \$11.50 per hour. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives noted that Dustin has been volunteering at the transfer station, but due to workers compensation regulations the Board felt he should be appointed to the position to replace Ivan Stevens. Mr. Stevens has indicated his

desire to retire from the position. Selectman Ives said the hourly rate established for this position is based on earnings history and number of hours worked. Selectman Maxfield asked how many hours would be involved with the position. Dustin said this is an on call position, the same as Mr. Stevens was doing. Call for a vote: Selectman Ives yes, Selectman Maxfield yes. Majority vote. Motion carried. Selectman

Ives noted for the record that a part time employee can serve as selectman.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 24, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles and Ives. Selectman Maxfield is absent this evening.

No Department Heads were present for tonight's meeting.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 17, 2009 as written. Second by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote. Motion carried.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow in regards to the Planning Board's decision on the winter event proposed for NH Motor Speedway.

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Town of Canterbury Selectmen in regards to the Planning Board discussion on November 19, 2009 for the proposed winter event for NH Motor Speedway.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Town of Canterbury Town Administrator Roger A. Becker in regards to the winter event proposed by NH Motor Speedway. Mr. Becker's letter addresses Canterbury's opinion this would be a regional impact proposal.

The Board received copies of a summary judgment submitted by Attorney Barton Mayer on Loudon's behalf in regards to Greenvue Drive.

The Board received a copy of a letter from DES in regards to the storm water and sediment control plan submitted by Rob and Judy Hamilton.

The Board received a copy of the funds encumbered for the town hall repairs.

The Board reviewed information on the City of Keene woodstove replacement plan, which is the result of a grant they received from DES. The grant is based on air quality issues experienced within the city.

The Board received one past due ambulance bill for review. Selectman Ives moved to forward account #42706 in the amount of

\$545.10 to collection. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of a letter from Peter and Cheryl Geerdes in regards to posting of their property which is in current use assessment. This letter will be forwarded to Assessor Dave Wiley for review.

The Board received a thank you letter from Rocky Pond Association for the town's contribution toward milfoil removal from Rocky Pond.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:48 P.M. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 1, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles and Ives. Selectman Maxfield is absent for this meeting.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 24, 2009 as presented. Second by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record two pistol permits were approved for signature.

The Board recognized George Page from the audience. Mr. Page said he wanted to address issues of concern to him regarding building construction at early and late hours. He said there have also been issues with the road being closed off due to tractor trailers making deliveries of materials which have closed his road off for extended periods of time. The Selectmen advised Mr. Page they feel these are code enforcement/police department violations and should be addressed to those departments. Mr. Page said he has spoken with that office and was advised Loudon does not have a noise ordinance. Selectman Ives said while there is not a noise ordinance in place, if the noise disrupts the peaceful use of your

neighbor's property then it can be addressed. He said this is a State law. Chairman Bowles said he did not feel the Selectmen have jurisdiction in these issues. Chairman Bowles said the equipment blocking roads has been a concern before, but the police should receive prior notification before a road is blocked for an extended period of time. Selectman Ives said he feels these are both issues to be addressed with the Code Enforcement Office. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Page the Board will take his concerns under advisement. He said maybe it will take a reminder being addressed at the time the building permit is issued. The Selectmen said they will bring these concerns to Board of Permit for further discussion.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a current weekly expenditure report for review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from town counsel regarding the proposed winter event at NHMS.

The Board received a letter from town counsel regarding pending litigation on collection of past due property taxes.

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The Board received correspondence relative to Greenview Drive from Attorney Mayer.

The Board received copies of a letter from Fire Chief Jeff Burr to Huckleberry Heating Oils in regards to cistern requirements.

The Board received the 2010 State Education Tax Warrant from Department of Revenue Administration.

The Board received the Merrimack County Budget for review and notice of the public hearing scheduled to address the proposed budget.

The Board noted receipt of a fax received from Bob Fiske in regards to a request from Michael Harris.

The Board received copies of the November 19 Planning Board minutes.

The Board received a request from Donna White for a letter to be drafted by the Selectmen and forwarded to the Planning Board regarding the completion of the reclamation work on the Currier Road Holdings Parcel. The Board will draft a letter for signature next week.

The Board received the draft November 30th Zoning Board meeting minutes.

The Board received a request to meet with Matt Spolar of the *Concord Monitor* to discuss relevant issues within the town.

The Board received copies of notices from DES in regards to burning violations at a private residence. The incident took place in August.

Chairman Bowles opened the public hearing for discussion of the petition received from Wayne Thistle to accept approximate 1,800 feet of Thistle Hill Road as a town road. Chairman Bowles read the following public notice into the record: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF LOUDON.** Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Loudon Community Building, located behind the Town Offices. This hearing is for discussion of the petition received from Wayne Thistle to accept approximately 1800 +/- feet of Thistle Hill Road as a town road. All abutters of Thistle Hill Road and other interested persons are urged to attend. Signed: Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman, Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman, and Steven R. Ives,

Selectman. Chairman Bowles stated Mr. Thistle had petitioned for acceptance of the road last year, but because there was only one house on this road, the Selectmen declined to accept the petition. Additional homes have been built during the past year. Chairman Bowles said he does have concerns regarding the last driveway that has been put in. He said his concerns are for heavy rains affecting the drainage. Chairman Bowles said Bob Fiske has measured the driveway regarding the certificate of occupancy. Chairman Bowles said the road has been built to town specifications. *Selectman Ives moved to accept 1800 +/- feet of Thistle Hill Road as town road. Second by Chairman Bowles. Selectman Ives said he would like to state that Mr. Thistle's reputation for quality construction makes it easier to move forward with this acceptance. Majority vote. Motion carried.*

The Board addressed the bids for the printing of the annual town report. Chairman Bowles stated four bids have been received: Evans Printing, 276 N. State Street, Concord, 2,000 books — \$6,170.00. 1,500 books — \$5,585.00. Proforma Infinite Printing Solutions, Melrose Massachusetts, 1000 books — \$3,420.00. 1500 books

— \$4,074.00. Kase Printing, Inc., Hudson NH, 1,500 books — \$3,255.00. 2,000 books — \$3,773.00. Whitman Communications Inc., Lebanon NH, 1,500 books — \$4,750.00. 2,000 books — \$6,075.00. *Selectman Ives moved to take the bids received for the 2009 Annual Report under advisement to allow review of the bids received. Second by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles acknowledged Chip Cochran from the audience. Mr. Cochran asked where the funds will come from for the maintenance of Thistle Hill Road now that the Selectmen have accepted this road as a town road. Chairman Bowles said the Board has never pre-budgeted for accepting new roads. He said weather conditions play a part in the total road maintenance costs and the highway budget will absorb the costs.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:18 P.M. Second by Chairman Bowles. Majority Vote. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 8, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present were Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, and Planning Board Vice-Chair Stanley Prescott. Ned Lizotte representing the Zoning Board of Adjustment was also present.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 1, 2009 as presented. Second by Chairman Bowles. Majority Vote. Motion Carried. Selectman Maxfield abstained from this vote as he was not present for the December 1 meeting.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board had received a complaint from a resident of Berry Road regarding construction issues and the road being blocked by trucks and equipment. Chairman Bowles said he thought this incident had happened several months ago and that the situation had been addressed previously. Chairman Bowles said when the last house was placed on site on Berry Road, the contractor notified the town, who in turn notified the abutters of possible delays. Chief Fiske concurred and referred to meeting minutes which reflect this incident. He said the town had been notified and the road was closed for a short period of time. Chief Fiske said there was another incident regarding equipment noise on October 29, 2009, which was investigated by his department. When the officer arrived there was no equipment in sight.

Chief Fiske said when office receives an inquiry about hours of operation he advises it is 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Selectman Maxfield said when permits are issued the contractors could be advised of the permitted work hours. Chief Fiske said he would draft a paragraph to be incorporated to the cover letter that goes with the permits.

Chairman Bowles addressed a request from the Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club to place a snowmobile bridge over the Bee Hole Brook on Wiggins Road. He expressed his concerns for the town's liability. Discussion ensued regarding other snowmobile bridges that have been replaced on other town roads. The consensus was to forward the request to town counsel for review.

The Board met with Department Heads, beginning with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice provided the Board with two estimates for asphalt for proposed warrant articles for March 2010 Town Meeting. Chairman Bowles said this will be taken under advisement until the budgeting work sessions.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the sand supplies on hand should be sufficient for the winter season. He said he had also ordered lubrication for the slides on the trucks. Mr. Rice said he ordered one case at a cost of approximately \$180.00.

Mr. Rice said they have located the pipe on Flagg Road and the water appears to be flowing fine.

Chairman Bowles said he would like Mr. Rice to order a timer for the tractor-trailer block heater at the Transfer Station. He said

he does not feel the truck needs to be plugged in 24/7. He said it could be programmed to come on two or three hours before the driver leaves and possibly could also be temperature controlled. He said getting a timer for the loader would also help to conserve energy.

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

Chairman Bowles noted for the record one pistol permit was signed for approval.

Chairman Bowles expressed the Board's appreciation to all those involved in the Blood Drive on December 1, 2009. 122 pints were collected.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the 2009 Equalization Ratio draft report to review.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Attorney Bart Mayer regarding a letter Attorney Mayer received from Michael Harris requesting information under the Right To Know Law. The Board will forward a letter to Mr. Harris requesting a list of documents he wishes to review and confirming a mutually convenient time during which he can come to the town office.

The Board received a copy of the letter sent by David Huckins to Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding the cistern requirement for the Huckins property located on Chichester Road.

The Board received three memos from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding various assessing questions. Attorney Mayer is

preparing a response to the Freedom Hill issue. Chairman Bowles said he spoke with Dave Wiley regarding the Geerdes current use questions. He said he asked if there was a way the Board could work with Mr. Geerdes. Chairman Bowles said he will contact Mr. Geerdes on how he would like this issue to be handled. Chairman Bowles addressed the memo regarding the Mossman property on Route 106. The building has been removed as of November 19, 2009. Chairman Bowles said the tax year runs April to April. The Board agreed they will follow the rules regarding being in place on April 1 is subject to taxation until the following April 1.

The Board received copies of certificates of completion for the FEMA courses required for NIMS compliance that Jean Lee has completed at the request of Fire Chief Jeff Burr. The Board congratulated Jean and encouraged other employees who would be involved with the incident command center to take the courses as well.

The Board received the annual report from the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association. Included in the report was the dollar amount of services rendered to Loudon residents during the year, \$67,287.00. The current appropriation for the VNA is \$4,500. For 2010–2011, they have opted to not request any funding at the local level.

The Board received copies of the December 1 special Planning Board meeting minutes for review.

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The Board received minutes from the Cate Van Committee for their September and October meetings.

The Board received a request from the NH Sno Shakers Snowmobile Club for a CD of the current tax maps for use with their GPS trail mapping system. The Board requested that club representatives meet with the Selectmen to discuss their request. There are costs associated with providing the CD and it would be best to hear directly from the Club what their specific needs are.

The Board received a copy of the 2009 law update from the Local Government Center.

The Board met with Office Manager Jean Lee to discuss scheduling for the budget review with department heads. Chairman Bowles said the Board had decided on Thursday, December 10 at 8:00 A.M. The Board will do a preliminary review with Mrs. Lee, followed by a 9:30 meeting with Police Chief Bob Fiske, 10:30 with Road Agent David Rice, and 11:15 with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Mrs. Lee also addressed possible dates for budget hearings. The Board decided on January 19 for the first budget hearing, and February 3 for the sec-

ond public hearing if needed. Mrs. Lee will contact the Department Heads and advise them of the meeting times.

The Board addressed the annual town report bids. Selectman Ives reviewed the bids received: Kase Printing of Hudson NH, 1500 copies \$3,255. 2,000 copies \$3,773. Evans Printing of Concord NH, 1,500 copies \$5585. 2,000 copies \$6,170. Whitman Communications Inc. of Lebanon NH, 1,500 copies \$4,750. 2,000 copies \$6,075. Proforma Infinite Printing Solutions of Melrose Ma, 1,000 copies \$3,420. 1,500 copies \$4,074. *Selectman Maxfield moved to award the bid for the printing of the 2009 Annual Town Report to Kase Printing Inc., 13*

Hampshire Drive, Unit 18, Hudson, NH for 1,500 copies in the amount of \$3,255, with additional typesetting and prep at the rate of \$60 per hour. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated the Board received good reports on this company and they have provided the lowest bid. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Planning Board Meeting Minutes — November 19, 2009

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

Attendance:

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

Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker.

Conservation Commission: Dan Geiger
Canterbury residents: Hillary Nelson for the Canterbury Board of Selectmen and Shaker Village; Judy Elliott; Jim Snyder and Tyson Miller for the Canterbury Planning Board

Acceptance of Minutes:

October 15, 2009 Regular Meeting — Steve Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

October 15, 2009 Workforce Housing Presentation — Tom Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

October 20, 2009 Site Visit — Tom Dow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Jeff Green. As the only members in attendance at the site visit both were in favor.

November 5, 2009 Zoning Workshop — Steve Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

November 18, 2009 Zoning Workshop — Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Wayne Thistle — Request for release of construction bond on Thistle Hill Road — Mr. Thistle submitted a letter requesting the release of a \$23,000 construction bond that

has been held on Thistle Hill Road. At the meeting Mr. Thistle explained that he has had a separate one year bond in place since August 2009. That bond will serve as the maintenance surety that is required by the Land Development Regulations. Steve Jackson pointed out that the maintenance surety is to be in place for five years. Mr. Thistle said that it is an annual renewal on the bond and would be in place for five years. He said that he will be going to the selectmen for acceptance of the road on December 1, 2009. *Henry Huntington moved to release the construction bond in the amount of \$23,000; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

NHMS — winter event — Jerry Gappens, Executive Vice President and General Manager of NHMS, spoke on behalf of NHMS. He described the winter event that they are proposing to host on February 20 and 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Gappens explained that he spoke with the Board of Selectmen last month and it was suggested that he make the Planning Board aware of the proposed event. He pointed out that the event would take place in Lots L, K and J. Mr. Gappens stated that they have had snowmobile groups approach the track as a venue to hold this event, naming NH Snowmobile Association, the Sno-Shakers, and related businesses. He said that they would expect a maximum of maybe 5,000 in attendance. Mr. Gappens explained that the event would consist of a snow cross, professionals doing a free style event, demo runs, and manufacturers and vendors with equipment and apparel. He noted that the main impact on the roads would be at the different trail crossings which would be at Shaker Road, Gues Meadow Road, the north entrance, and Lower Ridge Road onto Gues Meadow Road. Mr. Gappens said they would not

expect a lot of vehicular traffic. He said they have made Chief Fiske aware of the impact points for traffic safety. He noted that this is the first time that NHMS has hosted such an event so there is no history to use. Mr. Gappens said that they have researched other events of this nature and have met with people in the industry.

Bob Ordway asked if they will be using the main entrance. Mr. Gappens showed the main point of access, pointing out a staging area for trailers, and noted that they would have portable facilities onsite for restrooms, water, and food. He said the area to be used would run from the main entrance to the five lane area. Steve Ives said that Mr. Gappens told the selectmen that there would be no overnight camping. Mr. Gappens said they expect only day guests. Mr. Ives asked if they would be using internal security. Mr. Gappens said that they would be, as well as coordinating with Chief Fiske and the fire department for the safety aspect of the event. He said that the track would pick up all costs of town department services. Tom Dow asked if the south entrance would be the main access. Mr. Gappens showed the access and parking areas. He said the new terraced area would be a good viewing area.

Hillary Nelson referred to a 1999 hearing where twelve conditions were set, one being that race events would be held between April 1 and October 31. She stated that the Town of Canterbury feels that this proposed event would be in violation of that condition. Ms. Nelson also stated that it is felt that this should be considered to have regional impact due to the associated noise. She said she felt the Board should wait on this discussion until all are noticed. Chairman Dow said that the Board cannot permit events and they can only advise the selectmen or whoever gives out the permits. He said he understands the conditions that Ms. Nelson was reading from, noting that he has read through them as well. Mr. Dow said that those conditions were associated with the addition of 9,000 seats at the track. He said he also understands the racing aspect condition was from October 31 to April 1. Ms. Nelson said that condition addresses racing and testing. She said she would argue that this proposed event would fall into that condition. Chairman Dow asked the Board if they wanted to take a vote on this being a regional impact matter. He said the group had discussed it and did not feel that this event creates a regional impact. Ms. Nelson said that Mr. Gappens mentioned that there would be professional snowmobilers here. She said she lives one and a half miles from the track and she guarantees she will hear it. Ms. Nelson said a big part of the conditions was the noise issues, noting that she and others from Canterbury are very concerned about the noise.

Jim Snyder said that where this is not a public hearing he did not think the Board could vote on a regional impact ruling. He asked if a public hearing would be required to make this change to the conditions set in 1999. Mr. Snyder said this could be seen as a site plan change. The chairman said that he has considered that and this could go to a public hearing with abutter notification and everything would be binding should the Board make any voted decisions.

Tyson Miller asked if there would be drag racing at this event. Mr. Gappens said there would be demo runs. Mr. Miller asked if the machines would have mufflers. Mr. Gappens said that was his understanding. Bob Ordway pointed out that the location where this would be held is on a lower level than the main track. He said the noise level of snowmobiles is not in the same ballpark as 700 or 800 horsepower cars and he feels this event would not generate that kind of noise. Theresa (?) Wyman of Canterbury said that it was stated that this event would be less noise but she feels that even fifty percent of race noise would still be objectionable. She said she has great concerns of this leading to night racing. Jim Snyder said that the noise level could be determined. Judy Elliott said that racing is the concern, noting that there is no foliage to muffle the sound at this time of year. Kim Bean pointed out that windows would be closed at the time of this event.

Mark Sargent of Richard D Bartlett and Associates asked what would be expected for an application as this is not the usual type of project seen for a site plan. Chairman Dow said that this event does not fall under any category of Planning Board applications; perhaps an amended site plan would be the closest. Henry Huntington said that a site plan would be based on a change of use and he does not see that with this situation. Mr. Sargent said that the 1999 conditions were stipulated for motor vehicles. Steve Ives noted that the condition states racing events. Kim Bean stated that he did not feel this event would be any louder than the noise produced by buzz saws that are being used at Shaker Village right near houses. He said they are not hearing any complaints about that noise.

The chairman read condition #2 from the 1999 hearing which was based on seating capacity for car races. He said the stipulations that were created pretty much restrict NHMS to what they are doing right now. Mr. Dow said that he feels they should be allowed to try this for a year, review it six months prior to doing it again, and then have good substantial reasons why they should or should not be able to do it. He pointed out that they have no idea at this

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point how many to expect at this event. Mr. Dow spoke about a similar event that has been held in Colebrook for a number of years and is not a big deal or the mass chaos that some might try to portray. He said he feels NHMS should be able to use their facility for this event which would be a good family event. Mr. Dow said that this would provide some history rather than speculation as to what it could be like. Hillary Nelson said that she would ask for the Regional Impact and public hearing. She said the Town of Canterbury will not be satisfied if there is no public hearing, again noting the concern of noise.

Tim Barton said this event would run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He noted that there are a lot of other noises in town. Mr. Barton pointed out that this event would be in the parking lots which would limit the sound and he does not feel this would be much of an issue. Steve Jackson spoke about the idea of this being of regional impact. He pointed out that there were no abutters from Loudon present to oppose this event and they would be closer than those who have spoken in opposition this evening. He noted that this event would have a positive impact as well. Ms. Wyman asked him to explain how he sees this having a positive impact. Mr. Jackson said that it could be a big family event. Steve Ives said that the event would also be a boost to businesses in the area, considering gas, food, lodging, and other services while attendees are in the area.

Mr. Gappens said that they came tonight for information. He said the other factor of a public hearing is that it would be delaying a decision, if there is any decision to be made. Mr. Gappens said that they have to execute an event plan and do timely advertising if this event is to be successful. Tyson Miller asked if it could reasonably be construed to think this would be of regional impact to Canterbury and other towns based on RSA 36:56; if so the law says it should be declared. Mr. Miller said it could be done as a modified site plan, noting that the conditions clearly say no racing. He mentioned a cease and desist order. Bob Ordway said another point to consider with these snowmobile events is that there are one or two vehicles on a snow track at one time as compared to forty plus eight-cylinder, 700 horsepower vehicles on the main track. He said this would certainly be far less noise, noting once again that the location is in a hollow compared to the main track. Mr. Ordway said you cannot extrapolate what is known about NASCAR events to this type of event. He said he is not sure that people on the hill will be affected at all. Ms. Nelson said if there was a public hearing this information could be gathered. Steve Jackson read RSA 36:56 and 36:57 which refer to regional impact for developments. He said everyone has been referring to this as an event, not a development. Mr. Jackson said this is an event or activity that would be held over two days from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and he does not believe the RSA is referring to this activity. Jim Snyder said the development that they would be considering is the original site plan and this would be an amendment to that plan. He said it appears that this all comes down to whether a public hearing is required. Mr. Snyder said his planning board would refer to their site plan regulations to determine what constitutes an amended site plan hearing and he would be curious to know if Loudon has similar language.

Chairman Dow closed the meeting to the public and opened it to the Board only. He said the Board has heard the pros and cons alike. He stated that he feels the track has

done a good job with their events and sees no reason for an event of this kind and size to be prohibited. Mr. Dow noted that there would be no traffic jams, comparing to antique shows and other events that are held at Shaker Village. He said there would be some noise, noting that there are snowmobilers in the area all winter and cars and motorcycles all summer. Mr. Dow said some of those may be noisier than these over the two days. He said he did not think this has regional impact. The chairman stated that the Board is not going to grant a permit as that is not their duty. He said this falls within the regulations and zoning and NHMS has proven that they can manage security and parking and safety. Mr. Dow said he would suggest letting them try it for a year, set up a review six months before another event, and know the history. He said if he felt differently there would have been a public hearing.

Stan Prescott asked if anyone had talked with town counsel. The chairman and ex-officio each said they had not. Steve Ives said that he feels the event is a good idea and sees it as a boost for the town and the area. He said the Town has had some difficulties with NHMS officials but those have been corrected and NHMS have proven themselves to be professional and operate a first class facility. Stan Prescott pointed out that condition #3 refers to motor vehicle events and he is sure that snowmobiles are not motor vehicles. He said he feels this is an event and falls under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen to give the permit. Chairman Dow asked the Board the best course to take. Tom Moore said there is no application to file in his opinion. The chairman said that he spoke with a track official to contact surrounding towns of their intent as a manner of communication and awareness. He said that was done as suggested. Tom Moore asked what could be proven or disproven by next month. He asked what would be gained as they would not know any more of the unknown factors by holding a public hearing. Stan Prescott said that 5% of the 100,000 that they normally have at the track is insignificant. Bob Ordway said they all want the track to succeed and he is in favor of trying this event. He said they would then have history to judge on. Chairman Dow asked if the members were in favor of notifying the Board of Selectmen that they feel that all is in order or if they want to go another way. He noted that there have been snow events at the track in the past. Tom Moore said he would agree to a one year permit as he is all for giving them a try. He said comparing a NASCAR event to a snow event is not apples and apples, adding that this is a family fun event and would be a nice thing to have in the area.

Chairman Dow said a letter would be drafted to the Board of Selectmen with the recommendation that this be a single event, a review of this event be conducted six months before a similar future event, and if need be a public hearing could be held at that time. Stan Prescott said that he had no problem with the event and that a site plan review is not required. He said they should see the selectmen, fire department, and police department and get a permit for the event. Henry Huntington said that he would agree and he sees no reason for this to come before the Planning Board. Steve Ives stated that the fire and police departments were at the Board of Selectmen's meeting where it was suggested that NHMS go to the Planning Board to cover all the bases. He said if the decision is that they are to go to the selectmen then it will be handled at that meeting.

Old Business:

#09-14, Huckleberry Heating Oils, LLC — Amended Site Plan, Located on Chich-

ester Road, in the C/I District, Map 11, Lot 34. There were no abutters present. David and Tracy Huckins presented their application. Mr. Huckins explained the project and location of the two 30,000 gallon propane tanks that they propose to install at their facility. He stated that the gas pumps have been removed and the island will be removed soon. Mr. Huckins said that the tank positions have been changed on the plans in order to keep them out of the setback. He noted that the required setback is 40' but they have made it a 50' setback per NFPA guidelines. Mr. Huckins said they will be removing some pavement with the repositioning of the tanks. He noted that there cannot be any vegetation under or around the tanks and that rock will be under them. Traffic in the area will be greatly decreased with the removal of the gas pumps. Mr. Huckins pointed out the traffic pattern that will be used by a tractor trailer to load the bulk tanks and their own trucks. He said they will fence the area now even though it is not required by code for another two years. Henry Huntington asked if it would be chain link fencing. Mr. Huckins said that it is chain link and noted the details on the plans. Stan Prescott noted that there is fencing there now. Mr. Huckins said there is fencing around the fueling area now and that will be extended to cover the new area. There will be a gate to fill the tanks from the tractor trailer. Mr. Huckins said that their trucks will park inside the fenced area, noting that there are other gates to allow for snow removal. Steve Jackson asked about fire suppression, noting that a recent plan on Shaker Road required that. Mr. Huckins said that they were not required to have a fire suppression system based on information included in the fire safety analysis that was done. The analysis noted that the fire department has the capability of taking care of a situation with mutual aid. Henry Huntington asked if there is a letter from the fire department in the fire analysis. Tracy Huckins said that the engineer told her that when he does an analysis he speaks with the fire department. If there is anything negative found with the project or any concerns they have to be in the report, and there are none. She said that the fire department has copies of the plan and their own fire safety analysis, as well as a video to be kept at their facility. Dave Huckins said that he has discussed this with the fire department and they would be in contact with the fire chief during construction. Jeff Green noted that this situation is different from the one on Shaker Road because this is propane whereas the other was for fuel which has the hazard of going into the ground.

Mr. Huckins explained the lighting to be used and the footings to be constructed to hold the tanks. Dan Geiger asked about the lighting specifications with regard to being

down-lighting so as not to shine into traffic on Route 106. It was pointed out that there are lighting specs in the plan set and it was agreed they are down-lighting lamps as required and would not project out onto Route 106. Stan Prescott asked if they need 400 watt lamps. Mr. Huckins said he was not sure, noting that the lighting is for security and safety purposes.

Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor. Chairman Dow noted that everything discussed at the last hearing has been taken care of on the plans. He closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Mr. Dow said that the applicants have done what the Board asked. Jeff Green and Stan Prescott said they would agree. Mr. Prescott pointed out that there is no surveyor's stamp on the plans. There was discussion on the original surveyed plan for a previous owner of the property, what needs to be shown and how this plan can be corrected. Henry Huntington noted that this plan is much better than what was presented at the last hearing.

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 13.6.24, Erosion and Drainage Plans. *Stan Prescott made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 13.6.25, Storm water Management Plan. *Bob Ordway made a motion to grant the waiver; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

Henry Huntington moved to approve the application with the conditions that either the references to boundaries are to be removed from the plans or they be stamped by a licensed land surveyor and a letter of approval is received from the Fire Chief; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

#09-15, Hermel Fortier — Major Sub-division, Located on Oak Hill Road, in the RR District, Map 28, Lot 12. Jason Hill of Holden Engineering represented the applicant. There were no abutters present. *Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.*

Mr. Hill stated that a couple of the Board members attended a site walk at the property. During that site walk the group looked at the proposed intersection of the new road with Oak Hill Road, the area of the temporary turn-around, the existing driveway location, and proposed pond location. Mr. Hill said that a line was moved to keep the existing driveway out of the setback and the comments of the Louis Berger reviewer have been incorporated into the revised plan. He said all Planning Board comments

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have also been addressed. Tom Moore asked if the sight distance had been addressed. Mr. Hill said that there was no concern based on the proposed development. Steve Jackson asked about the comment regarding monuments. Mr. Hill said that note #22 was added to address the monuments. He explained that they have removed the boulders that were proposed to be placed at the end of the road from the plan; that revision has not yet been submitted. Mr. Hill said that they have extended the pavement another 20' to give Lot 2 the required 200' of road frontage. He pointed out that the town engineer felt that the construction estimate was appropriate. Jeff Green asked how they shifted the line for the driveway to the existing house. Mr. Hill said that Lot 1 had just over two acres so he was able to move the back line to leave two acres for that lot and keep the driveway out of the setback on Lot 2.

Tom Dow said that he went on the site walk. He explained that they looked at the sight distance on Oak Hill Road. Mr. Dow said that the applicant has the opportunity for two other houses at this location and it was felt that the traffic would not be an issue with regard to the sight distance. He said if there was any further development they might have to address off-site improvements. Mr. Dow said they watched vehicles from the proposed intersection. He said that the fire department had recommended a cul-de-sac rather than the proposed hammerhead but it was felt that the hammerhead would be sufficient where there is only one house out there now. Tom Moore said they could look at a cul-de-sac if there is further development of the parcel.

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 23.1.4, curvilinear design. *Henry Huntington moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 12.4.10, Site Specific Soils Map. *Tom Moore moved to grant the waiver.* Dan Geiger said this is required with the disturbance of 100,000 sf. Jason Hill said this parcel's disturbance is calculated to be 60,000 sf. He said the outside of a right-of-way is not counted for site specific. Mr. Hill pointed out that the calculation includes the road, pond, and turn-around easement. Mr. Geiger said this would be required for future work. He then asked if maybe the limit had been reduced to 50,000 for a site specific to be required and suggested that this be looked into. There was discussion of the requirements. Mr. Hill said he would attest that the figure is 100,000 sf. The definition of the site specific permit was read from the Land Development Regulations. *Stan Prescott seconded the motion to grant the waiver. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 12.4.9. *Henry Huntington moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 12.4.12. *Stan Prescott moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow read a waiver request for Section 23.1.7. *Stan Prescott moved to grant the waiver; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.*

The chairman closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Stan Prescott asked about the construction estimate. Chairman Dow said that the town engineer reviewed the estimate and found it to be in order. There was discussion of the amount of the required bond. It was noted that a 10% contingency has been added into the estimate and further noted that the contingency is for unforeseen expenses. It was stated that the Board would want to see a concept of build-out in the future.

Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the Fortier subdivision subject to the construction estimate of \$210,529 and a bond in the amount of \$231,582 which is 10% over the construction estimate; seconded by Henry Huntington. There was discussion about an impact fee being due and the road name being on the plans. *Mr. Prescott amended his motion to include that an impact fee of \$1,523 will be assessed on the newly created Lot 1 and the road name of Fieldview Lane is to be put on the plans. Henry Huntington seconded the additional conditions to the motion. All were in favor.*

Jeff Green stepped down from the table.

New Business:

#09-18 Pearl Revocable Living Trust — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Dragonfly Drive, in the RR District, Map 38, Lots 24-4 & 24-8. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants, Russell and Brenda Pearl, who were present. There were no abutters present. *Tom Moore moved to accept the application as complete and move to a public hearing; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* Mr. Green explained the location and the two parcels that are involved. He stated that a .352 acre piece of Lot 24-8 would be added to Lot 24-4, giving it a total of 3.009 acres. Lot 24-8 would have a total of 6.782 acres after the adjustment. Mr. Green said these are vacant lots and the adjustments do not affect any setbacks. Henry Huntington asked the purpose of the adjustment. Mr. Green said it is to make Lot 24-4 three acres and to extend the lot line straight to the boundary. Tom Dow said the application seems to be pretty straightforward. He closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment; seconded by Steve Ives. All were in favor.*

#09-17, Lee Revocable Living Trust & Robert and Joellen Byrne — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on South Village Road, in the Village District, Map 20, Lots 17 & 18. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. There were no abutters present. *Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to a public hearing; second-*

ed by Steve Jackson. All were in favor. Mr. Green explained the property location and that the leachfield of Lot 18 is on Lot 17. This lot line adjustment is to add 848 sf to Lot 18, giving it a total of 6,456 sf. Lot 17 would have a total of 41,322 sf. Mr. Green explained that all structures as they exist will still meet the same setbacks as they were before the adjustment and the new lot line would meet the setbacks of the closest building. He explained that this adjustment puts the leachfield on the right lot. Steve Jackson asked if there is an easement for the septic system now. Mr. Green said there was not. Stan Prescott asked if Map 20, Lot 18 is encumbered by an easement. Mr. Green explained that there is a driveway easement to the back property. He said he would put that on the plan. Tom Dow asked about adding a note of the lot line to be abandoned. Mr. Green said the space is tight because it is a small section but he could add it. Stan Prescott said that this could be done in the legend with dashed lines then there would be no questions. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Stan Prescott made a motion to approve the application subject to making a note that Map 20, Lot 18 is subject to a driveway easement and showing the abandoned lot line; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.*

#09-19, George R Tombarello & Universal Grace Church — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Bear Hill Road, in the RR District, Map 4, Lots 13 & 12. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. There were no abutters present. *Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to a public hearing; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.* Mr. Green explained the location of these parcels on the East Ricker Road end of Bear Hill Road. He stated that Mr. Tombarello has an existing barn on Map 4, Lot 13. Mr. Tombarello has talked with the owners of the Universal Grace Church parcel about purchasing forty-five acres from Map 4, Lot 12. Mr. Green explained errors made on a previous lot line adjustment due to the fact that old tax maps were used and showed incorrect boundaries. He pointed out where the previous lot line adjustment attached a 50' strip to the wrong lot, therefore not really creating the required road frontage to make Map 4, Lot 13 a buildable lot. He said the matter was further complicated when the barn was picked up on the wrong map and lot. Mr. Green stated that the confusion will be clarified with this lot line adjustment. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Tom Moore made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

Jeff Green returned to the table.

Board Discussion:

Dan Geiger spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Geiger said that the Board approved the Villages at Loudon subdivision plan with a 150' buffer to the Soucook River on the back side of the prop-

erty. He said he has been out there to tag the protected conservation area and found several areas where the buffer has been encroached upon. Mr. Geiger said that the developer did some cutting last year and they were made aware of the buffer. He said he has measured several locations, finding some in excess of 30' off and others that varied 10'-15' in some areas and 5'-7' in others. Mr. Geiger said this is clearly an infringement on the zone and they have to mark the line at 150'. He said there could be some mitigation done and he asked the Board how the Commission should proceed. Tom Dow asked if they have talked with the developer. Mr. Geiger said they have not yet talked with the developer. He said he spoke with Julie Robinson and she brought this up at the zoning workshop the night before this meeting. Steve Jackson asked what is being found. Mr. Geiger said it is sand and no vegetation. He explained that there is supposed to be a no cut zone. He said there is supposed to be a 150' buffer out from the wetland line. Mr. Geiger said it has been grubbed out and there are no trees. Roy Merrill asked if this is to be from the river. Mr. Geiger said it is from the top bank of the river. Tom Dow asked what the Commission would recommend. Mr. Geiger said this is in the area of Phase 5 where the silt fence is down so it is not stable and the buffer is at risk. He said the developer should be aware of this and they could work out some alternatives. Tom Dow suggested that Tony Marcotte be contacted, and maybe they could meet onsite and point out the concerns. Jeff Green said he would like to see the approved plans because there could have been river wash from the heavy rains since the approval. He said the buffer has to be from the established line, not the current bank. Mr. Geiger said it is clear that the setback is from the river, the top of the bank. Chairman Dow said this will be looked into.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there are two applications before the ZBA this month; one is for fuel storage tanks at the store in the village and the other is for ESMI soil application at Pleasant View Gardens.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Stan Prescott reported that there were several items on the agenda, including:

- Right-of-way width of Wiggins Road; there have been ongoing problems with residents dumping rocks and debris on another owner's property
- Village store gas tanks
- NHMS snodeo
- Pleasant View Gardens request for ESMI soil application and their new pond

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. was made by Tom Moore; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*



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Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — November 30, 2009

Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, Howard Pearl, George Saunderson, and Alternate Jim Venne.

Jim Venne was appointed to sit as a voting member in the absence of Dave Powell.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing — *Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

#09-20, Pleasant View Gardens/New England Flower Farm — ESMI Soil Application, Map 6, Lot 3. Abutters were notified; none were present. Henry Huntington represented Pleasant View Gardens. Mr. Huntington explained that they are requesting approval for 25,000 yards (40,000 ton) of ESMI reprocessed soil to fill an area for a bio-mass plant. He said they did a similar plant at their Pembroke facility. Mr. Huntington stated that they have a spot that needs to be flattened. The bio-mass plant replaces fuel oil with wood chips. Mr. Huntington showed the members some plans of the area and proposed project. He outlined the area that would be filled, off to the side of the leachfield. The plans showed the layout of the existing buildings at the site as well as the location of the proposed bio-mass plant. Mr. Huntington explained that they dug a pond on the other side of Pleasant Street and piled that material at this location. He said that material will be used as fill as well. Mr. Huntington said that they need just less than 20,000 yards of the ESMI soil which would be the bottom layer of the filled area. He said the fill from the pond would then be applied and the top layer would be gravel.

Mr. Huntington explained that there would be two buildings, one for the boiler room and one where the chips would be dumped, and other details of the bio-mass plant. It was asked what makes this soil more attractive over other material. Mr. Huntington explained that it is less expensive fill. He said they applied ESMI soil under their new greenhouse in 2004. George Saunderson asked if there have been any negative problems with that application. Mr. Huntington said there have been no problems. It was asked if it is alright to cover the leachfield. Mr. Huntington explained that the septic system is chambered, currently under a parking area, and is vented.

George Saunderson noted that the 2004 minutes involved a lot of talk about the road, who would be responsible for inspecting it and any damage that may occur as a result of the trucking of the soil. Roy Merrill stated that the traffic to Pleasant Street was

a big concern. Howard Pearl asked if they would have a fleet of trucks hauling the soil to the site. Mr. Huntington said there would probably be two trucks hauling over a couple of months. Ned Lizotte asked about the zoning where this soil would be applied. Mr. Huntington said that it is zoned as rural residential but would be for agricultural purposes. There was discussion about the property having been considered grandfathered commercial when the 2004 application was done.

Vice Chairman Lizotte asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board. Roy Merrill suggested that a site visit be scheduled. Mr. Huntington said that the Board could look at the Pembroke facility as well so that they could view the bio-mass plant. He said they will be before the ZBA in the future for another part of the process, as well as going to the Planning Board for site review. *George Saunderson made a motion to continue this hearing to Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the applicant's site on Pleasant Street, noting that a decision could be made on the request at that time; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.* The Board members will go from the Pleasant Street location to the applicant's Pembroke location immediately after this site visit. There will be no further notification.

#09-21, Red Hat Realty — Special Exception for Underground Storage Tank, Map 20, Lot 24. Abutters were notified; none were present. Dan Plourde was present as the applicant. Mr. Plourde explained that the State will allow him to use the tanks that are currently in the ground at the Village store until 2011. He said if gas sells he needs to be able to take bigger drops so would like to have approval for larger tanks when the time comes to replace the current ones. He said he would want to install nothing less than 18,000 gallons or anything more than 20,000 gallons. This would be a split tank that would allow him to carry diesel and one grade of gasoline. Mr. Plourde stated that the tank would go in the same location as the two 3,000 gallon tanks that are currently in place next to the store.

Roy Merrill clarified that Mr. Plourde is asking not to exceed 20,000 gallons. Mr. Plourde said that was correct; he would probably be looking at 5,000 gallons of diesel and 15,000 gallons of gasoline. He said Lakes Region Environmental will do the plans for him when he is ready to go to the State for the replacement. Mr. Merrill asked if Mr. Plourde needs an approval for 20,000 gallons in order to go forward. Mr. Plourde said that was correct. Howard Pearl asked if anyone knew what the Beanstalk or Rymes have for tanks. Nobody had that information. Mr. Plourde said that he will sell only one grade of gas. He stated that he will have to go to the Planning Board for site review before doing anything. Ned Lizotte said that it would be nice to see what

is being done. Discussion of tank sizes continued. There were no further comments or questions from the Board. *George Saunderson made a motion to continue this hearing to Saturday, December 5, 2009 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at the applicant's site on South Village Road; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.* There will be no further notification.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Copies of a letter received from David Huckins of Huckleberry Heating Oils were handed out to the members. Mr. Huckins

wrote to voice his disappointment with the way he was addressed by a board member at the September public hearing on his application.

ADJOURNMENT:

Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Jim Venne. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
Administrative Assistant*

Deadline for the February issue of The Loudon Ledger: Friday, January 15, 2009

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LOUDON. Construction has already been started. Energy Star Certified. 2-bedroom, 1-bath, 26'x36' expansion Cape on 2.8 acres. Second floor left unfinished. Lots of design options available — bring your imagination! Choose your flooring, countertops, cabinets, and all the finishing touches. Full unfinished walk-out basement. Tons of upgrades available including geothermal heating and cooling. Dormers pictured are not included in the price. Complete with 4-bedroom septic. **\$209,900** MLS #2802257



LOUDON — RENTAL PROPERTY. Rare waterfront rental available on 12/01/2009. Two-bedroom, 1 bath, looking for a yearly lease, but would consider month-to-month. Full finished walkout basement, direct access to Clough Pond. Three-car detached garage, 3-season porch with beautiful view of the pond. First and last month's rent plus \$25 credit check per adult. Tenant responsible for all utilities. NO PETS PLEASE. **\$1,100 per month.**



LOUDON. Beautifully maintained 3 bdrm, 1 bath Ranch on 2.02 acres surrounded by stone walls and views. Easy home to heat with 3 sources of heat: gas, woodstove, and electric. 2-car garage with automatic garage door openers, built-in cabinets, and work bench, additional park for RV or boat on side of garage. 20x16 drive-thru barn with underground electricity and metal roof. Full walk-out finished bsmt, plumbed and ready for 2nd bath. **\$238,900** MLS #2799237



LOUDON. Custom blt 2.5 story Colonial in quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood of fine homes tucked back on a nicely landscaped fenced lot. Hickory flooring thru-out 1st fl. Open kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances, corian sink and natural cherry cabinets. 9 ft ceilings, 1st floor laundry, gas fireplace, huge mstr bdrm w/ walk-in closet and central air. **\$324,900** MLS #2765183



LOUDON. New construction 3-bedroom, 1-bath Raised Ranch with 2-car garage under on 2.01 acres. One thing we've learned is homebuyers want choices! This builder offers wonderful spacious floor plans and customized design options. Countertops, cabinets, flooring, window coverings, and light fixtures are all there for you to explore. **\$239,900** MLS #2789006



LOUDON — NEW LISTING. Exquisite 3-bedroom, 1 full bath, 1 half bath, and 1 3/4 bath Colonial with walk-up attic on 2.69 acres. Open concept living, cozy family room with gas fireplace. Spacious kitchen with newly-tiled backsplash, kitchen island, pantry, oak flooring, and cabinets. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet. Huge walk-out basement with workshop. Radon mitigation recently completed. Double storm doors leading to back yard from basement. Water softener system. Forced hot air with built-in filtration and humidification system. 2-car attached garage with automatic garage door openers. Four-bedroom private septic. **\$324,900** MLS #



LOUDON. Privately located off main road 4 bdrm 1 bath Cape blt in 1990 on 2.70 acres. Walking distance to Clough Pond, public beach and boat dock. New maintenance free metal roof with 120 yr transferrable warranty. New top of the line fuel efficient pellet stove. Lg bay window in liv rm. Lg mstr bdrm with walk-in closet. 2nd floor den is plumbed for a 2nd bath. Water/radon treatment system. New wood laminate flooring in liv rm. Newly remodeled bath. **\$225,000** MLS #2797757



LOUDON. Walk out your back door right to Clough Pond. Enjoy swimming and boating from your own property or just relax and take in the views from the deck. 2 bdrm, 2 bath with finished bsmt for a total of 2,072 sq ft. Addn'l 1 bdrm 1 bath cottage conveys as well. **\$269,900** MLS #2760455



LOUDON. Charm and character throughout this absolutely gorgeous restored historic 3,360 sq ft 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath Colonial on 9.90 acres with open fields and views of Oak Hill. Brick and granite hearths, 3 fireplaces, 1 wood stove and 1 propane stove. In ground pool w/ diving board. 76x160 barn and a 3 car garage. Beautiful wide pine floors throughout. Spacious kitchen with island and huge family room. Add'l acreage avail. **\$399,900** MLS #2766297



LOUDON. Handyman Special! House in need of some work. 2-bedroom, 3/4-bath Ranch on 2 acres. Updated kitchen, gas range, roof 5 years new, heating system 6 years new. Gas and oil heat, forced hot air. Nice large bay window in the front of the house. **\$149,900** MLS #2800609

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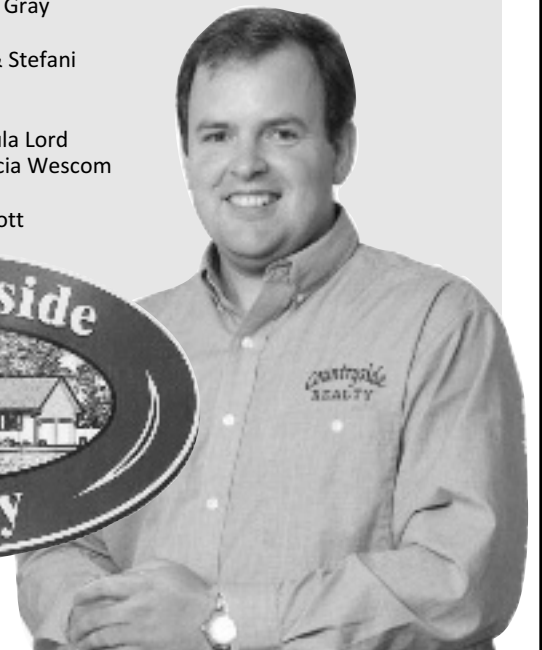
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