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Mission Statement...

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

Memorial Day Parade

Shown here are a photos taken at the 2006 Memorial Day Parade by the Loudon Police Department. Marching in the Department Honor Guard were: Bob Krieger, Jason Fiske, Seth Plumer, and Chief Bob Fiske. Seth Plumer also played the bagpipes.

Loudon's Veterans were proudly honored at this annual event. A wonderful addition to this year's parade was a stop at the newly-completed Veterans Memorial. If you've not taken the time to visit the Memorial, please stop by and take a look. And remember: *every* day is a good day to honor our veterans and thank them for their service. ■



Take Advantage of a New One-Day Fishing License!

Want to go fishing, but can't see yourself getting out enough to make that annual fishing license worth your while? You don't have to miss out on the fun, because now the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is offering a one-day resident fishing license for just \$10.

"People are excited about the new one-day license, because now even casual resident anglers can go on spur-of-the-moment fishing trips," said Steve Perry, Chief of the Inland Fisheries Division at Fish and Game. "For the

more avid anglers who buy annual licenses, it also makes it easier to bring along family and friends who are new to fishing."

The new license (as well as the all-season resident fishing license, good through December 31 for just \$35) can be purchased online anytime at <http://www.FishNH.com>, or visit one of many friendly Fish and Game license agents across the state. Bring the kids along, too — if they're age 15 or under, they don't need a license to fish, and fishing together is great family fun.

Nonresident anglers continue to have the option of purchasing one-, three- or seven-day licenses, or getting an annual permit.

Fish and Game's new one-day resident license makes it easier than ever to get outside and catch a memory in New Hampshire.

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

LOUDON OLD HOME DAY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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

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

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

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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

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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.–Wed.: 1–9 p.m. • Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

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

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

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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 Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

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

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“The Loudon Ledger”
2006 Schedule

August 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/17

September 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/21

October 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/18

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December 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 11/20

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Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Owen

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Winter:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • *Worship:* 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Sunday: 6:30 p.m.

Sept.–June Friends Program: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Wed. 6:30 p.m.



First Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Stanleys Rd, Loudon NH 03307

Ph: 603-224-1311

phyllysh@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays:

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

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided for Infants and Toddlers. Kinder-Church (Preschoolers and Kindergarteners). Children's Church (Grades 1–6)

Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

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

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Teen Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. at Youth Pastor's Home

Other:

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

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



Landmark Baptist Church

Pastor Eric Davis

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • *Sunday Morning:* 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. • *Wednesday Evening:* 7:00 p.m.



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

Mailing address:

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. • *Sunday School:* 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evenings: 5:30 p.m. • *Wed. Women's Group:* 7:00 p.m.

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



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

Mailing address:

55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-4339

pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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@debbiegraphics.com

Landmark Baptist Church Offers Help to Military Families in the Area

By Pastor Eric Davis

As we remembered our soldiers on Memorial Day, we were reminded of the families of our men and women that have been left behind. As a church, we were moved with compassion when remembering our men and women in the military and their families. We would like to make a difference for more than just one day.

We would like to extend a helping hand to those in Loudon and the surrounding communities who have a husband or wife, mom or dad overseas in the war on terror. We are a Bible believing and preaching church and take God seriously when he tells us to love our neighbors. Please, if you need help around the house, a sitter for a mental break or just someone to talk with, give us a call (798-3818). We also have youth activities for your junior or senior high teen. Thank you for your sacrifice. ■

Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

On June 14, we took a bus trip to Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack. It would be a stretch to say it was uneventful as there were some mechanical problems with the bus which prevented the wheelchair lift from operating and the compartment housing our lunches refused to open! All turned out well in the end, however. The tour through the brewery was very interesting and the free beer, soda, wine coolers, and pretzels were an added bonus. We had box lunches in a great room of the facility. The tour was completed with a walk through the barn to see the Clydesdales. They are magnificent animals! We stopped at Dudley's and had ice cream to finish off our day.

There were 42 town residents on the trip, as well as four guests from Florida. Being the social group that we are, a great time was had by all — well, maybe not the bus driver and the people left on the bus, but they recovered well, I think.

On July 11, our regular meeting day, we'll all meet at 11:30 a.m. at Makris Restaurant for lunch. No meeting will be held in August due to Old Home Day. We have a float committee in place, as noted in last month's *Ledger*, and its open to suggestions for the Hollywood theme.

Our September 12 meeting will be our annual picnic at the Community Center. Let's hope the weather will be as great as it was for the Anheuser-Busch trip!

There are two more band concerts scheduled at the Gazebo in the Village: July 19 — Nevers Band and the Army Band on August 2. These events will probably be very well attended — they are free — so, we'll see you there. ■



VNA Senior Health Clinic

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on July 25 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Center. 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. Rides are available here in Loudon by calling 798-5203. ■

Join the Loudon Communications Council!

Help spread the word! Would you like to write articles?

Collect stories? Take pictures? Interview interesting townspeople? Our next meeting

is Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

at the Community Building. Plan to join us!

A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse



This month's Mystery Photo

Last month's mystery photo was a picture of the home of Forrest and Peg (Marguerite) Buzzell. The home sat where the driveway to the safety building is now, just below the library. Peg Buzzell was the librarian for 47 years, from 1935 to 1982. Janet Brown told me that in those days there was no internet, and the library was your only source for information. If you needed to do some research and the library wasn't open, all you had to do was knock on Mrs. Buzzell's door and she would open the library for any resident at any time. She would always know where to find what you needed. Mrs. Buzzell was also an avid bingo player at the VFW hall.

After the Buzzell's passing, the town purchased the property and adjacent lot for the safety building. The home was used for several training exercises for the fire department and finally burned it on September 29, 1984. Several people had mentioned to me that the home was a store at one point, but in all my research I haven't been able to confirm that detail. There was a store in the area, possibly on the same lot, but the buildings were different. If you have evidence, let me know.

This one was a record breaker! I heard from 20 people either by phone call or email and every one was a correct guess! Thank you to the following people who really know their Loudon History and are willing to share their knowledge: Jason Fiske, Melanie Kiley, Michele Paquette, Jen Magoon, Janet Brown, Bob Ordway, Harriet McLaren, Shirley Lampron, Shirley Preston, Mike LaBonte, Linda Trefethen, Janice Sinclair, Marie Washburn, Cathy Dymont, Nancy Young, Linda Davis, Stanley Prescott, Amanda Bullock, Norman Bowles, and Liz Lebrun. Also thank you to Liz Lebrun for providing the photograph that was used!

Look closely and many of you will be able to figure out this month's mystery house. You get extra bonus points if you know who the people are in the photo, but what we are really looking for is the location of the home. If you think you know where this home is or have details you would like to share, just contact me, Amanda by e-mail at jaelmasse@comcast.net or by calling 783-0227. Remember the more information I receive, the more interesting the story behind this photo becomes! I am always looking for more pictures. Your interesting historical photos can be shared here. It doesn't have to be a home, it could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it that would be fun and interesting to share. Find some photos and give me a call. ■



Last month's Mystery Photo

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Kris Tripp

Six Flags This Summer!

Special thanks to Ken Chalifour for the Six Flags Poster! The Six Flags event is planned for Saturday, July 8th. This is one of the many events the Loudon Recreation Department has been working on. Our newest member, Amanda Masse, put this plan in motion. Thank you, Amanda, for your hard work!

Swim Lessons at Clough Pond

Swim lessons start this month! The lessons are planned for the weeks of July 17th–July 28th and August 7–August 18th. Classes will be held M–F for a half hour each. Thank you, Alicia Grimaldi, for your excellent work on this project!

Community Fun Night Returns in July & August

The Loudon Recreation Department will once again sponsor Community Fun Night in July and August. We have some very exciting events planned!

July 5th	T-Bone
July 14th	The little Red Wagon
July 19th	The Nevers Band
July 26th	Reptiles on the Move
August 2nd	Ice Cream Social and Family Fun*
August 9th	The Army Band*

All events are free! We hope to see you at our community events!

*Please note that we have had some changes in our original schedule. Special thanks to Dale Gregory of the Maxfield Public Library for her help with our summer Community Fun Night series. Make sure you check out the wonderful things happening at the Library this summer!

Major League Soccer Camp: July 31st through August 4th

Did you register your child yet for the MLS Soccer Camp? The Loudon Recreation Department has teamed up with L.Y.A.A. to bring your children an outstanding camp opportunity this summer! Brochures have been sent home through the school and we are looking forward to a fantastic program. There are 3 programs available:

- *U-6 (Recreation):*
9:00 to 10:30 OR 10:30 to 12:00. \$70
- *U-8 & up (Recreation):*
9:00 to 12:00. \$125
- *U-10 & up (Competitive):*
9:00 to 3:00. \$175.

All campers receive a ball, T-shirt, evaluation, and a free companion ticket to an MLS game!

If you were not able to register in April and would like to attend one of the camps offered, please mail your check to: LYAA, P.O. Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307 (Make checks payable to LYAA) or register on line at: MLScamps.com. For additional information, please call the Becky Osgood at 798-3361 or MLS Camps at (800) 680-6272.

Make A Difference in Your Community!

Want to be in on the action? The Loudon Recreation Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at Charlie's Barn. Our August meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7th at 7:00. We hope to see you there! ■

The Family Place at Concord Hospital Marks 10 Years of Providing Family-centered Care

The Family Place at Concord Hospital providing comprehensive women's health, pediatric/young adult services, and maternity care in a home-like setting, marks its 10-year anniversary this month.

Five decades ago, Concord Hospital, like other hospitals across the United States, featured a maternity unit in which women were transported from area to area for labor, delivery, recovery, post-partum care, and other gynecological services. On June 3, 1996, The Family Place was unveiled, combining all services in one location, making it easier for patients to share their experiences with loved ones.

Since the unit opened in 1996, more than 13,721 babies have been born. The most sets of twins born in a single-year during the existence of The Family Place were 30 in 2003.

Today, board-certified obstetrician and gynecological physicians along with nurses, treat women from their childbearing years through menopause and beyond.

"Our goal is to provide excellent customer service and clinical care to all of our patients," said Barbara Pascoe, RN, BA, MA, director of The Family Place. "We try to accommodate patient and family requests so that their birth experience is both positive and memorable."

For more information about The Family Place, please call Pascoe at (603) 227-7000, ext. 4906 or visit our Web site at www.concordhospital.org. ■



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TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

What's Bugging You?

This is part two of a series on bugs.

Mosquitoes

What Is West Nile Virus?

West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall. This fact sheet contains important information that you will find helpful for the prevention and spread of the virus.

What Can I Do to Prevent WNV?

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flowerpots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in birdbaths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

What Are the Symptoms of WNV?

- **Serious Symptoms in a Few People.** About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.
- **Milder Symptoms in Some People.** Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected have symptoms such as fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.
- **No Symptoms in Most People.** Approximately 80 percent of people (about 4 out of 5) who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all.

How Does West Nile Virus Spread?

- **Infected Mosquitoes.** Most often, WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.
- **Transfusions, Transplants, and Mother-to-Child.** In a very small number of cases, WNV also has been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding and even during pregnancy from mother to baby.
- **Not through touching.** WNV is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus.

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick?

People typically develop symptoms between 3 and 14 days after the infected mosquito bites them.

How Is WNV Infection Treated?

There is no specific treatment for WNV infection. In cases with milder symptoms, people experience symptoms such as fever and aches that pass on their own, although even healthy people have become sick for several weeks. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing and nursing care.

What Should I Do if I Think I Have WNV?

Milder WNV illness improves on its own, and people do not necessarily need to seek medical attention for this infection though they may choose to do so. If you develop symptoms of severe WNV illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately. Severe WNV illness usually requires hospitalization. Pregnant women and nursing mothers are encouraged to talk to their doctor if they develop symptoms that could be WNV.

What Is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

People over 50 have a higher risk of getting the severe illness. People over the age of 50 are more likely to develop serious symptoms of WNV if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

Being outside means you're at risk. The more time you're outdoors, the more time you could be bitten by an infected mosquito. Pay attention to avoiding mosquito bites if you spend a lot of time outside, either working or playing.

Risk through medical procedures is very low. All donated blood is checked for WNV before being used. The risk of getting WNV through blood transfusions

and organ transplants is very small, and should not prevent people who need surgery from having it. If you have concerns, talk to your doctor.

Pregnancy and nursing do not increase risk of becoming infected with WNV. The risk that WNV may present to a fetus or an infant infected through breast milk is still being evaluated. Talk with your care provider if you have concerns.

What Is the CDC Doing About WNV?

CDC is working with state and local health departments, the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies, as well as private industry, to prepare for and prevent new cases of WNV.

Some things CDC is doing include:

- Coordinating a nation-wide electronic database where states share information about WNV
- Helping states develop and carry out improved mosquito prevention and control programs
- Developing better, faster tests to detect and diagnose WNV
- Creating new education tools and programs for the media, the public, and health professionals
- Opening new testing laboratories for WNV
- Working with partners on the development of vaccines

If you find a dead bird

If you find one or more dead bird(s), call your local animal control officer, health officer, their designated representative or in their absence, call the WNV/EEE Info Line, 1-866-273-NILE (6453). You will be asked questions about the bird's condition in order to determine if it is a potentially viable specimen for testing, and if your community has the ability to transport the specimen. You will be given instructions on how the bird should be processed. If you are calling the info line after hours, leave a message including your name and telephone number. You will receive a return call within a short period of time.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services.

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or email Tricia Ingraham: dtingraham@comcast.net ■

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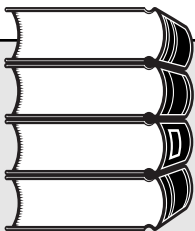
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Dale Gregory

Children’s Room

The library would like to thank Kevin and Debbie Carbone of Carbone Plumbing and Heating for providing the Children’s Room bathroom fixtures and donating the labor. Having a family bathroom on the lower level is a welcome addition to the facility.

Thanks to the help of Loudon Girl Scout Troop #2641, the Children’s Room was able to open for business in time for class visits from the Loudon Elementary School. The added hands were greatly appreciated! Scouts, volunteers, and staff lined the hall and stairs moving more than six thousand books in a “bucket brigade” to the newly-installed shelving. Many thanks to Sara Kowalski, Susan Kowalski, Colby Tierney, Racheal Severance, Noelle Carone, Elizabeth Drago, Chantal Paquette, and Laura Vincent for their hard work.

Following the opening, classes from the Loudon Elementary School enjoyed visiting their new space and learned about the upcoming Summer Reading Program. Many returned with their parents the following week.

Summer Reading Program

This year’s program “Treasure Reading” is in full swing and kids are sailing along reading many different types of books. The library is having a “Treasure Hunt” on Thursday, July 20th, at 7 p.m., for children who are signed up for the program. Families are encouraged to participate in this together, with older children or parents helping the younger ones. Follow the clues to the treasure! Also this month, there will be a “Pirate Craft Night” on Thursday, July 27th, at 7 p.m. Sign-ups for all programs are encouraged since space is limited.

Book Sale

Come and check out the book sale on Saturday, July 22nd., from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Lots of high-quality books have been donated from friends and neighbors, so why not see what treasures are waiting for you. All proceeds from book sales will benefit the Children’s Room Fund.

Book Group

After a look at Prohibition, the book group will continue its tour of U.S. history with Studs Terkel’s firsthand accounts of the Great Depression in

Hard Times. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27. New participants are always welcome.

New Books

New nonfiction: *The Omnivore’s Dilemma* by Michael Pollan, *Stumbling on Happiness* by Daniel Gilbert, *Washington’s Crossing* by David Hackett Fischer, and *Breaking the da Vinci Code* by Darrell L. Bock

New fiction: *Killer Instinct* by Joseph Finder, *Blue Screen* by Robert B. Parker, *Sandcastles* by Luanne Rice, and *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl.

Summer Reading Program & Summer Fun Nights Schedule

Fri., July 14th	Little Red Wagon <i>Recreation Department</i>	7 p.m.	<i>Recreation Field</i>
Wed., July 19th	Never’s Band <i>Recreation Department</i>	7 p.m.	<i>Recreation Field</i>
Thu., July 20th	Library Treasure Hunt	7 p.m.	<i>Maxfield Library</i>
Wed., July 26th	Reptiles on the Move <i>Recreation Department</i>	7 p.m.	<i>Recreation Field</i>
Thu., July 27th	Pirate Crafts	7 p.m.	<i>Maxfield Library</i>
Wed., Aug. 2nd	Field Day & Ice Cream Social <i>Recreation Department</i>	7 p.m.	<i>Recreation Field</i>
Fri., Aug. 4th	Friday Night Flicks <i>Disney’s Treasure Planet</i>	7 p.m.	<i>Maxfield Library Meeting Room</i>
Sat., Aug. 5th	SRP Booklets due		<i>Maxfield Library</i>
Wed., Aug. 9th	Army Band <i>Recreation Department</i>	7 p.m.	<i>Recreation Field</i>
Thu., Aug. 10th	Treasure Reading Party	M-Z 6–7 p.m. A-L 7–8 p.m.	<i>Maxfield Library Meeting Room</i>

Events in bold type are sponsored by the Maxfield Public Library. For more information on Library programs, please call 798-5153. For Recreation Department information, please call Rebecca Osgood at 798-3361.

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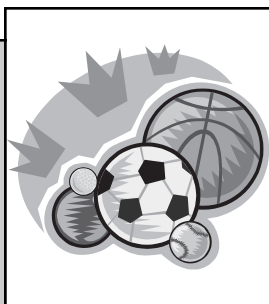
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Answer to June’s word scramble was “Ahoy Matey!”

Concord Regional VNA Hospice House Gets \$30,000 Grant from Lincoln Financial Group Foundation

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association has received a \$30,000 grant from the Lincoln Financial Group Foundation for its Hospice House, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO of Concord Regional VNA. The grant funds were used to complete renovations to the 10-bedroom Hospice House in Concord. The Concord Regional VNA Hospice House is a vital component of Concord Regional VNA’s Hospice Program. One of only two such facilities in the state, it is a residence that is open, regardless of ability to pay, to those who are at the end stage of life. The staff provide 24-hour nursing care and personal assistance. According to DeVeau, the capital campaign for Hospice House renovations raised more than its \$1,000,000 goal. For more information, please visit www.crvna.org. ■



Loudon Youth Athletic Association

By Kris Tripp

Baseball Trophy Name Contest!

We need your help! Do you have some great names for the big trophy one team will win at the end of our season? We would love your ideas! Please contact our fabulous Baseball Commissioner, Dave Meeken with your ideas! 798-5266 or e-mail: dkameek@comcast.net. The winner of our name contest will be announced in a future edition of the *Loudon Ledger*!

The baseball schedule is now available on the Loudon website! Visit www.loudonnh.org.

New! Youth Referee Program August 19

Soccer enthusiast — make money while having fun on the field! The L.Y.A.A. is putting together a program for youth referees! The program will involve a weekend training session with indoor activities. Participants must be 12 years of age or older. Our target date for the training session is Saturday, August 19th. For additional information about this exciting program, please contact George Hunton at 783-4077.

Major League Soccer Camp: July 31st through August 4th

The Loudon Recreation Department has teamed up with L.Y.A.A. to bring your children an outstanding camp opportunity this summer! Brochures have been sent home through the school and we are looking forward to a fantastic program. There are 3 programs available:

- U-6 (Recreation): 9:00 to 10:30 OR 10:30 to 12:00. \$70
- U-8 & up (Recreation): 9:00 to 12:00. \$125
- U-10 & up (Competitive): 9:00 to 3:00. \$175.

All campers receive a ball, T-shirt, evaluation and a free companion ticket to an MLS game!

If you were not able to register in April and would like to attend one of the camps offered, please mail your check to: LYAA, P.O. Box 7816, Loudon, NH 03307 (Make checks payable to LYAA) or register on line at: MLScamps.com. For additional information, please call the Recreation Committee at 798-3361 or MLS Camps at (800) 680-6272.

Support the L.Y.A.A. By Becoming a Volunteer!

Want to make a difference in your community and help kids at the same time? Become a volunteer! We currently need help in our concession stands. For additional information come to our next meeting or contact Mike O'Brien: 783-0140 or e-mail mnobrien@comcast.net.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Maxfield Public Library. Our next meeting will be held in August and is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00. We hope to see you there! ■

Next Deadline:

Friday, July 14 for the August Issue

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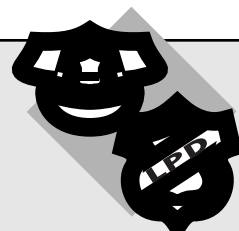
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Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police



Some of Loudon's finest help clean up the yard. Add Jon Huntington/Pleasant View Garden's beautiful flowers to the mix and you get a sharp-looking police station.

Many thanks to Jon Huntington and Pleasant View Gardens for the beautiful flowers they plant at our walkway into the police station. We receive many compliments and Mr. Huntington's generosity is appreciated.

The lifeguard (Lisa Halterman) is back on duty! She will be at the beach Wednesday through Sunday's from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We ask that you supervise your children. Many times we see young children dropped off with no adult supervision. Also, a resident sticker is required to use the beach. You may obtain one at the transfer station during regular business hours.

On June 5th, Boy Scout Troop 30, which is sponsored by the Loudon Police Association, cleaned up the Town Beach. They raked the beach, picked rocks and raked. New picnic tables should be arriving shortly. A superb job boys!

A reminder that school is out. Please use caution on the roadways. Also, there is a town ordinance for curfew on town owned property. No one is to be on town property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Many thanks to my officers that assisted at the memorial day parade. Marching in the honor guard were: Bob Krieger, Jason Fiske, and Seth Plumer. Officer Plumer also played the bag pipes and Officers Parkinson and Bosch assisted with traffic. ■

Boating Education Class Schedule

The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class 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:

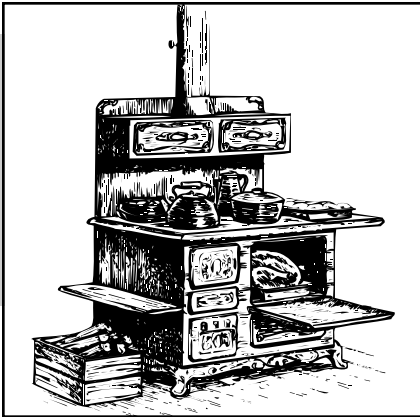
ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

07/08/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	St. Joseph Hospital	Nashua
07/08/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Winnisquam Marina	Winnisquam
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Hooksett Public Library	Hooksett
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Ossipee Town Hall Bldg.	Ossipee
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Windham Fire Department	Windham
07/15/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Rochester Police Department	Rochester
07/22/06	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Dept of Safety, 33 Hazen Dr.	Concord

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

07/10/06 & 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Prospect Mountain H.S., Alton
07/10/06 & 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Moultonborough Safety Building
07/10/06 & 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Londonderry Police Department
07/10/06 & 07/12/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Merrimack Town Hall
07/17/06 & 07/19/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Bedford Police Department
07/24/06 & 07/26/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Exeter Library
07/24/06 & 07/26/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Lakes Region Gen. Hosp., Laconia
07/24/06 & 07/26/06	6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Wolfeboro Huggins Hospital





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

This month: July 4th Bash Recipes

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Hello Loudon! I'm excited to cook with you. Whenever possible, I will give you recipes that my family (husband Nick and four-year-old son Alex) have tried and love. I can't wait to hear from you with your recipes, try new ones, and continue to share with others the joy that comes to people through cooking with their families. Kids love to help mix, measure, push buttons, and be an active part of the action in the kitchen. Let them help whenever possible and treasure your valuable time doing something together.

Here come the summer celebrations! I hope you try some of these recipes for your next summer bash. As the temperatures rise please be sure you are aware of this food safety tip.

Keep cold food cold and warm food warm! Keeping foods at a safe temperature can be achieved by the use of ice, coolers, or a crock pot. Keep in mind coolers can be used to keep food warm by filling the cooler with hot water for 20 minutes prior to putting the food in. If you drain and dry the cooler after putting the water in for a period of time, it will keep hot food safe for up to 3 hours (as long as the food is hot prior to putting in the cooler). To keep it safe, place dry towels or newspapers on the bottom of the cooler to protect it for future use!

EASY PULLED PORK

Don't heat your stove up or even your grill! On the hottest night of the week stop and pick up a package of soft rolls and dinner will be ready when you get home. Bust out your crock pot. In a 3½–6 qt. cooker put the following:

- 1 2–2½ lb. Boneless pork loin roast
- 1 Medium onion (sliced thin)
- 2 Cloves garlic (chopped)
- 1 Can tomato sauce
- ½ Cup brown sugar
- 1 Beer (or any liquid in the fridge)
- 2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. salt

**For those that like a little kick, cut the top and bottom off a jalapeño pepper and add to the above combination.*

In the cooker combine all the above ingredients except for the pork. Stir well so all ingredients are mixed, and then add the pork. Cook on low for 8–10 hours.

Remove the pork from the cooker and use 2 forks to pull the pork into threads. Add sauce from cooker to taste. This is great served with coleslaw piled on the sandwich or as a side dish. (Try the coleslaw recipe from the June 2006 edition of the *Ledger*.)

GRILLED HONEY SWEET POTATO SLICES

The heat of the grill will caramelize the natural sugars in the honey and sweet potatoes. Buy large evenly shaped sweet potatoes so they will cook evenly and be easier to manage on the grill. You will need the following:

- ½ Cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
- ¼ tsp. finely chopped rosemary or thyme.
- 1½ lb. sweet potatoes (about 3 medium and sliced in ½" slices)

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl, except for the sweet potatoes. When everything is combined, add the sliced sweet potatoes and toss to cover evenly. Place the sweet potatoes on a pre-heated gas grill over medium heat, or a charcoal grill 4–6 inches from medium coals. Cook for 10–12 minutes or until grill marks form, edges are lightly charred, and sweet potatoes are tender, turning once and brushing with any remaining liquid mixture.

**Note: Use the same recipe as above but substituting 6 peaches for the sweet potatoes and serving with a scoop of peach or vanilla ice cream. YUMMY!*

CHIVE SALT

What do you do with the chives that are taking over the herb garden? Add a wonderful onion flavor to any savory dish by replacing the salt in a recipe or simply garnishing with chive salt.

In a spice or coffee grinder, grind together ¼ cup of salt and 1 tablespoon of washed and dried, chopped, fresh chives and blend until a fine powder forms. Place the mixture on a rimmed baking sheet and bake at 325° F for 10 minutes. Stir once. Store the mixture in an airtight container. This mixture will come in handy and make you the talk of your guests.

Next Month: From the freezer! What's your favorite food from the freezer? When summer heat makes you hot and hungry and you just can't eat one more strangely-colored fruit-flavored Popsicle? I'll give you some great alternatives. Can you give me any? Email me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send me some mail at 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

Loudon Lions Club News

Hello citizens of Loudon! By the time you read this article, many wonderful things will have happened within the Lions Club. First, we will have proudly presented a scholarship to a Merrimack Valley graduating senior from Loudon. The recipient of this \$350 prize is Kathryn Bousquet. This is the second year that the Lions Club has been able to provide a scholarship, a feat that we are extremely proud of and one that we hope will continue for many, many more years. Congratulations to Kathryn, and we wish you well as you begin college in the Fall!

Second, the Loudon Lions Club, in conjunction with the Epsom/Chichester Lions, will have started what we hope will become an annual tradition, a Biker Breakfast on the Saturday of Motorcycle Week. Thank you to the American Legion for allowing us to use their building, and thank you to everyone who has lent their support.

Third, many people in our community will have prospered from the eyeglasses and hearing aides that we have been able to provide. Assisting those people with vision and hearing deficits is a major component of the work of Lions Clubs International. We, in Loudon, are no exception to this goal.

Lastly, please look for the Lions Club at this year's Old Home Day. We are hoping to borrow the Health Van from the Health Services Board for people to view and to provide blood pressure readings to interested townsfolk. You are also encouraged to visit our table under the tent and to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets. All proceeds from the raffle go directly into the Scholarship Fund so that some other deserving senior can benefit from your generosity at next year's awards ceremony.

Finally, the Loudon Lions Club is looking for a few good men, women, couples, or any combination there of. Our motto is "We Serve," and we openly invite any interested citizens to check us out, ask questions, and join in our mission! Call Henry Frost at 783-4540 for more information. ■



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Boy Scout Troop 30 Holds Court of Honor

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Boy Scout Troop 30 held their Court of Honor on June 19th, 2006 at the home of Committee Chair Leader Joe Fitzgerald.

The ceremony included new scout initiation for David West, James Judd, Josh Williams, and Richard Bittle.

Merit Badgers were presented to Reid Beauchemin (Rife Shooting), Colin Hillman (Music), and Andrew Judd (Personal Fitness).

Rank Advancements were as follows:

Dylan Swain	Scout, Tenderfoot	Thomas Balint	1st Class
David Vincello	1st Class	Andrew Judd	1st Class
Ian Crowell	1st Class		

Leadership Training awards were given to Andrew Judd and Sean Fitzgerald for Leadership Training.

These boys have worked very hard this year to reorganize this troop. Many thanks to Troop 30 leaders:

Scoutmaster: George Balint, Assistant Scoutmaster: Mike Williams, Assistant Scoutmaster: Gary West, Advancement Chair: Allen Hillman, and Committee Chair Leader: Joe Fitzgerald.

Congratulations and great work boys! We're proud of you! ■

Cub Scouts Travel in Time Machine at Pack Meeting

Loudon Cub Scouts entered the Pack 247 Time Machine at the April Pack Meeting and found themselves transported to the future — their future in Cub Scouting. The first through fourth graders moved up to their next rank in scouting. The Tigers moved up to Wolves. The Wolves moved up to Bears. The Bears moved up to First Year Webelos and the First Year Webelos moved up to Second Year Webelos.

The following achievements were also awarded during the meeting. The Bobcat Badge went to AJ Rattee, Deven Velenti, Devan Eldred, Carter Seigen, Nathan Coulombe, Tyler Piroso, Aaron Cooper, and Jonathon Cooper. The Bear Badge was awarded to Griffin Bastian, Aaron Cooper, Jonathon Cooper, Danny Dockham, Mitchell Fillion, Chance Grimaldi, Jacob Ingle, Scott Martell, and Bryan Rodd. The following boys earned their Webelos Badge: Charlie Wright, Andrew Smith, Larry Stone, and Nick Ackerson.

Special recognition was given to Gary West and Micheline West for their years of dedication and service to Pack 247. Gary West retired as Cub Master, handing the reigns to Brian Blake for the coming year. Kate Dockham will continue as the Committee Chair.

The April Pack Meeting is the last one held during the school year. Although regular meetings stop, the boys will still be active with summer activities including a campfire in July and Old Home Day in August. Some boys and their parents braved the rain and attended the Fisher Cats game on June 10. Unfortunately, the Cub Scout sleepover part of the event had to be cancelled. The Scouts look forward to trying again on July 20th.

Boys interested in learning more about Scouting are invited to attend the Campfire on July 19, 7:00 p.m. at Cascade Campground. For more information contact Kate Dockham at 783-9939. ■



Despite the rain, the boys enjoyed Cub Scouts night at the Fisher Cats game in June.

Special Music-for-Healing Program at Concord Hospital

Concord Hospital will host a special music-for-healing series for patients, visitors and staff this summer as part of its Arts-in-Healing Program, supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This interactive series, "Sound Medicine," featuring artist-in-residence pianist Paul Dykstra, will include performance, discussion and demonstration in both the Gregory Grappone Lobby at the main entrance and on various patient care units. The lobby performances will be closed-circuit broadcast to patient rooms.

"Concord Hospital strives to achieve an optimal healing environment and integrates many arts-in-healing offerings to uplift and enrich the hospital community," said Alice Kinsler, MA, ATR, Manager of Therapeutic Arts and Activity Services. "Over the years, we have learned much about the therapeutic value of positive diversion, creativity and pleasure in helping people to cope with the effects of illness, injury and hospitalization and in assisting them to retain or restore personal identity, dignity and hope."

"The 'Sound Medicine' series is another way to help create the most favorable environment for comfort and healing through the integration of the arts," Kinsler added.

"Sound Medicine" will be held:

- Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the Gregory Grappone Lobby on July 12, July 19, August 2, and August 9;
- Thursdays from 10 a.m.–12 noon on various patient care units on July 12, July 20, August 3 and August 10.

For more information about the series, call Kinsler at 227-7000, ext. 3867. ■

Summertime Cub Scout Events

CAMPFIRE

Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 PM
SONGS, SKITS AND S'MORES
Cascade Campground

Boys interested in Scouting are invited to attend.

OLD HOME DAY PARADE AND BOOTHS

Saturday, August 12
8:00 Parade Line up, Capitol Fire Protection
Booths at the Rec. Field, 10:00 am

Summertime Award: Cubs must walk in parade and work 1 hour in booths (with a parent). Both of these events are requirements for the scouts to earn their Summertime Award.

They also must have attended the Family Fun Night in June and marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

For more information contact Kate Dockham, 783-9939

Concord Hospital Marks 50 Years at 250 Pleasant Street

In 1946, the Superior Court of Merrimack County issued a decree officially announcing the merger of Margaret Pillsbury Hospital and New Hampshire Memorial Hospital to form Concord Hospital. Prior to the decree, each hospital existed independently in Concord, serving the health needs of the community. But as the community grew, both hospitals outgrew their facilities and it became evident that the most efficient way to care for the community was by merging and combining their resources.

Ten years passed before the two facilities actually joined under one roof at 250 Pleasant Street in Concord. A dedication ceremony of the new building was held in the spring of 1956 and was presided over by Douglas N. Everett, former president of the board of trustees; Lane Dwinell, former governor of New Hampshire; and Howe Anderson, former mayor of Concord. Statistics from 1955 were shared with attendees including 5,045 admissions, 901 births, 225 employees, and 74 medical staff.

Fifty years later, Concord Hospital still exists at 250 Pleasant Street and has grown into a regional medical center, serving the healthcare needs of the residents of central New Hampshire. In fiscal year 2005, Concord Hospital recorded 15,822 admissions (ranking second in the state in acute care admissions), 1,400 births, 2,205 full-time employees (largest private employer in Concord) and 280 medical staff.

There have been many changes to Concord Hospital's campus and facilities since its opening in 1956:

1962 — Concord Hospital School of Nursing moved into its own facility adjacent to the hospital (Yeaple Building);

1973 — Concord Hospital expanded and remodeled, raising bed capacity from 195 to 232, adding two nursing units, occupational health services, an emergency department, and operating rooms;

1983 — Concord Hospital built a major addition, expanding its bed capacity to 295, adding a six-story patient tower and additional parking;

1989 — The Concord Medical Office Building opened on the Concord Hospital Campus;

1996–1997 — The Concord Medical Office Building is expanded and renamed the Pillsbury Medical Office Building. An adjacent building (Memorial Medical Office Building) is built and opened on the Concord Hospital campus;

2003 — Concord Hospital built a major addition adding a comprehensive community cancer center, expanded space for diagnostic and cardiac services and new main entrance;

2005 — Concord Hospital breaks ground on the East & North Wing Additions.

"The needs of patients and families have changed dramatically over the years and Concord Hospital will keep changing to address those needs. Here at Concord Hospital, our mission recognizes that we exist only to meet the needs of patients and their families. That's why we are here every day, and continue to change to provide an optimal healing environment for all those we serve," said Mike Green, president and CEO of Concord Hospital.

Today, Concord Hospital has embarked on its largest facility project in over 25 years in order to meet the ever-increasing health needs of central New Hampshire. The East & North Wing Additions project, slated to be complete by late spring or early summer 2008, will include a new and expanded emergency department and intensive care unit; additional medical/surgical private patient rooms; and two new operating rooms. In addition, the expansion will improve patient privacy and add advance, state-of-the-art technology to many areas. For more information on the history of Concord Hospital, request a copy of the book "A Kindly Interest" by Jill Wilson from your local library or the Concord Hospital Volunteer Services Department. ■



REAL ESTATE TIPS:

The Smart Way to Look at Home Improvements

By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

What home improvements really pay off when the time comes to sell your house?

That's an important question for any homeowner contemplating moving or remodeling. And the only possible answer is a somewhat complicated one.

That answer starts with the fact that really major improvements — room additions, total replacements of kitchens and baths, etc. — rarely pay off fully in the near term. It ends with the fact that small and relatively inexpensive changes can pay off in a big way in making your home attractive to buyers if your decision is to move now.

It's a simple fact, consistently confirmed across America over a very long period of time, that even the most appropriate major improvements are unlikely to return their full cost if a house is sold within two or three years.

Does that mean that major home improvements are always a bad idea? Absolutely not. It does mean, though, that if your present house falls seriously short of meeting your family's needs you need to think twice — and think carefully — before deciding to undertake a major renovation. Viewed strictly in investment terms, major improvements rarely make as much sense as selling your present home and buying one that's carefully selected to provide you with what you want.

Even if you have a special and strong attachment to the house you're in and feel certain that you could be happy in it for a long time if only it had more bedrooms and baths, for example, there are a few basic rules that you ought to keep in mind.

Probably the most basic rule of all, in this regard, is the one that says you should never — unless you absolutely don't care at all about eventual resale value — improve a house to the point where its desired sale price would be more than 20 percent higher than the most expensive of the other houses in the immediate neighborhood.

Try to raise the value of your house too high, that is, and surrounding properties will pull it down.

Here are some other rules worth remembering:

- Never rearrange the interior of your house in a way that reduces the total number of bedrooms to less than three.
- Never add a third bathroom to a two-bath house unless you don't care about ever recouping your investment.
- Swimming pools rarely return what you spend to install them. Ditto for sunrooms — and finished basements.
- If you decide to do what's usually the smart thing and move rather than improve, it's often the smaller, relatively inexpensive improvements that turn out to be most worth doing.
- The cost of replacing a discolored toilet bowl, making sure all the windows work or getting rid of dead trees and shrubs are trivial compared with adding a bathroom, but such things can have a big and very positive impact on prospective buyers.

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The American Legion and Auxiliary Post 88 Loudon

By Jim Dymant

Time and Occasions for Display of the American Flag:

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Constitution Day, Columbus Day, Navy Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of The United States, the birthday's of the states, and on state holidays.

The flag should be displayed on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

The flag should be displayed during school days or in or near every school-house.

Position and manner of display:

The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff or as described below.

The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

No other flat or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of The United States of America, except during church services conducted by a naval chaplain at sea.

The flag of The United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags or states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of The United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of The United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of The

United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he or she faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

Never use a flag to cover a statue or monument, use the flag in a form of distinction.

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, and then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States' Government and the Governor of a State as a mark of respect to their memory.

When the flag is suspended across a corridor or lobby in a building with only one main entrance, it should be suspended vertically with the union of the flag to the observer's left upon entering.

If you have any questions about flag etiquette, please contact Jim Dymant at 435-8892 and your question will be researched and answered. Remember that the American Legion has a drop box for flags which are old, used or tarnished. The Legion will dispose of them in the respectful and appropriate manner. The box is located right at the front door of the Legion in the village.

We have American Legion Post meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Any potential members are welcome, or call Fred at 224-0172.

The Fourth of July is approaching quickly, remember to display your flag, and have a safe and fun holiday.

Don't forget about Loudon Old Home Day on August 12th. It will be here before you know it. Come join us at the Legion for breakfast in the morning and BINGO later in the day.

Have a safe and fun filled July. ■

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who took part in the Memorial Day parade. The Loudon Police did an excellent job, as they do every year; except maybe next year we would really like to see the piper in his kilt.

The VFW Memorial is a great addition to our town commemorating our veterans. We should all stand proud to have this in our small town. Thank you VFW Post 4405.

The Auxiliary offered coffee and doughnuts for everyone after the parade, this seemed to go over quite well, and they hope to do this in the coming years also.

We would like to give a special thanks to Rev. Henry Frost. He always does a great job, Thank you Henry.

The unknown story of the yearly Memorial Day parade in Loudon is our leading force. The Legion and the whole town of Loudon should be very proud of Francis Tewksbury. Every year Frank, as he is known, organizes and prepares all details of this event. So, if you happen to see Frank, say hello and thank him for all his hard work. You should even call him at 798-5842; it would definitely make his day.

This year we installed over 140 flags and holders on Veterans grave sites. We have tried our best to not miss any, but we have heard that we did miss a few, and apologize for this. If you are aware of any others that were inadvertently overlooked, please contact either, Francis at 798-5842 or Jim at 435-8892. Please be able to give specific directions so we can find the site, and make a note of it for the coming years. If you have your own flag holder, which you would prefer to use, please leave the one we provided with the flag, this will help us for next year when we install new flags.

June 14th was Flag Day; we hope you displayed your flags proudly. This month the Legion presents flag etiquette; how to display and use the flag by civilians.

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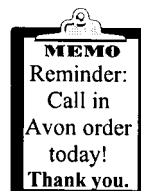
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The Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN), a collaboration of 22 communities and 15 health and human service agencies, is looking for volunteers to help keep communities safe during a public health emergency.

The CAPHN, a collaborative partnership formed to identify and solve community health problems and improve local public health emergency preparedness, includes representatives from local police, fire, government and social service agencies in the capital region including Allenstown, Barnstead, Boscowen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Chichester, Concord, Deering, Dunbarton, Epsom, Henniker, Hillsborough, Hopkinton, Loudon, Northwood, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Warner, Washington, Webster, and Weare. Concord Hospital provides coordination, operational support and acts as fiscal agent for the CAPHN.

As part of the local emergency preparedness plan, CAPHN representatives have identified a need for volunteers to assist with the operation of vaccination clinics in the event of a public health emergency. Expertise from many persons of different backgrounds may be necessary. People who sign-up to volunteer will be trained on how to help, but are not obligated to participate during a public health emergency.

Some of the volunteer tasks include:

- Greeting and registration;
- Clerical duties;
- Interpreting/translating;
- Transporting supplies and;
- Radio operations.

For more information on how to volunteer, call Wendy Dumais, CAPHN Coordinator at 230-6162 or e-mail wdumais@crhc.org.

The Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN) is a collaborative of 22 communities and 15 health and human service agencies in the Capital Region. The mission of the CAPHN is to identify and solve community health problems and improve local public health emergency preparedness by mobilizing a community partnership. The CAPHN is funded through a contract from the state Department of Health and Human Services. ■

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Girl Scouts Have Been Busy

By Michelle Drago

Daisy Troop 955

Christine Campbell and Karen Minery

The Daisies completed their first year of Girl Scouting with huge success. The girls learned the Girl Scout Promise, Girl Scout Sign and the most important Girl Scout song there is, "Make New Friends." During the year the girls participated in many community service projects. They visited the elderly, served lemonade at the LES yard sale, and participated in the sock drive and bake sales to benefit others. They participated in the 2006 annual Sing-Along, meeting Girl Scouts from other communities.

During our regular weekly troop meetings, the girls earned petals to complete the Daisy. Activities included: making musical instruments from recycled materials, creating bird feeders, learning new multicultural games, hands on science experiments and many other things. For the girls to become Brownies as part of their bridging requirements, the Daisies met with Brownie Troop #300. They made swap pins and learned about the Try-It patches that Brownies earn. The Daisy troop shared a friendship mix that they had made with the Brownies.

We can't wait for our Girl Scout experience to continue in the fall as Brownies. I have enjoyed spending time with the girls each week watching them grow, learn and discover. I thank all the parents who helped make our year such a success. A HUGE thank you goes out to my wonderful co-leader, Karen Minery, who I am anxious to continue working with during both our daughter's Girl Scouting experience.

Junior Troop 2641

Sue Kowalski and Annette Blake

The girls in Troop 2641 have been busy with community service projects. They helped the Maxfield Library staff move the children's books to the new Children's Room in May. In June, they provided a water station for the Angel 5K Run/Walk in Penacook. They did a great job despite the pouring rain. They celebrated their last meeting with a chocolate fountain fondue thanks to Colby. A trip to Polar Caves in mid-June finished off the year. The ten members of the troop crossed the bridge to Cadettes at the year-end ceremony on June 12. We hope the girls who are staying in Scouting will continue to have wonderful experiences and that the girls who are not continuing will always have fond memories of their years in Girl Scouting.

Brownie Troop 45

Michele Holbrook, Linda Elkins, and Lysa Crouch

Our troop has been up to a lot this past month or so. We went to Boutwell's Bowling Center for a pizza/glow bowling party, as this is

what the girls decided to do with some of their profit from the cookie sale. What a great time they had bowling that night. The girls also finished work on two Try-its, "Penny Power" and "Hobbies." This brings the total to six Try-its they were able to complete this Girl Scout year on top of the many service projects the troop accomplished and events they attended.

Our final troop outing was a photo scavenger hunt. We had three teams, each of which consisted of two parents and three girls. All teams had a two hour time limit to locate and photograph various items, from a list given, throughout Loudon and Concord. Not only was this event a lot of fun but it was also a great teambuilding experience. Quite honestly, the parents had as much fun as the girls and everyone wants to do this event next year. Following the hunt, the leaders of Troop 45 held a luncheon for all participants. Burgers and hot dogs were on the menu with "make your own" ice cream sundaes for dessert. Thanks go to Peter & Lysa Crouch for organizing this awesome event and Russell & Linda Elkins for hosting the delicious luncheon at their home.

Troop 45 would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our troop sponsor, Susan Yardley, Ph.D. of Nashua, who allowed us use of her copy machine this past Girl Scout year for our troop's copying needs. Whew! It's hard to believe the Girl Scout year is over already, we accomplished so much. Thank you, girls of Troop 45, you have made a positive difference in our lives and we look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Junior Troop 361

Samantha French

Troop 361 just finished an exciting year!!! We completed 9 badges as a troop and 3 girls, Taylor Rioux, Haley Parent, and Avery Henderson even earned badges on their own time. We also had 3 girls with perfect attendance — they were Carly Colby, Haley Parent, and Taylor Rioux.

We completed 8 community service projects including working at the blood drive and a bake sale with funds going to the NH flood victims. We took many fun field trips including making friendship bracelets at Bead-it in Concord and visiting clay artist Melissa Zych's pottery studio in Deerfield. We earned money by selling nuts and candy in the fall and by selling cookies in the spring. We learned many new things and made new friends. We learned the importance of the Girl Scout law and how to apply it to our daily life.

We have big plans for next year starting with a BIG trip to Boston, lots more badges and definitely more community service projects. I would personally like to thank Barbara Parent for assisting me, Lisa Radcliffe for being my "Cookie Mom," Laurie Cowan for

being my "Nut Mom," and all the Moms who helped out at a meeting or drove for a field trip. Also thank you to Carly, Avery, Olivia, Haley, Alyssa, Taylor, Emily and Alyssa for a fun filled year of Girl Scouts!!!! See you in September!!!

Brownie Troop 300

Amanda Masse & Michele Paquette

The girls of Loudon Girl Scout Brownie Troop #300 rounded out their year with some great activities! First we would like to thank NH Fish & Game Wildlife Biologist Julie Robinson for sharing her knowledge and love of the outdoors with the girls in our troop. Julie led our expedition to explore the underwater life in the frog pond with our water snoopers. We quickly learned that 12 girls and 5 adults trampling through the woods are certain to scare away any and all wildlife within a 10-mile radius. The girls did learn about the habitats, diet and lifecycles of various species of Loudon wildlife. Thank you again to Mrs. Robinson for being such a great role model for the girls in town.

Troop #300 participated in the Memorial Day Parade marching alongside our fellow Loudon Girl Scout troops. Following the parade we met up with Troop #45 to complete the hiking requirement for our Lost! But Found Safe patch program by hiking up Oak Hill. Everyone overcame their apprehension and climbed the Oak Hill Fire Tower. Forest Fire Warden Fred was there to share with us his job duties and explained to the girls how he uses maps and tools to report fires to the fire department. A great big thank you to Mr. Fred for showing us around the tower and to Mr. Gerry Bean who allowed us to park and safely gather off the road on his property before and after the hike.

We met with the Daisies of Troop 955 and made gold and silver friendship pins. As the song goes, "make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold..." We certainly did make new friends! The girls enjoyed learning about what the Daisies have done this year and sharing our troop's accomplishments. We rounded out the year with our Steele Hill Resort pool & pizza party. The girls had a blast and we would like to again thank Allen Hillman for being our lifeguard for the event.

The girls completed requirements for eleven Try-its this year and participated in four different community service projects. We had many field trips and learning adventures and the troop has great plans for when we start back up in the beginning of September. We would like to send out a huge thank you to those parents that volunteered as chaperones, helped with events or cookie sales during this past year. We greatly appreciate your volunteering and look forward to having a very suc-



Six members of Girl Scout Troop 2641 helped the staff of the Maxfield Library move the children's collection downstairs to the new Children's Room on May 21. It took about four hours on a Sunday afternoon to move the books "bucket brigade" style out the hall and down the stairs. Pictured are Sara, Elizabeth, and Chantal. Not pictured are Noelle, Rachel, and Colby.

cessful second year. Don't forget to cheer for us in the grand parade at the Loudon Old Home Day on the Loudon Girl Scout float. Have a great summer!

Brownie Troop 2651

Heather Herter and Darlene Conte

We had a great year with an awesome group of girls. We can't believe it is over already. Our troop ended our year together with a fantastic pizza/pool party at Steele Hill Resort. A great time was had by all! A great big thank you is sent out to Allen Hillman for life guarding our event — we couldn't have had it without him.

Darlene and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their help. Whether you provided snack or drove and accompanied us on trips, we appreciate it immensely. Parent involvement is a crucial part of scouting and we could not do it without your support.

We are sad to leave some of our troop behind as we move up to a different level next year. To those that remain in Brownies, we hope your next year in scouting is a great one. We are really looking forward to our first year as Junior Girl Scouts.

Our troop would like to thank the community for all your support. We had a great cookie booth sale back in March. We enjoy seeing everyone at the parades cheering us on and waving. We hope to see you at the Old Home Day Parade.

Darlene and I want to wish the members of our troop a very fun and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you this fall at scouting events.

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Town News

Michelle Drago

Did you catch our impressive showing at the Memorial Day Parade? In case you missed us, you can see us again in the Old Home Day Parade in August. We hope to have a float this year, but we need help from parents!

Our 3rd Bridging Ceremony was held on Monday, June 12th at the Loudon Elementary School. Michele Paquette, our 20-year veteran Girl Scout, prepared the Opening/Flag ceremony and the caller, Madeline Jacquith, did a fabulous job. All girls recited the Girl Scout Promise while Carly Colby read the Law. Awards, pins, patches, and membership stars were then presented to all girls.

Next came the official crossing over the bridge where some girls move on to the next level. Brownies entering 4th grade were welcomed across the bridge (as Juniors) by Troop 361 while Juniors in Troop 2641 were greeted (as Cadettes) by incoming leader Christine Campbell.

Although the most significant part of our program was the "bridging" and "flying up" of girls moving on to the next level, the "Daisy Bake Off" was, without a doubt, the highlight of the evening. Daisy Troop 955 was put into a mixing bowl, then the oven, and baked...into Brownies! The girls could be heard giggling and the entire oven (tent) shook as the excited girls changed from their blue Daisy tunics into Brownie vests. Proud girls emerged as new Brownies and chefs Christine Campbell and Karen Minery looked priceless in their chef attire!

Awards for perfect attendance were given and recognitions to several people were made, including all those that helped during cookie delivery. Our traditional closing included the Friendship Circle. The evening ended with refreshments.

An astonishing 72 girls and 21 adults are registered Girl Scouts in Loudon. While we currently have 6 troops, we are striving to make it to 7 next year. We need your help!! We are always looking for volunteers. Positions of need include parade float helpers, a Fall Product Sale Delivery Manager, an assistant leader for Troop 361, and a

leader for Daisies. Dads, you are just as important, too! We are also looking for camping equipment, new or gently used. Please contact me at moofns@comcast.net or at 783-4685 if you are interested in helping out!

And speaking of helping out, the following people must be recognized and thanked for their contributions to the Loudon Girl Scouts for the 2005-2006 year. First, we would like to thank Sue Kowalski for her 7 years of dedication as a leader, and Annette Blake, who is also leaving her leadership position this year. Lee Laughlin and Bev Muse provided us with copies for our bridging ceremony. Cookie "moms" this year included Lisa Radcliffe, Linda Elkins, Fran Brown, Annette Blake, and Michele Paquette. These generous folks were recognized at the ceremony.

Our Service Team consists of Mark Herter (who is the only registered male Girl Scout in town) as Troop Trip Coordinator and Barbara Parent is our Orientation Coordinator. Last year's Fall Product Sale Delivery Manager was Laurie Cowan. Lee Laughlin has agreed to take on the role of Secretary, and Margaret Hillman will be training as Assistant Service Unit Manager. Sue Kowalski is leaving as Registrar but Amanda Masse has offered to take over that position.

Our town sponsors this year include: Campbell Property Maintenance, Faith Community Bible Church, Epoch Homes, Harry O. Electric, Ivory Rose, Just Wash It, Loudon Elementary School, Loudon Fire Station, Maxfield Public Library, TD Bank North, and *The Loudon Ledger*. Thank you all for your outstanding generosity!

Finally, I would like to thank my leaders, who have done a fabulous job this year for the girls of Loudon. Our Daisy leaders are Christine Campbell and Karen Minery, the Brownie leaders are Heather Herter, Darlene Conte, Michele Holbrook, Linda Elkins, Lysa Crouch, Amanda Masse, and Michele Paquette, and the Junior leaders are Samantha French, Sue Kowalski, and Annette Blake. You have worked as a great team this year — thank you!

Have a great summer! ■



Troop 45 Bake Sale Successful

Loudon Brownie Troop 45 wishes to thank all those who braved the pouring rain to come to our bake sale we held on Saturday, May 13th.

We raised \$150.00 selling our delicious goodies!! Our troop will be making a donation to the Loudon Food Pantry and the Children's Room at the Maxfield Public Library.

Thank you for your support! We truly appreciate it!

Michele Holbrook, Troop 45 Leader ■



Sue Kowalski was honored for her seven years as a leader with a scrumptious cake.

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REMEMBERING NATHANIEL TROW

By Michael Harris

Loudon's rich and colorful history includes many interesting, amusing and inspiring folks. Remembering residents of times gone by enriches our lives today. Memories contribute to our understanding of many varied aspects of life in Our Fine Town.

NATHANIEL TROW was a colorful Loudon character and a person who is a part of Loudon history. Nathaniel's life shows us some of what once was life in Loudon.

In truth, Nathaniel lived two lives (as perhaps many of us) — his "working" life, and his life of character, memory and spirit.

Nathaniel's working life tale is simple: working in the woods, dairy farm hand (back in the 1950s, when there were many dairy cow herds in Loudon), and later, as an older man, living the simplest of the simple life high atop Loudon Ridge.

"He's just an old hermit" a neighbor once commented. True — in a way — but also "an ounce of truth missing a pound of story." Nathaniel was so much more...

True, Old Nathaniel did live alone on Loudon Ridge, and he did not see nor care to see or to entertain very many people. But Nathaniel did not always live that way. In fact, Nathaniel lived a life rich in travel, experience, studies — including natural sciences and literature — and perhaps most important to him, long reflections from a high vantage upon life, history, and

the meanings of our existence here on earth.

"I'm going up," Nathaniel told me one day, standing outside in his tiny Loudon Ridge homestead, finger pointing to the blue sky, one day shortly before he died.

But before that day, inside his small cabin by the warmth of the woodstove fire in the rain or snow, or outside enjoying the splendor of his Loudon Ridge views on fine weather days, Nathaniel told many another story...

Nathaniel said he was named for his association with the author Nathaniel Hawthorne and that Nathaniel was born in the house that is known to be the inspiration for the author's famous novel "The House of the Seven Gables." He knew the story well.

Nathaniel's mother was, as he said, a "full-blooded Indian" of a New England-based tribe — tall and light-skinned, he said. So Nathaniel was surprised to meet Indians of the Southwest: "Apaches" he exclaimed. "Why they're as black as mahogany!"

As a youth, Nathaniel belonged to a sort of scouting organization which did what we today call community service at what was then called the Old Soldier's Home. While Nathaniel was making up firewood for the veterans, he had many a chance to hear the Civil War soldiers' tales. Nathaniel told of one veteran who, lying wounded in a field hospital, received one of President Abraham Lincoln's famous hospital visits.

President Lincoln shook the soldier's hand, and the elderly Civil War veteran shook Nathaniel's hand — and upon telling me this story, Nathaniel shook my hand.

Thankfully, I suppose this makes me the Man Who Shook the Hand of the Man Who Shook the Hand of the Man Who Shook the Hand of President Abraham Lincoln.

I'm happy to pass it on.

Like many of our forebears who lived in the outdoors, Nathaniel "didn't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows." He was keenly aware of weather patterns, and like many of his day, could read the weather in the wind and the sky.

One day I visited near the end of a long winter, cheered by the sun's warmth and the early thaw. "It's Spring, Mr. Trow!" I exclaimed. He looked at me severely:

"Don't be too sure," he said gravely, shaking a finger in the air. "There's one more storm in this winter yet." Sure enough, a few days later the ground was covered in the season's final snow.

One rainy day my Dad and I visited Nathaniel in his cabin, and by the woodstove fire, the Old Hermit and the

Old Soldier swapped stories and traded tales — Nathaniel's hand-washed long underwear hanging nearby to dry by the fire. Thereafter, they always asked of one another, and remembered each other well.

Nathaniel was very particular about his diet, and ate only the same few foods each day. He favored oats over wheat ("too acid," he said, and many nutritionists say that's right) non-fat powdered milk, peanut butter, and honey — not much else. Nathaniel did supplement his diet with the wild stawberries, raspberries, apples, herbs and greens, and other seasonal foods that grew around his land — and the occasional treat...

One day I drove Nathaniel on a car trip to purchase some supplies — a rare experience for him. Along with groceries, we purchased ice cream cones. As we cruised along Route 106 Nathaniel ate his ice cream with relish. "Look Mr. Trow," I said, thinking to excite the mostly-sedentary gent, "We're going 60 miles an hour!"

"Is that all?" he replied, absorbed with his cone, "Go faster!"

Nathaniel drew his water by bucket from a sweet, hand-dug well he maintained at the high point of his land, and in winter he got his water by heating pots filled with snow.

Nathaniel heated his cabin only by wood, and he also cut all of his wood by hand with axe and saw. I have never seen woodpiles so neat as Nathaniel's — always covered from the weather, perfectly stacked, the lengths all the same, with faces as straight, plumb, and smooth as a well-built wall.

Like many of the Old Folks, Nathaniel was taught to do his work with care.

His skills with tools went beyond the woodpile. Nathaniel also did hand-mowing with a scythe — a once-common summertime country chore that is nearly a lost art today.

Nathaniel always carried his axe when he walked in the woods — wood-cutting or not — "In case I meet a bear" he said.

Nathaniel said he did not marry or have children. His companions were nature's creatures — and the vast amount of reading material that lined the walls of his cabin.

And he was a man of contemplation. One Thanksgiving, thinking of Nathaniel alone on the holiday, I hiked



to his home to bring a bit of Thanksgiving dinner.

"I don't celebrate Thanksgiving" he said, noting his Indian heritage, and explaining the sad Native American view of the arrival of the Pilgrims to this land.

(A pause for thought: Once, many Indians lived in Loudon. What happened?)

Nathaniel lived on Loudon Ridge with no electricity or telephone, with only a woodstove for heat and cooking, his home lighted only by sunshine and flame.

There came a winter when Nathaniel was ailing, and to Nathaniel, doctors and hospitalization were "out of the question." Instead, Nathaniel decided to "go up."

A cold day found his cabin unheated. "I don't want a fire," he said. That night, ever the gentlemen, he lay down, covered himself, and alone, went into The Big Sleep.

Nathaniel's cabin still stands, right next to Loudon Ridge cemetery — which bothered him not at all. Nathaniel was very comfortable with the presence of spirit, death, and life in the natural world, which Nathaniel lived to the fullest, by his own lights — though at times, wringing his hands over what he saw as greed in modern society.

"My mother taught me," he said, "that the worst fish is SELF-ish"

I am thankful to have known Nathaniel, and to have had the opportunity to learn from him. Like many other Loudon residents of times gone by, his memory and his lessons can be a treasure to future generations.

There is so much interesting to know about our Loudon history and the people who live and have lived in Our Fine Town. Do invest time to talk with your neighbors!

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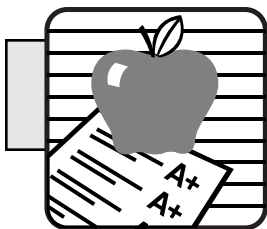
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MVHS News

Construction Update

Hutter Construction is very busy with the HS additions and renovation work. The locker rooms were gutted over April vacation, and the footings for the new science wing are being established. The foundation for the new Wood Chip Heating Plant has been poured behind the high school, and we expect to have it ready to heat the HS/MS by next fall. We have moved a few classes to accommodate the work, and have closed one stairwell in a work zone. Students have been wonderful with the changes, and the staff are doing all they can to not let the work impact learning.

Questions or concerns about the construction project should be directed

to Dr. Jette at 753-4311 or mjette@mv.k12.nh.us.

National Honor Society

The following students were inducted on April 20 into the National Honor Society at MV: Ricardo Bau, Victoria Brocious, Danielle Cate, Leah Ceriello, Scott Colby, Matt Coll, Scott Flewelling, Patrick Gamble, Stephen Jewell, Bryan Mann, Monica Matthews, Lindsay McCoo, Jeff Moore, Becky Niebling, Sean Peick, Ellen Peterson, Chrissy Raby, Betsy Renauld, Chelsea Tierney. Congratulations to this exceptional group of MVHS students! ■



5th Grade Ice Cream Social

The 5th graders at Loudon Elementary School enjoyed their first "Moving Up To Middle School" celebration on Wednesday, June 14th.

The event was a great success and I'm sure that most of the kids didn't even notice the brief rain that passed through — the kickball game must go on!

The celebration began with a few words from Principal, Tom Lalilberte and quickly moved on to ice cream being served by the famous Arnie's Ice Cream. There were banners with warm wishes and balloons everywhere, thanks to The Jackson Team, Northern European Automotive, and Comi's Hallmark. Dave Graham provided a great musical backdrop while the kids enjoyed popcorn, limbo, sack races, jumping in puddles, and of course, the all-important kickball game!

The night concluded with the 5th grade students releasing a balloon symbolizing their "moving on and spreading their wings." It was a great way to end the night and very moving for a lot of parents as we all watched these balloons disappear into the sky while listening to the graduation song in the background.

This event was organized and funded by 5th grade parents and we truly want to thank everybody who donated their time and money. You helped make this event memorable. ■

Elementary School News

Kindergarten Registration

Did you miss the Kindergarten Registration at Loudon Elementary? It's not too late! Children must be age 5 on or before September 30th. For additional information please call Mrs. Muzzey at 783-4400.

Important Dates

- August 30** First day of school
- September 1** School closed for Labor Day
- September 4** School closed for Labor Day

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

Sign Up and Take Hunter Ed This Summer

It's prime time to get in a hunter education class. If you're looking to purchase your first hunting license in New Hampshire, you are required to complete a hunter education course before you can hunt. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers hunter and bowhunter education classes around the state, as well as trapper education. To find a class, visit <http://www.HuntNH.com> or call (603) 271-3214.

"This is the busy season for hunter education. If you're thinking about going hunting this fall and need to take a hunter education class, you better sign up soon," said Tom Flynn, Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game.

The basic Hunter Education course averages about 16 hours of classroom instruction and field experiences, often including firing on a shooting range. Courses are taught by trained, certified volunteer instructors according to national guidelines and state standards. They cover safe firearms handling; wildlife ID; game trailing, recovery and care; hunter ethics; outdoor safety and survival skills; and map and compass skills.

Each year, Fish and Game holds about 130 classes for basic hunter, bowhunter and trapper education around the state, taught by more than 550 trained volunteer instructors. About half of the classes for 2006 have already been completed. More than 3,000 people participate in hunter education each year.

Hunter Education instruction and course materials are provided free of charge, though some classes may charge a nominal fee to cover the use of facilities. To receive a certificate of completion in basic hunter education or bowhunter education, participants must be at least 12 years old by the end of the course.

"Over the years, New Hampshire's Hunter Education Program — coupled with the voluntary use of blaze-orange clothing — has dramatically reduced the number of hunting-related firearms incidents in the field," said Flynn.

In addition to traditional classes, Fish and Game offers a home-study option for completing the hunter education requirement. This option takes about the same amount of time as a classroom course, but preparation is done at home, then participants attend a required field day involving a written exam and field skills testing. There are specific deadlines for signing up for the home study option, and space is limited. For a list of home study sessions, call (603) 271-3214 or visit the Fish and Game website at http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_home_study.htm.

Hunter Education courses provided by Fish and Game are funded by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program.

For more information on hunter education in New Hampshire, visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm or call (603) 271-3214. ■



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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, May 9, 2006

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles and Ives. Selectman Maxfield is out of town this evening. Also present are Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, Road Agent David Rice, Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Bob Ordway Planning Board Representative, and David Powelson Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 2, 2006 as written. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles convened the Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske presented three hawkers and peddlers applications. Number 1 is for Brookside Mall, specifically for the July and September Nextel Cup races. The application is for six vendor spaces, the same as in past years. Mr. Fiske reminded those present that there is also a parking permit in place to allow parking of cars in available spaces on race day. He said everything went well last year and has no problems with the application. Chairman Bowles questioned any safety concerns for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Fiske said there were no problems.

Mr. Fiske stated the second application is for Loudon Youth Athletic Association for 3ft x 5ft banners at Staniels Road Ball Field, with no more than 15 banners allowed. The banners contain no advertising for alcohol or tobacco. Mr. Fiske requested the fees be waived, as in the past.

Chairman Bowles stated everything appears to be in order.

The third application is for Dudley's Ice Cream. The application is the same as in past years with the exception that they have requested one of the spaces, on the garage side, to be used up to seven days per week for a food vendor. Chairman Bowles questioned if this was during race weeks only or for the entire summer. Mr. Fiske said it was for the summer. Chairman Bowles asked for a comparison to The Smoke Shack regarding the permitted hours. Mr. Fiske said this was a state pre-requisite and no longer applies. Selectman Ives questioned whether

just anyone could set up at Dudley's if this was approved. Mr. Fiske replied that the vendor would have to supply the Town with a state hawkers and peddler's license as well.

The Board discussed the vacant administrative assistant position. Chairman Bowles said he would like to have both Planning Board and Zoning Board Chairmen included in the interview process.

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

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

Chief Fiske presented two pistol permits for approval.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed the tractor he is interested in purchasing. *Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Road Agent David Rice to purchase a tractor trailer for \$4,300, with the funds to come from line item #01-43241-600-666 and 01-43241-600-670. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Mr. Rice advised the Board the bearing for the grader has arrived but they have also determined that there is metal in the transmission so this will have to be removed. Chairman Bowles stated he reviewed the prior repairs to the grader. Mr. Rice said they think the problem is a bearing but they are still researching the issue.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the crew is patching holes and cleaning culverts. The street sweeper is also scheduled for this week.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed the cemetery maintenance bid specification and discussed a proposed meeting for Thursday, May 18 at 4:00 P.M. to review any proposals received.

The Board was presented with a check for \$1,922 from Property-Liability Trust to cover replacement of the voting booths at the Town Hall. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the withdrawal of \$1,000 from the contingency fund to cover the deductible amount for replacement of the voting booths*

for the Town Hall. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged a memo received from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding tax map 20, lot 070.

The Board acknowledged a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding the Discretionary Preservation Easement application scheduled for public hearing on May 23rd.

The Board was provided with correspondence regarding a joint meeting with Merrimack Valley School Board on May 24 at Loudon Elementary School.

The Board acknowledged Fire Chief Jeff Burr's certificate of achievement for emergency management training.

The Board noted receipt of a copy of the Fire Department radio grant award from Department of Safety. The department will receive 34 radios under this grant.

The Board reviewed the request for reimbursement forms prepared for use by the administrator of the NH Citizens Corps, Theresa Barton. Funds will come from the \$1,000 administrative grant received by the Town. The Board approved the use of these forms.

Chairman Bowles discussed the release of sealed minutes from the executive session meeting minutes of April 18, 2006, as the reasons stated did not meet the criteria set forth in RSA 91-A:3 for a non-public meeting. *Selectman Ives moved to release minutes from the executive session dated April 18, 2006. Second by Chairman Bowles. Chairman Bowles will release the minutes in draft form within 72 hours. The minutes will be approved at the next regular Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Maxfield must be present in order to formally approve the minutes as Chairman Bowles was not in*

attendance at that meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Firefighter/EMT Bill Lake from the audience.

Mr. Lake advised the Board that as an employee of the Fire Department he had received his copy of the revised personnel policy. He questioned the section of annual leave, which states 5/12 days for the first year, 10/12 days for the second year and 15/12 day after five years. He said the section is confusing because the firefighter/EMT's work 12 hour shifts instead of 8 hour shifts. Mr. Lake said he had contacted surrounding towns to see how they calculate annual leave. Chairman Bowles said the Selectmen did not change this section in this revision. He said the same formula from the original policy was carried over. Selectman Ives said he understood the concerns of the firefighters. Chairman Bowles said he did not recall discussions on this subject, but the Board will discuss it further when Selectman Maxfield returns.

John Plummer was recognized from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked about the start of construction on the Soucook River Bridge. Chairman Bowles stated Selectman Maxfield has been handling this project. The Board will try and have additional information available next week.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:48 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 Minutes — Tuesday, May 16, 2006

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles and Ives. Selectman Maxfield was not in attendance for this meeting. Selectman Bowles said there were no department heads present.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 9, 2006 as written. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles stated that two pistol permits were signed for approval.

The Selectman began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports for their review.

The Board was provided with a copy of RSA 32:11 relating to emergency expenditures.

The Board was presented with an email sent to Senator Flanders regarding the damage sustained from floodwaters within the Town. Senator Flanders had requested this assessment.

The Board reviewed a list of street names for the Villages at Loudon project. The developer and Concord Post Office have both approved this list. The Board concurred that this list is acceptable.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a memo from October regarding the annual leave and sick time accruals for employees who work more than a 40-hour workweek. The Board agreed that the wording in the personnel policy would be clarified to state

these accruals are based on a 40-hour workweek.

The Board received a memo from Tony Puntin of The Louis Berger Group regarding the Thistle subdivision on Young's Hill Road.

The Board reviewed past due ambulance bills. Selectman Ives moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection, Account #38271 for \$95.92 and Account # 33180 for \$632.30. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged two certificates of participation for classes attended by Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

The Board received copies of the April property transfers.

The Board received information on "tin ceilings" regarding the reconstruction project at the Town Hall. Chairman Bowles said he would forward this information to the Church Trustees.

Selectman Ives moved to commit the 2006 Spring Tax Warrant to the Tax Collector. Second by Chairman Bowles. We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us

Next Deadline:

Friday, July 14 for the August Issue



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God. To: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon New Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of \$4,207,163.00 and with interest at twelve percent per annum from July 1, 2006 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that date. And we further order you to pay all monies collected to the Treasurer of said town at least on a weekly basis when receipts exceed \$500.00 or more often when directed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire this sixteenth day of May in 2006.

Chairman Bowles said the executive session meeting minutes of April 18, 2006 would remain as draft minutes until Selectman Maxfield's return, as Chairman Bowles was not in attendance at that meeting and cannot sign the minutes as presented.

Chairman Bowles noted that the Board is forwarding a letter to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration requesting authorization to over spend the road repair and maintenance appropriation due to the flooding emergency. This is in accordance with RSA 32:11.

Chairman Bowles advised those present that three bids have been received for cemetery maintenance. The bids will be opened tonight but the Selectmen will meet Thurs-

day, May 18, 4:00 P.M. for further consideration. Jeff Mayer asked for the time of the Thursday meeting. Chairman Bowles noted the bids would be taken under advisement at this time.

Chairman Bowles advised those present that an additional proposal for work at the Town Hall has been received from Target. There are some beams that are rotted and some foundation work to be done. Chairman Bowles said that because this repair work is structural and not related to the fire damage, the Church has agreed to share the cost. *Selectman Ives moved to accept the proposal from Target to repair the kitchen floor, install new footings in basement, install metal support posts on top of footings, and install structural support posts from the first floor to bell tower. The total price being \$9,250.00, the Town's share being \$4,625.00. Funds to be withdrawn from the building maintenance fund and if needed from the contingency fund. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Earl Schoonmaker was recognized from the audience. He stated that he had lost his culverts from the storm damage and inquired if there was any assistance available from the Town or FEMA. Chairman Bowles stated there would not be any assistance available from the Town, but Mr. Schoonmaker should follow up on possible assistance through FEMA or the state. Chairman Bowles offered his appreciation

to Bob Fiske for his diligence in involving the Town in the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Schoonmaker also presented the Board with an emergency wetlands permit to begin reconstruction of his culverts.

Chairman Bowles offered the Board's thanks and appreciation for all of the volunteers who have helped throughout the community during the flooding, the highway crew for the long hours they have put in, the police department and fire department for their added efforts, and to the contractors

who have assisted the Town with equipment and hauling materials to repair the roads. He also asked that everyone continue to have patience during this disaster.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:46 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*

**Next Deadline:
Friday, July 14
for the August Issue**

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, May 18, 2006

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the bids received for cemetery maintenance.

Chairman Bowles stated that three bids have been received:

Diane's Yard Maintenance submitted a bid with an hourly rate of \$10 per hour.

Hook & Rake Property Maintenance Company for a total of \$6,600.

BMC General Contractors for a total of \$9,230.

Selectman Maxfield acknowledged Jeff Mayer of Hook & Rake Property Maintenance Company from the audience. Mr. Mayer explained that he was a Loudon resident. He also stated he was a full time Laco- nia Fire Fighter. Mr. Mayer said he does the lawn care maintenance on the side. He stated he also had experience with cemetery maintenance and takes pride in his work to

ensure the cemeteries are kept properly. Selectman Bowles asked if Mr. Mayer would be able to get the cemeteries in shape prior to Memorial Day, and apologized for the lateness of getting the bid awarded. Mr. Mayer said if he was awarded the bid he could begin on Monday. He said he has visited the various cemeteries and it will take additional time the first mowing.

Selectman Ives moved to award the 2006 cemetery maintenance contract to Hook & Rake Property Maintenance Company (estimate #102) for \$6,600. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 4:12 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*

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

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

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 16, 2006 as written. Second by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield abstained, as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Thursday, May 18, 2006 as written. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles discussed the release of the executive session meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives.* Raymond Cummings asked the Board to review those present at this meeting. David Rice and David Moody were not included in those present. Mr. Cummings also addressed paragraph three of the minutes regarding the entire operation being located on the Moody property, paragraph five and paragraph six regarding Selectman's Maxfield statement and the Town's liability. The Board assured Mr. Cummings it has been decided that the Town will not be going forward with this project. The permit filed with Department of Environmental Services is for the septage lagoons only. *Selectman Ives moved to amend the Executive Session Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006 to include*

David Rice and Dave Moody as present at that meeting. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles stated that the approved minutes of the regular meeting of April 18 would also have to be amended.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr thanked the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Department for all the help his department received during the recent flooding. He said he felt all of the departments worked really well together. Chairman Bowles said he felt the community pulled together during this situation, which enabled the town personnel to get the job done. He commended everyone for their efforts.

Chairman Bowles stated for the record two pistol permits were signed for approval.

The Board began their review of correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of weekly expenditure reports.

The Board received correspondence from town counsel regarding a road agreement for the subdivision road over Wayne Thistle's land. Selectman Ives said he would like to see a time-frame incorporated into the agreement. Chairman Bowles said he felt this has been dealt with in the current wording of the agreement. Chairman Bowles acknowledged Mr. Thistle's assistance during this crisis. Chairman Bowles requested Office Manager Jean Lee to contact Attorney Mayer to finalize the agreement for signature.

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The Board reviewed the emergency authorizations for dredge and fill work at Cross Brook Road and Chichester Road. It is agreed that an extension will be sought as the current authorizations expire June 2. This will not allow enough time for this work to be completed.

The Board reviewed a copy of the letter sent to Clinton and John Shaw to request the use of their log landing for material and equipment storage during the re-construction of the Chichester Road Bridge.

The Board reviewed a map of an upcoming motorcycle race through Loudon. The Board wants the promoter to be aware of the conditions on Wiggins Road.

The Board acknowledged a reminder of the meeting with Merrimack Valley School Board at Loudon Elementary on Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Town Counsel regarding Kinkade Haven. Chairman Bowles said this situation was resolved at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday evening. He hopes the resolution is to everyone's satisfaction.

The Board was reminded of a Thursday meeting with Melcher Prescott regarding the Town's health insurance renewal.

The Board began the public hearing to review the discretionary preservation easement applications received from Earl and Alice Tuson. Chairman Bowles asked the applicants to come forward at this time.

Chairman Bowles stated this hearing is to determine the eligibility under RSA 79:B Discretionary Preservation Easements for preserving historical and agricultural structures. He stated Mr. Tuson has applied for easements on three of his buildings. Chairman Bowles reviewed the guidelines for approving a discretionary preservation easement. Chairman Bowles recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill said he understood the scale used is 25% to 75% reduction of assessed value. Chairman Bowles said that is correct. Mr. Merrill said given the historic value of this property he feels the easement should be the maximum 75%. Colin Cabot said this property functioned as the Loudon Town Center and has significant historical value. Chairman Bowles said if no further questions, the hearing will be closed to the public and opened to the Board for further discussion.

Selectman Maxfield said he could not agree more with the comments made and moved to approve the discretionary preservation easement for Earl and Alice Tuson on tax map 25, lot 006 at the rate of 75% reduction in assessed value. Second by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles noted that an easement will be drafted and recorded with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds and Mr. Tuson will be responsible for these fees. Mr. Tuson noted that the Board must decide on a time-frame. He then asked for a longer period than the recommended 10 years. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend his motion to include a time-frame of ten (10) years, and allow for further review at that time. Second by Selectman Ives. Chairman Maxfield said there are three applications before the board, for the barn, carriage house, and cider mill. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles then closed the public hearing and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board would now meet with the Trustees of the Trust Funds regarding the 2005 audit.

Tom McCue, Howard Pearl and Diane Bullock are here to discuss the letter they received from the Selectmen. Tom McCue said he would like the following included in the record of this meeting: "March 28, 2006, Thomas F. McCue 7062 Oak Hill Road, Loudon NH 03307 RE: 2005 Town Auditor's Report. Dear Tom, The Selectmen are troubled with our auditor's discoveries that records of the Trustees of the Trust Funds accounting practices are inadequate. Posting of the year's transactions for the trust funds and capital reserve funds was not completed prior to submitting your report to the town's auditor for review. Mr. Mercier has advised us that he explained this deficiency to Mr. McCue and that he made recommendations on how future transactions should be handled. It has also come to our attention that the Selectmen's Office has not received meeting minutes of the Trustee's annual meeting for at least the past two years. We also have concerns that some expenses for cemetery maintenance exceeded the interest income available to pay the expense. A contributing factor may have been that the transaction postings were not up to date. You were elected, and sworn to accomplish all tasks associated with your positions. Anything less than full and proper administration of your duties is unacceptable. We request that you address in writing

what corrective action has been taken to insure proper accounting practices in the future. Sincerely, Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman, Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman." Mr. McCue said their response is as follows: "Dear Board of Selectmen, We write in response to your letter concerning alleged inadequacies of our accounting practices. As elected officials, we must question your authority to make such allegations against other elected officials. Further, we question the facts upon which you may be relying. Also, we are concerned by the staleness of your allegations, as many of these issues were resolved when they arose in August 2005 and in July 2004. According to your letter, dated March 28, 2006, transactions to the cemetery trust funds and capital reserve funds were not posted as of the date of the auditor's review. Please advise us as to any deposits received from Cemetery Trustees that were not made, as well as any transfers from capital reserve funds that were not made. We know of no such incomplete deposits or transfers. As you are aware, the New Hampshire Legislature established the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NH PDIP), beginning on January 1, 1992, for the purpose of investing funds of the state and funds under the custody of governmental units and political subdivisions, as well as other entities. The public deposit investment pool is operated under contract with a private investment advisor, MBIA, Municipal Investors Services Corporation. The Town of Loudon Trust Funds are invested in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool. Deposits received from Cemetery Trustees are mailed to the banking institution and completed contribution forms are sent via fax to MBIA. A Transaction Confirmation is sent by MBIA via email. Trustee Thomas McCue saves these items on his computer. He also prints the Transaction Confirmation and keeps these hard copies in binders. Transfers from Capital Reserve Funds to the General Fund are initiated when the Trustees receive a written request from the Board of Selectmen. A completed Transfer Form is sent via fax to MBIA, and a Transaction Confirmation is received via email. These emails are also saved, printed and stored as hard copies. Monthly Account Statements, Economic Commentary and notices are sent by MBIA via email. Trustee Thomas McCue saves these items on his computer and forwards the Capital Reserve Funds Account Statements to the Selectmen's office via email. He also prints the Statements and keeps these hard copies in binders. The issue raised in the Auditor's report on August 23, 2005 had to do with the Trustees' Report published in the Town Report. In past year, the spreadsheet used for the Trustee Report was kept on a red floppy disk. According to Trustee Howard Pearl, this spreadsheet is also contained on the Town Office staff computer. For the audit for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, Trustee Thomas McCue delivered to the auditor the two three ring binders containing all the records for FY 2004-2005 in the Trustees' possession. Trustee Thomas McCue mistakenly thought the Town Office staff had the red floppy disk. He also mistakenly thought the Auditor was responsible for generating the report, since Trustee McCue had never generated the report and was

unaware of any Trustee doing so. Trustee Howard Pearl recalls a representative of NH PDIP originally creating the spreadsheet used for the report. He also recalls the Town office staff preparing the report in the past. Upon learning that the staff did not have the disk and that the auditor was not responsible for the report, Trustee McCue went home, found the disk and created the report. The next day, Trustee McCue returned to the Town offices to deliver the disk and the report to the auditor. The auditor informed Trustee McCue that he (the auditor) had done the report himself. At the conclusion of the audit, Trustee McCue met with the auditor. The auditor explained why it was not appropriate for the auditor to generate the Trustee's Report. He also pointed out an issue with the fact that there was a difference in rounding digits between the bank statements and the spreadsheet. He pointed out that he had mentioned this rounding issue the previous year. The auditor commented that if the Trustees did not have the time or the expertise to correct any issues, they should consider hiring an accountant. The Trustees do not think such an expense to the taxpayers is warranted. The auditor went on to make suggestions about the conduct of meetings, minutes of meetings, as well as training courses for Trustees. The Trustees have adopted those suggestions deemed appropriate. As to your inquiry regarding minutes of Trustees' meetings, as elected officials we are concerned with such a request. Nevertheless, attached are copies of minutes of the Annual Meeting held on December 18, 2003 and the Annual Meeting held on March 22, 2005 as approved on February 20, 2006. Also attached are Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on February 20, 2006. If the Selectmen, the auditor, or any other parties are concerned about the Trustees activities or the conduct of our meetings, they should plan on attending our Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Center. Your letter also raised a concern regarding the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. As you are aware, the Board of Selectmen requested in a letter dated June 15, 2004, that the sum of \$1,314.00 be transferred from the Cemetery Maintenance Fund to the General Fund to pay for an invoice from Jeffrey Burr received in the Selectmen's Office on November 17, 2003. This request and subsequent transfer were made in keeping with long-standing procedure. After making this transfer, Trustee McCue realized that the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, despite a total balance of \$20,681.77, had actually had income (interest) in the amount of only \$141.62. Therefore, invoices for the care of cemeteries in this fund would have to be paid from other sources. Trustee McCue discussed this situation with the Board of Selectmen at their regular weekly meeting on July 13, 2004. Also, Trustee McCue notified the auditor about this situation during the audit for that year. The auditor was not concerned since the total fund balance was positive. We question your timing in raising this issue again. We believe that had a member of the Board of Selectmen taken the time to attend our duly noticed Annual Meeting

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back on February 20, 2006, you would have realized that any possible issues were discussed and, where appropriate resolved. Your suggestion that we are performing our elected duties at "anything less than full and proper" is unwarranted and we do not believe a written scolding from the Board of Selectman is neither necessary nor appropriate. We are available to meet in public at one of your regular weekly meetings to answer any questions or concerns. We hope this response resolves your expressed concerns. Sincerely, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Thomas F. McCue, Howard C. Pearl, Diane J. Bullock." Trustee McCue said the Trustees would be happy to answer any additional questions the Board may have. Chairman Bowles said that as far as the minutes go, the Selectmen's Office receives copies of minutes from all the various boards and committees. These minutes are kept for the public's use if requested. He said he feels it is important that the Trustees minutes be forwarded to the Selectmen's Office. Selectman Maxfield advised those present that this issue is the result of comments included the auditor's report. He said he feels the Trustees have answered the concerns. Chairman Bowles thanked the Trustees for coming in to discuss these concerns.

The Board met with Tony Merullo, representing Denyse Merullo, to discuss the road construction bond for the subdivision off Clough Pond Road. Mr. Merullo's engineer has established a construction cost of \$248,000 for the subdivision road and the Town's engineer is in agreement with this amount. Mr. Merullo stated that a condition of the subdivision approval is that the bond be in place with the Selectmen's Office prior

to the sale of any lot. Mr. Merullo said he would like to post a cash bond for \$153,000 and include a purchase and sale for a piece of the property for \$95,000. At the closing, the \$95,000 would be turned over to the town by the attorney's representing the lender for the buyer. Mr. Merullo asked for direction on how this could be accomplished. He said both the attorney and the lender have no problem with this. He asked is a letter outlining this process would be acceptable. Chairman Bowles said this could be lined up to be effective at the closing but should be in writing to protect both parties. He also said this should be accomplished within one or two days of the closing. Mr. Merullo asked if this cash bond would be placed in an interest bearing account. Chairman Bowles said yes.

Selectman Maxfield addressed those present regarding the bridgework on Village Road. He said he has spoken with the engineer at the H.L. Turner Group and the design work is approximately 80% done. This project should be going out to bid by mid-June and work should begin shortly after July 1. Chairman Bowles said they had met with FEMA on Sunday to review damage within the town. He said they had reviewed the bridge and road damage today and are in hopes that this will qualify for federal aid. He said the town is working diligently to resolve these issues.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:46 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 Minutes — Tuesday, May 30, 2006

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present is Road Agent Dave Rice and Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the amendment to the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006, clarifying those present for the executive session, as written. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006 as written. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried by majority vote. Chairman Bowles recuse himself from this vote as he was not in attendance at this meeting.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 23, 2006 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Fiske inquired as to whether the Board was up to speed with the Maratea appeal. Mr. Fiske stated two of the issues being brought forward are the merger of the two lots in 1987 and the building permit extension based on the foundation on site.

Chairman Bowles thanked Chief Fiske for his Department's participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

Chairman Bowles advised Chief Fiske he had spoken with the organizers of the

motorcycle race regarding the use of Wiggins Road. Discussion ensued on the Wiggins Road access.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Selectmen the Town of Loudon would be one of the first notified by Emergency Management when determination is made by FEMA on disaster funding.

Mr. Rice inquired about the culvert on Old Shaker Road. Based on the other road issues, Chairman Bowles said this will need to be replacement of the culvert only for now. Mr. Rice stated work in ongoing on the gravel roads.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the packer trailer has been delivered to the Transfer Station.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr presented the Board with flood assistance information for homeowners.

Chief Burr asked for information on the June 10 motorcycle race.

Chairman Bowles thanked Chief Burr for his Department's participation in the Memorial Day parade.

Chairman Bowles asked Bob Fiske about the letter of intent from Wes Reed to replace an existing residence on Route 129. This property is located on Map 23, Lot 007. Mr. Fiske said this was all set with his office as long as the bond is in place.

The Board met with Colin Cabot of the Loudon Conservation Commission relative to the proposed landfill in Canterbury along

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the Merrimack River. Mr. Cabot stated the original agreement focused on an ash dump as opposed to a landfill. Chairman Bowles said this was his understanding as well. Mr. Cabot said six feet of the shoreline along that portion of the river has disappeared. He said this area is a prime conservation area for the state and utilizing this area for either an ash or trash dump is not in anyone's best interest. Mr. Cabot stated the Conservation Commission forwarded correspondence to the Board soliciting an opinion on this project. He said the Commission has had no response from the Board as of yet. Mr. Cabot said he was here tonight to get input from the Board as to how a message could be sent to all 27 towns in the Co-Op that (1) do not want to see any affect on property taxes for this project, (2) try to get support from various groups to purchase the land from the Co-Op and retain for conversation purposes. Mr. Cabot asked if the Board is willing to send this message that the proposed site, which is one of 95 that were looked at, is questionable. Mr. Cabot said this project is ten years out so there is time to try to find an acceptable solution. Chairman Bowles said he agreed that it would be best to find another alternative. Mr. Cabot read the following for the record: "We are

opposed to the solid waste landfill proposed by the Concord Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-Operative on the banks of the Merrimack River in Canterbury. The project poses significant threats to public health as well as the health of the river and surrounding environment. We call on all state and local elected officials to protect public health and our environment and reject this proposal through the regulatory process." Chairman Bowles said he had concerns for the Board signing this document as elected officials. Mr. Cabot said he would have no problem if the Selectmen signed the document as individuals but asked for clarification on how this could be placed on record as a town. He asked about polling the residents through the *Loudon Ledger*. Chairman Bowles said this may be a way to start in getting community involvement. Mr. Cabot said he is proposing an article, to be co-authored by Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson, which would appear in the *Ledger* within the next month or two. Mr. Cabot said, as a courtesy, he would provide the material to the Board for their review.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged an invoice from Fifield Building Restoration for work at the Town Hall.

The Board reviewed the draft preservation easement from Attorney Bart Mayer. Chairman Bowles instructed Mrs. Lee to prepare the easements for signature next week.

The Board acknowledged an invoice from Roy Merrill for dozer rental for two days, to do work on Wiggins Road. *Selectman Maxfield moved to approve payment of this invoice in the amount of \$700. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles advised those present the Planning Board has added a clarification to the Road Procedures regarding issuance of street names. Street names are approved by the Selectman and should not be included on any plat plan until approval has been given.

Chairman Bowles said the Board is in receipt of the July 1 renewal of the Town's health insurance provider, Cigna. The 2006-2007 rates are down by 2%. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign, on behalf of the Board, the Cigna Health Insurance renewal for July 1. *Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Bowles said the Board must decide what action they are going to take to get the Louis Berger Group moving forward on getting the bridge on Chichester Road replaced. The Board reviewed a preliminary

proposal for their services on this project. Selectman Ives asked about accepting the offer for engineering services from Brown Engineering for the Cross Brook Road bridge/culvert. Selectman Ives asked what the course of action would be. Chairman Bowles said the Board needs to give approval to the Berger Group to proceed. Chairman Bowles recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill asked if the Board is going to make inquiries of other firms for proposals for these services to ensure this proposal is in line. Chairman Bowles said he would make some phone calls. However, it is imperative the Board moves forward to get this road reopened. Time may be a factor. Chairman Bowles said he has been in contact with Department of Transportation and the Town can request a waiver for engineering proposals as The Louis Berger Group is already certified by the state. The Board will take this proposal under advisement at this time and Chairman Bowles will make some telephone calls on Wednesday for additional information.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:56 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, June 6, 2006

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present Road Agent Dave Rice. Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 30, 2006 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice said work is progressing on getting the roads back in shape after the flooding.

The Board discussed the work ongoing at Cross Brook Road.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the condition of Currier Road at Route 106.

The Board discussed the proposed road work on Clough Pond Road.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the notice of FEMA briefings on June 12. Chairman Bowles and Road Agent Rice will attend this briefing.

The Board received a copy of the payment of first quarter 2006 host community fees from Environmental Soils Management.

The Board received a copy of the state auction proceeds from the sale of highway department equipment.

The Board received a memorandum from Foley Buhl & Roberts regarding the work being done at the Town Hall.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a memo from Fifield Building Restoration regarding the lightning rods at the Town Hall. Chairman Bowles is in contact with Susan Sprague at the Property-Liability Trust regarding this issue. Chairman Bowles advised Selectmen Maxfield and Ives that all of the proposals from Fifield Building Restoration have been reviewed to ensure the billings and payments are in accordance with the signed contracts. The Board was given a spreadsheet of the transactions as well as a print out from the Property Liability Trust confirming payments made on behalf of the Town.

The Board reviewed a request from Tony Merullo regarding establishing a street name for the subdivision road off of Clough Pond Road. *Selectman Maxfield moved to name the Merullo subdivision road, off Clough Pond Road "Creek Water Lane." Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve a pole license for Verizon New England and Public Service Company of NH #9AAZR1 located at Lovejoy and Old Shaker Roads. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Loudon and Wayne Thistle, drafted by Town Counsel, for temporary use of the phase IV portion of Mr. Thistle's subdivision road located on tax

map 12, lot 041. This is a temporary access to Cross Brook Road from Wiggins Road. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the engineering proposal from Dale R. Spaulding of The Louis Berger Group Inc. for the Chichester Road bridge project. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives said contracting with The Louis Berger Group would save the town considerable time in getting the repairs completed and the road reopened. Selectman Maxfield asked if there is a time line for getting the bridge reopened. Chairman Bowles said it was hoped to have something in place by the July Nextel Cup race. It is not certain this can be accomplished in the time remaining, so realistically August 1st may be more like it. *All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Bowles noted the Board will be requesting a waiver for engineering qualifications requirement from NH Department of Transportation. Chairman Bowles also noted that a memo is being forwarded to all department heads and committee chairpersons to conserve spending in an effort to cover the costs incurred by the recent flooding. Selectman Maxfield noted that the Board has been advised by Department of Revenue Administration that monies already appropriated may need to be diverted to this emergency spending instead of the projects for which they were intended.

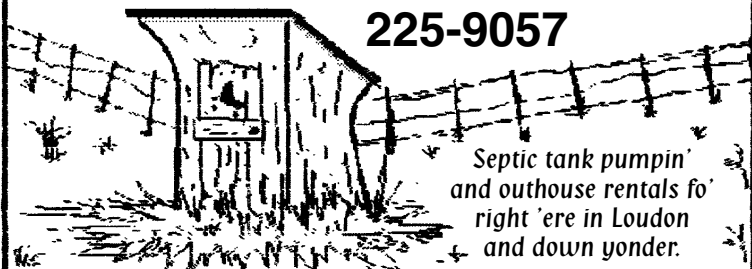
Chairman Bowles recognized Evangia Decato from the audience.

Mrs. Decato requested the Board put a Bailey bridge in place on Chichester Road instead of reconstructing a bridge at this time. Mrs. Decato said the road closure is affecting her business. Chairman Bowles said the Board has discussed this process. There is not enough room to place a Bailey bridge and still be able to do the reconstruction. He said the Board is working diligently to get the road reopened as soon as possible. Chairman Bowles said there have been numerous discussions with state officials on the best way to proceed and all agree that going forth with the reconstruction is the best choice. Mrs. Decato asked if the Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted. Chairman Bowles said the town is working with state officials to move the process along as rapidly as possible. Chairman Bowles said the Board of Selectmen is elected to serve in the best interest of the town and that is what this Board is trying to do.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:22 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Planning Board Minutes — May 18, 2006 (DRAFT)

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

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Dow, Chairman; Henry Huntington, Tom Moore, Bob Ordway, Dustin Bowles, Ex-Officio and alternate Jason Masse were present. Gary Tasker and Stanley Prescott, Vice Chairman were not present.

Conservation Commission representatives Julie Robinson and Jessica Storey were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

April 20, 2006 Public Hearing. Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

April 27, 2006 Site walk. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

May 1, 2006 Work Session. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Tom Dow. All were in favor.

DISCUSSIONS:

Shae Gaboriault and Matt Alosa — Ms. Gaboriault explained that they would like to enclose the back of the Boar's Tavern with a fence, replace a window with a door for outside access and with this Board and the liquor commissions approvals serve alcohol outside during daylight hours. Jason Masse asked how large the fenced area would be. Mr. Alosa stated that it would be approximately 35' x 45' with about 1/2 dozen tables. Mr. Alosa also stated that there would be no electricity, lights, tents, roofs, etc. Selectmen Bowles asked if there would be music outside. Mr. Alosa stated that there would not be. Chairman Dow stated that the Board needs a complete site plan application, abut-

ters need to be notified and the Board will want the Fire and Police Department to review the plan.

Debra Rattee — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on School Street & Rainbow Drive, in the RR District. Map 46, Lot 39 & Map 47, Lot 1. Mark Chamberlain stated that he represents the applicant. Chairman Dow stated that this is about an approval that was given last month for a lot line adjustment. Bob Ordway stated that after rereading the minutes it appeared that the Board approved this lot line adjustment thinking there was a building permit on the lot and it turns out there is not one. Chairman Dow stated that accessory buildings are not allowed on lots without a residence, the Board just wanted to be careful, keep things in order and stay with the procedures that they have been done in the past. Bob Ordway made a motion to amend the lot line adjustment approval on April 20, 2006 to include the requirement that the recording of the approval await a completed application by the applicant for a building permit on the lot with the accessory building on it. Seconded by Henry Huntington. In favor: Tom Moore, Bob Ordway and Henry Huntington, opposed: Dustin Bowles and Jason Masse. Majority rules, motion carries.

Application #06-14, DRED, Major Site Development, Located on Tower Road, in the RR District. Map 37, Lot 1. Jim Kowalik from the NH State Police Communications Maintenance at the Department of Safety stated that this is a follow-up to last month's discussion with the Board. The Board had asked for a couple of things including notification of abutters, photos of the existing tower and depiction of the new tower (both submitted). Mr. Kowalik stated

that since the last meeting they have met with the NH Department of Historical Resources and have a tentative approval. Mr. Dow explained that this is an informal discussion with information being shared and that no formal approval would be given. There was discussion about Tower Road. Mr. Kowalik stated that they would be fixing it up and they would communicate with Road Agent Dave Rice on the entrance to Tower Road off Oak Hill Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application #05-11, Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Major Subdivision, Located on Youngs Hill Road, in the AFP District. Map 34, Lot 2. No abutters were present. Tom Dow read a continuance request from the applicant. Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. This application will be heard on June 15, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility. This is the only notice.

Application #06-05, H. Wayne Thistle, Lot Line Adjustment & Major Subdivision, Located on Young's Hill Road, in the RR District. Map 25, Lots 11 & 23. Abutter Earl Tuson was present. Web Stout from FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout explained that there were a couple of outstanding items from last month's meeting. He stated that he met with Tony Puntin (see memo dated May 10, 2006) Mr. Stout stated that there is note on the plan that says that no lot will be sold except for lot #1 which has an existing building permit, until a road bond is in place. He explained to the Board that there a deed restriction on lot # 25-3 that says there will be no further subdivision on that lot. He asked the Board if they want that restriction on the plan also. Selectman Bowles stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to be on the deed and also on the plan. The Board concurred. Roy Merrill stated that he thinks the board is doing the town an injustice by approving this application with improvements on Youngs Hill Road that include a minimum road width of 18.' He stated that it should meet town requirement. Mr. Thistle stated that he will do 20, 22 or 24 feet whatever the Board asks him to do. Chairman Dow explained that they heard from the neighbors and they are concerned about their front lawns because their houses are so close to the road now. Selectman Bowles suggested the minimum road width be changed from 18' to 20.' Discussion among the Board ensued about the road width. Chairman Dow asked if there questions and/or comments from the public. There were none. This hearing was closed to

the public and opened to the Board only. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve this application with the minimum road width changed from 18' to 20' as referred to in the memo dated May 10, 2006 from the Town Engineer. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Application #06-07, William Taranovich, Minor Subdivision, Located on Bee Hole Road, in the RR District. Map 21, Lot 23. No abutters were present. Chairman Dow stated that a site walk was held on April 27, 2006 (see site walk minutes), this application was accepted as complete on April 20, 2006, and he had expected a memo from the Fire Department. David Dolan represented the applicant. He explained that he has revised the driveway per the comments at the site walk, new plans were submitted. Julie Robinson expressed her concerns about the buildable area and the feasibility of so much of the driveway in the wetland buffer. Peter Schauer stated that he would rather see the outer edge of a buffer impacted than a wetland impacted with culverts, headwalls, etc. from crossing it. Ms. Robinson expressed concern about the slopes on the driveway. Selectman Bowles stated that it appears the driveway needs special exception for a reduced side setback; he also recommended that the driveway be engineered. Dan Aversa stated that he is purchasing the property and this is a driveway not a road. The Board discussed the steep slope district and whether the driveway is considered a structure and is it allowed or not in the steep slope district. Roy Merrill suggested that since there is no doubt that this needs special exception for the driveway that the applicant should check with the Zoning Board about the steep slopes. Henry Huntington asked if the driveway can be put in the buffer. Ms. Robinson stated not if stumps etc have to be removed, — that was the intention of the buffer. Ms. Robinson stated that some of the references concerning the wetlands in the Zoning Ordinance may be wrong and she would look into that. Chairman Dow asked if there questions and/or comments from the public. There were none. This hearing was closed to the public and opened to the Board only. Tom Moore made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Jason Masse. All were in favor. This application will be heard on July 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at this facility, so that the applicant will have time to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This is the only notice.

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Planning — cont. from page 23**NEW BUSINESS:**

Application #06-15, Roy & Cecile Merrill, Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Goshen Drive, in the RR District. Map 39, Lots 37 & 85. Selectmen Bowles abstained from this application. Web Stout from FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept this application as complete and move directly to a public hearing. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. No abutters were present. Mr. Stout explained that there would be an even swap of land between the two lots. Mr. Ordway asked what the purpose of this lot line adjustment is. Mr. Stout stated that it will make it easier for road construction in the future, no easements would be necessary. Mr. Ordway asked Mr. Stout to clarify the indicating the new and old lot lines. Mr. Stout will make those less confusing on the final plans. Chairman Dow asked if there questions and/or comments from the public. There were none. This hearing was closed to the public and opened to the Board only. Henry Huntington made a motion to approve this application with the changes to the plan. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Selectmen Bowles rejoined the Board.

Application #06-16, J. Andrew & Debra L. Knowlton, Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Berry Road, in the RR District. Map 58, Lots 46 & 47. No abutters were present. Jeff Green represented the applicant. Chairman Dow stated that the application is complete to an extent — the applicant may need Zoning Board approvals first. Discussion ensued about the property lines, Berry Road, and the fact that the lot line adjustment would make a non-conforming lot smaller therefore making it more non-conforming. Selectmen Bowles suggested that the applicant see the Zoning Board of Adjustment first. Chairman Dow asked if there questions and/or comments from the public. There were none. This hearing was closed to the public and opened to the Board only. Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue this hearing. Seconded by Jason Masse. All were in favor. This application will be heard on July 20, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at this facility, so that the applicant will have time to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This is the only notice.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

Letter from Town Attorney — Tom Dow asked stated that the Board has a copy of a letter from the Town Attorney in regards to Alvin Davis, Kinkade Haven subdivision. Chairman Dow stated that he would entertain a motion to amend the meeting minutes

of July 21, 2005 to state that there was no 5th condition. Chairman Dow stated that he spoke to Stan Prescott and Gary Tasker. He stated that for the record, Mr. Prescott also felt that this is the appropriate course of action. Dustin Bowles made a motion to amend the Planning Board minutes of July 21, 2005, to remove the 5th condition on the approval for the Kinkade Haven subdivision. Seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. Chairman Dow asked Mr. Davis if he would like to offer anything. Mr. Davis stated that he came to the Board asking them to amend the minutes and a motion to amend his generosity to donate money to the library or the van was made. He told them that he would consider that change should they act that night to amend those minutes. He said that right now there is something that says he is going to be donating to a capital reserve fund for maintenance of land; he stated that he is not going to do that. He feels he's been put through enough without an apology. Right now he makes donations to the town and it's not going to be stipulated. Chairman Dow thanked Mr. Davis and stated that he hopes that this clears the record.

Report of the ZBA — there are three applications on the agenda for the May 25, 2006 meeting: 1) Leppard's on Berry Road for a special exception for a reduced side setback, 2) Application for a Rehearing/Appeal filed by Roy Merrill 3) Appeal from an Administrative Decision filed by Polly Touzin and others on Berry Road.

Report of the Board of Permit — Tom Dow stated there were three hawkers and peddlers applications; Brookside, LYAA and Dudleys.

Road Procedures — The Selectmen's office requested that a paragraph be added to the "Procedure or Road Construction/Upgrade" guidelines as follows: NOTE: All new street and road names must be approved by the Selectmen. Names should not be on the subdivision plat unless or until they have been approved. Please contact the Selectmen's office for more information. The Board agreed to the change, Chairman Dow signed the "Procedure or Road Construction/Upgrade" guidelines and it will be forwarded to the Selectmen for their signature.

Welcome — Selectman Bowles and the rest of the Board welcomed new Secretary Donna White to the office.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Henry Huntington at 9:29. Seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda M. Pearl

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — May 25, 2006 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on May 25, 2006 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, Chairman, Roy Maxfield, Vice Chairman, Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and alternate Jon Huntington. Alternate Howard Pearl was not present.

Chairman Powelson stated that he would like to have George Saunderson appointed as a permanent member of the ZBA. Roy Maxfield moved that Mr. Saunderson be upgraded to be a permanent member to replace the selectperson no longer sitting on the board; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All in favor. This appointment is to fill the vacant position until the next town meeting at which time a member will be elected to fill the remainder of Steve Ives' term. Mr. Powelson thanked Mr. Saunderson for accepting the appointment.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL 27, 2006 MINUTES:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by George Saunderson. Jon Huntington noted two typographical errors and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect those corrections. All were in favor as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #06-09 Lynn Labonte, Michelle L. Bartlett, George Page, David J. Pelissier, Pauline J. Touzin, Kristi M. LaBontee, and Jean B. Weld Appeal from an Administrative Decision. Map 58, Lots 19 & 20. Chairman Powelson asked if there was someone from the group who would like to address the board. Jean Weld stated she would speak for the group. Ms. Weld presented a packet of documents to the board members. Ms. Weld asked if the actual exhibits get maintained by the secretary and are kept as part of the case records. Mr. Powelson stated that the documents would remain as part of the appeal records. A folder of documents was submitted to the secretary by Ms. Weld. Ms. Weld noted that she is new to the area, having moved here in July 2005; however, the neighbors have made her aware of this situation. She stated that the appeal tonight is on two decisions but would like to add a third. These are as follows: #1 Building Inspector Fiske issued building permit #05-018 to Dianne Maratea; #2 Selectmen extended

that permit by one year on 10/18/05; and #3 to be added is that the Selectmen in 2/06 did not grant a cease & desist order requested by petitioners. Ms. Weld stated that she realizes the building permit was issued over a year ago and this will be an uphill climb. She went on to give an overview of a case in Deering where a group of residents appealed a case when they felt zoning ordinances were not met; however, the town of Deering has an ordinance that states an appeal must be filed within thirty days and the residents did not meet that deadline. Ms. Weld said there is no such timeframe specified in the Loudon ordinances so feels this group falls under the reasonable timeframe allowed by state law. She noted that the issuance and extension of the building permit is in violation of Zoning Ordinance 601.1 and these provisions have caused discussion at many levels. Ms. Weld stated that she learned of the permit two months ago and met with the area residents. Ms. Weld said she is an attorney for the federal government and knows how to research case law. She said she is not here as an attorney but at the request of the residents and is familiar with "chain of title." She noted Map 58, Lots 19 & 20, have been owned by Dianne Maratea since 1979. Ms. Weld showed a diagram of the proposed house, the building permit, and a copy of the ordinance referring to non-conforming/contiguous lots. The proposed house diagram shows a dotted line of the existing foundation. The proposed house is not exactly on the same footprint. In March 1987 when the ordinance took effect lots were grandfathered if there was a building on it. Exception in 601.1 states that if there is a house on a sub-standard lot and the same owner has adjacent vacant lots, these must be combined to create a buildable lot. She stated that this situation involves three lots that still do not combine to a buildable lot. Ms. Weld reported that there is a summer cottage, built in 1952, on one of the lots and the ordinance states that as long as that structure is there the town cannot issue a permit for any of the other lots even though they may be lots of record. Roy Maxfield stated that the board had decided previously that the burned out foundation on one of the lots does not constitute a structure. Ms. Weld stated that she doesn't believe the Board can make that decision, saying there had been no application for variance and no public hearing. Mr. Maxfield asked Ms. Weld if

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they are appealing the Board's decisions made 3 or 4 years ago. She replied that they are not; they are appealing the permit itself. Ms. Weld continued with the chain of title saying 3 of 5 lots (17, 18, & 20) were conveyed to DDM Living Trust in 1998, contending Ms. Maratea was trying to put the lots in different ownership. The key is who owned the property in 1987. In 2000, records showed Ms. Maratea and her husband as trustees; in 2005 Ms. Maratea filed a certificate as the only trustee. 2000 & 2003 ZBA minutes showed Ms. Maratea asked for setback reductions on two houses; however, it is unclear from the minutes which two houses were involved. Looking at Case 09 there is some discussion of the burned out lot. Ms. Weld stated that former meeting minutes read that "Mr. Bennett was not sure the Board should be looking at the application, thinking the lots should be merged." The minutes did show that "Mr. Bennett would compromise as long as the two lots met the 10% building minimum." Further in the minutes it reads "Case 09 is subject to the footprint of the former residence that burned." Ms. Weld said there was no application for waiver of merger of lots; appears it was just decided it was subject to being built on the existing footprint. In 2003 there were further reductions of the side setback. In 2001 Ms. Maratea applied for a septic permit to be shared by two houses, merging Lots 19 & 20 at that time. Ms. Weld said residents noticed a building going up at the top of the hill in the fall of 2005. On 10/18/05 there was the letter from the Board of Selectmen extending the permit. Ms. Weld stated she is not sure when the permit extension request was made. She stated that former meeting minutes read that "Selectman Little was noted as saying he was not sure that Lot 18 qualified for an extension." A foundation and modular home were constructed on Lot 18. Minutes show that the lower lot permit was extended one year. Zoning requires a foundation to be onsite in order to get an extension and this group of residents contends that a cellar hole does not constitute a foundation. Ms. Weld reported that residents went to the Selectmen in late 2005 with their concerns. The contiguous lot issue was never addressed by the Board of Selectmen even after brought to their attention by the residents. In December 2005 ZBA minutes indicate the ZBA should be the ones issuing extensions on a case by case basis. Ms. Weld stated she is not sure of the basis but from the minutes "Roy Merrill did state there is a \$10,000 penalty if someone sells a property and transfers the building permit." She feels this is relevant to this case. In January 2006 this board considered a building permit extension request from Tony Merullo on behalf of his sister. Minutes show that the ZBA applied some of the new provisions that will be coming up in July 2006, International Residential Code, to that case and granted a six month extension based on showing of some hardship. Roy Maxfield

said if they took the building permit away which is what the group is asking, his position is Ms. Maratea rightfully owns the building permit for the cellar hole, based on the agreement she has had all these years. Ms. Weld stated they have to look at who the owner was in 3/87, the time when the ordinance took effect. Mr. Maxfield told Ms. Weld she needs to show the Board where that is and what she is basing this on. Ms. Weld referred to 601.1 "If two or more adjoining lots, in single or joint ownership and of record at the time this Ordinance takes effect, do not meet the requirements for lot area or frontage established by this Ordinance, the lots involved shall be considered as a single undivided lot of record for the purposes of this Ordinance." Mr. Maxfield stated that is what the Board did. Ms. Weld disagreed with Mr. Maxfield, saying all three lots have to be joined. In March 1987 by law this should be considered one lot. Mr. Maxfield informed Ms. Weld there were two structures on the three lots at one time, one of which burned, and that the ZBA did not necessarily agree with the Board of Selectmen's decision to allow Ms. Maratea time to rebuild on that lot. Ms. Weld stated this is the time to rectify the matter, stop the chain of errors; ZBA has to approve special exceptions. Ms. Weld referred to the minutes of February 2006 where the petition for a cease and desist order was presented to the Board of Selectmen, which the BOS in turn denied. On 2/24/06 Ms. Maratea conveyed one lot on hill (21) and middle lot (19 & 20 — burned) to Jeff Chickering. Ms. Weld feels some were not sure about transfer of property with a building permit and it appears that the rule itself may not have been understood. She stated the group is not appealing the permit on the upper lot but they do contend the building permit on the lower lot is null and void because of the extension being improperly issued and also because Ms. Maratea conveyed the property to another person. She also noted there is no new foundation construction as required. Ned Lizotte asked to clarify that due to no foundation construction and because of the transfer of ownership, she is saying, according to the town rules that the building permit does not exist. Ms. Weld stated it does not legally exist. Roy Maxfield asked if the group is contending that Ms. Maratea cannot build on the other upper lots. Ms. Weld answered no. He then asked about the lot beside the one with the camp on it. Ms. Weld stated that they feel the three lower lots can never be built upon since they should be merged into one lot according to the ordinance. Roy Maxfield made a motion to continue this case to allow ZBA to review the evidence and research the case more. Roy Maxfield asked if Ms. Maratea was present; she was. Roy Maxfield moved to have the Board gather evidence independently from the property owner and other sources, coming back next month to discuss and make a decision. Roy Merrill asked to clarify that the upper lots are not a problem. Ms. Weld agreed they are not. Dianne Maratea stated that the lot conveyed to Jeff Chickering was done in error and there will be a

corrected deed filed. The plan was to have Mr. Chickering added on with Ms. Maratea, not to him alone. She confirmed that DES requested the merger of the front lots, 19 & 20. Roy Merrill questioned exactly which lots both names would be on. Ms. Maratea confirmed the lot numbers. *George Saunderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor.* Vice Chairman Roy Maxfield stated this is the formal notice of the continuation to June 22nd; there will be no re-notification.

Case #06-08 — Roy Merrill Rehearing/Appeal Map 20, Lot 9. Chairman Powellson asked Mr. Merrill to step down from the board; Jon Huntington was asked to substitute Mr. Merrill as a voting member. The chairman explained the appeal and asked Mr. Huntington if he had the opportunity to review the case. Mr. Huntington stated that he had reviewed the case in full and agreed with everything that has been done to date with the exception of Steve Ives sitting as a voting member, his input and voting on the matter at the March 2006 meeting. Roy Merrill contends the case has to be reheard in its entirety as the March meeting was illegal. When asked if his attorney was present, Mr. Merrill stated that he was not able to be there and they did not request a continuation figuring Mr. Maxfield would not allow it. Roy Maxfield reported the board was wrongly advised about Steve Ives sitting for the hearing immediately following his election as Selectman. It was asked if abutters were notified; they were. Roy Merrill contends abutters were not notified of the March variance for reduced lot size hearing, stating there was a letter generated in March by the secretary but it appears they were never sent out. He stated that they went on the January notice and the abutters were not notified of lot size reduction variance. Mr. Merrill said abutting property changed owners (Heffron) prior to the January meeting and the new owners (D J Realty) were never notified. Roy Maxfield said they are not abutters. Mr. Merrill stated they are indeed direct abutters since they purchased the sliver by the river in February 2000. Contends the town should have had plenty of time to record the change. Roy Maxfield asked for a list of abutters for tonight's hearing. For the record Mr. Maxfield stated that all abutters have been notified of this hearing. He then asked to move on to the special exception portion of the application. Roy Merrill insists there was no notification of the March variance hearing. He noted that Ray Cummings had made note at the Selectmen's meeting that it was an illegal meeting and that the ZBA should rehear the case. Mr. Merrill noted that he did pay for notification of tonight's hearing but under protest as it is the applicant's responsibility and he should not have to when appealing an illegal hearing. He continues to contend that at no time did VOA notify abutters of the hearing for lot size variance but did notify them in January of the special exception and variance for a 33-unit building. He reiterated that the secretary did generate the letter but it never went out. Roy Maxfield asked if

there were any abutters present. Roy Merrill repeated that the abutters still need to be notified of the lot size reduction variance. Roy Maxfield questioned Mr. Merrill, saying as a Zoning Board member Mr. Merrill has chosen to bring this to the attention of the Board tonight and not before tonight, which is something he has done for the last three or four months. Roy Merrill said he has discovered all of this on his own since the April meeting which he was absent from. He stated that the Zoning Board attorney sent letters to all Board members other than himself so he was at a disadvantage there. Mr. Merrill also said nobody from the ZBA has bothered to call him to find out what is happening. He said it was the obligation of the applicant to notify abutters in March that they were changing what they were asking for. Roy Maxfield stated it is the ZBA obligation to notify. Roy Merrill again stated that the letter was generated and they chose not to mail it out; it was not his intention not to mail it. Julia Wilcock of VOA reported that she had paid for the mailing. Roy Merrill said there is no record of this mailing being done. Roy Maxfield said this could have been brought to the Board's attention before this meeting. Roy Merrill stated the issue is the non-notification. Roy Maxfield noted there are receipts for notification of tonight's meeting. Roy Merrill wants it on record that the Board is not following procedure. He said he can contest it is not legal to give the applicant the 2nd variance but can move ahead with the hearing. Ray Cummings stated he has not read the ordinance recently but feels an owner does not necessarily need a variance for the two acres. Roy Merrill clarified that the variance was to allow less than ten acres due to financial hardship. George Saunderson asked if VOA has bought the Brown piece. Julia Wilcock stated that will not happen soon. Mr. Saunderson asked if this is continued for a month and all abutters are properly notified of two variances, would VOA be adversely affected. Ms. Wilcock said it would not, they have plenty to do. Ms. Wilcock did say she has already paid for abutter notification. Mr. Maxfield assured her she would not have to pay again. Ray Cummings does not feel Roy Merrill should have had to pay for tonight's notification based on decisions made at an illegal meeting. *George Saunderson moved to continue the hearing until next month, have all abutters notified of two variances and a special exception. Ned Lizotte asked to amend the motion to include "that Roy Merrill is reimbursed for the money he spent for tonight's notification."* Roy Maxfield is not sure Mr. Merrill is entitled to reimbursement. Roy Merrill said when Ray Cummings announced at the Selectmen's meeting that it was an illegal meeting the ZBA had plenty of time to correct their mistake yet they chose not to. He contends he did tell the Board's attorney he would pay for the notification but would do so under protest because he does not feel he should have to pay for a mistake made at an illegal

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meeting. Roy Maxfield asked to clarify that Mr. Merrill is only appealing the illegal meeting and is withdrawing the rest of the appeal. Mr. Merrill said he is not withdrawing anything and has the right to appeal a legal decision but no legal decision has been made to this point. VOA has no permit, no variance, and no special exception because everything done so far has been illegal. He said they need to start with a new meeting and begin the process all over. Roy Maxfield said the Board has agreed to accept Mr. Merrill's appeal for a re-hearing and he would second the motion to reimburse Mr. Merrill if he would agree to withdraw the other charges. Mr. Merrill said he will not withdraw any part of the application. Mr. Maxfield stated that Mr. Merrill then stands to carry the fees. Mr. Merrill asked that the ZBA be allowed to vote on whether he should have to cover the notification expenses. Ned Lizotte reminded the Board that there is a motion on the floor and asked Mr. Saunderson to restate his motion. *Mr. Saunderson moved to have all abutters properly notified of the VOA request for two variances and a special exception and to reimburse Roy Merrill for expenses incurred for this meeting; seconded by Ned Lizotte.* Ray Cummings raised another point of a second decision made at that illegal meeting. Chairman Powelson said it is too late for that and it has not been appealed. Roy Merrill has appealed the one case only. Mr. Merrill said he thinks the Board was fed wrong advice that there is no appeal if it goes beyond 30 days and that an appeal of an illegal meeting can be done in six months, restating that the 30 days has nothing to do with an illegal meeting. Ned Lizotte asked to take back his amendment to Mr. Saunderson's motion. *Mr. Saunderson restated his motion as continuing for one month pending notification of abutters of VOA request for two variances and a special exception. Seconded by Ned Lizotte.* Chairman Powelson asked if there was any discussion. *Hearing none, he called for a vote; all in favor; motion carried. Ned Lizotte moved that Mr. Merrill be reimbursed for expenses incurred for notification; seconded by George Saunderson.* Chairman Powelson said this motion seems a little more troublesome to him, saying that Roy is appealing something the same as when VOA showed up trying to host a hearing, they had to pay for the hearing. Mr. Powelson stated that if Mr. Merrill feels the need to appeal he should be willing to pay the associated fees. Roy Maxfield said he goes along with the motion as long as the appeal is based solely on the grounds of the illegal meeting but feels Mr. Merrill has gone beyond the illegal

meeting issue to other grounds for appeal. George Saunderson asked if the group would agree to see how it plays out next month and, if it seems appropriate, the fees could be refunded at that time. Mr. Merrill said he would agree to that. Chairman Powelson asked if that was withdrawing the motion. Mr. Lizotte stated that it was with the option to bring it up at the next meeting. Mr. Powelson noted that the motion had been withdrawn. Case is continued to June 22nd.

Mr. Merrill returned to the Board. Mr. Huntington returned to the alternate position.

Case #06-07 Scott & Renee Leppard Special Exception for a reduced setback, Map 58, Lot 51. Mr. Leppard stated that he was previously before the Board for discussion and reported that abutter Steve Jackson has no objection to the project being done. Mr. Leppard thanked Brenda Pearl for helping with the matter. All abutters have been advised of the plans and there are ample setbacks on the sides. The application for a special exception was filed because of an encroachment on Mr. Jackson's property due to the error in measurements. Mr. Leppard stated that a stipulation was reasonable improvement of the property. He contends that this has been done, will be no increase in traffic, and no trees were removed. Mr. Leppard stated he is before the Board because of his error in measuring the lot. He went by a pin in his yard but has since been told by Mr. Jackson that the pin had been compromised. Chairman Powelson asked to have Mr. Leppard read the application to outline the points of the reduced setback special exception. Mr. Leppard's responses to the application questions are as follows: #1. no buildable lots on either side of the garage, no increased pedestrian or vehicular traffic; #2, 3, 5 N/A; #4. no impact on services; #5. no change in traffic, will still be just he and his wife using the area; #6. no environmental impact, has not cut trees or changed slopes. Ned Lizotte asked Mr. Leppard to clarify for those not at the last meeting about the footprint of the shed that was torn down. Mr. Leppard did so and stated that had he known the pin was compromised he would have built further back. He continued with #7. by stating there is no ground-water impact, nothing has been disturbed, there is no water to the garage. Page 4 #1. no change in sunlight/breeze, no trees will be cut; #2. there is no blockage of emergency access; has not blocked the road/driveway/right of way; #3. no increase in storm run off or drainage as it is on the same grade as the former shed. Roy Maxfield asked if there is any drainage in that area from the hill. Mr. Leppard said there is not. Mr. Leppard continued with #4. by saying there is no negative impact on the area property val-

ues because this is an improvement of the property; #5. no adverse affect on development capability of the lot. #6. He said other lots in the area have received variances or special exceptions far greater. #7. Mr. Leppard went on to say there is limited lot size on Berry Road; #8. this does not affect an intersection or visibility, is a residential garage only. Ned Lizotte asked if Mr. Leppard and Mr. Jackson have discussed a plan about the small triangle area since Mr. Leppard currently has no driveway. Mr. Leppard reported that Mr. Jackson asked him to go for the easement, paying for the survey and other costs. Mr. Jackson does not want to sell the piece at this time. Mr. Lizotte stated that it would be logical that the easement be sold to Mr. Leppard when Mr. Jackson decides to sell. Elmer Trombly stated that he owns a vacant lot adjacent to the Leppard property and has no objection to this matter. Another abutter (name was not stated) questioned why he received notification after the garage was built. He said he has no problem with the garage, just questioned the process. Chairman Powelson explained that the building permit was issued on wrong information due to a measuring error. Roy Merrill explained that if Mr. Leppard owned to the pin he would not have needed this special exception or to notify abutters. Mr. Leppard said he had brought up RSA 676 & 677 regarding preliminary approval at the last meeting. He reported that at that meeting Roy Maxfield had stated that he could start at his own risk. Chairman Powelson asked if abutters have been notified. They have been. The chairman closed the hearing portion of the meeting. Chairman Powelson opened the meeting to Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Application # 06-07, Scott & Renee Leppard — Special Exception for a reduced setback. *George Saunderson moved to approve the special exception; seconded by Ned Lizotte.* Jon Huntington noted if there had been a problem with the garage that Mr. Leppard built without proper authority he could have been made to take it down. Chairman Powelson agreed, saying it was an expensive risk. Ray Cummings had a procedural question. He said there can only be five voting members, there are six at the table. It was explained that George Saunderson had been made a member and that Mr. Huntington is sitting as an alternate, not a voting member at this time. Mr. Huntington had been a voting member for Mr. Merrill's case only. *Chairman Powelson asked for a roll call vote: George Saunderson-YES; Roy Merrill-YES; Ned Lizotte-YES; Roy Maxfield-YES; Dave Powelson-YES. All in favor, application approved.*

DISCUSSIONS

Roy Merrill said it has come to attention at Planning Board meetings that there are some things missing from the new zoning book such as lots without buildings on them, 20% slope, driveways. He feels there will be a case coming in from the Planning Board soon that may require this information. Mr. Merrill said these changes/errors may have been done between the 2003 and 2005 changes. He suggested that it be verified what was added in 2005, erroneously deleted items; check to see if things were missed/typo. Roy Maxfield said they could go back to 2003 changes and verify items in question. He referred to RR permitted uses on page 11, item J, with reference to accessory uses. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Planning Board about the confusion of these discrepancies and determine the specific points that were left out. Roy Merrill referred to a case with a 20% slope with a driveway going through and the question of a driveway being a structure, no structures allowed in 20% slope. Chairman Powelson thinks they did allow driveways to cross front and side setbacks consistently in all districts. Roy Merrill said a driveway was considered a structure in 2003 but it is not in the 2005 book. The chairman said slopes were addressed in 2006. Roy Merrill said the question is whether a driveway is considered a structure. There was discussion of what changes were made in what years. Mr. Merrill explained the contention of the Planning Board and what may come before the ZBA. Roy Maxfield said the Board needs to show where authorization to remove driveway from structures occurred. The secretary was asked to check the 2002-2004 changes to zoning ordinances.

Ned Lizotte reported having a request from the fire chief with regard to new developments in town and new street names. Road names have to be approved by Selectmen. Brenda Pearl has added that paragraph to the Procedure for Road Construction/Upgrade at the Planning Board meeting of 5/18/06, to be signed by the Selectmen on May 20, 2006.

Discussion returned to driveways. Chairman Powelson reported the purpose of the change in Ordinance was to make driveway allowances the same in all districts. He will talk with Planning Chairman Tom Dow.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Roy Maxfield. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
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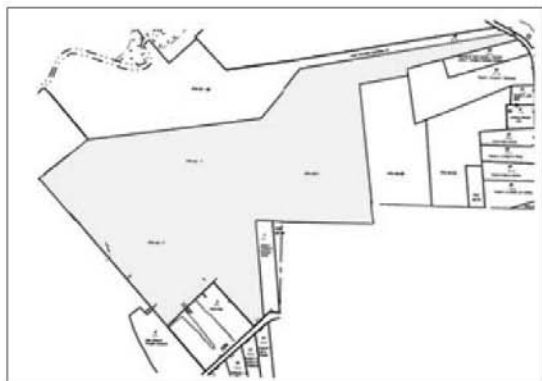
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