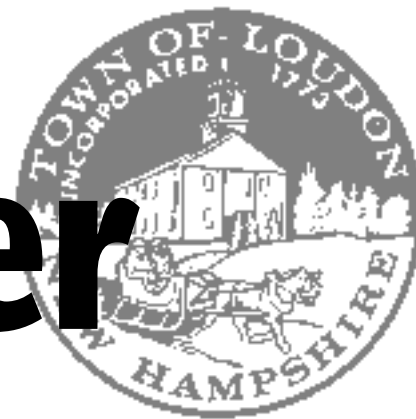


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Mission Statement...

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.

Separation of Plastic Starting In June

By Steve Bennett, Loudon Recycle Committee

Beginning in June, the Loudon Transfer Station will be collecting #1 and #2 plastic separately for baling, whereas in the past we've baled both types together. The main reason for this change is because the market for commingled plastic has nearly disappeared. To have the last shipment taken, it was necessary to have a full trailer-load of at least 40 bales. No other recycling center in the area is currently baling these plastic types together, so we have no one to combine loads with. Having to store this much material puts a large demand on our limited storage.

In addition to being able to ship partial loads, baling our plastic separately yields three to four times the revenue for the material (at current prices). To put this in perspective, #2 plastic (the more valuable of the two) is currently about 20 cents/lb.; cardboard, newspaper, and mixed paper, and mixed metals from our metal pile are currently at between 3 and 5 cents/lb. Aluminum

cans are still the best paying recycled material we collect at about 75 cents/lb.

As before, #1 or #2 plastics are the only plastics we are able to accept. #1 plastic consists mainly of bottled water and soft drink containers, and are usually clear: you should be able to see through them. All acceptable items should have a #1 inside a triangle on the bottom of the bottle or container. Sometimes this recycle code is very small and difficult to read. However, if the item does not have the code, it is not acceptable. We must spend extra time sorting and removing unwanted items before baling.

#2 plastic consists mainly of milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, and kitty litter jugs (not pails). These are usually a much thicker plastic than #1, and solid color; you can't see through them. The #2 in a triangle on the bottom of the container will be large and easy to identify.

The most common unacceptable plastic continues to be yogurt/cottage cheese containers. Nearly all of these are not #1 or #2 plastic. A quick way to judge the acceptability of a container is to compare the size of the top and bottom. If the top is larger than the bottom, the item is generally not acceptable. Caps and covers for all containers should be removed and discarded. These have no value to the recycle company. Other unwanted plastic containers include motor oil bottles (because of oil contamination) and plastic grocery bags. It's OK to drop off recyclables in bags, but the bags themselves are not recyclable.

Our plastic recycling tonnage continues to grow and with your support, this new change will bring us up-to-date with ever-changing and improving market conditions. Thanks to all who participate in Loudon's recycling efforts. ■

Memorial Fund Started

**Benefactor for
Town of Loudon
- In Memoriam -
Francis E. Tewksbury**



Loudon has lost an outstanding citizen and the Tewksbury family has lost a grand patriarch. Loudon was home to Francis Tewksbury and his wife, Hazel, for nearly 51 years.

Francis, known locally as "Frank," loyally devoted many years of voluntary service to his beloved hometown and his family has created a memorial fund as a means to ensure the continuation of support for invaluable community services in his memory.

On behalf of the family, Francis' grandson, Bob Tewksbury, established a memorial fund through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, pro-

viding for the professional management of all funds donated for the benefit of the Town of Loudon. Contributions will be used to support various local groups in Loudon.

Contributions in Francis' memory will be acknowledged and gratefully

accepted in any amount. All contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the NH Charitable Foundation, and mailed in care of Bob Tewksbury, 63 Ridge Rd., Concord, NH 03301. ■

Memorial Day Parade



It was a beautiful day for Loudon to honor its Veterans. Monday, May 28, 2007.

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

Open most Wednesdays from 2–3 p.m. or for emergencies.
For more information, call Rev. Henry or Betty Frost: 783-4540

Loudon Representatives

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

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

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

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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“The Loudon Ledger” 2007 Schedule

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February 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 1/19 Council Meeting: Mon. 1/22

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April 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/19

May 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 4/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 4/16

June 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 5/21

July 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/18

August 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 7/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 7/16

September 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/17 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/20

October 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/17

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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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 Friday: 6:30–8 p.m. for grades 6–12

Sept.–June Faith Weaver Friends: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Fri. 6:30–8 p.m.

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Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon., Wed., Fri., 9–4, Tue., Thu.

phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

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Tuesdays: Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6): 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m. • *Kid’s Time:* 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Grades 1–4)

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.

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

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. (**Hero’s & Zero’s of the Bible series**) and (**New Beginnings Class:** for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

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

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m.

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

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

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

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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

June Happenings at Loudon’s Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, June 10, 7:30–9:30 a.m.— Biker Church & Breakfast

On the Sunday ending Laconia Bike Week, the Church of the Nazarene will be hosting a Breakfast and Biker Church Service for ALL bikers.

The breakfast menu planned will consist of French toast, sausage, donuts/bagels, mixed fruit, juice, and coffee. The breakfast is FREE to all bikers (donations will be accepted). Live praise music will be heard throughout the breakfast, along with testimonies given by “Bikers For Christ” members and a mini-message from our Senior Pastor, John White.

Sunday, June 10, 6:00 p.m. – *Unspoken* set to “rock” Loudon with free concert

Popular rock band equates success with reaching audiences of all ages with passionate, positive lyrics. It’s not your typical “rags to riches” story – more like “rags to blue collar.” But when Chad Mattson and Michael Gomez founded the band, *Unspoken*, they never dreamed it would take them this far. After all, the band performed its first gigs in the underground subways of New York City.

“We would just set up our instruments and play for the commuters,” recalls lead guitarist Michael Gomez. “We just had a good time and hoped people passing through would like it.”

Apparently, someone did. Just a few years later, *Unspoken* found itself playing before more than 12,000 people at the Continental Airlines Arena in New Jersey.

Unspoken has built a solid reputation throughout the Northeast for continuing to play smaller venues with the same enthusiasm as their larger audiences. They also appeal to families — young and old — through positive lyrics that are appropriate for all ages.

“When I met Chad, I had just become a Christian and he was heavily involved with drugs and alcohol,” explains Gomez. “God changed our lives so much that we committed ourselves to playing positive music with a clear message of hope to our listeners — and we’ve never once regretted that decision.”

Unspoken tours the country full-time and has grown from two to six members — with each new addition propelling the music further into its own unique style.

“We have two Puerto Ricans, a Dominican, and three guys from Maine,” says Michael, “and we all love making music and connecting with the audience at many different levels.”

Unspoken will be performing live with special guest, *Undue Favor*, on June 10th at 6 p.m. at the Loudon Church of the Nazarene on 33 Staniels Road in Loudon, NH. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to offset costs. Call 603-224-1311 for more details. ■

Family Rock Concert



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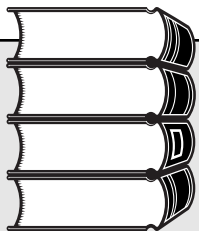
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Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

STORY TIME

June brings daydreams of beaches and sunshine, so this month at story time we will investigate these characteristics of summer. On June 5th and 7th, the children will hear *I am Water*, by Jean Marzollo, and *Happy Dog Sizzles*, by Lisa Grubb. They will create a mosaic made with sand and seashells.

June 12th and 14th, the children will listen to Andrew Clement's *Because Your Daddy Loves You*, in honor of Father's Day. They will end the story time year by hearing *Summer Stinks*, by Marty Kelley. The children will decorate sunglasses of their very own to use this summer. Also on the 12th and 14th, we will have our year-end celebration. Parents are asked to bring a snack and the library will provide juice.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

When the kids start begging to head to Clough Pond, we know that summer has arrived. And with summer, comes the library's Summer Reading Program. This annual program is designed to encourage children to keep reading even when school is not in session. This year the theme is "Reading Road Trip U.S.A.!" and we would love to have the children of Loudon hitch a ride and take a journey through some of our books. Any child, up to those heading to 6th grade, may sign-up to participate. Children agree to read at least three books over the eight-week program (parents may read to those who aren't reading on their own yet). The children keep track of the books they read and turn in their

activity booklets by Saturday, August 11th. Everyone who completes the program is invited to attend a party on Thursday, August 16th, to pick out prizes in celebration of their accomplishments. As part of the Summer Reading Program, the library has a variety of events for children to attend throughout the summer months. Stop by the library to pick up a schedule of these activities. Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program begin on Saturday, June 16th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can't make it to the library on the 16th, you can sign up any time after that date.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENT

We will kick-off this year's Summer Reading Program with a performance by Rick Goldin, on the 23rd of June. Rick Goldin offers a lively, interactive music and puppet program that is

designed to entertain the whole family. His "Reading Road Trip U.S.A." program includes songs about books, reading, and libraries, as well as travel, transportation, and the fifty states of the U.S.A. Guest appearances by *Henry the Horse*, *Quackleberry Duck*, and other singing puppets are a great addition. Please sign up for this event in the Children's Room anytime after the 16th of June.

BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet at 7 p.m., on the 28th of June. New participants are welcome. For details, please call 798-5153.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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his bike?

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_____!



May Word Scramble Answers:

Holiday, Spring, Syrup, Yard, Flower, Picnic, Fruit, Warm,
Mother, Hike

Grange Month Celebrated

Friendly Grangers from all over NH gathered at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord on Saturday, April 28th, for the 2007 Grange Month Celebration Banquet. Among those in attendance were people from Chichester, Concord, Danbury, Franklin, Loudon, Sanbornton, and Webster. State Grange Program Director Marie Hall from Brentwood, the event organizer, presented Governor John H. Lynch's official Proclamation of April as Grange Month in NH. State Grange Vice President James Tetreault of Winchester welcomed everyone, publicly praising the work of the great rural fraternal organization and its members' nearly 134 years of community endeavors in NH. He urged them to support State Grange President Beth Merrill's membership drive by inviting others to join and benefit from the Grange. After sharing a bountiful feast and a great social time, people sat back and listened to the fine vocal talents of Hampton Falls Granger Robert Beal and his music, concluding another wonderful evening together. ■

Happy Anniversary!



Loys and Betty Ashland recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a reception held in their honor at the American Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Ashland also renewed their wedding vows with family and friends present.

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Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

On May 12, the Loudon Police Department in conjunction with the Loudon Recreation Department held the annual Bicycle Safety Class. This event included a review of the rules of the road by Chief Fiske (remember – helmets are required by law up to age 16), helmet fittings along with free helmets, basic bicycle maintenance, literature, and stickers and, of course, refreshments! Almost 100 chil-

dren attended this event! Helmets are still available if your child needs one. A big “thank you” to all our volunteers who assisted: Marjorie Schoonmaker, Alicia Grimaldi, Whitney Pillsbury, Lt. Krieger, and Officer Akerstrom as well as Boy Scout Troop 30.

On May 8, 9, and 10, the Loudon Police Department taught a brief bicycle safety class to approximately 400 students at the Loudon Elementary

School. At the end of class, each student received a “goody bag” and was encouraged to attend the annual Bicycle Safety Class held on May 12th.

Hey kids — the ice cream coupons are back thanks to the support of the Loudon Recreation Committee and Dudley’s Ice Cream! We’ll be watching for positive behaviors to award these coupons!

A reminder that race season is once again upon us. Upcoming races are as follows:

June 15–17 — 84th Annual Loudon Classic

July 1 — July NASCAR Series
September 16 — September NASCAR Series

The NASCAR Series brings many visitors to Loudon approximately 1 week prior to the race. I urge you to use extra caution in traffic. As we get near the event, road closures will be in local newspapers (for July and Sept. race only).

As always, your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may e-mail me at chieffiske@loudonpolice.com or loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. Call weekdays at 798-5521. ■



A long line of bicyclers waits for their “check up” on a sunny day in May. Over 100 children attended the annual Bicycle Safety Class.

Lake Host Program Active at Clough Pond

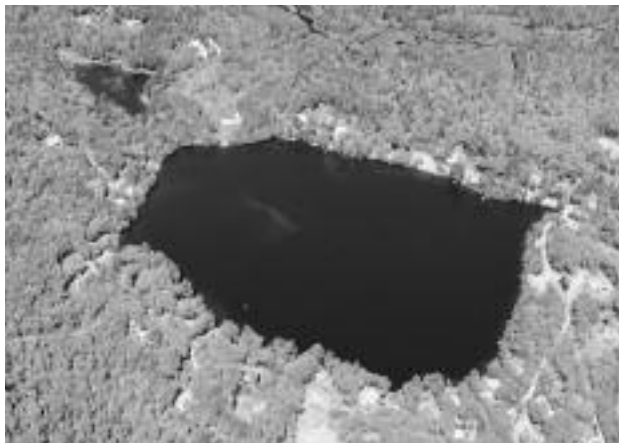
Thanks to a grant from The New Hampshire Lakes Association and The Loudon Conservation Commission, Clough Pond is once again being protected from milfoil and other exotic weeds.

Mathieu Nichols has returned as paid Lake Host. Members of The Clough Pond Association are serving as Volunteer Lake Hosts. Lake Hosts are trained by The New Hampshire Lakes Association and The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Lake Hosts distribute milfoil brochures and other literature, complete boater surveys, and conduct voluntary boat and trailer inspections. They remove and properly dispose of any plant material found and ask boaters to inspect their boat or other water craft before entering or when leaving a body of water. This helps protect our lakes and ponds from the spread of milfoil and other exotic weeds.

In 2006, 66 New Hampshire boat ramps were staffed by Paid Lake Hosts and 353 Volunteer Lake Hosts. 34,860 boats were inspected. 54 had milfoil or other exotic vegetation removed before entering the water.

Milfoil is a serious problem in New Hampshire. It effects the value of the lake for recreation such as boating, fishing, and swimming. 62 lakes are now infested with it.

Please help keep pristine Clough Pond and other New Hampshire lakes and ponds free from milfoil and other aquatic plants by inspecting and removing any plant life from your boat or trailer before entering and when leaving a body of water. ■



Clough Pond from the air, May 22. Photo courtesy of Debbie Kardaseski.

A LOUDON MYSTERY

By Debbie Kardaseski

We have a mystery of a different sort this month. This month’s photo is a *real* mystery — we don’t know where it was taken! We’re hoping you can help us. As many of you know, I took lots of aerial photos of Loudon back in December. Everything looks very different from the air and, try as we might, we can’t figure out where this photo was taken. Perhaps you can help us?

Send your answer to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com. Amanda Masse, regular author of this column needs your help with future articles looking at Loudon history. If you have an old photo you’d like featured, please contact Amanda at jaelmasse@comcast.net. We’ll scan your photo if necessary and return it to you. ■



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D.A.R.E. Graduation Held May 9



May 9th proved to be a very busy day for the Loudon D.A.R.E. students. The students performed their required community service by raking and picking up trash at the Loudon Recreation Fields. The students brought a bagged lunch and the Loudon D.A.R.E. program provided their snacks and drinks. This was followed by a game of kickball. The graduation was held at 6:30 at the Loudon Elementary School. A special thank you goes to Scott Spradling, WMUR news anchor. Mr. Spradling held the attention of all by reporting a “live news broadcast” from the Loudon Elementary School reviewing recent true cases of alcohol-related cases. The attention of the students was unbelievable! Thank you to the fifth grade teachers, Mr. Herrick, Mr. Satterfield, and Ms. Starr. I’m very proud of the students and hope they continue their hard work!

This year we encouraged all fifth-grade students to write a short essay and explain why they should be picked to attend a summer camp at the Concord Y.M.C.A., which will be sponsored by the Loudon D.A.R.E. program. The three students who will attend are: Avery Henderson, Jonathan Demers, and Morgan Kenney. Congratulations!

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com or jfiske@loudonpolice.com. ■



Old Home Day News

Citizens of the Year Chosen!

The Loudon Old Home Day Association announces the 2007 Citizens of the Year. Congratulations to **Roger and Irene Dow** for being chosen as the 2007 Citizens of the Year! Mr. and Mrs. Dow have each contributed in numerous ways to Loudon for many years and we are all grateful for their time and dedication! Look for their bio in the 2007 Old Home Day booklet and see them in the 2007 Old Home Day Grand Parade on August 11th! Thanks Roger and Irene, and thanks to all the past Citizens of the Year for their love and dedication to Loudon. It’s what makes Loudon such a great community!

Poster Winners Announced

The Loudon Old Home Day Association would like to congratulate Brannigan McNeil, 2nd Grader, at Loudon Elementary, for her winning entry in the 2007 Loudon Old Home Day Poster Contest. In addition to having her poster on the cover of the 2007 Old Home Day Book, Miss McNeil will receive a \$50.00 US Savings Bond, and will ride in the Old Home Day Parade on August 11, 2007.

We would also like to acknowledge the following students for being chosen as the 2007 Runners-up:

Kindergarten: Kallie Fisher
1st Grade: Lauren Rouse
3rd Grade: Raimee Rattee
4th Grade: Reagan Dombrowski
5th Grade: Katie Downs

Congratulations to all who participated. It was a very difficult task again this year to choose just one poster from each class, and then to narrow it down to the finalist. Loudon has many talented children!

Lastly, the Loudon Old Home Day Association would like to say thank you to the teachers, staff, and all the children at Loudon Elementary School who participated in this activity. Without their help, the cover of the Old Home Day Book would be pretty boring!

Parade Update

Dear Loudon Residents:

We are preparing for another great parade to begin the already awesome day. The theme is “Holidays Our Way.” Should make for some very interesting and diverse decorating ideas! What will you think of this year? We are so excited to find out! As always, judges will be picking winners: looking for originality, creativity, spirit, and enthusiasm. Trophies and ribbons will be on order soon.

Parade forms have already been mailed out. If by chance, you did not get one and would like one, please contact one of us at the below information. Susan and I are eagerly awaiting YOUR response, do so today! We encourage participation by all, be it group, individual, float, band, animal or other.

Line up is at 9:00 a.m. and the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. on August 11th. Again, if you did not receive a form and want to be in the parade or if you have a question or comment, please do not hesitate to contact one of us — we would be happy to help!

Thanks again!

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Cub Scout Pack 247 News

The Second-year Webelos crossed over to Boy Scouts during the April pack meeting. They performed a skit that commemorated their earning of the Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouting. They then crossed the bridge and were welcomed as Boy Scouts by the members of Troop 247. Congratulations Nicholas Ackerson, Andrew Smith, Larry Stone, and Charlie Wright!

The rest of the Scouts advanced to the next rank during the May Pack Meeting. The boys entered a teepee where "The Great Shaman" helped them on their journey through Scouting. Each boy emerged wearing the neckerchief of their new rank. The Tiger Cubs became Wolves, the Wolves became Bears, the Bears became First-year Webelos, and the First-year Webelos became Second-year Webelos.

The Pack recognized Larry Stone for his service as a den leader and the "behind the scenes guy" for the Pinewood Derby, Old Home Day, and Cub Scout Camp for the past five years. Kate Dockham was also recognized for her two years of tireless service as Committee Chair. She is passing the baton to Rhonda Decato for the coming year.

Other recognitions during the April meeting included Gold and Silver Arrow Points and the Physical Fitness Belt loop for the boys in Den 1: Corey Ackerson, Hunter Blake, Riley Charron, Alec Decato, Dylan Fifield, and Kyle Kowalski. Corey Ackerson also received the following belt loops: Ice Skating, Math, Collecting, Astronomy, Basketball, Art, and Music. Scott Martell received his Chess belt loop and Dylan Fifield received his Basketball belt loop. Alec Decato earned his Soccer belt loop and Danny Dockham earned his Astronomy belt loop. Deven Valenti earned the Marbles belt loop as well as a Silver Arrow Point.

Before crossing the bridge, the Second-year Webelos earned the following activity pins: Nicholas Ackerson/Scholar, Sportsman, Traveler, and Compass Point Badge; Andrew Smith/Artist, Scholar, Sportsman, and Compass Point Badge; Larry Stone/Scholar, Sportsman, and Compass Point Badge; Charlie Wright/Scholar, Sportsman, and Compass Point Badge. First-year Webelos Danny Dockham, Jonathon Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Mitchell Filion, Chance Grimaldi, and Jacob Ingle earned the Engineer Pin.

The boys are looking forward to their traditional summer activities: Family Fun night on June 20; Campfire with songs, skits, and s'mores, July 18; and building a float and marching in the Old Home Day Parade on August 11. The Cub Scouts also sponsor the dunking booth and carnival games at Old Home Day. Boys who attend the Family Fun Night, Campfire, and Old Home Day will receive the Summertime Award.

Boys entering grades 1 through 5 in the fall are invited to attend the Family Fun Night and/or the Campfire to learn more about Scouting. For more information contact Kate Dockham at 783-9939. ■



These Cub Scouts entered the teepee as Bears and emerged as Webelos as part of the rank advancement ceremony during the May pack meeting.

CUB SCOUT PACK 247'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. at Loudon Rec. Field

FOOD AND GAMES

Boys entering grades 1 through 5 who want to learn more about Scouting are invited to attend with their family. For more information contact Kate Dockham at 783-9939.



Cub Scouts from Pack 247 explore the guns on the U.S.S. Massachusetts during their overnight trip to Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass., in May.



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TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

Did you Know That...

- Obese children and adolescents have shown an alarming increase in the incidence of type 2 diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes.
- Many obese children have high cholesterol and blood pressure levels, which are risk factors for heart disease.
- One of the most severe problems for obese children is sleep apnea (interrupted breathing while sleeping). In some cases this can lead to problems with learning and memory.
- Obese children have a high incidence of orthopedic problems, liver disease, and asthma.
- Overweight adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight or obese adults.

Obesity in kids is now an epidemic in the United States. The number of children who are overweight has doubled in the last two to three decades; currently one child in five is overweight. The increase is in both children and adolescents, and in all age, race, and gender groups.

Obese children now have diseases like type 2 diabetes that used to only occur in adults. And overweight kids tend to become overweight adults, continuing to put them at greater risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke. But perhaps more devastating to an overweight child than the health problems is the social discrimination. Children who are teased a lot can develop low self-esteem and depression.

There are multiple factors that cause obesity. Genetics does play a role, but doesn't explain the huge increase in rates that has occurred over the past few decades. The evidence shows that it simply comes down to the fact that children are eating more high calorie foods and moving less. I wanted to share some information that I found on the causes and provide ways that you can promote healthy lifestyle behaviors in your child(ren).

Causes

There are many factors that contribute to causing child and adolescent obesity — some are modifiable and others are not.

Modifiable causes include:

- *Physical Activity* — Lack of regular exercise.

- *Sedentary Behavior* — High frequency of television viewing, computer usage, and similar behavior that takes up time that can be used for physical activity.
- *Socioeconomic Status* — Low family incomes and non-working parents.
- *Eating Habits* — Over-consumption of high-calorie foods. Some eating patterns that have been associated with this behavior are eating when not hungry, eating while watching TV or doing homework.
- *Environment* — Some factors are over-exposure to advertising of foods that promote high-calorie foods and lack of recreational facilities.

Non-changeable causes include:

- *Genetics* — Greater risk of obesity has been found in children of obese and overweight parents.

Prevention

Teaching healthy behaviors at a young age is important since change becomes more difficult with age. Behaviors involving physical activity and nutrition are the cornerstone of preventing obesity in children and adolescents. Families and schools are the two most critical links in providing the foundation for those behaviors.

Create an Active Environment:

- Make time for the entire family to participate in regular physical activities that everyone enjoys (i.e. walking, bicycling, swimming).
- Plan special active family outings such as a hiking or ski trip.
- Start an active neighborhood program. Join together with other families for group activities like touch football, basketball, tag or hide-and-seek.
- Assign active chores to every family member such as vacuuming, washing the car or mowing the lawn. Rotate the schedule of chores to avoid boredom from routine.
- Enroll your child in a structured activity that he or she enjoys, such as tennis, gymnastics, martial arts, etc.
- Instill an interest in your child to try a new sport by joining a team at school or in your community.
- Limit the amount of TV watching (almost half of children aged 8–16 years watch three to five hours of television a day. Kids who watch the most

hours of television have the highest incidence of obesity).

Create a Healthy Eating Environment:

- Implement the same healthy diet (rich in fruits, vegetables, and grains) for your entire family, not just for select individuals.
- Plan times when you prepare foods together. Children enjoy participating and can learn about healthy cooking and food preparation.
- Eat meals together at the dinner table at regular times.
- Avoid rushing to finish meals. Eating too quickly does not allow enough time to digest and to feel a sense of fullness.
- Avoid other activities during meal-times such as watching TV.
- Limit foods that are high in calories, fat or sugar.
- Have snack foods available that are low-calorie and nutritious. (i.e. fruit, vegetables, yogurt)
- Avoid serving portions that are too large.
- Avoid forcing your child to eat if he/she is not hungry. If your child shows atypical signs of not eating, consult a healthcare professional.
- Limit the frequency of fast-food eating to no more than once per week.
- Avoid using food as a reward or the lack of food as punishment.

Schools

Outside of the home, children and adolescents spend the majority of their time in school. So, it makes sense that schools provide an environment that promotes healthy nutrition and physical activity habits.

Creating a Healthy Eating Environment in Schools

A coalition of five medical associations and the USDA proposed a "Prescription for Change: Ten Keys to Promote Healthy Eating in Schools" to be used for guidance in school nutrition programs. Here are a few of their recommendations:

- Read more recommendations from this coalition of medical associations and the USDA at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/FactSheets/school_meals.htm
- Students, parents, food service staff, educators, and community leaders will be involved in assessing the school's eating environment, developing a shared vision, and an action plan to achieve it.
- Behavior-focused nutrition education will be integrated into the curriculum from pre-K through grade 12. Staff who provide nutrition education will have appropriate training.
- Decisions regarding the sale of foods in addition to the National School

Lunch Program meals will be based on nutrition goals, not on profit making.

Creating an Active Environment in Schools

The CDC partnered with experts from other federal agencies, state agencies, universities, voluntary organizations, and professional associations to develop *Guidelines for School and Community Programs to Promote Lifelong Physical Activity Among Young People*. Here are a few of their recommendations.

Read more guidelines at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00046823.htm>

- Schools should require daily physical education and comprehensive health education (including lessons on physical activity) in grades K–12.
- Provide school time, such as recess, for unstructured physical activity.
- Provide health promotion programs for school faculty and staff.
- Emphasize enjoyable participation in lifetime physical activities such as walking and dancing, not just competitive sports.
- Help students develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to adopt and maintain a physically active lifestyle.

Let's help our children adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors whether they are overweight or not. Focus on small, gradual changes in eating and activity patterns. This helps form habits that can last a lifetime. If your child is overweight, be supportive. Children know if they are overweight and don't need to be reminded or singled out. They need acceptance, encouragement and love.

To calculate your child or teen's BMI utilize the calculator at this website:

www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/bmi/

Body Mass Index (BMI) is a number calculated from a child's weight and height. BMI is a reliable indicator of body fatness for most children and teens. BMI does not measure body fat directly, but research has shown that BMI correlates to direct measures of body fat.

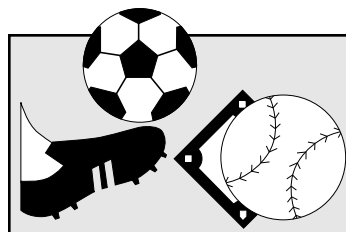
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Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured?

Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email: Tricia.Ingraham@comcast.net ■

**The next deadline for
The Loudon Ledger
is Friday, June 15, 2007.**



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

Scenes from Opening Day



Baseball News:

Opening Day Celebration: This year's opening day involved many special guests! LYAA thanks Merrimack County Sheriffs' Color Guard, Rev. Henry Frost, and MVHS Student Rachel Carson for the National Anthem. A special thanks for our fly-by by JBI Helicopters of Pembroke, NH.

The playground is complete at Landry Field! Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters!

LYAA would like to welcome and congratulate the newly-elected Baseball Commissioner, John Charron and the Baseball Information Officer, Hawk Halterman!

Concessions: It is the food concession stands that we operate, which provide us some of the additional income needed to foster our youth sports programs. We will be needing volunteers for concession stands at each game throughout the baseball season. Home teams are required to provide someone to assist with concessions. Please see your child's coach or Rhonda Decato on how you can help.

Fundraisers: Race Ticket Raffle returns... see a LYAA member or coach for details.

Karate News:

We will be having a summer Karate program! The introductory classes will last 6 weeks during the summer; class includes gee, lessons, and graduation ceremony! Check our website for upcoming details!

Soccer News:

We will be holding soccer sign-ups in June for the fall season. Watch website for sign-up info!

The MLS Soccer Camp is scheduled from July 30th–August 3rd. The program offers camps from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. or 12–3 p.m. for U8 and above, along with a 9 a.m.–3 p.m. program for U10 and above. The campers receive a ball, t-shirt, and free companion ticket to an MLS game. You can sign up on-line at www.MLSCamps.com or contact Becky Osgood for more information.

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 7:00 p.m. Come see what's happening! For more info, please contact Melody Broider at 267-8383 or via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com.

We are in the construction stages with our new website. Stop by and check it out at www.lyaanh.org. ■

Keep Wildlife Wild — Leave Young Animals Alone

If you encounter wildlife, even young animals that appear to need help, the kindest — and safest — thing to do is to leave them alone and let nature take its course, officials from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department said recently.

This time of year, many people call Fish and Game reporting that they have picked up young animals, thinking they are orphans. "Picking up fawns, baby raccoons or young animals is an error in judgment," says Fish and Game Lt. Bruce Bonenfant. "People think they're doing a good deed, but they are removing the animal from the care of its parents and exposing themselves to the risk of disease. What's more, these actions may result in the animal having to be euthanized for rabies testing."

Young wild animals and birds have their best chance of surviving when they are in their own natural environment, says Fish and Game Wildlife Programs Administrator Mark Ellingwood. What should you do if you find a young animal? "Give wildlife plenty of space and leave them alone and in the woods, where they belong," he said.

Seeing a fawn alone, for example, does NOT mean that it is orphaned or that it needs our help. Ellingwood explains that it is normal for a doe to leave her fawn alone while she goes off to feed in the early morning and evening hours. In many cases, the doe will not return until nightfall. "Fawns are not defenseless creatures. Their cryptic coloration, tendency to stay perfectly still, and lack of scent, are all adaptations that help them survive," he said. Does are easy to detect because of their size and scent, so they generally keep a distance from their fawns, except during brief nursing bouts, so that predators don't key in on them.

"So, if you're lucky enough to see a fawn, count your blessings and leave the area," Ellingwood advises. "Unless you can verify that a fawn's mother is dead, please leave it alone. The majority of a doe's time is spent away from the fawn. Persistent revisiting by the sympathetic public only serves to prolong the separation and delay important feeding. If you have questions, call your local Fish and Game office."

Only qualified people with special rehabilitator's permits, issued through Fish and Game headquarters, may take in and care for injured or orphaned wildlife. Unless you have these credentials, it is illegal to have in your possession or take any New Hampshire wildlife from the wild and keep it in captivity. A list of licensed N.H. rehabilitators is available at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/wildlife_rehabbers.htm. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.WildNH.com. ■

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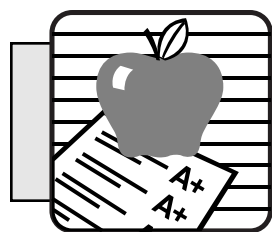
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Merrimack Valley School District News

The last day of school is Monday, June 18.

Loudon Elementary School

D.A.R.E. Program Graduation

On Wednesday, May 9, the Loudon Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) participants attended a graduation ceremony at the Loudon Elementary School. Katelyn Downs, Jake McConnell, and Lais De Lima were all winners of the essay contest describing what the D.A.R.E. program was about and what they had learned. Scott Spradling, WMUR news anchor, attended the ceremony as a guest speaker. Congratulations, Fifth Grade Graduates and a big thanks to Officer Fiske for his tremendous effort!

June 18 Last Day of School

Another school year has passed and it is time for summer break. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer. See you in the fall!

Important Dates

- June 6:** First grade play 6:00 p.m., Families invited
- June 7:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; 1st Thursday of every month
- June 7:** Fifth grade instrumental concert
- June 8:** Marks close
- June 13:** Field Day (rain date will be June 14th)
- June 24:** The Trott family's annual memorial golf tournament, Loudon Country Club
- June 25-July 20:** Summer Reading Program
- August 28:** 1st day of school!

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

LES Cheetah Project — Help Save the Cheetah's

Cheetahs have been endangered for about 6-7 years. A student of Miss Bartlett's fourth-grade class (Hannah Herter) has decided to save them. In the Middle East and Asia, no more than 100 survive. This is a very small population compared to other animals. Only 10,200 are still alive. Together with the help of Madeline Jaquith, these girls held a contest to see which class could raise the most money. Students were

asked to send in a donation that would be sent into a foundation. We will hopefully have the results of this worthwhile cause for our July issue!

MVHS News

Construction Update

As of June 1st, the kitchen in the cafeteria will be closed for remodeling. We will be setting up a limited food service area in the gym for the weeks of June 4 and 11. Selections will include cold beverages and pre-made food items such as pizza. Since we can't possibly replicate the offerings from the kitchen, we encourage students to pack lunches for the last 2 weeks of school. As always, "Free and Reduced" students will receive an approved lunch each day.

The Main Office and Guidance will operate out of the new first floor Library this summer. The lobby and front canopy will be removed, so any summer business will need to enter the school through the doors by the flagpole.

To Students and Parents of the Junior Class:

Every year the Junior Class provides desserts for the Senior Banquet, which is being held on June 7 this year. If you could provide a dessert dish for that night, it would help greatly. If you are able to contribute, please email our class advisor, Abigail Sanborn at asanborn@mv.k12.nh.us with what you are planning to provide. *Submitted by Julia Bender, Junior Class President*

National Honor Society

The following Juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society on April 19: Doreen Barksdale, Ian Barry, Ian Coll, Ashley Dlubac, Seth Magee, Brad Moore, Anna Peterson, Ryan Pilsbury, Althea Rosen, Derek Swenson, Leah Wagner. Membership in NHS recognizes a student's scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Target Cashback to MVHS

We recently received a check for \$258.24 from the Target "Take Charge of Education" program. Use your REDcard every time you check out at Target, and they will send us a check for 1% of the total amount you purchased. If you have a REDcard, you can go to the Target website and make MVHS your designated school. If you have not already enrolled, please consider this as a way to help fund items outside of taxes.

Political Action Club

The MV Political Action Club hosted its first Presidential Primary Candidate Forum on March 12, when Congressman Tom Tancredo of Colorado accepted our invitation to speak with club members and history classes.



Winners of the D.A.R.E. essay contest.

Congressman Tancredo, a former history teacher, quizzed the students on history and Constitution facts. He also fielded questions from the student body and was very impressed with our students.

On April 6 US Representative Paul Hodes visited MV and spoke to several Social Studies Classes. He described the fall election process and his recent experiences as a "Freshman Congressman." He also answered student questions. *Submitted by Pam Ean and Sharon Johnson*

Library Media Center News

On Tuesday May 1, MVHS staff and students celebrated the opening of our new library by holding a "tea" to thank the workers of Hutter for all of their wonderful efforts this year. Eighteen student organizations were represented. Our Junior Class president thanked Hutter on behalf of all student organizations and presented the crew boss with an MV track shirt. Charlie Dean and the kitchen staff prepared a wonderful assortment of goodies, which we enjoyed in the cafeteria. *Submitted by Geri Gormley*

Upcoming Events

- June 5:** Year End Band/Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium
- June 7:** Senior Awards Banquet (Students Only), 5:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- June 7:** Senior Awards Ceremony (Everyone Invited), 7:00 p.m. HS Auditorium
- June 16th:** Graduation 2007, 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Field (Rain or Shine)

MV Equestrian Team Wins First Meet

The New Hampshire High School Equestrian Teams held their first meet on April 21st at Riverfare Farm in Webster, NH. Eight schools participated: Merrimack Valley, Kearsarge Regional, Hopkinton, Manchester West, Nashua, Goffstown, Inter-lakes, and Pinkerton Academy. Merrimack Valley's Team consists of 10 riders: from the high school, Jocelyn Tanner, Lindsey Galliher, Kaitlin Ryan, and Bridget Aznive and from the middle school, Terise Cole, Maranda White, Danielle Emmrick, Angela Davis, Shauntee Currier, and Corissa Fortune.

Merrimack Valley came in first place with over 800 points. Second place was

Kearsarge with 576 points and Pinkerton picked up 3rd with 510 points. Coach Stacey McNeil and advisor Marge Tanner are VERY PROUD of the MV Equestrian team!!!

For the high school in the walk/trot/canter division, Jocelyn Tanner pulled in 3 first place rides and 2 second place rides for a total of 96 points for the team and 1st place overall. Following right behind her was Lindsey Galliher with 80 points and 4th overall. In the walk/trot division, Maranda White picked up 77 points and came in 2nd over all, and Kaitlin Ryan, added 75 points and came in 3rd place overall.

Merrimack Valley entered 3 team classes: Team Spirit, Team Relay, and Team Flag race and took home the win in each class!! The next meet is Saturday, May 5 at the Tack Shack in Fremont, NH. This show will be double judged so it will be our last meet before the State Competition on May 19th in Grantham, NH.

Officer Carl Notarangeli to join Merrimack Valley High School

Concord Police Officer Carl Notarangeli was recently selected by a school and community panel to join the Merrimack Valley High School as its new School Resource Officer starting in the fall of 2007. Officer Notarangeli graduated from Merrimack College with a degree in Economics and has been with the Concord Police Department since 2002. Prior to becoming a Police Officer, he worked as a supervisor for a managed health care company in Hooksett. Officer Notarangeli is married with two children and lives in Loudon. He will replace Master Police Officer Bill Dexter who returns to patrol after 6 years of dedicated service at MVHS.



Fifth Annual Angel Run/Walk

On June 6, Merrimack Valley High School will host the 5th Annual Angels 5k Run/Walk. This is a senior project fundraiser that will generate scholarships for members of the graduating

Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

The Colorful Northern Cardinal

Imagine my delight when I drove down my driveway and spotted a cardinal at my birdfeeder!!! Yes, I get excited about the chickadee, gold finch, and, of course, the tufted titmice, but to have a cardinal at your feeder is true bliss. According to the N.H. Audobon, the population of the Northern Cardinal has grown over 2500% in the past 30 years! I never saw cardinals growing up in rural Vermont. This fact is mainly due to, dare I say it, global warming — the effects of humans. The abundance of food at feeders during the winter is also a factor.

An interesting fact — the cardinal is the state bird for 7 states.

Characteristics: The male Northern Cardinal is an amazing sight — you can usually hear him before you see him. He has brilliant red feathers with a

black mask around his eyes and wears a crest on his head. As usual in the bird world, the female is a dull olive or brown color with just a hint of dull red on her wings.

Habitat and Diet: Cardinals tend to live on the edge of forests near houses and gardens. The male is pretty but he can also be ferocious! He will defend his territory and apparently gets very agitated if he catches his reflection in a window! Seeds, grains, fruits, and insects provide a well rounded diet for this character. The Northern Cardinal does not migrate — most will stay within a mile of their birthplace. Another interesting fact: Both the male and the female sing. To hear a clip of this very distinct song, visit: www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Northern_Cardinal.html

Lifecycle: Cardinals usually raise two broods of young a year. They mate

in March and again from May to July. The female usually lays four eggs which take about 12 days to hatch. Their nests are made of twigs and bark and are lined with grass, moss, and other soft materials. Young cardinals leave the nest after 11 days and they can fly within 20 days!

Cheers to the Northern Cardinal! You have brightened up New Hampshire with your brilliant color and incredible song. I can't wait for you to visit my feeder again!

For more information about the Northern Cardinal, visit these fantastic websites: www.birds.cornell.edu and www.nhptv.org/natureworks/cardinal.htm. Facts for this article were obtained from the previously-mentioned websites. Picture courtesy of Clipart.com.



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

Summer Outdoor Skills Sessions For Youth Ages 12-16 At Barry Camp This July

Kids can have fun being active and learning about conserving the great outdoors this summer if you sign them up for Barry Conservation Camp, a weekly overnight camp located in Berlin, NH. Summer specialty weeks are offered for youth ages 12-16, including:

- Let's Go Fishing (July 8-14);
- Advanced Shooting Sports (July 15-20);
- Hunter Education (July 22-27); and
- Outdoor Challenge (July 29-August 3).

Registration is limited. Barry Camp is a cooperative effort of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and New Hampshire 4-H Camps. The cost of \$395 per week includes meals, lodging, instruction, and use of equipment. To register, contact 4Hcamps@unh.edu, call (603) 862-2184 or visit <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm>. ■

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class of 2007. The entrance fee is \$8 for students and \$12 for Adults. The race starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Merrimack Valley concession stand located behind the Middle School. If there are any questions, please contact Marshall Talley at 753-1163 or find us on coolrunning.com. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help organize, please contact Marshall at the number above.

May Students of the Month

Loudon

Evan Nadeau
Newell Moser
Sam Doyon
Alex Stolte
Courtney Kelly
Amanda Halle
Hillary Higman

Salisbury

Scott Colby
Stephen Oakley

Penacook

Jake Houghton
Bryan Mann
Keara Chagnon
Annalisa Mitchell
Marianna Carniel

Boscawen

Seth Magee
Annie Egounis
Cayleigh Smith

Andover

Zach Barton

Webster

Brooke Bucknam
Skye Collins

The winning students are Seth Magee and Analisa Mitchell. ■



The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

We hope that Memorial Day went as planned, and that Francis would have been proud. We would like to thank all the groups that participated this year. At the time of this article being submitted, May 18, the Memorial Day Parade, the placing of the flags, and all of the preparation and labor had not yet happened. So, I hope everything has gone as planned.

This month, we are sharing information with you on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, located just outside of Washington, DC. The cemetery is on property that was General Robert E. Lee's family homestead, but was taken by the Union during the Civil War.

Who Are the Tomb Guards?

The soldiers who stand guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are hand-picked and rigorously trained. They have come from every state in the union, every walk of life. There are men and women. For some this is their first unit in the Army, others are veterans of many years. Over the years there have been Regular Army and Draftees.

The duty is not for everyone. Over 80% of the soldiers who try out for this duty do not make it.

Each soldier must have strong military bearing, discipline, and stamina and present an outstanding soldierly appearance. Each Sentinel must be able to flawlessly perform seven different types of walks, honors, and ceremonies. They must retain vast amounts of knowledge concerning the Tomb, Arlington National Cemetery, the United States Army, and their unit.

On March 25, 1926, orders were sent down directing the formation of an armed military guard at the Tomb, during daylight hours only. Too many visitors to the cemetery were using the original crypt as a picnic table.

On July 2, 1937, the guard was increased in size and ordered to begin 24 hour shifts. Both of these documents are the foundation of the Guard's existing orders and mission.

The mission of the Guard of Honor, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is as follows:

- Responsible for maintaining the highest standards and traditions of the United States Army and this Nation while keeping a constant vigil at this national shrine.
- Prevent any desecration or disrespect directed toward the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

If you have not been to Washington, DC or Arlington, it would be a trip that would be well worth it. It is a vacation I have done and will definitely do again.

Post Events and News

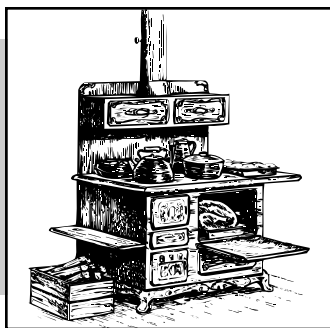
We are still looking for new members. I encourage all of you with any questions, please feel free to call Jim at 435-8892.

Don't forget about BINGO every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

If anyone is in need of any hospital equipment, we have a very large supply. Remember, too, that the hall is available for rent. ■

*Thank you,
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Dad's in the kitchen!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

As the saying goes, almost any man can be a father but it takes a special man to be a Daddy, and I must say, as far as fathers go, mine is the best. He is loving, thoughtful, gentle, and has a kindness that anyone who knows him will tell you is immeasurable. So Happy Father's Day to my Dad and all the other special men who fill the roll of daddy to children young and old.

As for cooking, though, there are few meals my Dad actually prepared for my Mom and me. This is partly because my Mom is such a good cook and partly because the mess my Dad made in the kitchen took longer to clean up than it did to cook and eat the meal.

I can remember Sunday mornings when we didn't have to go anywhere I would wake up to the smell of fried Spam (BIG MESS!) and almost burnt eggs and toast. And to top it all off, oldies music blared throughout the house. I just wanted to put a pillow over my head and go back to sleep, but the memories of those Sundays can always bring a smile to my face.

Here's big thank you to Michael and Angel Harris, who sent in the following recipe for this month's column. I hope you enjoy your time together in the kitchen making delicious food and creating memories to last a lifetime.

BANANA BOATS — Submitted by Michael & Angel Harris

This is a delicious treat and hands-on craft for kids.

- Wash hands.
- Peel a whole banana.
- Cut one wedge the full length of the banana in the center to shape a "canoe."
- Add about 2 tablespoons of natural peanut butter all along the inside where you cut it.
- Use raisins for "people" inside the canoe.
- Younger children will enjoy counting the "people" in the canoe, then enjoy eating this healthful craft and treat!

It's been so long since the following recipe has been made that both my Dad and my Mom couldn't really remember the exact ingredients. So I did a little research and found the following recipe that is pretty close to what I remember. We used to eat it on buttery boiled potatoes. The hardest part about this recipe is finding the dried beef. Unless you know where to find it, I recommend asking someone in the grocery store to help point you in the right direction.

CREAMED DRIED BEEF — Marion Cunningham, "The Fannie Farmer Cookbook"

An old-fashioned and simple-to-fix supper. Dried or chipped beef, once a kitchen staple, is paper-thin dried beef. It is best if you use a good sliced dried beef from a deli or meat market — not the ground, rolled, and pressed products found in jars and plastic bags today. The salty taste is soothed by a rich cream sauce and the small amount of beef goes far; serve on a base of buttered toast or meaty baked potatoes, split open.

- 1/4 pound dried beef
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup hot milk
- 1 cup light cream
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Separate the slices of beef and set aside. In a saucepan, melt the butter, and when it foams, sprinkle on the flour and stir until well blended. Add the milk and cook over low heat, stirring. Add the cream slowly, continuing to stir constantly until the cream sauce is thickened. Add the pepper and the dried beef and mix well until heated through.

TACOS

In addition to the occasional breakfast, there are three meals that my Dad was known to make, tacos being the easiest. You certainly can buy all of the ingredients separately, but I do what my Dad did when it comes to tacos: I go to the Mexican aisle of the grocery store and buy a taco kit. While you're still in the store, read the directions so you don't get home and find you're missing something. We also like sour cream, sliced black olives, and sometimes refried beans with our tacos.

Some people find it too messy to eat crunchy tacos, so here are a couple of tips to make it easier:

- Spread refried beans on one side of a soft taco, place crunchy taco in the center, fold up sides, fill, and eat.
- Crunch up taco shell into a bowl, top with your favorite taco fillings, and eat with a fork or spoon.

Gary's Hamburger Soup

My Dad's *famous* (at least in our house) hamburger soup is delicious and hearty. If your kids are old enough to use a knife to cut veggies, this is a great recipe for helping hands.

- 2 pounds hamburger
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 3 large carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 2 potatoes, diced
- 1 15-ounce can corn with liquid
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 4 beef bouillon cubes
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dry basil
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 4-6 cups water (amount will vary)
- salt and pepper to taste

In a large stock pot brown the hamburger over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and cook for 2 minutes. Add carrots, celery, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, bouillon cubes, parsley, basil, and pepper. Add enough water to cover and bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

Reduce heat to medium-low and stir occasionally until the carrots are tender (about 1/2 hour). Add salt to taste. Serve with bread and butter or your favorite dinner rolls.

Next Month: Pack a picnic! Let me know what you pack for a day at the beach or the park. Send me your recipes or suggestions. Contact me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■



The American Red Cross and the Loudon Recreation Committee partner to offer

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This program was developed for "latch key" children who need to be safe when they are home alone. Instruction includes issues such as helping them know how to identify the dangers of entering the home if the door is unlocked, dangers within the home, how to (or not to) answer the phone or door, and other situations that may arise when home alone.

It is an interactive program where the children in the class can openly discuss their experiences and concerns.

Classes are \$30. Advance registration required. Call 225-6697, press 3 (Health & Safety Services), press 1 (to register for community classes).

You may also register by filling out this form and sending payment to the American Red Cross, 2 Maitland St., Concord, NH 03301.

Student Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Method of Payment: ☐ check # _____ ☐ cash

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of card holder _____

Community Summer Fun Nights & Summer Reading Program

Sat., June 16	Summer Reading Prog. Sign-ups begin	9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sat., June 23	Puppets w/Rick Goldin	10:30 a.m.
Fri., June 29	Friday Night Flicks — <i>A Goofy Movie</i>	7 p.m.
Wed., July 11	Ice Cream Social & Field Events	7–8 p.m.
Thurs., July 12	Craft Night	7 p.m.
Wed., July 18	Pete Cluett	7–8 p.m.
Wed., July 25	Nevers Band	7–8 p.m.
Thurs., July 26	Game Night	7 p.m.
Wed., August 1	Wild Life Encounters	7–8 p.m.
Wed., August 8	TBA	
Fri., August 10	Friday Night Flicks	7 p.m.
Sat., August 11	Summer Reading Prog. Booklets due	
Wed., August 15	*Army Band	7–8 p.m.
Thurs., August 16	Summer Reading Awards Night A–L	6–7 p.m.
	Summer Reading Awards Night M–Z	7–8 p.m.
Wed., August 22	Mr. Phil	7–8 p.m.

Shaded areas are sponsored by **The Maxfield Public Library**. All Library events will be held in the Children's Room.

For more information please call: 798-5153

Non-shaded areas are sponsored by **The Loudon Recreation Committee**. All Recreation events will be held at the Rec Field Gazebo Area. Rain Location: American Legion Hall. Bring lawn chair or blanket.

*Army Band on Aug. 15 will be cancelled in case of rain.

For more information please call: Alicia Grimaldi 435-5193 or go to www.loudonnh.org.

The Recreation Committee is offering the 8-hour American Red Cross Babysitting Class on June 15 from 6–9 p.m. and June 16 from 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Class is \$45. Call 225-6697, press 3, then 1, to register. ■

Loudon Recreation Committee Children's Summer Theater Group

The Loudon Recreation Department will offer a children's theater group this Summer for children entering grades 4–7.

The program will run from July 9 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. through August 18.

The cost of the program will be covered by the Recreation Committee; however, a \$10 fee to reserve your child's spot will be collected at time of registration and used to cover a portion of props and materials for the group.

The script being used is called, "America's Tallest Tales" featuring characters from American tall tales such as Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, and Bess Call.

Sessions will be held at the Legion Hall in Loudon.

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Director, Dale Gregory at 736-3322 or email at costumecreations@hotmail.com. Additional forms can be downloaded from www.loudonnh.org

Participant's Name _____ Age _____

Contact Person: _____

Best method of contact: ☐ phone _____

☐ email _____

Best time to be reached _____

Please return forms to Mrs. Muzzey at the Loudon Elementary School or mail to Alicia Grimaldi, Chair Loudon Recreation Committee, 7001 Sanborn Rd, Loudon, NH 03307. Contact: 603-435-5193 or affirmhealth@yahoo.com.

I hereby give permission for the above-named child to participate in the Loudon Recreation Theater Program at the Legion Hall. As a parent/ guardian giving permission for the above-named child, I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in this program. I further agree to release from liability the Loudon Recreation Department, Dale Gregory, Director, and the Loudon Legion Hall.

Parent/guardian or participant signature _____

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Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Camporee A Success!

On May 18 and 19, the wettest weekend of the entire Spring to date, the Loudon Girl Scouts were “Wild About Camping” — or should we say “Wet and Wild About Camping” — at Loudon’s Cascade Campground. It took a village — a tent and tarp village, that is — and a great group of Loudon Girl Scouts and adult volunteers to sing in the rain and make the camporee a success despite the weather.

We had five troops brave the weather on Friday night setting up their campsites and buttoning down for the long night of rain. Come morning, most were dry, all were fed, and we were off to start our exciting day of workshops and fun. Two more troops arrived to join in the fun and after several adjustments to the schedule and Cascade Campground allowing us to use their pavilion, we held our opening flag ceremony. Tie-dying t-shirts, making fairy houses, rock painting, going on an un-nature scavenger hunt, making a nature journal with scavenger hunt, making a fire from edible ingredients, making bird feeders, creating different bug crafts, and making canning jar lanterns were all choices on the schedule of the day.

About 80 girls and adults participated in an ice cream sundae buffet — YUM — and each troop brought ingredients to share. The girls also shared SWAPS. SWAPS are Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere — little trinkets that each troop made with the camporee theme and shared with other scouts.

The group then retired the colors with a closing ceremony and returned to our campsites to prepare supper. After supper we shared campfire s’mores, songs, skits, a candle-light ceremony, and fun. During the campfire, a difficult decision was made by all troops to close the camporee. No one really wanted to leave as we were having so much fun, but wet clothes, wet girls, wet gear, and wet tents plus more cold and rain in the forecast were an equation no one could ignore and we had to end the event. Despite the early ending, most of the girls are already talking about what they want to do for Camporee 2008!!! We are glad it didn’t dampen anyone’s Girl Scout camping spirits.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our sponsors, Cascade Campground, for providing us with the location and use of the pavilion building for our activities. Meyers RV of Chichester donated the use of a camper so we could provide luxury accommodations to our EMT for the weekend, Mr. Ben Carter. Mr. Carter tended to the little bumps and boobos of the event and we are VERY grateful for his ability and willingness to volunteer!! Another thank you goes to Just Wash It! They allowed a group of three women to come and rinse and wash all 94 tie-dyed shirts — a chore which was very time

consuming but GREATLY appreciated by all! Perhaps you saw our beautiful t-shirts at the Memorial Day parade...

Finally we want to thank the entire group of adult and Cadette Girl Scout volunteers who helped out during the event. Without each and every one of you, we would not have been able to provide the girls with this fun and exciting camporee experience — THANK YOU ALL!! We look forward to what the next Camporee has in store — hopefully not RAIN!

Junior Troop 361

*Samantha French
Jenna Paquette*

The month of May has been devoted to getting ready for Camporee and planning our year-end trip. Our girls have decided they want to go to Build-A-Bear and make bears for charity and one for themselves. What a nice choice, they get to go and have a good time but also do one last community service project together as juniors. We will end our trip with a celebration dinner!

Our Bridging ceremony is Sunday, June 10 and the girls are all looking forward to taking part in it and bridging and becoming Cadettes. We are already planning next year’s “interest groups or classes” and are really excited about some of the new town-wide events planned. ■



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Safe Hiking Is No Accident — Are You Packing The 10 Essentials?

As Memorial Day weekend approaches, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts are gearing up to head onto the trails in New Hampshire's White Mountains and other scenic areas. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the White Mountain National Forest remind everyone to have fun and stay safe by brushing up on the hikeSafe Hiker Responsibility Code before embarking on outdoor adventures this summer.

"Planning ahead and following safe hiking principles will make it much less likely that you'll need to call on rescue services for help," said Lt. Todd Bogardus of Fish and Game, the agency responsible for coordinating wilderness rescues in the state. Recent heavy rains have deposited lots of water into the backcountry and some brook crossings may be treacherous, he said. Weather is another key concern: be sure to check the local forecast before heading out; weather is always unpredictable in the mountains.

The hikeSafe principles are aimed at teaching those new to hiking — as well as experienced hikers — the basics of proper planning, preparation, and self-responsibility. Everyone heading out for a hike should at least carry the ten essential items to help avoid trouble or assist if they encounter difficulties: map, compass, warm clothing, extra food and water, flashlight or headlamp, matches/firestarters, first aid kit/repair kit, whistle, rain/wind gear, and a pocket knife. Does your gear include the ten essentials?

You'll also want to protect yourself from abundant ticks in the state this year. Wear bright clothing, tuck your pant legs into your socks, apply insect repellents that contain DEET, and check yourself and your children for ticks after spending time outside. Reducing the chance of tick bites cuts down your potential exposure to Lyme disease.

Before heading out on the trail, visit www.hikesafe.com to learn more about the hikeSafe program and find more safe hiking tips. The hikeSafe website has been recently updated for the upcoming hiking season with a new look, additional information, and an interactive area for young kids. Help promote the hikeSafe principles while out on the trails by spreading the hikeSafe message to fellow hikers.

Hiker Responsibility Code

You are responsible for yourself, so be prepared:

1. **With knowledge and gear.** Become self-reliant by learning about terrain, conditions, local weather, and your equipment before you start.
2. **Leave your plans.** Tell someone where you are going, the trails you are hiking, when you'll return, and your emergency plans.
3. **Stay together.** When you start as a group, hike as a group, end as a group. Pace your hike to the slowest person.
4. **Turn back.** Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Fatigue and unexpected conditions can also affect your hike. Know your limitations and when to postpone your hike. The mountains will be there another day.
5. **Prepare for emergencies.** Even if you are headed out for just an hour, an injury, severe weather or a wrong turn could become life threatening. Don't assume you will be rescued; know how to rescue yourself.
6. **Share the hiker code with others.**

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Loudon Recreation Committee Summer Golf Instruction

The Loudon Recreation Department is offering Summer Golf Instruction to ages 4 and up at the Loudon Country Club beginning August 7.

■ **Adults (ages 15 and up)** meet Tuesdays from 6–7 p.m. once a week for 5 weeks. **\$60.00.**

■ **Juniors (ages 8 to 14)** meet on Wednesday and Thursday from 5–6 p.m. twice a week for 3 weeks. **\$60.00.**

■ **Kids (ages 4 to 7)** meet on Thursdays from 4–5 p.m. once a week for 5 weeks. *Parents are requested to stay through the lesson.* **\$30.00.**

■ **If you are not a Loudon resident, please add an additional \$10 processing fee.**

If you have your own equipment you are encouraged to bring it and, if you do not, clubs will be provided for you.

To inquire and/or register, please send registration forms and fee to Loudon Recreation contact person, Kendra Hebert, 297 Bee Hole Rd., Loudon, NH 03307. Contact: 603-798-3599 or kenjhebert@yahoo.com. Checks made payable to the Loudon Recreation Committee. Registrations will be accepted no later than July 31st.

Participant's Name _____ Age _____

Pertinent Medical Info _____

Emergency Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

I hereby give permission for the above-named child to participate in the Loudon Recreation Golf Program at the Loudon Country Club. As an adult participant and/or parent/guardian giving permission for the above-named child/ren, I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in this program. I further agree to release from liability the Loudon Recreation Department and the Loudon Country Club.

Parent/guardian or participant signature _____

Loudon Recreation Committee Summer Swim Program

The Loudon Recreation Committee is offering Red Cross Swim Instruction Levels 1–6 at Clough Pond taught by Water Safety Instructors contracted through Swim NH LLC. There will be two two-week sessions offered; the first session will be July 16–27 and the second session August 6–17. Classes will be held M–F for a half hour each. All Loudon children ages 5 and up are eligible for lessons. Lessons will cost \$25 per session per child and the family rate is \$75 maximum.

Please send registration form and payment to Alicia Grimaldi, 7001 Sanborn Rd., Loudon, NH 03307. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193. Additional forms can be obtained at loudonnh.org.

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Level _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Level _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Level _____

Session preferred: 1 or 2 (please circle)

Parent's name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

I hereby give permission for the above-named child to participate in the Loudon Recreation Swim Program at Clough Pond. As a parent/guardian giving permission for the above-named child/ren, I agree to assume all risks incidental to participation in this program. I further agree to release from liability the Loudon Recreation Department, Swim NH LLC, and Instructors.

Parent/guardian or participant signature _____

Thank you for your support and participation!



Loudon 4-H News

Happy Hill 4-H Club

Hello, Happy Hill 4-H readers! I am sad to report our 4-H year is coming quickly to an end, with our last official meeting and potluck supper to be held on June 4.

The Happy Hill club has had a busy and fun year with members participating in Food Show, Fashion Revue, Quiz Bowl, and craft, sewing, and cooking classes!

Happily, our last meeting is our potluck supper where we share a meal and show off some of our projects that we've completed during the year! 4-Hers also turn in project sheets reporting activities we participated in to be sent to the home office in Boscawen. The best part of the supper meeting is that we can invite family and friends!!

We are also planning our club year-end activity. Can you guess what it is? If you guessed glow-bowling, you'd be right. On Saturday, June 2, we will be going glow-bowling at 6 p.m. I can't wait.

At our last meeting, Happy Hill 4-H Club voted to make donations to the American Legion and the Merrimack County 4-H Foundation.

If you can't get enough 4-H, please check out our displays at the Hopkinton Fair (end of August–Labor Day) in the 4-H building and animal barns. Then, after you've worked up an appetite, please support 4-H activities by enjoying a BBQ dinner or some ice cream!!

It's been a great 4-H year and we'd like to thank Liz LeBrun and Pearl Aznive for all their support and hard work.

If you have any questions about 4-H and our activities, please call Liz LeBrun at 783-4671.

See you at the Hopkinton Fair! Happy Hill 4-H meetings will start again in October, won't you join us? ■

*Submitted by Carly Colby
Happy Hill Club reporter*

Rolling Bones 4-H Dog Club News

When considering methods of instilling good values in children, animal husbandry may not be the first thing that comes to mind. After all, what life skills could really be gained from surviving a bath with a slobbery St. Bernard, or teaching a Chihuahua to walk nicely on a leash? The answer might surprise you.

The goals of the Rolling Bones 4-H Dog Club, about 20 members strong and based in Merrimack County, are strongly rooted in 4-H fundamentals: leadership, citizenship, and life skills. While learning about all aspects of canine care — including such things as training, grooming, disease prevention, and behavior — strong responsibility, compassion, teamwork, and communication skills are also developed.

In the spirit of 4-H, the positive effects of the Rolling Bones 4-H Dog Club are also extending beyond its members and into the community. For several years now, members have been working to raise money for the Working Dog Foundation (www.workingdog.org), a non-profit organization that exists to support and enhance New Hampshire Police K-9 Teams by granting dogs, cash grants, and K9 Bullet-Proof Vests. The Foundation also maintains and runs the New Hampshire Police K9 Academy at the National Guard Training Site on the Pease Tradeport grounds in Newington, NH. As if that wasn't enough, they also hold Patrol Dog and Detector Dog certifications and competitions under the auspices of the USPCA (United States Police Canine Association), yearly seminars in patrol, narcotics, detection and tracking,

and seminars with internationally-recognized experts on training issues. Canine first-aid seminars are also held regularly for K9 handlers and at least once yearly for the general public. Last, but certainly not least, the Foundation K9 handlers provide educational support at schools, public events, and fairs in an ongoing community policing effort. To put it into simpler terms: their efforts are huge and their cause, very worthy.

The cost of purchasing a police K9 (to be donated to a qualified NH Police Department) through The Working Dog Foundation is \$5,000. The Rolling Bones 4-H Dog Club is currently about halfway to that goal, with a hope of reaching it by the end of the summer. They look forward to presenting the Working Dog Foundation with a check that will get one more K9 Officer out on the street, to make our state an even safer place.

On July 7, 2007, they will be holding a Fun Match at Webster Park in Epsom, NH. The proceeds from the entire day will go toward the Working Dog Foundation. At the match, the public will witness the incredible results of the extensive training that members have done to prepare for the show, competition being in two different classes:

Showmanship:

The member will be judged on the cleanliness of the dog, how they present the dog to the judge, the handler/member's appearance, and their knowledge.

Obedience:

The dog will be judged on what it knows. The dog must obey its handler's commands and will be judged against the "perfect" routine. They will start out with a

score of 200 and points will be deducted in the event of a mistake or incomplete routine.

Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages will be sold. The club will also hold a 50/50 raffle and a general raffle that will have a variety of items — not just all things dog-related! In the past, items up for grabs included gift certificates to restaurants and services, Monarch hockey tickets, Concord Quarry Dog tickets, candles, dog toys, plants, and many other items. If you are interested in donating items to be raffled or sponsoring the fun match, please contact, Sarah Gardner agilelab@metrocast.net.

The Rolling Bones 4-H Dog Club would like to invite you to join them for a day of fun competition. They do respectfully request that you leave your own 4-footed family members at home. So come learn, laugh, and support these great kids, and their great cause! ■

Written by: Erin Alix-Crowdes

**Mark your calendar
now for
Loudon Old Home Day!
Saturday
August 11, 2007**

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contest, entertainment, good
food, crafts, fireworks, bike
parade, games, fun, fun, fun!**



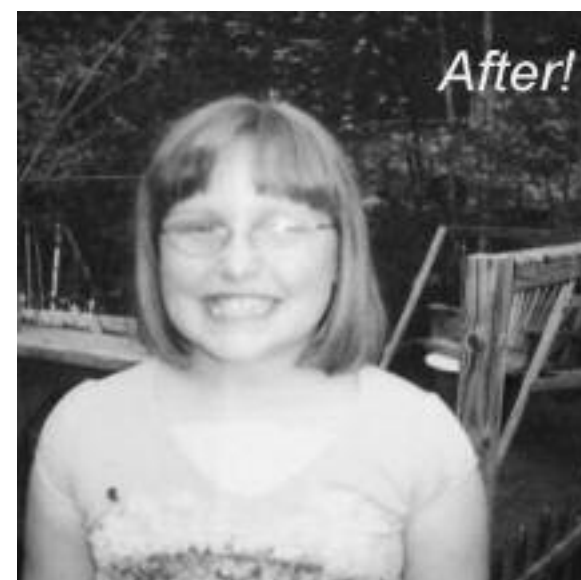
Attention kids of Loudon... We want to hear from you! We know there are talented kids here in Loudon! Draw a picture, write a poem or share a story. Send it in for inclusion in the Kid's Page of *The Loudon Ledger*. Type it up or write it down and send it to the Loudon Communications Council, PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or email it to jaelmasse@comcast.net.


More "Locks" from Loudon!

By Kris Tripp

I am excited to say that more wonderful locks of LONG hair have been donated from Loudon to Locks of Love! This young lady from Loudon's third grade class gladly donated her beautiful hair to this worthy cause. Who knows, this could be the start of a wonderful trend. Great job girls! This is such a nice thing you have done.

Donating your hair for a good cause is easy! For more information, visit the Locks of Love website at www.locksoflove.org. ■





Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

What a beautiful weather day we had for our May 8 meeting. Thirty-five people were present for our "Show and Tell" program. Dottie Mulkhey and her Mom, Nellie Riel (a very spry 92 year-old), displayed quilts they each had made. Very nice! Ellie Dore showed some needlework pieces. Dick Malfait had some antique fire department items. Janet Darling produced some interesting glassware. Stanley Prescott had surveying tools, old town maps, and records dating back to the early 1800's. Needless to say, these were all very interesting presentations.

Birthdays, anniversaries, and ill members were acknowledged by Ruth Lyon, Vice-President. Door prizes for Brookside Pizza were won by Pat Ordway and Stanley Prescott. Our CAP lunch consisted of turkey, gravy, stuffing, sweet potato, peas, and cookie.

A reminder to those members taking the boat trip to the Isles of Shoals on June 12: arrive at 7:30 a.m., bring a jacket, sunglasses, and a hat with a visor. The fee is \$15.00 for the boat trip. Please have exact amount. The box lunch is free, but you will be responsible for snacks on the boat and ice cream at Johnsons on the trip home.

We will have no regular meeting in July mainly due to tourists to our fair town, or August because of Old Home Day. September will be our annual cookout at the Community Center. We have always had good weather for this event. Let's hope our record remains intact. See you then! ■



Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

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

Senior Health Clinics

The Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on June 26, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Building. Rides are available by calling 798-5203. 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.

Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Walk-in Clinics will be held on Monday, June 4 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, June 19 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Immunization Clinics are held at the Downtown Health Clinic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Free Blood Pressure Clinics will be held Wednesday, June 6 from 10 a.m. until noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and on Wednesday, June 13 from 10:30-11:30 at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow. Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers blood pressure screenings in the areas that it serves. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620. ■



What to Expect in Closing Costs on a Home Purchase

By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Many are taking advantage of this year's low mortgage rates to purchase a home. Pent up with excitement, many families, who have scrimped and saved for a down payment, jump for joy when the mortgage lender finally approves their application. But, they should realize that there's a whole new set of expenses that must be covered before actually closing on the sale.

New homeowners are often taken aback by up-front closing costs, such as mortgage and title insurance, attorney fees, recording fees, and loan points, which can run into the thousands of dollars. But there is no need to be afraid of these charges. With a little background on their purpose and shrewd financial foresight, closings can be a breeze.

A lender's charge for processing the loan can be determined at the beginning of your buying process. Referred to as "points," these charges are expressed as a percentage of the total loan. For instance, three points are equal to 3 percent of the borrowed amount. "Points" can also become a tool for negotiation with the lender and seller. In a buyer's market, home sellers will often agree to pay mortgage fees in order to close a deal.

Title insurance can be a substantial expense. The policy covers any financial setback caused by unforeseen defects in the purchased property and home. The one-time title fee, including search and examination, averages around \$430 for a \$100,000 home, but it's recommended that you check with a local title insurance agent ahead of time to effectively determine what you'll owe before closing.

Additional costs, such as attorney charges, and recording, transfer, and inspection fees, can also be predicted ahead of time by the buyer. Most often pest and survey inspections, although included in the official closing statement, are conducted and paid for long before the closing date. However, buyers should consider them as additional up-front costs.

Some closing costs, such as "points," are fully tax deductible that tax year if you show proof of a separate lump sum payment. They are not deductible in a few cases when the loan is the result of re-financing rather than a home purchase. Application, appraisal, documentation, and broker fees cannot be deducted.

Some states require payment of property taxes at closing. In some instances, buyers and sellers are asked to put money into an escrow account that will cover any past and future tax obligations. Be sure to check with an attorney or real estate agent before the closing to determine your property tax commitments.


Also, be prepared to pay any assessments if buying a condominium or into an association-governed property. Fees to credit reports, notary public seals, and assumptions, which includes the processing of official documents, may also arise.

Knowing what total closing costs will be before starting your home search can help you better understand what price range is right for you. In the end, the process of closing on a mortgage will be easier than you think, leaving more time to plan for your new home. ■


**The next deadline for
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Loudon Teen Recognized at Granite State FFA Convention

Outstanding skills in leadership and agriculture earned Merrimack Valley junior **Tianna VanderWoude** recognition at the 77th annual convention of the Granite State Association of FFA. The convention was held April 5–7 at the Mt. Washington Hotel and Resort in Bretton Woods, NH with nearly 400 students, teachers, and guests present.

VanderWoude is a member of the Winnisquam FFA Chapter. Although a student at MVHS, she travels to Winnisquam Regional High School daily, along with six other MV students, to take an agriculture course. VanderWoude, who became involved in FFA three years ago, was named NH State Star Farmer and earned her State FFA Degree for her work with goats, donkeys, and horses. She was also the winner of the agricultural proficiency award in the area of Diversified Livestock, and was elected as the Granite State FFA's State Historian. She will spend the coming year serving the FFA while traveling throughout the state and region to promote the organization among students of agricultural education.

The FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) is a national organization of over 495,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,268 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Local, state, and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Visit www.nhffa.org for more information. ■



Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, ZBA members Roy Merrill and Brenda Pearl, Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Planning Board members Henry Huntington, and Steve Jackson.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 3, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Chairman Maxfield commended Bonnie Theriault for typing the 14 pages of minutes from the April 3, 2007 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield opened Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske presented a Hawker's and Peddler's Permit application for Dudley's Ice Cream. He stated all of the required paperwork is in order and this application is the same as in years past.

Bob Fiske advised those present that there would be a bike race with three to five hundred participants on April 21, 2007. He stated the starting point would be in the Loudon Elementary School area.

Chairman Maxfield read an abutter letter received from Rocco Bagone III regarding his weekend music festival. Bob Fiske stated that Mr. Bagone is still working on obtaining all the necessary insurance. It was discussed that the permit will not be issued if Mr. Bagone is unable to complete all the requirements stipulated by the Town. It was discussed that the date has been changed from the original application.

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been working on the dirt roads and patching the tar when they can. Mr. Rice also stated that the Highway Crew was working on picking up the pine limbs around Town.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that they have figured out a way to fasten the staging so they can repair the big door at the Transfer Station.

Selectman Bowles talked about the crushed stone for dirt roads. He stated he felt that placing crushed stone was a better alternative to using sand. Mr. Rice stated that he has already spent over what he normally needed to spend on dirt roads. If he uses more crushed stone, he is concerned that he will not be able to pave everything that he needs to pave this year. Selectman Bowles said he felt this should have been addressed during the budget process. Mr. Rice stated that he would increase his budget during the

next budget season. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that the crushed stone would help get the roads shaped up. Mr. Rice said he agreed, but he was also concerned about the budget. Discussion ensued regarding crushed stone and ledge pack. Chairman Maxfield asked what was used on Currier Road. Mr. Rice said bank run.

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

Mr. Fiske stated he had received the reclamation bond from Plourde Sand & Gravel on Monday.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board of the DOT meeting scheduled for Thursday.

Mr. Fiske discussed the request he received from a resident for a wedding party on Lovejoy Road. He gave the specifics and stated his only concern is regarding parking on a portion of Lovejoy Road. Discussion ensued regarding parking. Mr. Fiske will provide the Board with a copy of the request letter.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Deputy Wright advised the Board the dry hydrant at the Village Dam has been repaired for the summer; however, it still needs to be repaired for the winter issues with the ice. He stated that he thought the Engineer was working on the issues.

Selectman Ives asked for an update on the new tanker truck. Deputy Wright stated that it was coming along. He said they get pictures of the progress on a regular basis and the completion date is scheduled for April 30, 2007.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

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

The Board discussed a concern from a resident on Kenney Road regarding the condition of the road. Mr. Rice stated he had already planned on working on the road this week.

The Board was advised that Susan Sprague of Property-Liability Trust would be contacting American Lightening Protection for information for the Town Hall. The Board was also advised that the Freewill Baptist Church does not qualify for insurance through the Property-Liability Trust.

Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board needed to discuss the Committee to study Global Warming at the local level as passed at Town Meeting. *Selectman Bowles moved to have the Selectmen form a Committee to study Global Warming at the local level. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.* The Selectmen will contact the volunteers.

The Board received a letter from the H.L. Turner Group regarding the dry hydrant installation at the Village Dam.

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Loudon Historical Society Minutes — May 15, 2007 (DRAFT)

Present: Dick Malfait, Bob Ordway, Peter Bartlett, Martha Bartlett, Melanie Kiley, Tamara Chalifour, Lauryann Chalifour, Cynthia Babonis, Debbie Kardaseski, Ron Lane, Dan York, Michele York, Galen Beale, Linda Hunton, Liz Jones

The meeting began with introductions as there were several new people interested in being a part of this organization. Bob Ordway initiated the discussion with a general overview of the history of the Loudon Historical Society from its conception in the 1960s to its reforming in the 1990s, and up to the present time. He expressed the desire of the current members to breathe new life into the organization and make it more active.

Enthusiasm was high as new ideas were brought forward to help further this goal. Some of the possible projects suggested were to create a web page on Loudon's website, develop a procedure for responding to inquiries from the public, collect oral histories from townspeople, write a Loudon town

history, develop a database of all the grave-stones in Loudon, continue with the organization and documentation of artifacts, have special exhibits set up both in the museum itself and in other places around town, set up visits for students from the elementary school, and host open houses and special events throughout the year. It was even suggested that Loudon have its own version of the "Antiques Roadshow!"

We discussed the need for a more modern computer system that would allow us to accurately record all of the information collected from different sources. There is some money available in the budget for this.

We are looking for people to join this growing group dedicated to keeping Loudon's history alive! Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hunton*

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The Board received copies of the Labor Board decision relative to the "Whistle Blowers" case. Chairman Maxfield noted that the decision was in favor of the Town.

The Board received the list of possible tax deeding properties from Tax Collector Helen McNeil for review.

The Board received confirmation of a payment arrangement on a past due ambulance bill.

The Board met with State Representative Priscilla Lockwood.

Mrs. Lockwood advised the Board she wanted to touch base and let the Selectmen know that if there is anything she can do to assist the Town, she would. She stated she appreciates getting the *Loudon Ledger* every month.

Chairman Maxfield said that Mrs. Lockwood is a Canterbury resident and represents Loudon as part of her district. He discussed the bill that was before the House regarding "chance meetings." Mrs. Lockwood stated that there was an amendment before the House and Shawn Jasper, a Selectman in Hudson, gave a speech about how this amendment would tie the hands of the Selectmen if it were to pass. She went on to say that the amendment was killed. Mrs. Lockwood said she would find out more about what the wording of the bill is at this point. She stated she feels that there should be a requirement that states every Legislator should have served as an Alderman or Selectman so they are aware of how their vote affects the small towns.

Selectman Ives asked about the bill regarding the collective bargaining unit relative to the number of members needed to form the union. Mrs. Lockwood said she was not aware of that issue. The Board stated that small municipalities would suffer if that bill passed. Mrs. Lockwood will keep her eye out for that bill.

Chairman Maxfield asked about the Merrimack County Nursing Home relative to Loudon's County Tax. Mrs. Lockwood stated she did not have any figures at this point. Mrs. Lockwood said the new building is going to be a geothermal building, which should help save money in the end.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an e-mail from Michael Harris regarding public safety.

The Board received a bill of sale for the rescue truck body sold to the Town of Bristol.

The Board received a report from Gary Karp of DRA regarding the 2006 sales ratio update.

The Board received notice of the upcoming state auction.

The Board received a thank you card from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church for the use of the Community Building for their services during the reconstruction of the Town Hall. Selectman Bowles stated the Church members are very appreciative of use of the Community Building.

The Board received an abutter notice from the Planning Board.

The Board received Legislative Bulletin #15.

The Board received copies of an e-mail Town Clerk Terry Hamel received from the TV show, *NASCAR Angels*. Chairman Maxfield stated the request is for potential story ideas while NASCAR Angels are in NH for the NHIS event.

The Board received notification of an additional DRA Mini Course on Current Use.

Bob Fiske presented the Board with the letter from the resident on Lovejoy Road regarding the wedding party. The Board stated they have no problem with this event as long as the cars are pulled off the road as much as possible to allow emergency vehicles access. It was also noted that this area should be patrolled during the event.

Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Fiske if he was aware that Boar's Tavern was coming before the Planning Board to continue the outdoor summer activities. Discussion ensued regarding everyone working together as long as the rules are followed.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 17, 2007

PRESENT: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 10, 2007 as presented. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles said he would like to thank all of the town personnel and volunteers who have been helping during the storm. He said the Emergency Operations Center was opened to assist where needed. Selectman Ives expressed appreciation to Charlie Byrne for staffing the radio room during the emergency. Selectman Bowles said all of the town roads except Lovejoy Road were re-opened. He said power is being restored by Public Service. Chairman Maxfield expressed his appreciation to the Emergency Management team and the CERT team for their assistance. Selectman Bowles and Ives agreed.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a request from Sondra Lebreque and Jared Champagne to apply for a permit to install their foundation prior to receipt of their 2008 building permit. The Board agreed that they could go forward with applying for the permit as of October 15, 2007.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a copy of a newspaper article on Gilmanton's town wide clean-up day. This article was provided by Michael Harris.

The Board reviewed a memo regarding the establishment of a committee on Global Warming and the appointment of committee members. Chairman Maxfield asked that the appointment papers be prepared for those people listed in the memo. Chairman Maxfield said he would contact Joe Cadrette regarding the request for community service projects. Selectman Ives will address the need to refurbish the Town of Loudon sign on South Village Road.

The Board received a Discretionary Preservation Easement application from Roy and Cynthia Merrill. A public hearing will be scheduled for May 8th at 7:00 p.m. for further review of the application.

The Board reviewed a request for pay increase for Police Officer Nathan S. Taylor. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the pay increase for Officer Nathan Taylor to \$15.87 per hour effective March 30, 2007 following his graduation from the Police Academy. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board acknowledged receipt of the draft drainage plan for Berry Road and Clough Pond.

The Board received the annual ground water and landfill post closure reports from The Louis Berger Group for review.

The Board reviewed several past due ambulance bills. *Selectman Ives moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account #32993 for \$578.10, Account # 33942 in the amount of \$510.10, Account #33943 in the amount of \$564.30, Account #25971 in the amount of \$589.80, Account # 34753 in the amount of \$606.80, Account # 34624 in the amount of \$119.13, Account # 34388 in the amount of \$544.10, and Account # 28853 in the amount of \$527.10. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

George Page inquired as to the status of the 2006 property tax abatements that have been filed. Selectman Bowles stated the assessors are in the process of reviewing the abatements and they will be processed in a timely manner.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 17, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Fiske discussed the Junkyard permit for Jeff Green. The Board directed Mr. Fiske to forward a letter to Mr. Green advising that he needs to be more specific in his detail of the junkyard area. Mr. Fiske stated Mr. Green has provided the square footage of the junkyard, but did not specify where the area is located. Mr. Fiske wants to know the specific area as well as the square footage and will make that clear in his letter.

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

Selectman Ives discussed the safety issue regarding the Merrimack Valley School Bus dropping the kids off at the Safety Complex. He said there is a lot of concern regarding the students being dropped off on the Cooper Street side of the building and asked that the School District be notified that they need to be dropping the kids off in the front parking lot for safety purposes. Discussion ensued regarding the history of where the drop off has been over the years. It was stated that the Maxfield Public Library had requested the location change. Chairman Maxfield suggested having the students dropped off at the Loudon Elementary School. Mr. Fiske stated he felt the concern was a security issue. If the students are dropped off here, at the Safety Complex/Library, there are lights, a phone, and generally, there are personnel around to help if needed. Selectman Ives stated he felt the front parking lot was the perfect place for the bus drop off. He said the issue with the Cooper Street side of the building is that is where fire personnel and fire trucks enter in an emergency and if the bus is in the way or if students are in the driveway when fire/emergency personnel are responding to an emergency there is a concern for the

safety of not just the students, but also emergency personnel. It was discussed that since there is a fulltime Librarian and full-time Children's Librarian, it should not be an issue for the students to utilize the Library after school.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

The Board discussed that they notified Engineer Judy Houston and advised her to forward the proposal for Berry Road to DES. Mr. Rice will contact Ms. Houston to find out the status. Mr. Rice will check with

Ms. Houston regarding the dredging and any permits. Selectman Bowles stated they also have to check and find out how much Rob Hamilton will be required to do regarding his driveway. The Board stated they want to stay on top of this issue.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that David Moody has asked for a written agreement relative to the digging of the banking and sloping the banking. Mr. Rice said that the Town would then be able to continue dig-

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ging on Town property. Selectman Bowles said that Mr. Moody would need a reclamation plan and he should include that information on the plan he submits to the Planning Board. Mr. Rice said Mr. Moody has asked that the Town provide written documentation regarding the Town's plan. Discussion ensued regarding the area to be excavated. The Board agreed that Mr. Rice would draft a letter to be forwarded to Mr. Moody.

Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew was working on the washouts and grading roads. He stated they are also working on picking up brush and patching holes. Mr. Rice said that all the roads are open and passable. They will be working on placing more gravel as needed.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the road posting has been removed.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr submitted his vacation request for the Board. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board approved the request.

Selectman Bowles thanked Chief Burr for all his efforts during the flooding and power outage. He stated Chief Burr worked with PSNH and kept everyone updated on the progress. The Board thanked everyone again involved with the floods and power outage. Selectman Bowles said he felt it would be good to have a meeting with the department heads and Emergency Management personnel to review the process that had taken place to see if there is room for improvement. Discussion ensued regarding PSNH having outages all over not just NH, but many states.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an e-mail from Michael Harris regarding roadside cleanup. Chairman Maxfield stated he would not be reading the entire document into the minutes as Mr. Harris had included some personal remarks in his e-mail. Chairman Maxfield stated Mr. Harris, his family, and residents on Lower Ridge Road picked up trash along the roadside. Mr. Harris asked the Road Agent to pick up approximately five bags that they collected. Mr. Rice advised Mr. Harris that he would pick up the bags as time permitted, however, because it was during an emergency, and there were ten or so roads out and there were flooding issues, he could not get to it right away. Chairman Maxfield said that the Town was grateful that the trash was picked up, but

maybe in the future Mr. Harris could contact the Road Agent before the task is completed to find out when Mr. Rice could schedule the pick up. Mr. Rice stated he has gone to Mr. Harris's to get the bags of trash; however, they were none to be picked up. Selectman Ives stated he wanted to be clear that the Town is not going to be picking up peoples trash that they leave out in front of their homes. It needs to be roadside cleanup and scheduled ahead of time with the Road Agent.

The Board received the Planning Board Minutes of April 19, 2007.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board received the information from Jeff Green for his Junkyard Permit; however, Bob Fiske has requested a more detailed plan and Mr. Fiske will draft a letter to Mr. Green with his request.

The Board received the list of contents and values of Town buildings and equipment for review and update. Chairman Maxfield stated the Cate Van building at the Transfer Station needed to be added to the list.

The Board received the 2007 Traffic Count Program request form. Discussion ensued regarding roads that have been included on the list.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not School Street will remain a one-way street after the construction is complete. Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Ives stated they felt if should go back to a two-way street. The Board agreed that no decision would be made until the construction is finished and they are able to observe the drop off and pick up process at the school.

The Board received a copy of a storm survey from DES regarding the village dam as well as a brochure on dam safety. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the dam during the flooding.

The Board received a letter from Senator Judd Gregg regarding flood assistance.

The Board received an e-mail from the National Flood Insurance Program on requirements for damage assistance. Discussion ensued regarding Chief Fiske's efforts in getting the Town involved in the National Flood Insurance Program a few years ago and thanked him again for his involvement.

The Board received the 2006 total equalized values from DRA.

The Board received the revised lagoon plans from The Louis Berger Group for review.

Selectman Ives moved to forward past due ambulance bills, account #31609 in the amount of \$1,472.80 and account #33679 in the amount of \$510.10 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a notice from Deleena Leonard regarding a Health Insurance Probability & Accountability Act workshop rescheduled to May 30, 2007. Selectman Ives stated this is something that the Selectmen should be aware of.

The Board received a notice regarding Trustees Seminars.

The Board received an invitation to the annual meeting of the Five Rivers Trust.

The Board received the Legislative Bulletin #17.

Selectman Ives stated he had contacted someone regarding refurbishing the "Town of Loudon" sign at the American Legion building and is waiting for a cost estimate.

Chairman Maxfield talked about finding a community service activity for the First Church of the Nazarene. Discussion ensued regarding a "Greenup Day."

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 24, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice discussed a letter that was drafted for David Moody regarding the town's access to town property on Dump Road. Discussion ensued regarding the process of removing the sand/gravel taking approximately 15 years. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that Mr. Moody would still have to deal with the reclamation issue. Discussion ensued regarding the approximate height of the area to be excavated as well as the layout of the area to be excavated. It was stated that the Town would not need to purchase sand for approximately 15 years. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that the Selectmen need to be the ones to sign the letter to Mr. Moody.

Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew was trying to take care of the problem areas this week so they can get on to replacing the seven culverts on Clough Pond Road that are needed before the reclaiming can begin. Selectman Ives reminded Mr. Rice of the debris that is still on the Shaw property. Mr. Rice said he would be getting to that as well as the debris on Ms. DeCato's property.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice if he had checked the left side of Bee Hole Brook by the bridge for erosion. Mr. Rice said he had not been there in the last couple of days.

Chairman Maxfield asked which roads were in the worse shape. Mr. Rice stated Bumfagon Road and Sanborn Road were. He said Sanborn Road needs approximately 400 yards of material to build the road back up. Mr. Rice said Bumfagon Road has areas along the road, which still need repair as well as Gilmanton Road.

Mr. Rice asked about hiring a part-time employee while one of the fulltime employees is out due to a medical issue. The Board agreed that Mr. Rice should hire a part-time employee.

The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

Mr. Bennett discussed changes they would like to make at the Transfer Station

regarding sorting the plastic recycling. He said that the market for the mixed plastic has declined, which is even more of a reason to begin sorting the plastic. Mr. Bennett said that the income generated from separating the plastic should be approximately 3-4 times more than currently received for the mixed. He went on to say that, he has spoken with David Rice about putting a wall down the center of the existing plastic room and have signs that say plastic #1 on one side and plastic #2 on the other side. Mr. Bennett said that plastic #1 is the clear bottles like soda or water bottles and plastic #2 are things like laundry detergent bottles. He said that he would like to begin the process for June 1, 2007, as that would give him time to put information out to the public. Mr. Bennett discussed the sorting process and stated that the Transfer Station attendants would continue the sorting process that is currently in place. The Board agreed that this could begin June 1, 2007.

Mr. Bennett stated that the electronic recycling has been going well. People have been bringing in their T.V.'s and computer monitors. He stated he has not had any issues with people not wanting to pay the fees.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the insurance on the "CERT" trailer. Ms. Lee was advised from Property Liability Trust that this trailer should be stored on Town property, not at a private residence and if the trailer were to be towed by a private citizen's vehicle, there would be no insurance coverage. The trailer has to be towed by a Town vehicle. Discussion ensued regarding who technically owns the trailer. Chairman Maxfield said the trailer is on loan. This issue will be addressed with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Selectman Ives moved to sign an agreement with David K. Moody regarding the excavation of gravel and sand on Tax Map #040, Lot #015. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received an acknowledgment from DRA regarding voted appropriations. The authorized figure for the Town appropriations only, is \$4,454,253.00. This figure does not include the School or County budgets.

The Board received the dates for FEMA disaster meetings for flood assistance.

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The Board received a letter from State Senator Janeway regarding Roy Merrill's property access off Route 106. The letter states that access has been denied.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would discuss the application for Discretionary Easement from The Ledges Golf Course. Chairman Maxfield said based on the discussions with the town's contract assessor, the decision has been reached to approve the discretionary easement application. He said an additional 83.37 acres of the golf course property will be placed in current use, the value of the golf holes will be given a -.55% condition adjusting the hole value from \$1,430,100.00 to \$919,350.00. The overall total value will be reduced from \$2,146,894.00 to \$1,393,831.00, which is an approximate 35% reduction. Based on the current tax rate, the savings is approximately \$12,839.00. The term of the easement is for ten years and can be renewed. A conservation easement deed must be prepared according to the terms stated, signed, and recorded. Mr. Leombruno will follow up with the deed.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from DES regarding the Landfill Post Closure report.

The Board received notice of the signal construction on Route 106.

The Board received Legislative Bulletin #18.

The Board received an update on the retirement bill.

The Board received the April 24, 2007 ZBA meeting minutes as well as the March 2007 Cate Van Committee meeting minutes.

The Board received a copy of a training certificate for Sigrid Little.

The Board received a questionnaire from Lexis Corporation regarding the RSA Books for the Selectmen's Office asking if the Board wanted to continue to receive the bound books. The information is also available on the State Website. The Board agreed to use the State Website for the updates.

The Board received the 2007 Citizen of the Year nomination form from Loudon Old Home Day Committee.

The Board received an invitation from Northway Bank to attend a Municipal Finance Seminar on May 23, 2007.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr stated he had been to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus and the new tanker truck is coming along. He said they are going to be lettering it soon and Ossipee Mountain Electronics will be installing the radio. Chief Burr went on to say the truck has to go to Freightliner to have the warranty activated. It was discussed that the old tanker will be sold at auction. Chief Burr stated the new truck is a 3,000-gallon tanker truck. He also stated that he had spoken with Office Manager Jean Lee to advise her that the truck was going to be ready soon for payment.

Selectman Ives stated when R.M. Piper comes back to finish the work on the Village Dam, he wants Chief Burr to be notified so that he can have the hydrant issue taken care of. Discussion ensued regarding issues with the hydrant as well as measurements.

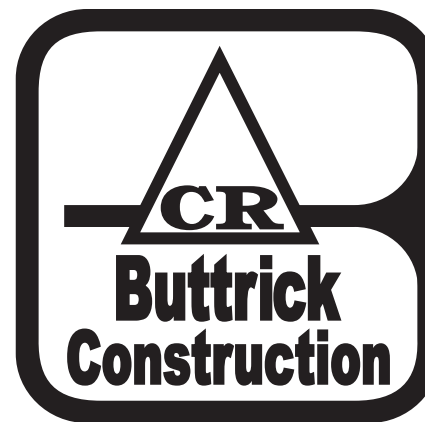
Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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→ **Greenview Drive.** ATTENTION GOLFERS! Like new 2003 4 bdrm, 4 bath Colonial with 2,800SF of finished living space. Unfinished walk-out basement, ready for finishing (860SF). 2 car garage under on 3+ acres adjacent to Loudon Country Club. 1st or 2nd floor master bdrm., open concept fully appliance kitchen, dining and living area w/gas fireplace more. **\$369,900**



← **Pond Street.** 2004 14x76 Singlewide Scotch Pines Family Park. Featuring 2 bedrooms, 2 baths including master bedroom suite. Lots of closets, vaulted ceilings, eat-in kitchen, laundry room with newer high efficiency washer and dryer. Nice deck overlooking oversized, well landscaped lot. 10x10 shed included. Easy access to highways. **\$74,900.**

→ **Berry Road.** This is the lifestyle! Fishing, swimming, boating, ice skating, snowmobiling or just relaxing and taking in the gorgeous views of Clough Pond from your screened-in porch, not to mention, on your very own 1.36 well-landscaped private acres with deeded access to pond. Spectacular 2 bdrm, 2 bath with over 2,000SF of living space! 3 car, 2 level, garage. **\$299,900**



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← **Dragonfly Drive.** APPROX. 30 DAYS TO COMPLETION (MID JUNE) 4 bedroom, 3 bath Colonial w/Farmers porch featuring Open Concept Kitchen w/Tile, Dining w/Hardwood, 1st or 2nd Floor Master Bedroom, Fireplace in Family Room, Central Air, Walk-Out Basement w/ 2-Car Garage Under on 2.01 Acres in a Private Subdivision. **\$379,950**

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Clough Hill Road. Commercial opportunity with Route 106 exposure. **\$174,900.**

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, ZBA member Roy Merrill, and Planning Board member Bob Ordway.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 1, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the April 2007 Nor'easter Debriefing Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 2, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske presented two Hawker's and Peddler's applications. He stated the first was for Brookside Mall, which is the same as in years past. All paperwork is in order. The second application is for Speedway Convenience. Mr. Fiske stated the only change is a new vendor map has been submitted with one less vendor than usual.

Selectman Ives asked about the fire lanes for the Speedway Convenience site. Mr. Fiske stated that the vendors will have to be constantly policed and Mr. Rymes is aware of that. Selectman Bowles said that the parking lot at Speedway Convenience gets so full that people start parking on the side of Route 106, which makes it difficult to utilize the store.

Mr. Fiske stated that Ray Cowan had come in for a building permit to convert the lower level of his house in the mobile home park into an apartment. Mr. Fiske stated he advised Mr. Cowan that his answer would be no, that he could not convert it into an apartment; however, he would check with Board of Permit. Mr. Fiske stated this unit does not fit the "duplex" option either. Discussion ensued regarding zoning requirements. The consensus of the Board was that this does not fit the criteria of zoning and would not be allowed to be turned into an apartment. Mr. Fiske will advise Mr. Cowan of the Board's decision.

The Board received a letter from Rhonda Davignon regarding the Rocky Road Campground Memorial Day Event. Ms. Davignon voiced her concerns regarding noise issues

and number of people in attendance at this event. Selectman Bowles stated that Rocky Bagone advised Board of Permit that the bands would not play after 9:30 p.m. Mr. Fiske stated that Mr. Bagone has been advised that if he does not follow the conditions set, he would not be given approvals in the future for this type of event. Mr. Bagone said that the music schedule is set on Friday from 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m., Saturday from 12:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Mr. Fiske asked about what possible activities would be taking place on Sunday morning until the music set to begin at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Bagone said he was not sure as to how many campers if any there would be, so he was not sure. Chairman Maxfield asked if Mr. Bagone had all of his permits in place. Mr. Bagone said he provided Mr. Fiske with his insurance information. He stated the insurance is for a three-day event, for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Mr. Powelson asked about Monday. Mr. Bagone said some people may camp until Monday, but he did not plan on it at this point. He stated there are 160 tickets to be sold, which would be the maximum number of overnight campers if they do stay over but he hoped to have 300 people in attendance during the event on Saturday. Discussion ensued regarding the maximum number of people in attendance at one time. Mr. Bagone agreed that there would be no more than three hundred people in attendance at any time during the weekend event. Selectman Bowles asked about the remaining requirements before the Hawker's and Peddler's permit is approved. Mr. Fiske stated that Mr. Bagone still needed to provide the State licenses for each of the vendors, written permission from Mr. Dunn regarding parking privileges, and notification from the Town of Canterbury acknowledging what Mr. Bagone is planning to do. Chairman Maxfield said that once Mr. Fiske receives all the required information from Mr. Bagone, he felt that things could move forward. Chairman Maxfield said that if things get out of control, the Police would shut down the event. Mr. Fiske advised Mr. Bagone that individual vendors must provide a copy of their State license. Mr. Bagone said if he does not receive the individual vendor licenses, then there would be no vendors at the event. Mr. Bagone said that if he is limited to 300 people he feels he can handle the parking on his own property. Selectman Bowles said that with 160 campsites and an additional 140 vehicles, access for emergency vehicles is a concern. He said the Board had set the condition that Mr. Bagone needed to obtain written approval from Mr. Dunn for overflow parking. Mr. Bagone asked if Chief Burr could do a site inspection to see if the area is adequate. Chief Fiske stated he would share the required sketch submitted with the Hawker and Peddler's application with Chief Burr for his review. Selectman Bowles said Mr. Bagone would need to be able to draw out a parking plan that is suitable to Bob Fiske and Jeff Burr. He said he would still like to see a written agreement with Mr. Dunn for overflow parking and confirmation from Canterbury that there will be an Officer on duty during the event. Mr. Bagone said he understood that what he needed to do was provide confirmation of an agreement with Canterbury to hire a Police Officer, parking plan with Bob Fiske and Jeff Burr's approval, and if any vendors will be onsite, their State Hawker's and Peddler's license. Mr. Fiske stated he would like to review the conditions/requirements to be sure that Mr.

Bagone has met all the requirements. Selectman Bowles stated that this is a one shot deal, and if there are any problems, Mr. Bagone will not be able to hold another event of this type. Mr. Bagone will contact Mr. Fiske and finish up with his required paperwork.

David Powelson stated that he was at Superior Court on Monday defending the ZBA's decision on setbacks on Alvin Davis' subdivision. He said he felt things went well.

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

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that the DARE car that had been donated is going to be retired and sold at auction with two cruisers next week. He asked the Board if the funds received from the sale of the DARE car could be placed into the DARE Association fund. The Board said if it is allowable, the Board agreed that due to it not being a "Town" vehicle, the funds for that specific car could go back into the DARE Association fund. Mr. Fiske stated a golf cart would be used in its place.

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

The Board asked Mr. Fiske if he was aware that PSNH had submitted a notice regarding attaching banners and flags to utility poles. Mr. Fiske stated he was aware and that is why he had discussed with the Selectmen the need to have an application for signs in town.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing to review the Discretionary Preservation Easement application for Roy and Cynthia Merrill's property on Blake Road.

Chairman Maxfield read the public notice for those present and reviewed the requirements to be met to qualify for the Discretionary Preservation Easement. Chairman Maxfield stated he felt this application met the qualification of it being "historically important on a local basis." He stated he has viewed the property and asked about the siding on one side of the barn. Mr. Merrill stated it was aluminum siding.

Mr. Merrill stated according to his Grandfather and Uncle, this was the last barn raising between Loudon and Gilman-ton that the two Town's worked on together. He said it was built some time between 1890–1905.

Chairman Maxfield discussed the three things the Selectmen have to agree upon before the Discretionary Preservation Easement can be granted.

Selectman Bowles stated he felt that he should recuse himself from this application.

Mr. Merrill stated he felt the Board should consider the 75% adjustment. He stated he would need to move forward with repairing the roof, but needed to replace the I-beams prior to the roof. Discussion ensued regarding the foundation. Chairman Maxfield discussed the penalty if the property is removed from the Easement early. Mr. Merrill said he felt the Discretionary Preservation Easement could be reapplied for at the end of the 10-years without a penalty. Chairman Maxfield discussed previous Discretionary Preservation Easements that have been approved and denied. The Board reviewed possible Discretionary Preservation Easement Deeds for review from Assessor David Wiley. Discussion ensued

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regarding the term of the easement as well as the penalty figure at the end of the 10-years. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the Discretionary Preservation Easement for Roy and Cynthia Merrill's property Tax Map #036, Lot #014 with the reduction of the Barn at 75%, with a condition adjustment 19, dropping the value by \$8,953.00 and reduce the land curtilage value \$750.00 with the term expiration of the Discretionary Preservation Easement at 10 years the grantor shall pay the Town of Loudon an amount equal to 0% of Fair Market Value of the property at the time of the termination of the Easement. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield.* Selectman Ives stated he wanted to be sure that the first of the two Discretionary Preservation Easements provided by Assessor Dave Wiley is the one used to draw up the deed. He also stated the expense to draw up the deed is the landowners' responsibility as well as recording fees. *Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles abstained.*

Discussion ensued regarding other easements that have come before the Board.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board is in receipt of the 2007 Spring Tax Warrant from Tax Collector Helen McNeil. He said the total tax amount is \$4,497,533.00. Chairman Maxfield read the following oath

into the record: 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 God. The Board signed the Warrant.

Chairman Maxfield reviewed the Discretionary Easement for the Ledges Golf Links, Inc., as discussed at last week's meeting. *Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Discretionary Easement for the Ledges Golf Links, Inc., with an additional 83.37 acres of the golf course property to be placed in current use, the value of the golf holes will be given a -.55% condition adjusting the hole value from \$1,430,100.00 to \$919,350.00. The overall total value will be reduced from \$2,146,894.00 to \$1,393,831.00, which is an approximate 35% reduction. The term of the easement is for ten years and can be renewed. A conservation easement deed must be prepared according to the terms stated, signed, and recorded. Mr. Leombruno will be responsible to follow up with the deed. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a reminder of a meeting on Thursday regarding health insurance renewal.

The Board received a copy of the CERT Team Trailer agreement with Volunteer NH.

The Board received information regarding Nextel Phone Plans and a local repre-

sentative has been contacted to see if there are better options for Municipalities.

The Board received a copy of an e-mail from Darlene Johnson regarding Best Septic scheduling.

The Board received draft April ZBA meeting minutes as well as April ZBA Site Walk minutes.

The Board received an abutter notice regarding an amended subdivision site plan for MDP Realty.

The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to forward past due ambulance bills account #35366, in the amount of \$561.10, account #35817, in the amount of \$131.00, and account #36240, in the amount of \$510.10 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received the Legislative Bulletin #19.

The Board received information of a workshop on acceptance of a Community Building Program.

The Board received notice that the office copy of Knowing the Territory has been received. The Board asked that an additional copy for each Selectman be ordered.

The Board received notification from PSNH regarding attaching banners and flags to utility poles. The notification is regarding Municipal customers only.

The Board received the final restoration plan submitted to DES regarding the Berry Road/Clough Pond Road issue.

Discussion ensued regarding the CERT Team Trailer agreement and conditions. Selectman Bowles said he felt there needed to be a plan for this Trailer. The Board stated there is a chance that this Trailer may have to be sent back due to insurance and liability issues. The Board also discussed that the Trailer was accepted without the Board's knowledge or approval.

Selectman Ives stated Office Manager Jean Lee would be contacting Merrimack Valley School District Transportation Department on Wednesday, as there has been no response to the letter the Board forwarded regarding the late bus drop off area.

The Board recognized John Plummer from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked if the cement wall at the Village Dam was going to be extended. The Board said no, due to an easement, the Town is only allowed to go so far. Selectman Ives said R.M. Piper will be back to finish up the remainder of their work. Discussion ensued regarding the April 2007 flooding issue by which the area of road by the Village Dam was temporarily closed due to the water level.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Planning Board Minutes—Thursday, April 19, 2007

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

Attendance:

Tom Moore, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Chairman Tom Dow, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Steve Jackson were present.

Jessica Storey was present to represent the Conservation Commission.

Police Chief/Code Enforcement Bob Fiske was present.

Fire Department representative Jim McNeil was present.

Election of officers:

Gary Tasker made a motion to nominate Tom Dow as Chairman; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Tom Moore made a motion to nominate Stan Prescott as Vice Chairman; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

Alternates:

Gary Tasker made a motion to appoint Bob Ordway as an Alternate; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Tom Moore made a motion to appoint Jeff Green as an Alternate; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Alternates were advised to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

Acceptance of Minutes:

March 15, 2007 Public Hearing. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

March 15, 2007 CIP Public Hearing/Adoption. Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

March 29, 2007 Site Walk-Loudon Woods Estates. It was noted that Bob Ordway should be listed as an abutter rather than a Planning Board member. Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes

with that revision; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

March 29, 2007 Site Walk-Septic Disposal Solutions. It was noted that Bob Ordway should be listed as present from the public rather than a Planning Board member. Steve Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes with that revision; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Discussions:

Parking Permits – There were no representatives present from Atlas Fireworks, Motophoria, Ken Bean or Robert Searles. All were notified to be at this meeting because of infractions during last year's race season. Chief Fiske said he would like the Board to mandate that all four permit holders come before the Board before permitting them to continue their daytime parking. Tom Dow stated that Ken Bean has been ill and has asked to come in next month. Steve Jackson reported that there will be new ownership of Motophoria within the next week.

He asked that the new owner be given the opportunity to come to the Board in May. It was agreed that a notice will be sent to the new owner of the Motophoria property.

Boar's Tavern – Outdoor Seating Area – As part of the initial approval of the site plan for outdoor seating, the owner of the Tavern is required to come to the Board for annual review. Bob Fiske reported that there was one small incident last year but it was nothing significant and there was no commotion. Abutter Dave Zarges stated that the owners have done a good job handling the noise and commended them for their efforts. Chairman Dow reviewed the conditions of the Notice of Decision. Bob Fiske said he had no objection to the renewal of the outdoor seating permit. Dustin Bowles said as long as they keep a handle on things, there should be no problem. The Board agreed to renew the permit and will review it again next year.

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Application #07-02, Loudon Woods Estates — Major Subdivision, Located on Chichester Road, in the RR District. Map 2, Lot 23. There were no abutters present. Owners Gary Vermette and Joe Bohi were present. Peter Holden of Holden Engineering reviewed the project to date. He addressed the items that were discussed at the site walk. He noted that the 50' right-of-way that was suggested as access to the backland would move it closer to the river. He offered the option of an easement on two properties with the ability to allow the town to buy it for \$1. He said it could then become a road to develop the property at the back. Mr. Holden addressed the cul-de-sac. He suggested making the center smaller rather than making the cul-de-sac bigger. He thought maybe 20–25' rather than 35'. He noted that the concern was trucks getting around the cul-de-sac and asked if there was a preference. There was discussion of the situation on Wellington Lane, the radius of that cul-de-sac and the lack of flares. There was discussion of taking a lot or two out of this plan, the road frontage of Lot 2, and building an access road in far enough to give that lot the appropriate frontage. Stan Prescott said he does not agree with the easement idea. Peter Holden asked if they could build the road shorter, noting that it is a road to nowhere. Mr. Prescott said the alternative is to build the road to the back property line. Dustin Bowles asked Mr. Prescott how far he was talking about going with the road as he thought they were just talking about grubbing the area. Mr. Holden said doing the road would be to get the required frontage on that corner lot. Mr. Bowles said they could not combine frontage on two sides to get the required amount. He said this road would need a T turn or hammer head.

Mr. Holden addressed the cistern. He noted the plan for one cistern on the new road and asked the Board if they would agree to sprinklers for the lots not covered by that cistern. Henry Huntington said his concern would be the last lot on Bee Hole (previously approved subdivision). Gary Vermette stated that the lot has been sold to Joe Bohi and it could be required that the house have a sprinkler system. Stan Prescott said he would like to stay with cisterns. Tom Dow asked if two cisterns were being used. Peter Holden said it would be one cistern, with the remaining six lots having sprinklers. Gary Tasker said he was not comfortable with the control of that last lot. Joe Bohi stated that he would guarantee that Lot 1 will be sprinklered. Henry Huntington suggested getting a signed letter from the owner. Peter Holden said he could put it on

the former plan and re-record the plan. Mr. Huntington and Mr. Tasker said they would be satisfied with that.

Mr. Holden addressed the Beehole Road approach to Chichester Road. He showed the road profile, saying he does not feel it could be made any flatter due to the grade of Beehole Road. There was some discussion of possible options. Joe Bohi said the road rises about 2' at the sides at the end of Beehole Road. He suggested the bottom of Bee Hole could be picked up. It was noted that an engineer has looked at it and it is thought to be more a Chichester Road problem than Beehole. Gary Tasker said they might need to look at Chichester Road as part of the solution. Discussion continued about possible options of improving the Beehole approach to Chichester Road.

Tom Dow asked if the maintenance pad has been moved. Peter Holden said he will fix the engineer's comments all at one time. He asked for a 90-day extension of this application.

Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this hearing to May 17, 2007, 7 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. This will be the only notification.

Application #07-03, Septic Disposal Solutions-Major Site Development, Located on Dump Road, in the C/I District. Map 40, Lot 7. There were no abutters present. SDS members Paul & Darlene Johnson and Bill Gosse, engineer Jennifer McCourt, property owner David Moody, surveyor Jeff Green, and employee Michael Enright were present. Brandon Giuda spoke on behalf of the applicants. Mr. Giuda said there were two issues to be discussed, those being subdivision and special exception for tanks. He said the Board may have asked his clients to go before the ZBA for those issues but the ZBA does not have authority of subdivisions or site developments. He noted that site development is allowed without subdivision, citing Harry-O and Fox Pond Plaza as examples. Mr. Giuda said he would compare the Moody property to a park and ride area. He reviewed the current use of the property: log and cut wood storage with no buildings; some areas leftover from Pike, not in use and not able to use; dumpster storage; concrete form storage; portable toilet storage; scales and scale house not used in several years; portable sawmill under a tent. He said this is a multi-use site but it is not like there are multiple businesses operating out of the property as most are simply storing items there. He reviewed the layout of the building, noting that the property owner is building and leasing the building, and this is not a land lease. Mr. Giuda said the charge of the Board is to make policy and how to apply that policy. He said he was told that town counsel Bart Mayer wants to

see this parcel subdivided because there are so many uses on the property. Mr. Giuda said he does not feel subdividing is required. He said an applicant can come in with site review. He stated that this is an ideal spot for this project, noting that the groundwater monitoring zone of the town's septage lagoon would limit the use of that area for most other uses. He noted that other areas in town have been approved for multi-use and noted that the applicant has made effort to delineate the area for this project. Mr. Giuda said he is asking for discussion and a decision that this business will be allowed without subdividing. Gary Tasker asked where Mr. Giuda heard of Bart Mayer's thoughts. Mr. Giuda said he talked with Mr. Mayer about the meeting that was held. He said he asked Mr. Mayer about what the applicants had heard but Mr. Mayer did not give him the policy.

Steve Jackson asked Mr. Giuda his interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance's five acres for commercial use. Mr. Giuda said it is required and this is piece is thirty acres. He said the five acres could be delineated, noting that if the DES setbacks are put in there would be almost seven acres. Stan Prescott asked Mr. Giuda if he felt zoning is law or rules and regulations. Mr. Giuda said zoning is definitely law and interpretation is up to the Planning Board. He said it is law that an applicant can come in with a site development and not have to come in with a subdivision. Mr. Prescott asked what the Zoning Ordinance says about C/I District. Mr. Giuda said it is five acres, adding that there could be multiple uses such as Harry-O and Fox Pond Plaza. Gary Tasker said those uses on those properties were discussed. He said if this is being treated as a site development then all uses would be discussed. He said he would want to see site development for the whole lot. Mr. Giuda said it has been suggested that all other uses be moved out of the area of this facility.

Dustin Bowles asked about access to the property. He feels it needs to be more than a dirt road and there should be a cul-de-sac and better organized. Mr. Giuda said the traffic on this property would not come close to what is seen at a typical commercial site, noting that the number of trips is limited. Gary Tasker said the area needs to be safe and looked at as a site development for multiple uses. Tom Dow said access roads should be built as required. Gary Tasker said it should be determined if all of the current uses are allowable. Stan Prescott said he would agree. Darlene Johnson said that a site plan was approved by the Board in 2005. Brandon Giuda said he would like to stay on focus and get a decision that a site development can be done so the applicants can move forward. Stan Prescott said he heard Mr. Giuda say that they are not leasing the land.

Mr. Giuda said the property owner is building the building and SDS is leasing it, the parking spaces, and tank location.

Tom Dow said the Board is trying not to overlook anything, noting this is a good spot for the use. He said the lumber yard is a structure under the definitions and is a business based on the regulations. He said, with now adding this use, that he feels this is getting close to an industrial park, should go by industrial park rules, and should have a proper access. Mr. Dow said the owner has to look at this as a permanent fixture, considering safety measures, road, etc. Mr. Giuda said this would be a site review, not a subdivision, noting this is the first significant business. Gary Tasker said this can be summed up by Section 13.1 of the Land Development Regulations. Mr. Giuda said he would like a decision from the Board to go with site development rather than subdivision. Gary Tasker noted concerns of traffic flow and slopes and said those need to be addressed. He said to come back with a plan that meets the requirements. Mr. Giuda asked for a determination by the Board that a site development was acceptable. Tom Dow said there was a workshop with Bart Mayer. Mr. Dow said Mr. Mayer touched base on subdivisions and told board members to read and study the subdivision regulations. He said Mr. Mayer said this should be treated as a subdivision. Chairman Dow said that Mr. Mayer reinforced the Board's handling of such situations in other areas of town, noting the Fillmore subdivision/industrial park as one. He said because there are multiple businesses on this property it was recommended to handle in the same manner. Mr. Giuda said the determination of subdividing is on the owner, and he feels you cannot take the definition and say code requires it. He said that the owner has the option to subdivide and then lease a parcel if he chooses but it is not required by the regulations. Tom Dow said other areas cited came in for full site review. Mr. Giuda said he agreed and that is the way that SDS would like to go. Stan Prescott said they required Fillmore to create an industrial park and he subdivided commercial lots and then when he wanted to create industrial lots he had to consolidate some lots. He said he feels the Ordinance speaks for itself. Brandon Giuda read that the categories of land development are subdivision and site development and said there is no question that multiple uses are allowed. He then read the definition of site development and said that the Ordinance allows Fillmore to decide if he wants to lease land or subdivide as it is the owner's decision. Stan Prescott said the key is that the owner decides if they want to own the land or lease, and if they lease the

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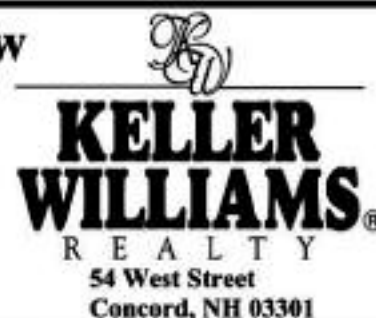


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land they have to subdivide it. Mr. Giuda said there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance that requires subdividing. Gary Tasker said that Section 7.2, major site development, allows mixed use. Henry Huntington said, after hearing Bart Mayer's recommendation and Mr. Giuda's argument, he has to lean toward the fact that this can be a multi-use site. He said what he feels the Board wants is more control of the site and, with everything he is hearing and reading, he feels that can be done with a major site development. He said the Board has been told that the other uses on the property are somewhat minor uses and he feels it would be easy to have the site developed and laid out the way the Board would require it to be laid out under a major site development. Mr. Huntington said whether it is roadways or driveway throughout the site, the Board can accomplish what they are trying to do by make the site a better situation than it is now. He said the Board has the opportunity to do that with a major site development.

Steve Jackson said knowing that the property owner would own the building helped clarify things somewhat. Dustin Bowles said this might work for today but wondered what would happen if it was sold and a future owner wanted to subdivide. He asked if the Board should put a restriction on it that it can never be subdivided. Brandon Giuda said once a major site development is registered it cannot be changed without coming to the Planning Board. Dustin Bowles asked what the circled area on the plan represented. Mr. Giuda said that was the DES setbacks. Mr. Bowles said he wants it so there are no other uses on that five acres, no overlapping. Discussion followed. Stan Prescott said he will agree to site development as compared to subdivision. Gary Tasker said he would like to see site development of the full parcel, including the road system, organized, slopes addressed, as in the site development regulations. Henry Huntington said the five acres needs to be delineated. Gary Tasker said safety was important and that a lot can be done to make the area more workable and more useful. There was discussion about the gravel pit and site development instead of a reclamation plan. Gary Tasker said it is mixed use and asked Mr. Green if he feels that the Board can require space between the uses as a safety factor. Mr. Green agreed that buffers would be appropriate. Roy Buttrick said he feels that the town needs to start developing along Route 106 as this would create more taxable area without impacting town services. Roy Merrill said he would agree with Tom Dow in that they should start out right, listen to the town attorney, put the road in, and set it up right. He said the saw mill was never approved. Mr. Giuda said site development looks at the whole site. Gary Tasker asked Stan Prescott if he is in agreement with site development. Mr. Prescott said he is not totally convinced. Steve Jackson said he is satisfied with site development, referring to S206.4, delineating five acres and no overlap. Stan Prescott said he has mixed emotions, saying that zoning is what is required and he wants it laid out so they can see five acres. Gary Tasker said maybe the Board should send them away with the understanding that site development would be acceptable and have them do their research of what zoning requires and come back with a full site plan that meets the zoning requirements. Mr. Prescott said he would like to see each entity shown with five acres for industrial use and two acres for commercial use. Gary Tasker said Mr. Giuda is looking for direction. Dustin Bowles said to delineate each use. Gary Tasker asked if they should do a show of hands on how to direct

the applicants. Tom Moore said the saw mill will have to be addressed. Tom Dow said if they want to deal with just those five acres, they have to subdivide. If they want to do site development then it would be the full parcel. Mr. Giuda pointed out that even with five acres it could have multiple uses based on the regulations. Stan Prescott said they saw a 40' banking with 1:1 slopes and the owner should decide how to reclaim and straighten that out. Mr. Giuda said he agrees with the concerns. Tom Dow said it would be in the best interest of the owner to get things clarified. Mr. Giuda said the plan for tonight is to get a decision on site development.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was no further discussion. A poll of the Board was taken. Steve Jackson said he would be in favor of a site plan of the entire parcel in lieu of a subdivision or if they wanted to deal only with the five acres then they would have to do a subdivision. Gary Tasker-agreed; Henry Huntington-agreed; Dustin Bowles-agreed; Stan Prescott-agreed; Tom Moore-agreed; Tom Dow-agreed.

Brandon Giuda then addressed the bulk storage that the Board had told the applicant that they would have to see the ZBA for. He said an ordinance describes what it wants and conditions are listed under that. He referred to S206.6, noting that if it referred to any type of tank it would then include septic tanks and other types of tanks. Steve Jackson asked what the problem was with going to the ZBA and asked if Harry-O had done that. Dustin Bowles said he learned that Harry-O did not have a special exception for tanks but had state permits. Mr. Giuda said he does not feel that the ordinance requires it and it is not a matter of being approved. He said these tanks are liquid septage and are permitted by DES. There was discussion of the tanks. Dustin Bowles said it would be best to put it on record with a special exception. Roy Merrill said that last month the ZBA agreed they have to have a special exception and are on the agenda for this month. Mr. Giuda said he does not feel the special exception is required and that the Planning Board has to make the decision to send an applicant to ZBA. Brief discussion followed. *Steve Jackson said that he would make a motion to direct the applicant, based on S206.6 (A), to the ZBA for a special exception; seconded by Henry Huntington. Dustin Bowles said it was in the best interest of everyone to know what is there and have it on record. Henry Huntington said that Mr. Giuda definitely pointed out some potential ambiguity of the ordinance that might want to be addressed in the future. He also said he would interpret the ordinance as that they need a special exception. All were in favor.*

Discussions:

Parking Permit — Robert Searles Gary Tasker said he worked with Mr. Searles to meet some of the concerns of Chief Fiske. Mr. Fiske said that Mr. Searles was initially permitted for 150 vehicles and that was before the state took back some space. He

noted that Mr. Searles submitted a new plan for 125 vehicles. Mr. Searles said the amount of cars is based on small cars or larger cars. He said the maximum would be 186. Stan Prescott said the plan cannot be speculative. Steve Jackson asked how many vehicles were parked at the last race. Mr. Searles said he had 137 vehicles. Steve Jackson asked if the state land was used. Mr. Searles said it was. He said Mr. Fiske brought up the point of close calls with vehicles pulling onto Route 106 so he is eliminating the use of the state slope. Gary Tasker said that Mr. Searles should draw in 125 spots and that is it. Tom Moore said travel lanes need to be maintained for safety. He said that Mr. Searles needs to stay on his own property and monitor the lot. Chief Fiske noted that the original map shows some areas with no parking yet the new map uses those areas. He said the fire department would probably require better delineation of the corridors. He also noted that the plan shows crime tape but the state is requiring snow fence erected at a minimum of 25' from the asphalt. There was discussion of the location of the site, type of fencing required, and width of travel lanes in the parking lot. Tom Dow instructed Mr. Searles to draw the actual spaces on a plan and show the snow fence 25' from the asphalt along the entire frontage except the driveway opening. Chief Fiske noted that it is the responsibility of the applicant to get people to the track transportation. Gary Tasker repeated what is expected of Mr. Searles. Chief Fiske requested that the Board approve for the July race only and if there were infractions then there would be no parking for the September race. Steve Jackson noted that the permit states that it can be revoked. Mr. Fiske said the issues have to be corrected. He also said the applicant has to have driveway access from the state on a yearly basis. Stan Prescott noted that the permit process is on a yearly basis and if there are infractions after one then there is no second race. Mr. Searles said he did not want to be liable for the snow fence in case people climbed over it, etc. It was clarified that Mr. Searles has to erect the snow fence, not the state. He asked if the police department would have vehicles towed if parked on the slope. Chief Fiske said they would and stated that the plan has to be consistent with the permit. Roy Merrill said he feels they should stay with a 30' corridor. Mr. Searles was instructed to come back with a revised plan on May 17th.

Roy Merrill said that portable toilets are required at these lots and some do not have them. It was noted that this should be added to the list on the permit.

Web Stout-Mr. Stout represented Mr. Anderson on Bear Hill Road. He stated that a subdivision of the property was done 8 or 9 years ago. He explained that this property currently has an easement across it to backland owned by another party. The new owner of the backland would like to build on that property but must own 50' of frontage on Bear Hill Road. This plan proposes a 50' strip of land to be purchased by the owner of the backland. It also proposes to use the existing access as the main access to the property. Mr. Stout stated that the owners

would have to change the easement and have it re-recorded because it currently reads for logging and recreation access. Dustin Bowles said the owner of the backland would need a Class VI waiver if building on the property. Bob Fiske asked where the driveway would go. There was discussion of where the easement is, that the easement is the current driveway of Mr. Anderson's house, and if the driveway to the backland was put in the 50' strip it would have to have a special exception for reduced setbacks. Mr. Anderson noted that an easement cannot be extinguished. Stan Prescott suggested that the Board go look at the property. He asked Mr. Anderson if he would be expanding the easement from its current 16'. Mr. Anderson said it would have to be widened for a driveway. Mr. Stout said it would be 30-40' wide. There was discussion of Mr. Fiske's concern with the driveway. Stan Prescott said they could get a special exception if put in the 50' strip to be purchased. Mr. Fiske said they could buy an 80' strip and not have to get a special exception. There was discussion of other instances where the driveway is an easement. Jeff Green said the 50' strip gives the owner frontage so it is considered a buildable lot.


A site walk was scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th at 4pm.

Old Business:

Application #07-04, Debra Rattee-Major Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 7. Dave Collier of Richard Bartlett & Associates presented the plan on behalf of Ms. Rattee. Abutter Barbara Cameron was present. Mr. Collier said that the Board had asked for some revisions to the plan. He reported that the plan has been reduced from five lots down to four lots. He said that the large remaining parcel has 200' of frontage. Mr. Collier said there will be a wetland crossing and he noted that the wetlands within 200' of the back lines have been delineated. He said Lot 5 is no longer in the plan. The 50' setbacks for corner lots were shown on Lot 4 but still have to be revised on Lots 1 and 2. Tom Dow said that the triangular piece needs to be addressed. There was discussion about doing a lot line adjustment or making the piece part of Lot

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1. It was noted that the piece should be dedicated to another parcel as it does not meet the 50' required for contiguous area. Mr. Collier said that the steep slopes have been taken care of on the plan and the contiguous buildable areas have been shown. He said they are in the process of trying to relocate the recreation trail that is now on Lot 1 and will keep it in a similar area.

Mr. Collier said they would like to add the cistern at a future subdivision of the property. It was noted that there was a cistern approved across the street. Jim McNeil reported that Peter & Gary, LLC were thinking of going with sprinklers for their subdivision parcels. It has been suggested that they and Ms. Rattee share the cost of the cistern. He said the department would like to see it consistent, cistern or sprinklers. Stan Prescott said if a cistern was approved and Peter & Gary want to use sprinklers then they need to come back before the Board. Tom Moore asked if the department would prefer a cistern over sprinklers. Mr. McNeil said they would rather see a cistern in that area. Tom Dow referred to the minutes of March 15th. "Mr. Sargent said an easement was previously provided across the street and asked if that one would qualify for this development. All agreed that it might if it was there. Gary Tasker said if they were going off that one then it would have to be constructed. Tom Dow said they would need a letter from the fire department." Mr. McNeil asked if the Board would want to see that in writing. Chairman Dow said that would be preferable. Tom Moore said he thought it could be protected with a performance bond. Henry Huntington said they would probably need a letter from the owner. Mr. Collier asked if it would be possible to do something with sprinklers. The Board agreed that it is allowed but a cistern would be preferred. Mr. Collier asked about putting sprin-

klers in these now and putting a cistern in with future subdivision. Roy Merrill noted that it would be on the main road if done now but would be in on the back lot if done in the future. Stan Prescott said if Peter & Gary ask to go with sprinklers they are to be told no. Dustin Bowles said the plan should stand as approved.

Mr. Collier asked if the Board would like to schedule a site walk or do it once the application has been accepted. Dustin Bowles asked if the lots and accesses are pinned. Mr. Collier said he could have it done by next week. Stan Prescott asked if the Conservation Commission has seen a wetlands application. Mr. Collier said that Peter Schauer has the application and it should be submitted before the next meeting. Tom Dow said the Board will wait until after the next meeting for a site walk. Jessica Storey said it would be easier to see the property once they have seen the wetlands application.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. There was no further discussion. Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue this hearing to May 17, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Community Building. This will be the only notification.

New Business:

Application #07-05, Family Bible Church — Amended Site Plan, Located on Loudon Ridge Road, in the AFP District. Map 38, Lot 7. Abutter Russ Elkins was present. Pastor Steve Ludwick and Bob Kilby were present to represent the church. Roy Buttrick spoke on behalf of the church. Mr. Buttrick stated that this is for a 900 SF addition on a slab, noting that the only area to be disturbed would be under the addition. He explained some changes made to the building and said that the addition would bring the handicap access to ground level off the parking lot. Chairman Dow asked if

this addition will increase the need for parking. Mr. Buttrick said it would not as the parking lot is sufficient for the regular use of the church. Mr. Elkins said his only concerns were drainage, traffic moving around the building, and the parking. A letter from abutter Patty DeMichelis addressed her concern of parking on the street. Bob Kilby said there are normally no cars on the road. He explained the growth plan of the church and said they want to retain the original look of the building and are creating a bigger fellowship hall. Roy Buttrick stated that the church bought an abutting 80 acres for future growth. Steve Jackson asked if this addition is taking away parking spaces. Mr. Buttrick said maybe one or two. He said they could add ten to fifteen more spaces on the end of the parking lot if the need arises.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Stan Prescott said the plan should show all abutters and has to have the surveyor's stamp on it. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the application as complete; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. Gary Tasker advised Mr. Buttrick to add the abutters and surveyor's stamp. Stan Prescott asked if the plan meets the parking requirement. Tom Moore stated that it is one parking space for every eight seats. It was determined that they do meet the requirements. Mrs. DeMichelis's concern was discussed. Chief Fiske said it sounds like they have ample parking. Tom Dow said he would agree. Mr. Elkins said it is very seldom that cars are on the road.

Gary Tasker made a motion to approve the amended site plan with the addition of abutters and surveyor's stamp; seconded by Stan Prescott. Dustin Bowles said the church should go through code enforcement if they are having an event, just to let them know that there may be a larger number of vehicles in the area. All were in favor. Roy Buttrick said they still have to get the fire marshal's approval for code compliance. Gary Tasker amended his motion to include a letter from the fire marshal; Stan Prescott

seconded the amendment to the motion. All were in favor.

Board Discussion:

CNHRPC traffic study — A letter about upcoming traffic studies was received from CNHRPC. The Board listed some areas that they would like studies done. They included School Street, Clough Hill Road at bridge before fire station, Old Shaker Road by Harry Maxfield's, Pleasant Street, Beehole Road, Chichester Road, and Young's Hill Road at the Clough Hill end.

CIP — Stan Prescott said the sub-committee needs to begin work on the CIP sooner. He said he would like to see more Board participation. Mr. Prescott said that Bob Ordway had said that he would help when available. Steve Jackson said he would like to sit on the sub-committee.

CNHRPC — Stan Prescott is a Board representative to CNHRPC. He said that the Commission meets quarterly and they sometimes have speakers/presentations that can be quite informative. Gary Tasker said he would sit as a second representative to CNHRPC.

Chairman Dow reported that the Growth Management Ordinance is being challenged.

Report of the ZBA:

There six applications before the ZBA this month. There are three special exceptions for reduced setbacks, a special exception for storage tanks, a special exception for processing, and a special exception for a major home occupation. There is also an appeal of an administrative decision filed by Michael Harris.

Report of the Board of Permit:


Chairman Dow reported that there was one Hawker's & Peddler's permit.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. was made by Tom Moore; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — April 26, 2007

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on April 26, 2007 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, George Saunderson, Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, and alternates Jon Huntington and Brenda Pearl.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 22, 2007 MINUTES:

Roy Merrill said that Ned Lizotte read in septage amounts at the last meeting and Ned wants the details listed in the minutes. *George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 26, 2007 SITE WALK ON CLEARVIEW DRIVE MINUTES:

George Saunderson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Dave Powelson. All were in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 26, 2007 SITE WALK ON DUMP ROAD MINUTES:

Roy Merrill made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 24, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Howard Pearl made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Dave Powelson. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #07-02, Stephen Robinson – Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 31, Lot 18. Mr. Robinson had informed the Board that he could not be present at this meeting; however, he submitted two letters to the office with responses to matters discussed at the site walk of his property. There were no abutters present. Chairman Powelson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the public. Hearing none, he reviewed the special exception for reduced setback as submitted by Mr. Robinson and closed the hearing with the application to be brought up under unfinished business.

Case #07-03, Septic Disposal Solutions – Special Exception for Processing, Map 40, Lot 7.

Case #07-05, Septic Disposal Solutions – Special Exception for Bulk Storage, Map 40, Lot 7.

Howard Pearl and Brenda Pearl recused themselves from this case. Jonathan Huntington was appointed as a voting member. Brandon Giuda spoke on behalf of the applicants, Paul & Darlene Johnson and Bill Gosse. Also present were landowner David Moody, SDS employee Michael Enright, and DES representative Alexis Rastorguyeff. Chairman Powelson asked if the applicants were alright with four voting members. Mr. Giuda said they were.

Mr. Giuda reviewed the special exceptions that are being requested, noting the following: no injurious effect; would be a benefit to the town as the lagoon cannot handle the demand; having to truck out of town creates higher costs to residents when having their tank pumped; reduce truck traffic in the solid waste facility; possibly set up an agreement with the track; zero output facility as all product comes in and goes back out; no monitoring of groundwater or air needed. Mr. Giuda said this is non-toxic product, the location is inconspicuous, and it is a state-of-the-art facility. Mr. Giuda read the following letter from the town of Pittsfield and submitted it for the record: "To Whom It May Concern: The Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment Facility started dewatering septage in April 2003 and has continued to dewater septage to date. During these four plus (4+) years the Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment Facility has NEVER received a noise or odor complaint. Sincerely, Ronald A Vien, Superintendent"

Mr. Giuda went through the different sections of Section 206 of the Zoning Ordinance. He discussed S206.4, noting that this facility meets the area coverage requirements. Referring to S206.6C, Mr. Giuda said this facility will help the surface and groundwater quality as it will take away from the effects of the lagoon. He said there will be no impact to the environment as there is no subsurface discharge. He explained the spill procedure as required by DES. Mr. Giuda referred to S206.6D, noting that this site is good for this type of project as it is shielded from the road and residential areas, is next to the town lagoon, is inside the groundwater monitoring zone of the solid waste facility, and all is under cover, enclosed, and the tanks are sealed. He said any odor or sound is contained inside

the building. Mr. Giuda noted that this area is C/I zoned, shielded by buffers, and the nearest residence is more than 500' from the facility. Mr. Giuda referred to S206.6F, noting that this facility would be unlike other businesses whereas there will be no discharge of sewage. He referred to S206.6G, noting that this facility will improve the property value by adding new tax revenue with little impact to town services. He said there will be no hazardous material or chemicals at this facility. Mr. Giuda stated that the facility meets parking requirements (\$500.1) and he explained the process of trucks unloading (\$500.2). Referring to S501.1, Mr. Giuda stated that there will be a marker at the road and a small sign at the entrance of the facility.

Mr. Giuda said this facility will take the strain off the town lagoon and reduce the concentration of nitrates. He said there could be 8–10 trucks per day entering the facility, with some of those trucks being the owners so the net increase in traffic could be 6–8 trucks. He said there would be no impact on the natural environment other than the building itself. Mr. Giuda said DES approves, monitors, and inspects the facility. He said the tanks are secure and would also have a berm around them. Mr. Giuda said that he feels the applicants meet the special exception criteria on both applications. He said there may have been some earlier confusion in comparing this to ESMI, nothing that this facility is nothing like that.

Chairman Powelson asked about a site plan. Mr. Giuda said the owner will do a major site plan with the Planning Board. He showed the area to be used for this facility, noting that there are multi uses on the property. He said other uses will be outside of the area used by SDS and the DES setbacks. George Saunderson asked to clarify that it was decided to go with a full site plan. Mr. Giuda said they were doing a full site plan, noting that the Planning Board said they could do a full site plan or a subdivision if they wanted to deal only with the five acres involving the facility. Mr. Saunderson asked to confirm that the application to Planning was not yet submitted and asked if the applicants would be averse to fencing the five acres. Mr. Giuda said they are not doing anything with the five acres. Mr. Saunderson asked if that was clearly a no, they would not do the fence. Mr. Giuda explained the Planning Board discussion. Darlene Johnson said that fencing had not come up and they would have to discuss it. Mr. Giuda said if there was some danger at the facility he could see it but does not feel

there is any need. Mrs. Johnson said there is excavation still being done in the area so a fence may not be feasible. Mr. Giuda said he has advised the owner to move everything out of the area of the DES setbacks.

Roy Merrill asked if the applicants have made application to DES and if the town has a copy of the application. Mr. Rastorguyeff said SDS has submitted their application. He handed out a flow chart of how the DES permitting process works. George Saunderson asked how long it takes to the point where the town gets an application complete letter. Mr. Rastorguyeff said that DES has a 90 day limit to either issue or deny the permit. He explained the steps involved. George Saunderson noted that local landowners may request a public hearing. Mr. Rastorguyeff said that is not a forum to try to defeat the process. He said it is to be sure nothing has been omitted or overlooked. He said as long as the application complies with the rules the law says the state must issue the permit. Mr. Saunderson asked if this is the first permit issued to private companies. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it is not, saying there are many lagoons, although less than before since many have been closed by the state, and there are other processing facilities. He said there is one in Lisbon that is similar to this one but is all out in the open and one is East Kingston. He explained the process used by those facilities. Roy Merrill asked how many acres the Lisbon facility sits on. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it is a 30–40 acre parcel and the facility sits on a small piece of the parcel and handles five million gallons a year. Mr. Merrill asked how DES determined the gallonage to be permitted. Mr. Rastorguyeff said a formula was designed many years ago when doing the groundwater discharge permit, calculating how much filtrate would absorb safely. Groundwater monitoring wells were installed. George Saunderson asked if the gallonage stands once established. Mr. Rastorguyeff said the number was established and monitored, proved to be alright so is still being used. Roy Merrill asked how gallons are calculated in this type of process. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it is based on the facility being mechanically enhanced with zero discharge and how much room there is for solids to be processed in a timely basis before being moved offsite. Mr. Merrill asked how they know what that is. Mr. Rastorguyeff said they used data from the Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment Facility. He explained the formula of the amount of solids generated by the number of gallons of

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septage and the number of days of composting, saying it was basic math. Jon Huntington asked the ratio of liquid and solids. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it is traditionally 3% solids but could be as low as 1/2% solids if a septic tank is pumped more often. He said it could be heavier if pumped less often. He said the average of 3% is used in calculations.

Roy Merrill referred to the second box of the flow chart where the DES application is now, noting that it will be known in 30 days if the application is complete. Mr. Rastorguyeff said DES only issues a letter to the municipality if the application is determined to be complete. He noted that a copy of the application has to be on file at the town offices. Mr. Merrill asked if the town has a copy. Mrs. Johnson said the town does not yet have a copy. George Saunderson noted that it could be mid-summer before being at that point if all went smoothly with the application. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it could be or it could be longer, noting that it depends on the need of information.

Dave Powelson asked if there is a groundwater discharge permit for the town lagoon. Mr. Rastorguyeff said there is a permit for the landfill and that the lagoon piggybacks on that permit. He said all groundwater monitoring is governed by the landfill's groundwater management plan. Mr. Powelson asked if the filtrate that leaves the facility would require a groundwater discharge permit. Mr. Rastorguyeff said there is no discharge at the site. He explained that the filtrate would have to be tested to go to a groundwater discharge site or it could go on lawns or used for sod irrigation. Mr. Powelson asked, if it passes the tests and is alright for irrigation, how that differs from groundwater discharge. Mr. Rastorguyeff explained that with a groundwater discharge permit they are monitoring pollutants because it is saying that what is going to be discharged is going to be some sort of a pollutant. He said if you get an exceptional quality (EQ) certification on the filtrate that means it would be as clean as possible and as it safely needs to be to be used on lawns or whatever else might have human contact but not potable. Dave Powelson asked if the compost has the same set of rules and can be placed on lawns. Mr. Rastorguyeff said as long as it meets certain criteria it can be used in public contact sites. Jon Huntington asked about the analysis of the end product. Mr. Rastorguyeff explained the analysis and said DES requirements are higher than the federal standards. He explained that the nutrient value varies based on the septage being processed.

Roy Merrill asked to clarify that the compost can go on lawns after being heated

for fifteen days. Mr. Rastorguyeff said that was correct. He said after tests are done and it has been demonstrated that the process has done what it is supposed to do, they would have EQ certification. Jon Huntington asked if there was a demand for the material. Paul Johnson said they have people "knocking at the door" for it. George Saunderson asked if it is kept longer if it does not meet the required standard. Mr. Rastorguyeff explained that that is part of the applicant's management plan. He said they have to show what the process would be in such an instance. He said the process commonly would be to reincorporate that batch into a fresh batch, a little at a time, until that particular compost windrow is used up through the process again. Roy Merrill said that would require more storage area. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it could mean that or the compost could go offsite, giving it to someone who is permitted to land apply, landfill, or further process the material. Mr. Merrill asked to clarify that there is a roof over the compost area but it is not enclosed. Paul Johnson said it is a covered area. Dave Powelson asked if there are two structures. Bill Gosse showed the plan, explaining that there is a 4800 SF wood structure with overhead doors for the processing facility and there is a commercial poly structure over the compost area. He said there will be two levels of 2' x 2' x 4' blocks with the tent structure. He explained that it is possible to enclose the ends of the tent structure but it heats up too much in high temperature weather so would be left open at those times. Jon Huntington asked the moisture content of the solids. Bill Gosse said it would be very dehydrated when the process is completed. He said there would be very little leachate and the area has been designed for that.

Roy Merrill asked how far this site is from the Filmore property. Darlene Johnson showed the location of the Filmore property on the site plan. Mr. Merrill asked how far the facility would be from the boundary. Dave Moody said it would be a couple hundred feet. Roy Merrill discussed the zoning of the property around this parcel, noting that the Filmore piece and a town parcel are not commercial. It was clarified that the Filmore property is commercially zoned. George Saunderson noted that the compost area is not completely enclosed and he asked if there would be a smell when the solids were dumped there. Bill Gosse said there is a musty odor where the solids are dumped at the Pittsfield facility, noting that that the solids there are dumped outside and are uncovered. He explained the differences in the facilities, noting that there will be pre-treatment of the solids, wood chips will be put down before it is dumped, and the product will instantly be mixed with material to begin the compost process. Dave Powelson

asked if there is a way to define an odor since the discussion is at a point of mentioning odors. Brandon Giuda said they could define odor by the lagoons compared to no odor from this process because of treatment. He said the Board has been given a letter from the town of Pittsfield stating that there have been no odor complaints on the facility there. Roy Merrill submitted a letter that he got from an abutter to the Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mr. Merrill said the abutter notices offensive odors when the trucks are unloading at the Pittsfield facility. Mr. Giuda said no complaints have been filed and he has a problem with a letter being presented at the last minute. Dave Powelson asked if they can define an odor. Mr. Rastorguyeff said there is of course some odor since it is human waste that is being processed. He said odor is one of the hardest things to control and regulate, explaining that DES has to regulate nuisances. He said how it is controlled is to be managed to minimize nuisances to the greatest reasonable extent. He explained that is why setbacks are required and that this operation would be enclosed in a building so would be less likely to be offensive. Roy Merrill pointed out that the ordinance says that there cannot be an odor or the Board cannot allow it in the town. Mr. Rastorguyeff said that is up to the town to decide how they apply their own regulations, noting that he has the state rules to go by and enforce. Dave Powelson said that the state rules apparently deal with odor nuisances as well and he was hoping there was a way to define whether or not there is a nuisance odor. Mr. Rastorguyeff said there is a specific procedure in the rules used to handle any complaints. He explained that in the event that a complaint is lodged with DES or the operator, the operator is given the opportunity to correct the problem. He said if it is something that happens one time that is to be expected. He said if it is continuous, DES would direct the operator to institute some sort of control measures to reduce the problem.

George Saunderson said this could be a great proposal and he feels the Board has been clear about taking the process slowly and methodically. He said the project does not have the Planning Board or DES on board yet. Brandon Giuda said the applicants are asking for special exceptions contingent on the approval of the Planning Board and DES. He said he feels the letter of complaint should have been presented ahead of time. Roy Merrill said Mr. Giuda should have put the letter from the town in earlier. Mr. Giuda stated that the town's letter was just received earlier in the day and is from town officials. He said his point was that he feels that a board member going to an abutter and asking them for a letter of complaint shows a bias. For a town to say that there have been no complaints is utterly proper. Mr. Giuda said the ZBA process should not take months. He said it is for a special exception yet the talk is of odors that may occur in an enclosed building in a very controlled facility with an open lagoon with raw septage a few hundred yards away.

George Saunderson said the Board is processing this slowly and making sure they have as much information as possible. He said the application for storage tanks is a given if the Board goes with the first application. He said if the applicant pushes for a decision tonight, they will be disappointed. Mr. Giuda asked what more information they could want. Dave Powelson said they could define odor.

Roy Merrill said the Board asked to see the DES application but they still do not have it. Mr. Giuda said the application was just submitted to DES. George Saunderson said that special exceptions frequently come with conditions. He said the Board may take some time to decide what might be appropriate, saying this is a long term deal and they are not rushing. Brandon Giuda asked the Board to look at the special exceptions and see if they meet the criteria. Mr. Giuda said, in reference to Mr. Saunderson's comment of this taking a long time, that this is a public hearing tonight and they have to progress in discussion. Dave Powelson asked if the applicant has an issue with it being understood that they would be shut down because of odors on abutting properties. Mr. Giuda said that the applicants have done everything in their power to make this a state-of-the-art facility, noting there have been no complaints in Pittsfield which is a more rustic facility. Mr. Rastorguyeff said Pittsfield is the only other facility that is like this in some sort of a building, the other facilities are all outside and uncovered. Mr. Giuda said it has to be monitored and there is a procedure for that. He said the application process cannot go on for months if it is not getting somewhere. Roy Merrill said the applicants wanted this on a thirty acre parcel and there is already another business on the parcel that needs to apply for a special exception. He said they were told there was a complete site plan for the parcel on file and it is not complete. He said it was learned at the last Planning Board meeting that there is a septage tanker on the parcel but it is not on the plan. Darlene Johnson said the tanker is on Mr. Moody's site plan and it is storage only. Mr. Giuda pointed out that the other businesses on the parcel are storage. Mr. Merrill said that the saw mill is not permitted. Mr. Giuda said if it is not permitted, it should be taken care of by code enforcement, but it has nothing to do with the application at hand. Mr. Merrill said there was a cease and desist order on the property at one point. Mrs. Johnson said it has since been addressed and has a site plan accepted by the Planning Board. Mr. Giuda said he would like direction from the Board. Mr. Merrill asked how the Board could permit another special exception when there is not one for the saw mill. Mr. Giuda said that is not relative to the application.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any abutters who would like to speak in favor of the application. Hearing none, he asked if there were any abutters who would like to speak against the application. There were none. He asked if there were any ques-

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tions from the public. Roger Maxfield asked who tests the solids. Mr. Rastorguyeff said the operator would work with a state approved lab to do the tests. He explained the sampling process. Roy Merrill asked who oversees that. Mr. Rastorguyeff said that DES reviews the process and results. Mr. Merrill asked if anybody actually oversees the sampling. Mr. Rastorguyeff said there is a chain of custody used from start to end of the process. He said there has to be some trust, noting that there are checks and balances and enough oversight to ensure that it has been done correctly. He said there are spot inspections and there are ways to tell if samples are 'fudged'. George Saunderson asked if the compost would be stored at this facility if the composting process needed more time. Bill Gosse explained that the design allows for longer treatment and there is sufficient room to reincorporate the compost if need be.

Dave Powelson asked if the tanks will be vented. Paul Johnson said there could be charcoal or bio filters. Darlene Johnson said they plan to put filters on the tanks. Mr. Rastorguyeff said filters are not required by DES but are standard technology that can be used. He said it is a matter of how much odor is being emitted and how far the facility is from a property line, noting that is the purpose of the DES setbacks. Mr. Powelson asked again about defining odors. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it would be characterizing odors. Mr. Powelson asked about the composting process generating odors. Mr. Rastorguyeff explained the process of composting and the breakdown of matter. George Saunderson asked about putting a charcoal filter in the composting tent. Mr. Rastorguyeff said an enclosed building that would have negative pressure in it and run through a filter could be designed but it would be extensive. He said it is a matter of being reasonable, and if the odor was not going to be noxious or offensive to the vast majority of the population and there are already some setbacks in place, and with the amount of odor, the volume of gas to be released being relatively low, there should be enough natural controls in the process to prevent nuisances. He said they are not supposed to prevent any discharge into the atmosphere to prevent nuisances. He said one person's definition of odor is another's nothing. He said there is no way to predict one's reaction as everyone is different. Mr. Powelson said the Board is defining odors in the building, in the plant, and on abutting properties or at the edge of setbacks. He asked where the boundary for the next lot is that they would be trying to define odor at. Mr. Giuda said it was at the edge of the thirty acres. Roy Merrill said it is 200' as heard earlier. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it is up to DES and if there is an odor complaint, it does not matter how far away it is. He said the closest property would be the town's transfer station which has its own odors.

Dennis Moore said he supports the project. He asked how far the lagoons are from the proposed site. Darlene Johnson said they are about 1,000' away. Mr. Moore said it sounds like this facility will be controlled more than the lagoon. George Saunderson said that the facility will be receiving six times the sewage of the lagoon. Mrs. Johnson said the difference would be that what would come into the facility would be treated with lime and ferric chloride, not raw as is dumped into the lagoon. Bill Gosse said he has worked for five years on the rules with the state. He said probably one of the biggest issues has been trying to define odor. Mr. Gosse said that a huge amount of research has been done by SDS and said until given the opportunity to try their formula nobody will know the results. Dave Powelson said if the applicants are given a chance and it does not work, the Board wants a way to stop them. Mr. Gosse said there are provisions for such matters and would like the opportunity to work with the town, DES and other experts to allow the process to prove itself. Roy Merrill asked what would be done if there's an odor and they can't correct it. Mr. Rastorguyeff said a facility would not be shut down with the first complaint. He explained the order of precedence that DES goes through. He said if the operator has done everything they can do to minimize or reduce the nuisance and it has not worked, then they would be shut down. He said there is no recipe for determining how to deal with odors and it is something that has to be done on a case by case basis. He said it is in statute that DES has to prevent nuisances. Mr. Rastorguyeff said if it is a nuisance for an abutter, DES has to prevent it, and if all efforts to correct the nuisance fail, then DES has no option but to shut the facility down. Mr. Merrill said he doubted that a facility would be closed due to a complaint from one abutter. Mr. Rastorguyeff said if an abutter could medically show that the facility was the cause of their illness, the facility would be closed. It was asked if that has ever happened. Mr. Rastorguyeff said it has not.

Chairman Powelson noted the odor of the Concord treatment plant that has been running for approximately 25 years. Brandon Giuda asked Mr. Rastorguyeff if he anticipates an odor problem with this facility using this technology. Mr. Rastorguyeff said he does not, with the historical experience at the Pittsfield facility and with the design of this facility which is substantially more advanced than the one in Pittsfield where they have had no problem, the chance of odors is greatly reduced with the Loudon facility. He explained that the ferric chloride is used to prevent the solids from releasing odorous compounds. Roy Merrill said one of the closest neighbors to Pittsfield's facility has a problem with the odor there and he has no reason to lie. Mr. Rastorguyeff said he has been at the Pittsfield facility several times and has never had an offensive odor. Mr. Merrill said that the abutter he spoke with said there is an odor during the hot summer months when trucks are unloading.

Mr. Rastorguyeff noted that the applicants have said the dewatering will be done inside and the trucks will be offloading inside as well whereas in Pittsfield the trucks offload outside and gases are vented from the tanks when doing so. Mr. Merrill asked if filters are used in Pittsfield. Darlene Johnson said they are not. Mr. Rastorguyeff said if it was found to be an odor in the building, they could run all of the venting through a bio-filter. He noted that the overall design and treatment avoids odors. Mr. Giuda asked if anyone on the Board had a problem with the odor when visiting the Pittsfield facility. None did. Roy Merrill said he could smell it today when driving down the road. He said the abutter said the hot months are unbearable and notices the odor during the operating hours. Bill Gosse cautioned the Board on judging the applicants based on that information. He reminded the Board that SDS manages the receiving only in Pittsfield, not the compost or water areas. He said SDS has talked with people in the area and have not found any problems. Mr. Gosse said they showed the Board the full operation in Pittsfield and had cautioned them at the time to keep in mind that SDS does not manage the full operation.

Roy Merrill said he questioned the abutter when the odor is most noticeable. He said he was told it is when the man sees trucks heading into the plant between 9:30 and 2:30. Mr. Merrill said if it was the solids causing the odor he feels it would be seven days a week. He said the abutter said there are no odors other than during the operating hours. Bill Gosse advised Mr. Merrill to have the abutter register a complaint. He said the odor could come from when the plant turns the compost pile with a loader during the day. Darlene Johnson reminded the Board that this facility has been designed for trucks to offload inside the building. Brandon Giuda said the Board seems to be moving toward putting conditions on the approval. He said if it is felt that odors can be dealt with by using filters, then they should require that as a condition. Dave Powelson said he was thinking more in the line of the town shutting them down if there is a complaint. George Saunderson said filters are a good way to go, along with a procedure to fix the problem. He said he would like to see the space around the facility clearly denoted, making it clear and simple. He said what the Planning Board accepts is fine and he feels they are making progress. Mr. Giuda said they have moved things from the area and what the Planning Board comes up with will be fairly comprehensive as far as delineating where these uses are. Mr. Giuda said the applicants have to get through the special exception in order to move on to the Planning Board or to move on in some fashion. Mr. Saunderson said that was not the case. He said the Planning Board can do their own conditioning but the ZBA is talking about a use.

Brandon Giuda said if the applicants do not get the special exceptions, they do not go on. He said they would like the special exceptions, contingent upon Planning Board

approval and DES approval with a management plan. He said if there were complaints, they would have to be given a due process to correct the problem. He noted that the application process does not have to be complex and take months. Jon Huntington asked if there have been any complaints of the town's open lagoon smelling. Harold MacLauchlan stated that his home is in line with the lagoon and he has smelled it a few times but there was something worse north of his house. He said there are procedures in place to deal with such things.

Dave Powelson reviewed a list of notes he made from the applicant's testimony. He said he noted that they asserted that the facility is designed for 30,000 gallons a day; will meet the town's compliance with 485-A:5-b; will designate a five acre footprint. Darlene Johnson said that last month the Planning Board asked them to delineate five acres and this month the Planning Board agreed to a full site plan rather than a subdivision of the five acres. Mr. Powelson continued, saying the applicants told the Board there would be a 4800 SF building and a 4000 SF composting tent. He said anything the Board does would be contingent of no offensive odors on abutting properties and the operation would stop until addressed. Paul Johnson said in order to adjust a problem they would have to be able to operate and find the problem. He said they could get DES to help deal with it and give SDS time to correct. George Saunderson said that was a good point, if they are shut down they can't figure out the problem. Mr. Powelson said the decision would be contingent upon DES approval and site plan approval with the Planning Board. Bill Gosse asked to address odors on abutting property, noting that the DES 1600 rules state "occupied" properties. Brandon Giuda pointed out that town statutes say any abutting properties. He said he would not expect that the facility would be shut down with no investigation.

Roger Maxfield said the lagoon is a lot different than what is being proposed, especially when trucks are dumping into it and it gets stirred up. He said there have been a couple of complaints from properties west of Route 106 near the lagoon. Mr. Maxfield said there is bound to be an odor from an open septage lagoon and when there is, they put more lime on it. Jon Huntington said this facility is a necessary evil, is good for the town and a good location because it is not near too many homes. He said the town cannot rely on the state to provide disposal solutions. Roger Maxfield stated that there are eight test wells for the landfill and they are tested semi-annually. Paul Johnson said he lives in town and would not want to smell it either, noting that he does not want the Concord smell in town. He said they are not out to destroy the town and he feels the town would realize far more benefit than harm. Roy Merrill said the Board needs to see if DES has a completed application or if they want more information. Dave Powelson said the approval would be contingent on DES approval. Mr. Merrill said the Board does

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not know what DES has asked for. He asked if DES would make their decision by the next ZBA meeting. Mr. Rastorguyeff said within the next three weeks he will indicate to SDS if the application is complete or not, and if not complete, what SDS needs to do to complete the application. He said a copy of the application has to be on file with the town. He explained the process used in reviewing the DES application. DES has to have notice from ten landowners to hold a public hearing. He said written comment is always accepted but no public hearing is held in that kind of public forum.

Brandon Giuda stated that the special exception process can be done based upon receiving a completed application and DES approval. He said the Board could make it contingent since the applicant cannot do anything with the special exception unless the DES application is approved. He said delaying this application a month does not do anything to gain further information for the ZBA. George Saunderson said another month would allow the Board to put in any safeguards they feel necessary. He said he is convinced this is a good process but the town needs to be careful. Dave Powelson said once this is approved nobody else in town really has a chance to approve or deny. Mr. Giuda pointed out that no abutters have opposed this application, delaying drives up the costs, the application has been before the Board for two months, and there has been pretty comprehensive discussion of the applications and facility.

Roy Merrill asked if monitoring wells will be installed at this facility. Mr. Rastorguyeff said none per se like the lagoon as it is a zero discharge facility. He said there would be containment and leak detection for the underground tanks. Mr. Merrill said zoning could require them. Mr. Rastorguyeff said, based on DES rules, there is no need or requirement for them as the facility is designed as a zero discharge facility. Dave Powelson asked if the application for tanks specify that there is leak detection system. Darlene Johnson said it does not because they are proposing sealed tanks as used for cisterns and as they have discussed in meetings with DES. She said if DES requires them to install leak detection systems then they would have to do that. Roy Merrill said it would be nice to know what was being presented to DES. Mrs. Johnson said it was felt that a completed application would be more advantageous to the ZBA than. Mr. Merrill said it would be beneficial to receive the DES application before the next ZBA meeting. It was agreed that the ZBA would have the DES application for review.

Brandon Giuda asked if the town requires the same thing when gas stations

come in. Mr. Merrill said a gas station does not have to come to ZBA for a special exception for storage tanks because it is a permitted use. There was discussion of the town's tank requirements. Mr. Giuda said this is non-hazardous and if there are leaks there is less impact than that of the lagoon. He urged the Board to look at reasonable concerns, asked to move forward, and agreed that the applicants would provide a copy of the DES application for review before the next meeting. George Saunderson said he was with Mr. Giuda in his suggestions but cannot promise that the next meeting will be the final. Bill Gosse said they are working with DES on the application and they still have some pieces to finish. He reported that their engineer is on vacation and has a plan to draw upon her return. He said SDS would provide copies, noting that it is a very comprehensive document, and he explained the application process. Alex Rastorguyeff said the application is considered to be submitted and he has thirty days to respond. Mr. Gosse explained that they did not submit a copy of the DES application to the town as they wanted to have it complete before doing so. He asked if there was anything specific to tanks that the Board wanted. Dave Powelson said he would like information on spill control, detection, and sizes. Roy Merrill asked what the tanks are made of. Mr. Gosse said the underground tanks will be concrete and the aboveground tanks will be steel. Mr. Merrill asked if the concrete tanks would be like a water cistern. Mr. Gosse said they would be and they are sealed. There was discussion of the tank sizes and amount of storage.

George Saunderson made a motion to continue this hearing to May 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Howard Pearl and Brenda Pearl returned to the Board. Jon Huntington will remain a voting member for the balance of the meeting.

Case #07-04, Malcolm & Julie Thompson — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 44, Lot 16. Abutters have been notified; there were no abutters present. Mr. Thompson explained that he would like to construct a new garage within the side setback of his property and described the location of the property. Chairman Powelson asked Mr. Thompson to go through the points of the application. After Mr. Thompson read through the points of the application and his responses, the chairman asked if there were any questions from the Board. Jon Huntington asked about the distance between the house and proposed garage. Mr. Thompson said it would be 10' between the house and garage. Chairman Powelson said

the Board has been in the habit of doing a site walk for such requests and asked the Board if they felt they should do a site review of this property. George Saunderson said the project looks good on the surface but feels they should look at it. Chairman Powelson asked Board members and Mr. Thompson if Saturday at 9 a.m. would work. It was agreed to do a site walk at Mr. Thompson's property on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 9 a.m. *Howard Pearl made a motion to continue this hearing to May 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #07-02, Stephen Robinson — Special Exception for Reduced Setback, Map 31, Lot 18. Chairman Powelson addressed the letters received from the applicant. Howard Pearl said he was not able to make the site walk and asked if others felt that everything is in order with the request. The chairman asked if the Board was satisfied with the sixteen points of the application. Howard Pearl said if the issue with the propane tank was addressed and everyone was alright with the site walk then he was satisfied. *George Saunderson made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Howard Pearl. There was no further discussion. A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED.*

APPEAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Michael Harris — Chairman Powelson stated that Mr. Harris filed for an appeal of an administrative decision based on a fine issued by code enforcement. Mr. Harris was notified after the March meeting that abutters must be notified of the hearing on the appeal. There has been no word from Mr. Harris since that letter was sent. The chairman read from RSA 676:7 IV, relative to the cost of notice. The RSA states that "failure to pay such costs shall constitute valid grounds for the board to terminate further consideration and to deny the appeal without public hearing." *Howard Pearl made a*

motion to deny the appeal on the basis of RSA 676:7 IV as read by the chairman; seconded by George Saunderson. There was no further discussion. A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; Howard Pearl — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes. Unanimous — APPEAL DENIED.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Powelson said there was another appeal of an administrative decision that had come in to the office. It was a similar situation where the resident had applied for a personal building permit but would be selling the house and was assessed a fine. The applicant was issued a notice by Chief Fiske, went to the selectmen, and then to ZBA; however, the appeal was filed 49 days from the date of decision, therefore did not meet the 45 day rule.

There was discussion of the Rules of Procedure to be established by the Board. It was suggested that the rule adopted in December about the 45 day limit for appealing an administrative decision be added to section 5 (Applications) as (d). Brenda Pearl noted that some of the Rules of Procedure were removed from the Zoning Ordinance in March but she feels that some of what was left in the Ordinance also belongs in the Rules. Donna will create a draft of the Rules and get it to Board members for review.

Chairman Powelson said it would be good if Board members got copies of Planning Board minutes and he asked that the minutes be emailed to members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Howard Pearl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Secretary*

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3	4 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @American Legion. Last meeting of the year. Potluck. 7pm•Recreation Com. @ Com. Bldg.	5 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting 7pm•Lions Club @ Library 7pm•Year-end concert @ MVHS	6 6m•First Grade play @ LES	7 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5:30pm•Senior Banquet (students only) @ MVHS 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 7pm•Senior Awards Night (public) @ MVHS Fifth Grade instrumen- tal concert @ LES	8 6th Grade Cruise on Mt. Washington 8–8pm•“Safe On My Own” class @ LES	9 10–12•Emergency Preparedness Class @ Library
10 7:30–9:30am•Biker Church & Breakfast ! Church of the Nazarene 6pm•“Unspoken” Concert @ Church of the Nazarene	11 8th Grade Trip to Boston 8pm•Fire Department	12 7:30am•Young at Heart trip to the Isles of Shoals. Leaves from Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	13 8th Grade Pride Night 6pm•Conservation Commission @ Library Field Day @ LES	14 FLAG DAY 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Historical Society Meeting Rain Date for LES Field Day	15 LEDGER DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE 6–9pm•Red Cross/Rec. Com. Babysitting class @ Com. Bldg. <div>JUNE 15–17 • 8TH ANNUAL LOUDON CLASSIC AT NHIS</div>	16 9–2:30•Red Cross/Rec. Com. Babysitting class @ Com. Bldg. 9–1•Summer Reading Program Sign-up @ Library 10am•MVHS Graduation
17 FATHER’S DAY	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 6:30pm•Communica- tions Council@ Com. Bldg.	19 9–12•VNA Senior Health Clinic 6pm•American Legion Bingo 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	20 6:30pm•Cub Scout Pack 247 Family Fun Night @ Rec. Field 7pm•American Legion	21 SUMMER BEGINS 7pm•Book Group. Call the Library for more information. 798-5153. 7:30pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	22	23 10:30am•Rick Goldin performs @ Library
24 Trott Family Annual Memorial Golf Tournament @ Loudon Country Club	25	26 9–12am•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Selectmen's- Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Rec. Com. @ Library 7pm•LYAA @ Library	27 6:30pm•Loudon Recreation Com. @ Library	28 7pm•Book Group @ Library	29 7pm•Family Flick Night “A Goofy Movie” @ Library	30

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