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## Town Meeting 2009

Following is the warrant for the 2009 Town Meeting. The first session of the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road. The purpose of this "session" is to vote for town officials and on proposed zoning amendment changes.

The second "session" of town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Loudon Elementary School. It is at this session that the town's proposed budget and remaining warrant articles will be discussed and voted upon.

Town meeting is your opportunity to voice your opinion and be heard by all present. It is unique to New England and a wonderful example of democracy in action.

The Loudon Girl Scouts will be there selling cookies — just in case you forgot to order yours! Light refreshments will also be available for purchase.

### Warrant

State of New Hampshire  
**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN**  
**FROM 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY,**  
**MARCH 10, 2009**

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Loudon in the [S.S.] County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at **Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road** in said Loudon, N.H. on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles 1–2 will be by ballot vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the polls at Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

Articles 3–12 will be taken up at the second session of the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loudon Elementary School Gym on School Street.

### ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

*Town Meeting — cont. on 4*

## An Adventure With a Young Bull Moose

By Nathan Merrow



*Above: A young bull moose stuck on the ice on Academy Brook is shown here being pulled to safety by Chip, Jane, and Nathan Merrow. Below: The moose gives a look back as he wanders back into the woods after being rescued.*

One cold Saturday morning in early January, the Merrows on Loudon Ridge Road glanced down from their house to Academy Brook and noticed a young bull moose stuck on the ice. At first the family thought the moose had gone through the ice, but when they went to investigate they discovered he simply couldn't stand on the snow-covered ice. He was tired and wide-eyed, but appeared resigned to his condition, although he did half-heartedly try to bite the group. Lyford "Chip" Merrow managed to drag the moose by one hoof to the edge of the grass, but the frightened moose struggled back onto the ice once more. Using a lunge line, Chip, Jane, and their son, Nathan, lassooed the moose around the neck and dragged it onto the grass where it stood and wandered off, giving them one last look before disappearing into the forest. ■



## Loudon's Agricultural History To Be Featured

Loudon Historical Society is interested in the history of Agriculture in Loudon. Our town has always been known as a farming community. In the late 19th Century, Loudon ranked third in the country for the value of its agricultural products (Hurd, 1885). Today there are still a number of working farms that have been in the same family for many generations. We would like to feature some farms, both historical and new, in an exhibition that will celebrate our history as a farming community. If you are interested in sharing photos and information about your historic family farm or your "new" farm or agricultural business please contact either Ron Lane @ 568-2177 or Cynthia Babonis at [cbabonis@gmail.com](mailto:cbabonis@gmail.com) by April 1st.

The Historical Society is also presenting "Sanborn Mills Farm" on March 18. For more information on what promises to be an interesting evening, see story on page 19. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.  
Thurs.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. or for emergencies.  
For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 724-9731 or email [LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

**Maureen Baxley:** PO Box 67, Andover, NH 03216. 682-3782  
**Claire D. Clarke:** 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303. 796-2268  
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**Joy K. Tilton:** 4 Hill St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8806  
**Frank A. Tupper:** PO Box 92, Canterbury, NH 03224. 783-4110  
**Deborah H. Wheeler:** 38 Bay St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8212

Senators — District 07

**Harold W. Janeway:** 225 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303. 271-3041

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](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com). From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the Loudon Ledger. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2009 Schedule

January 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 12/19	Council Meeting:	Mon. 12/22
February 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 1/16	Council Meeting:	Mon. 1/19
March 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 2/13	Council Meeting:	Mon. 2/16
April 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 3/20	Council Meeting:	Mon. 3/23
May 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 4/17	Council Meeting:	Mon. 4/20
June 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 5/15	Council Meeting:	Mon. 5/18
July 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 6/19	Council Meeting:	Mon. 6/22
August 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 7/17	Council Meeting:	Mon. 7/20
September 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 8/14	Council Meeting:	Mon. 8/17
October 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 9/18	Council Meeting:	Mon. 9/21
November 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 10/16	Council Meeting:	Mon. 10/19
December 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:	Fri. 11/13	Council Meeting:	Mon. 11/16

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Where to Worship in Loudon

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details



Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor • Tom Stevens, Minister of Youth  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbc-loudon.org

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Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours (June, July & August):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (no Sunday School classes)

Prayer Meeting: Weds. 6:30 p.m. • Pioneer Club: Weds. 6:30 p.m. (ages 3–5th grade)

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. • Youth Group: Sun. 6:00 p.m.

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries. Please call the church office for more details. Office Hours: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

Email: phyllis.minery@fcbc-loudon.org



Landmark Baptist Church

Fundmental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

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

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

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

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • Master Club: Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)

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

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings: Regional PrayerWatch Groups and Christian Study Groups (call for details)

Loudon Congregational is a member church of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse

A community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church.

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



New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

phyllish@LNBnazarene.org • www.LBNazarene.org

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

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

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

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

Tuesdays: Children’s Bible Quizzing (Grades 1–6). 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6). 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12). 6:30–8:00 p.m. [Brian Bollinger/Rick Smith]

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS. Please visit our website or call the church office for details.



SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons



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

The Home Folks To Perform At Graverobbers Coffeehouse

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, a community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church, is pleased to feature *The Home Folks* on **Saturday, March 7**. *The Home Folks* have played together for eight years and have been featured musicians at local venues here in New Hampshire as well as in Maine and Massachusetts. Their sound is an eclectic acoustic mix of bluegrass, folk, and country. You will be treated to skillful renditions of classic old-time music, folk songs and easy listening hits using guitar, upright bass, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, clarinet, and of course, their harmonious voices. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and *The Home Folks* will play at 7:00 p.m.. Admission is free; however, coffeehouse staff will pass the hat for the benefit of the band. Coffee and other refreshments will be available at reasonable prices.

**April preview:** next month at GraveRobbers we will welcome New York contemporary rock band *True Witness* who were a featured band at SoulFest 2008 in Gilford, NH. You can check them out at [www.truewitness.com](http://www.truewitness.com).

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is a fun, safe, substance-free, positive environment for youth and adults. The coffeehouse is open the first Saturday of each month, featuring a relaxed, cafe-style setting, good, simple refreshments, and skilled musical artists of all styles. Loudon Congregational Church and GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon Village. For more information, please call the church at 783-9478, or visit [www.loudoncongregational.org](http://www.loudoncongregational.org) and click on the GraveRobbers Coffeehouse link. ■

Rise Again Outreach To Hold Silent Auction

Rise Again Outreach, a local non-profit, faith-based charitable organization serving the Greater Concord area, will hold its first “Neighbor to Neighbor” silent auction fundraiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene on 33 Staniels Road in Loudon. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$5 each.

Items donated from businesses all over New Hampshire and beyond will be up for auction, including: golfing equipment and rounds of golf at several courses; outdoor equipment, including a Stihl chainsaw; tickets to various entertainment venues; sports items and tickets, including season tickets to the Manchester Wolves; several “Date Night” packages; Six Flags New England tickets; gift certificates to dozens of local restaurants and hotels; and much, much more!

Only cash and personal checks can be accepted for auction items. Free snacks and beverages will be provided.

If you would like to donate auction items, it’s not too late to help. We are seeking merchandise, services or cash donations, and your business will be recognized throughout the event by an ongoing overhead slide presentation.

Rise Again Outreach, with its mobile food and clothing pantry bus and furniture exchange, helps meet the needs of low income families, homeless, refugees and others in need throughout the greater Concord community. With its all-volunteer staff, the organization has assisted hundreds of New Hampshire families and individuals who need a helping hand in today’s tough economic climate.

We need your help to continue this vital outreach. Come and place your bid on your favorite items and get a great deal — while supporting your neighbors in the community and helping to make New Hampshire a better place for everyone! For more information or to obtain advance tickets, call 1-800-266-5017.

About Rise Again Outreach

Rise Again Outreach was created in July 2007 by several individuals in the Greater Concord community. Our mission is to share God’s love with people who are in poverty or crisis by helping to meet their temporal and spiritual needs. Programs of Rise Again Outreach are available to all who are in need, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or religious affiliation. For more information, please visit our website at [www.riseagainoutreach.org](http://www.riseagainoutreach.org). ■

Concord Brain Injury Support Group March 17 meeting

Location:

Granite State Independent Living  
21 Chenell Dr., Concord, NH

Time:

6:30–8:00 p.m.

For information contact: Jan, 568-6021 or Pat, 463-3035

Survivors, Caregivers, and  
Interested Individuals are welcome

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## ARTICLE 2:

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-1

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-1 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Steep Slope District, Section 302.1, **Purpose** to change any reference to steep slopes from 20% to 25% **and** amend Steep Slope District, Section 302.2, **Description of Steep Slope District** to include the following definition in this section as well as in the appendix and change any reference to steep slopes from 20% to 25%: Steep Slope District is defined as all areas within which there is an elevation change of 25 feet or more AND the average slope is 25% or greater. This ordinance shall apply where the proposed site disturbance is greater than 25,000 square feet.

**Reason:** This puts the Town of Loudon's Zoning Ordinance, S302 Steep Slope District, back in line with the State of New Hampshire's ordinance and definition of steep slopes. If passed, any references to the percentage of slopes throughout the Zoning Ordinance will be changed from 20% to 25% as well.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-2 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 207.5, **Setback and Yard Requirements** (Commercial/Recreational District), to allow setback reductions by Special Exception as in all other districts.

**Reason:** Reduced setbacks are permitted by Special Exception in all other districts. This provision was inadvertently omitted at the time that the C/R District was created.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-3 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Animated.

**Reason:** To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-4 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Changeable Copy (manual).

**Reason:** To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology. If passed, this will replace the definition of Sign, Changeable Copy.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-5 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Changeable Copy (electronic).

**Reason:** To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-6 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a reference for Sign, Electric Message Center.

**Reason:** To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-7

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-7 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: In the appendix — definitions, add a definition for Sign, Flashing.

**Reason:** To clarify sign definitions due to changing technology.

### • ZONING AMENDMENT 2009-8

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2009-8 proposed and recommended by the Planning Board for the Loudon Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Article X, Small Wind Energy Systems **and** include the definitions in the appendix **and** amend Sections 203.3, 204.3, 205.3, 206.3 and 207.3 to be permitted by Special Exception in all districts.

**Reason:** To facilitate and promote the research and development in, and use of, small wind energy systems in the Town of Loudon.

**Note:** These articles will be voted on at the second session of Town Meeting, held on Saturday, March 14 at 9 a.m. at the Elementary School.

## ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely a portion of the Old Staniels Road, beginning at the Route 106 Right-of-way adjacent to Tax Map 1, Lot 049 and continuing for a distance of 435 feet.

## ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 11. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation director (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditures shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. Further to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance for this purpose. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

## ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees or charges pursuant to RSA 41:9a. If approved, this authorization will remain in effect until rescinded. *The Selectmen recommend this article.*

## ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to participate in a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the Spring of 2010. *This article would affect the tax rate by 2 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

## ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$186,000.00, for the purchase of an Ambulance and Equipment, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose in to effect. *This article will not affect the tax rate. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

*This Ambulance is listed in the 2009-2010 Capitol Improvements Program as proposed by the Fire Department. Just after the 2008 town meeting a committee was formed to look at replacing the current Ambulance, a 1999 PL Custom. This committee looked at the needs of the department, viewed ambulances from four manufacturers and then wrote a set of specifications. Those specifications were then*

*sent out to four ambulance manufacturers.*

## ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing Soucook Lane and Lovering Avenue, and for preparing Hollow Route Road and the paved portion of Bumfagon Road for future paving. \$100,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. *This article will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

## ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,725.00 for the purpose of hiring one additional full time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. The sum of \$44,030.00 will be for salary. The sum of \$30,695.00 representing the Town's portion of expenses (the increase in benefits, clothing and equipment needed to outfit said person) that is not included in the posted budget for the year 2009-2010 for the current staffing level. *This article would affect the tax rate by 13 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen do not recommend this article by a majority vote.*

## ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 673:1, II to establish an Agricultural Commission. Members and alternates of the Agricultural Commission to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission will work with other town boards on issues that effect farmers and can serve as an information bridge between farm businesses and the non-farm public. *By petition.*

## ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,602,261.00 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. This article does not include any of the previous warrant articles.

## ARTICLE 12:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

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

**A true copy of Warrant — Attest:**

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

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ADDITIONAL TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

Meet The 2009 Candidates

The following people are candidates for various offices. You will vote for these positions on Tuesday, March 10 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.

You may meet them in person on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Community Building, when the Selectmen's Office holds the annual "Meet the Candidates" night.

Selectman (3-YEAR TERM)

Steven Ives  
Nick Metalious

Town Clerk (3-YEAR TERM)

Terry Hamel

Supervisor Of The Checklist (6-YEAR TERM)

Diane Bullock

Library Trustee (3-YEAR TERM)

Sandra Blanchard

Planning Board (TWO 3-YEAR TERMS)

Tom Dow  
Henry Huntington

Zoning Board Of Adjustment (3-YEAR TERM)

Ned Lizotte

Trustee Of The Trust Funds (3-YEAR TERM)

Constance Ives

Moderator (1-YEAR TERM)

Philip Nadeau

Merrimack Valley School Board (3-YEAR TERM)

Normandie Blake, Webster  
Colleen Ives, Salisbury  
David Longnecker, Salisbury  
Laura Vincent, Loudon

Why Does Loudon Need an Agricultural Commission?

By Carole Soule

Editor's Note: This information pertains to Article 10 in the Warrant. It is printed here to give voters more background information.

For years New Hampshire farmers have served as stewards of land and water resources and have provided habitat for native plants and animals. As Loudon continues to grow and change we need to look for ways to support local farms and foster new ones. Agricultural Commissions provide one way to balance growth and quality of life issues and preserve local character. An Agricultural Commission gives farming a voice but is not regulatory.

If approved the Loudon Agricultural Commission will work cooperatively with other town boards and commissions to make the sure the concerns and interests of farmers are better understood and considered in their decision-making processes.

The Agricultural Commission may:

- Advise and work with other boards on issues facing farming in Loudon
- Conduct inventories of agricultural resources
- Conduct inventories of historic farms and farm buildings
- Educate the public on matters relating to farming and agriculture
- Serve as a local voice advocating for farmers, farm businesses and farm interests
- Provide visibility for farming
- Give farmers a place to go for help
- Help resolve farm-related problems or conflicts
- Help protect farmland and other natural resources

The Agricultural Commission can serve as an information bridge between farm businesses and the non-farm public. Sometimes actions taken by town boards that unduly restrict farm businesses are often done without specific consideration of consequences to farmers. The Loudon Agricultural Commission could provide a way for the governing bodies of Loudon to consider the effect on agriculture before taking action.

RSA Section 673:4-b provides details regarding the creation of an Agricultural Commission. ■

Fire Department  
Requesting Additional  
Full-timer

By Chief Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr.

This year, the Loudon Fire Department has submitted an article for Town meeting requesting an additional Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician be hired. At this time we are having a very difficult time covering the weekend schedule during the day with volunteer personnel, due to a variety of reasons ranging from our volunteers wanting family time to work schedules.

At this time, the Loudon Fire Department has three full-time personnel: They are one firefighter/EMT, one Lieutenant/EMT, and one Chief/EMT. The Chief's hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., five days a week, with many other hours spent outside these times. The other two personnel normal work hours are Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They work on a rotating shift — one will work Monday through Thursday and the other Tuesday through Friday; the next week they switch shifts worked. On Monday and Friday, we hire part time personnel to work with the full-time person on duty.

The proposed person would make it possible to cover the 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days per week on a rotating schedule with one part-time person working Saturday and Sunday. This person works the Friday and Monday shift now, so there would be no change in cost, only in the days worked.

This would also help with those persons who would like to get burning permits on the weekends, and would also help cut down on response times to calls.

The 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. shift would still be covered by the Volunteer staff, as it is now.

Breakdown of the projected cost to the town:

Pay:	\$44,030.00	
(this includes Holidays, Sick days, and Vacation)		
<b>Benefits:</b>		
Medicare	\$638.00	
NH Retirement	\$7,067.00	
Worker's Comp.	\$2,866.00	
Unemployment	\$30.00	
Health and Dental	\$17,803.00	(this is Family rate)
Uniforms and Equipment	\$2,291.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,695.00</b>	
 Pay	\$44,030.00	
Benefits	\$30,495.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,725.00</b>	
 <b>Offsetting Revenues/Cost Savings:</b>		
Estimated Revenues of		
75 more transports billed		
out at basic rate	\$37,533.00	
Weekend duty rate		
paid out now.	\$14,396.00	(Does not include Medicare, Workers comp, and unemploy- ment paid now on weekend duty rate)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,929.00</b>	
 <b>Pay &amp; Benefits Total</b>	<b>\$74,725.00</b>	
<b>Less Est. Offsetting Rev.</b>	<b>– \$51,929.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EST. COST TO TAXPAYER</b>	<b>\$22,796.00</b>	



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Loudon Young at Heart

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# Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsenault

Thirty-nine members car-pooled to “Food for Thought” for lunch on February 10. The buffet included chowder, salad, chicken, haddock, Chinese pie, squash, green beans, cake, and mousse. Free lunches were won by Shirley Maxfield and Lottie Moody as door prizes.

The March 10 meeting will have no organized program due to Town Meeting. We will, however, have coffee and Dunkin’ Donuts provided. We will also have our usual lunch served by the Community Action Program at the usual \$2.00 fee. We can play cards and board games, drink coffee, and eat doughnuts. What a deal!

Programs for future meetings are undetermined at this time. Suggestions are always appreciated and our Planning committee will consider any and all ideas. ■

## Pittsfield Area Senior Center Activities for March

Join us Mondays and Thursdays each week at 10:00 a.m. for Bingo.

### NEW NEW NEW

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.: Games with Dan!** Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Dan brings games to play. We have a group of about 6 folks who are playing. Some of us are learning new games and some are playing games they haven’t played for years. Join us. We welcome new comers all the time.

**Join us on Wednesdays for Crafts at 10 a.m.** The first and third Wednesdays are Beading; the second and fourth are Glass Etching.

### Speed Puzzling 10 a.m.

We have several regular size puzzles that have large pieces. We are having contests to see who can complete a puzzle the quickest. The fastest time yet is 1.5 hours with five people working on a puzzle. It is fun, easy and rewarding! Check it out.

**First Thursday of the month: Culinary Arts at 10:00 a.m.** Learn how to cook authentic Italian dishes. Make your own pasta. Learn about foods that keep blood sugar levels steady, what foods slow down digestion, and easy ways to add fiber without knowing it. These classes will go hand in hand with Smart Steps. We eat what we cook. \$2.00 please.

**Fridays: Games at 10:00 a.m. and Seated Yoga at 11:00 a.m.**

Seated Yoga is one of the best wellness programs you could participate in. Seated YOGA is a slow gentle exercise that helps develop and maintain flexibility, mobility and balance. Our core group of 15 people will be glad to tell

you how YOGA has improved their lives.

**Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m. Smart Steps kicks off!** You wanted to begin in April so here we go!

Come in register and pick up a pedometer. April 1–4 you will be setting your baseline. On April 5 you will begin in earnest tracking each and every step you take no matter where you are headed! Each step counts whether you walk to the mailbox, kitchen or bathroom. It is a step and it matters! The only step that doesn’t count is the one when you don’t pick your foot up and put it down again! We’ll do a 5-town challenge again. Which town will add up their steps to beat Loudon? We have one designated volunteer to manage each town’s paperwork. We still need one volunteer walker from each town to be a leader pass out and collect paperwork. Call 435-8482 for more information or to volunteer.

### Trip Ticket

**March 13: Maple Sugar House.** Ice Cream with syrup \$.50. Transportation \$ 4.00.

**March 27: Seacoast Flower, Home & Garden Show, \$7.00 SOLD OUT!**

**April:** Laconia Outlets — Shopping  
**May:** Boston. Call for details.

**June 26:** Summer Picnic in Barnstead

**July 29:** Elequoia State Park

**August 26:** Yankee Commons

**September:** 5 days, 4 nights Cape Cod

**October:** Deerfield Fair

**November:** Christmas Shopping

**December:** TBA ■

## Local Resident Sworn in as County Commissioner

Leo R. Bernier of Cross Brook Road, Loudon, was sworn in as a Merrimack County Commissioner on January 7, 2009. Leo is looking forward to representing you and the other residents of Merrimack County in this new role. Prior to running for Commissioner, Leo was elected County Treasurer and enjoyed that position very much. Since the Treasurer position was more ceremonial in nature than that of a Commissioner, Leo decided he would run for the Commissioner’s position in order to be able to have more of an impact. County Commissioners are responsible for running County government. That responsibility includes oversight of County offices such as the nursing home, the county jail, the Sheriff’s Office, Registry of Deeds, Human Services, etc. A big issue to Leo is to watch over the County budget to keep taxes as low as possible while at the same time ensuring that County services continue to meet the residents’ needs. Prior to his retirement, Leo was employed in the public sector for over 26 years. His public sector experience as the Welfare Commissioner for the City of Manchester as well as City Clerk for Manchester, will be a definite asset to him in his success as a Commissioner. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Commissioner Bernier at 228-0331. ■



## Kidsave’s Summer Miracles Program

Heidi Lommen

Imagine a place where children go to bed each night without being tucked in, where children cry and there is no one there to comfort them, a world without a mom or dad. There are over 33 million orphans worldwide. As a community we have an opportunity to care for some of these children. This summer orphans from Colombia will travel to the United States to live in host homes for five weeks as part of Kidsave’s Summer Miracles Program. The goal is to connect these children to families, and ultimately to find forever homes for them.

The Orphans Ministry at the River of Grace Church in Concord, supported by the Faith Community Bible Church in Loudon, has partnered with Kidsave to bring orphaned children between the ages of eight and thirteen from Colombia to the Concord/Loudon area. For those who decide to become a host family for one of these children, they will be providing an older child the opportunity to find an adoptive family. If not for these host programs, the chance of these older children finding forever families would be minimal. Without adoption, these children will spend their childhood in an orphanage and then be sent out on the streets to live on their own. One in ten of these children will commit suicide. Many will end up incarcerated. Many others will fall victim to prostitution. But there is hope. Last summer, the New England Summer Miracles Program brought nine children from Colombia to the local area. To date all nine of these children have been, or are in the process of being, adopted. Since Kidsave’s inception in 1999 more than 1500 children have visited communities across the U.S. as part of the Summer Miracles Program and 93% have found families who have adopted or who are pursuing adoption.

Many people may not feel called to adopt, or to even host a child. But there is much more that can be done. Volunteers are need to assist the local planning committee, provide translation support, help advocate for the children during their 5 week visit and to raise the necessary funds for the New England Summer Miracles Program so that children can travel this summer.

A family sock hop is planned for March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers’ Union Hall (IBEW), 48 Airport Road in Concord. This is a major fundraiser for the New England Summer Miracles Program. If you would like to know more about the New England Summer Miracles Program, and/or the family sock hop, please contact Heidi Lommen at [heidilommen@tds.net](mailto:heidilommen@tds.net); or, on the national level, contact [Nancy@kidsave.org](mailto:Nancy@kidsave.org), call 1-888-KIDSAVE or visit [www.kidsave.org](http://www.kidsave.org). For sock hop ticket information, please contact the River of Grace Church at [info@rogchurch.com](mailto:info@rogchurch.com). ■

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**The Deadline for the April 2009 “Loudon Ledger” is Friday, March 20.**

**The next meeting of the Loudon Communications Council is Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.**

## Andrew J. Rice Graduates from Basic Training



Andrew J. Rice graduated from the Fort Jackson, SC Basic Combat Training Program on February 6. Andrew is the son of John and Jan Rice of Old Shaker Road and a 2008 graduate of Merrimack Valley High School. Other proud Loudon family members include his brothers Jack and Brian, grandparents Jack and Peg Rice and John and Ann Plummer, as well as aunts and uncles Dave and Cheryl Rice, Diane Jefferson and Martha and Matt Cheney. Andrew is now at Fort Eustis in VA for Advanced Individual Training. ■



### Loudon Police Dept. News

By Chief Robert N. Fiske

The police department proudly continues to actively participate in different areas of community service. Currently we are working on the upcoming D.A.R.E. Pizza Night, which will be held on March 17th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Loudon Elementary School (see D.A.R.E. news for more on this). We are also starting to organize for the annual Bicycle Safety Class which will be tentatively held in April. Look for more information in the next issue of the Ledger.

In addition to these projects, we sponsor Loudon Boy Scout Troop #30 through the Loudon Police Association. The troop takes on many activities and responsibilities and our department looks forward to participating in activities with these boys.

We are preparing for the upcoming race season. We attend monthly meetings with key officials to handle the influx of fans during the race events. We are also currently working on an evacuation plan for NHMS as well as the surrounding areas for a major emergency. This is a result of a grant from Homeland Security. Many hours have been put into this plan. Many thanks to the numerous agencies who participated in this planning, as well as key officials from NHMS. This plan does not only benefit keeping the spectators safe, but our residents if an event occurred.

A reminder as better weather and spring approaches: laws were enacted that requires anyone under the age of 16 to wear protective gear while riding a bicycle upon a public way. Failure to comply is a violation with a fine of \$35.00 for each occurrence. Again, we sponsor a bicycle safety class in conjunction with the Loudon Recreation Committee and provide free bicycle helmets.

We thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department. 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](mailto:loudonpd@loudonpolice.com) or [chief-fiske@loudonpolice.com](mailto:chief-fiske@loudonpolice.com). ■

## D.A.R.E. NEWS

Jason S. Fiske, Instructor

We are on our way to another successful year of D.A.R.E. curriculum. The students are attentive and there is great participation from the fifth grade students. I wish to thank the fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Finch, Mr. Satterfield and Ms. Painchaud for all their help in assisting me this year.

The big fundraiser is almost here! ***We have changed the date and the location this year. Tuesday, March 17th will be the annual D.A.R.E. Pizza night.*** We will be holding the event at the Loudon Elementary School. With the new addition, we will be able to utilize both the cafeteria and gym. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m. The dinner includes a slice of pizza, salad, dessert and a beverage for \$3.00. Additional slices may be purchased for \$1.00 a slice. The famous raffle will begin at 6:30 sharp. Tickets can be purchased for 3/\$1.00 or 20/\$5.00. There will be no advance ticket sales. You do not need to be present at the raffle. Andy Mack from 93.3 The Wolf will be here for event! Don't miss the fun!

This is our major fundraiser for the D.A.R.E. program. We appreciate the outpouring of support from our local businesses and residents. This program continues to be a success with the continued support from the community.

If you are interested in donating an item or have any questions, please contact Chief Fiske, Janice Morin or myself at 798-5521 or you may e-mail us at [loudonpd@loudonpolice.com](mailto:loudonpd@loudonpolice.com). ■



### Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinics in Loudon at the VOANNE Senior Housing on March 24 from 9 a.m. until noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203.

### Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages in March: **Monday, March 2, 2009, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

### Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic: Wednesday, March 4, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and Wednesday, March 11, 10:30–11:30 a.m. 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.

### VNA Offers Grief Support Groups

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer a choice of morning or evening free adult grief support groups beginning in February. The morning group will meet Thursday mornings February 12 through April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Horseshoe Pond Place, Concord. The evening group will meet Tuesday evenings February 17 through April 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Granite Ledges, Concord. Trained grief support facilitators will provide an opportunity for support and education to adults who have suffered a recent loss. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Laurie Brooks, at (603) 224-4093 ext. 2826 or [laurie.brooks@crvna.org](mailto:laurie.brooks@crvna.org).

### Hospice Volunteers Needed

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is seeking volunteers to offer companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers have the opportunity to provide care by visiting, listening, reading to patients, bedside vigil, giving caregivers a respite break, preparing meals, bereavement services support, transportation, helping with office work, and in many other ways. The next 10-week Hospice Volunteer Training Session starts on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Application deadline is February 19, 2009. For more information, please contact Laurie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator at 224-4093 extension 2826 or [laurie.brooks@crvna.org](mailto:laurie.brooks@crvna.org). ■

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## Invitation To Join The Loudon Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is actively looking for new members. If you have any interest in donating a bit of your time to the town and encouraging an environmental perspective on how land here is developed, please consider stopping by our meeting.

Our focus is on how we can make smart development choices to protect and buffer our rivers, streams and other wetlands from pollutants and erosion and as wildlife habitat. We work with the Planning and Zoning boards and with developers. We also monitor conservation easements in town to make sure that the areas are not being abused. We can help landowners to find grants and other funding sources that can be used (with match monies from funds we have allocated) to put conservation easements on their lands to be enjoyed by all as undeveloped space into the future.

We meet every second Wednesday of the month in Charlie's Barn at 6pm. Please stop by! ■

### Conservation Commission Minutes

#### January 14, 2009 — Approved Meeting Minutes

Julie Robinson, Bob Butler, Dan Geiger and Jess Storey were present.

Julie reported on comments she provided to the ZBA on an urgent basis regarding a wetland crossing on a School Street lot. She recommended restricting the crossing as much as the topography and wet conditions allow.

The Planning Board meeting is tomorrow.

Peter Shauer wants to subdivide his lot in half and put another house up. This requires elongating the cul de sac into a teardrop to get the necessary road frontage. There is a large wetland system down the hill from the house site.

The public hearing for zoning amendments is at 6:00 p.m. before the planning board meeting. The planning board and zoning board will be going forward with the steep slope amendment that the Commission does not support. Dan planned to be there; the Commission hoped members of the public would be there.

The commission approved the October and December minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45. ■

## Tough Economic Times Cause Problems For Single Stream Facility

By Steve Bennett, Loudon Transfer Station

Our plans for a Single Stream Recycling Facility in our trash Co-op have been dealt a major blow recently with the volatile economy. Progress had been steady in planning for future construction of such a facility (to be operated by our 27-town co-operative). Uncertainty in the future value of recycled materials has caused many towns to re-think their position on committing to delivering materials at this time. While it is predicted by many that prices for these commodities will rebound quickly and the markets will return to previous levels (some have already done so), others believe it does not make sense to move forward when future revenues are questionable.

Selectmen from the Town of Loudon have decided not to commit our support to the Single Stream project at this time. Because we are one of the original members of the CRSWRRC (Concord Regional Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Co-operative) we are allowed to join the Single Stream project at a later date with no penalty.

If you have followed the stories on prices of recycled materials lately, you already know we've seen historic highs and lows with most of them. Metals, for example, have gone to nearly \$300.00/ton, then dropped to \$35.00/ton, and gone back to \$110.00/ton. This all hap-

pened in about 6 months! Other materials, such as plastics and paper, have been slower to recover. For a few months, we were actually paying to get rid of mixed paper. It's now back up to a break-even amount per ton as it is sold from the Transfer Station. However, because we would receive less revenue per ton from a Single Stream Recycling Facility than from processing our own bales at the Transfer Station, at the current low market value of recyclables, the Town of Loudon would likely be paying rather than receiving revenue for our materials with a Single Stream operation.

Until the markets rebound and stabilize, it is likely that municipalities will be continuing to be cautious in decisions about how to best handle their recycled materials. Our Co-op has purchased land for the construction of a Single Stream Facility and will continue to hope for the opportunity to carry out this large step forward into the future of recycling. ■

## New Parents Group

If you are a new parent plan to check out the "New Parents Group" that meets Friday mornings at 10 a.m. at The Children's Place and Parent Education Center in Concord.

This group is for people who have recently become parents and would like to meet other new parents and discuss questions and concerns in a friendly, informal atmosphere. Nonmembers are welcome.

The Children's Place is located on Burns Avenue, off Loudon Road. ■

**Spring Ahead!!!  
Don't forget to  
change your clocks  
ahead one hour on  
March 8.**

## Loudon PTA Easter Breakfast

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# Loudon Fire Dept. Hosts Incident Command Training Session for State Emergency Personnel

For three days during the week of February 16, eighteen emergency services personnel from around the state gathered at Loudon Fire Department to train on how to manage large-scale incidents such as domestic terrorism events involving chemical and biological agents, radioactive devices, explosives, etc. The training received easily transfers to the management of large-scale events such as the floods several years ago and the more recent ice storms.

The class was taught by Training Specialists from Texas A&M's Engineering Extension Service, with grant funding provided by the Training and Exercise Integration Secretariat (TEI), a component of the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management.

Under TEI's domestic preparedness training program, training is developed and delivered to the country's emergency response community through a number of mechanisms, including the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) and its training partners, including the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). For more information on TEI and its programs, go to [www.ojp.usdoj.gov](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov).

The course taught here in Loudon was MG 313 "ICS 300" and is just one in a series of incident command system classes. Several of the ICS classes are

available to take online, but some are only available in a classroom setting. ICS 300 is an essential component of the series and is a state requirement for Fire Chiefs.

Incident management is defined as a systematic, proactive approach guiding government agencies at all levels and includes the private sector and non-governmental agencies. Attendees at ICS 300 learn how to coordinate agencies' efforts while working together when preparing for, preventing, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the effects of incidents, regardless of size, cause, location or complexity. Incident management is a comprehensive system which begins long before a disaster occurs and concludes with revising and exercising plans and procedures for the next disaster.

Participants in the three-day class used the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as a foundation for discussion of the process. They also participated in table-top exercises.

Classes such as these enable emergency personnel to practice their skills and meet other people they may be working with at future incidents before an event. Four members of Loudon Fire Department attended: Chief Jeff Burr, Deputy Chief Bob Bottcher, Lieutenant Bill Lake, and FF/EMT John Reese. This training enhances Loudon's emergency response abilities. ■



Above: Eighteen emergency services personnel from around the state participated in ICS 300, an incident command system course recently presented at Loudon Fire Department. The course was taught by instructors Mitch Cooper and Sam Wilson from Texas Engineering Extension Service/Texas A&M.



Right: Loudon Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Deputy Chief Bob Bottcher participate in a table-top exercise during the ICS 300 class while instructors wait in the background.

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Steve's service to Loudon includes serving on the Planning Board, sponsorship of the Library Reading Program, contributions to the DARE Pizza night, Rte 106 Adopt-A-Highway program, and supporting the Girl Scout cookie drive. Steve has helped many Loudon residents review their assessments in preparation for abatement of property taxes and in providing a complimentary market analysis determining market value for their property.

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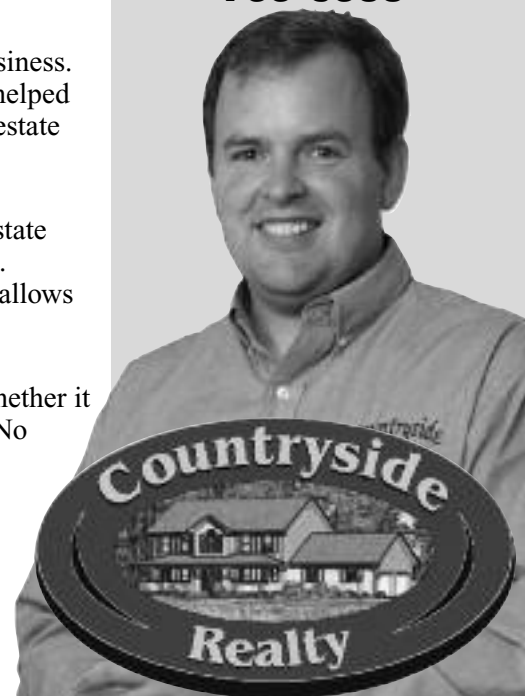
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*By Cheryl Ingerson*

## STORY TIME

Story time heads to the jungle March 10th, 11th, and 12th to learn about Koko, the gorilla who learned to sign to a woman named Penny. The children will look at the real story written by Dr. Francine Patterson called *Koko's Kitten* and then hear a fictionalized version of this story in Anthony Browne's *Little Beauty*. There will be lots of miniature gorillas leaving the library after craft time!



On March 24th through the 26th, we will end the month looking forward to spring.

After reading *Fiona Loves the Night* by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest and *Wake up, It's Spring!* by Lisa Campbell Ernst, the children will create a bouquet of spring flowers using yarn.



## A THANK YOU TO THE GOOD SAMARITANS

On February 3rd, the new furniture for the Children's Room arrived at the library (which was purchased with part of the gift from the Bahre family).

I was very grateful for the spur-of-the-moment help from three very generous people who gave up their time to help bring the furniture downstairs. Thank you very much for your help, it was greatly appreciated!

## NEW BOOKS

## Fiction

Barrett, Andrea  
Blum, Jenna  
Hannah, Kristin  
Higgins, Jack  
Patterson, James  
Woods, Stuart

*The Air We Breathe*  
*Those Who Save Us*  
*True Colors*  
*A Darker Place*  
*Run for Your Child*  
*Mounting Fears*

## Nonfiction

Grandin, Temple  
Miller, Matt  
Moaveni, Avadeh  
Nerburn, Kent  
Torre, Joe  
Tyson, Neil

*Animals Make Us Human*  
*The Tyranny of Dead Ideas*  
*Honeymoon in Tehran*  
*Neither Wolf Nor Dog*  
*The Yankee Years*  
*The Pluto Files*

## BOOK GROUP

The book group's **new time slot is the first Wednesday of the month, at 7 p.m.** Nonfiction will be featured on April 1st. Newcomers are welcome.

## ART DISPLAY

During the month of March, the Maxfield Public Library will feature the photography of Gilford resident, Mary Villaume.

Mary is a self-taught photographer who has traveled the world. In 1980, she and her husband moved to Gilford, where they raised two daughters.

Mary loves to capture images in New Hampshire and is best known for her photos of the Old Man of the Mountain.

Come in and enjoy the pictures that have captured Mary Villaume's eye.

## STRESS REDUCTION WORKSHOP

On March 28th, at 11:00 a.m., Glenda Yeaton will be leading an hour long workshop that offers hands-on techniques designed to reduce stress.

Each participant will work with a friend or partner as they learn how to give neck, shoulder and back massages which are designed to relieve stress, headaches, and tension.

For questions or concerns, please call Glenda at 783-9950.

## BOOK SALE

The library will hold a **book sale on Saturday, April 4th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
If you would like to get advanced notice of future book sales, please contact Debby at 798-5153.

## LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Tuesdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■

**Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?**

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 NIRBWOA \_\_\_\_\_

Because they're always wearing \_\_\_\_\_!

February Word Scramble Answers:  
 CUPID, LOVE, GROUNDHOG, KISSES, FEBRUARY,  
 PRESIDENT, SHADOW, VALENTINES, SECRET

What did the Gingerbread man put on his bed?  
 A COOKIE SHEET!

## Loudon Students Accepted into Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program 2009

Two ballet students from Concord's Eastern Ballet Institute, Meghan Booker, age 12, and Kaylee Lane, age 10, recently auditioned for and were accepted into Boston Ballet's Summer Dance Program 2009.

The young dancers were offered priority acceptance as elite dance candidates, based on the abilities and potential they demonstrated at the Boston audition. Both students were among 200 dancers selected to participate in the five week summer program, beginning in late June. Over 2,000 dancers auditioned from 44 U.S. states and 16 countries. ■



Kaylee Lane



Meghan Booker

**Deadline for the April 2009  
"Loudon Ledger":  
Friday, March 20, 2009**

## Elementary School PTA Mildred Lampron Memorial Book Award Available

The Loudon Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a book award to a Loudon student for \$750 in honor of Mildred P. Lampron. Mrs. Lampron was a full time teacher for over 30 years, 25 of them in Loudon at the Elementary School. Educating children was such an important part of her life that even after her retirement she spent a majority of her days at schools substituting and tutoring which she continued to do for another 10-15 years. She was an active community member and believed that the education of children was one of the greatest rewards in life. The Loudon Elementary School PTA honors Mrs. Lampron each year with this award.

To be eligible for this award, a student must be a graduating senior, a Loudon resident, and entering any 2- or 4-year college in the field of Education. The scholarship will be awarded based on community service, academic achievement, and extracurricular participation.

Applications must be completed and returned to Amanda Masse, 82 Lesmerises Road, Loudon NH 03307 or the MVHS Guidance Department by April 30, 2009. The award will be presented at Senior Awards Night. Copies of the application are available on the Loudon website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) at the MVHS Guidance Department and at the Maxfield Public Library in Loudon. ■

## Historical Society's Photo Sharing Night Competes With the Weather

The weather did not co-operate for the Loudon Historical Society's "Photo Share Night," but a few were still able to come to show and admire the fascinating pictures that were brought in. Neil Smith and Carissa Carrow brought in their scanners so we could copy some of the pictures and hopefully make them available on-line in the near future. Thank you to all who ventured out in the snow, and hopefully we will have better weather for Colin Cabot's power point presentation on the Sanborn Mills Farm. Please keep your eye on your next Loudon Ledger to see what other exciting events the Loudon Historical Society has in store for the coming year. ■

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## Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — January 6, 2009

**5:13 p.m. In attendance:** Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva, Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

The minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting were read. A correction was made. The corrected version will be at the library for the trustees to sign.

### Financial Report:

There was concern about the Building Maintenance and Part-time Wages lines running over budget. Spending will be limited on other lines. Concern was expressed about going over budget. Sandy suggested the library hours may need to be cut back further. The trustees will consider options as the fiscal year continues. Nancy and the trustees expressed their concern that cuts have to come from services because the library is committed to mandatory expenses in maintaining the building.

### Directors Report:

The number of new borrowers signed up for 2008 was 224 individuals from 102 households.

This month's events, in addition to regularly scheduled meetings, include: Hardy Road District Meeting on the 10th, Hands on Relaxation Techniques program on the 17th, and book sale on the 24th.

Two December events were postponed due to snow or ice storms: Winter Storytelling by Michael Harris and an organizational meeting for a parent's group.

Shelving has been relocated from the wall opposite the public computers on the main floor and installed in the Children's Room, replacing wooden shelving that did not allow for height adjustment to fit books.

The sheetrock has been patched and painted. This space is now ready for installation of more public computers once the 2009-2010 budget is approved. We will get estimates for having additional study carrels built and include remaining end caps and canopies for the old section of building. Sue asked about the grant that was mentioned previously for buying computers. Nancy reported that she has not seen anything about the grant and feels it may not be offered this year.

The Loudon safety group, Joint Loss Management Committee, met here in December and will meet here again on March 5 at 8 a.m., with a representative from the town's insurer.

### Children's Librarian's Report:

On December 30 the library held an activity for the Recreation Department, a "Dewey Treasure Hunt." It was a fun way to teach the children where to find different subjects in the library. Five children and five adults attended.

Story time numbers for December: 86 children and 58 adults over three weeks and one day.

### Old Business:

*Review of the Personnel Policy* continued. There was discussion of vacation time; how it accrues and when it becomes available. Sue will make the changes to the policy and bring to the next meeting.

*Misc. Maintenance issues:* Nancy will continue research into a new exterior door for the meeting room. The air intake platform will have to wait until the spring for a metal cover. Water was discovered in buck-

ets in the old part of the basement and Nancy believes it is coming from an old pipe. This needs to be looked into as it may help solve the moisture issues in that area. There is no word from the local 4-H group regarding the sign.

Sandy is looking into more artists to exhibit at the library.

Sandy suggested the library look into an oil-buying coop that could save about 50 cents a gallon.

*Children's Room update:* the furniture should arrive in two weeks. The committee will meet again in February to discuss plans for the stairwell.

*2009-2010 Budget:* The trustees discussed ways to prepare for the budget hearing on January 20th. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. Townspeople who will be willing to speak on behalf of the library's budget will be invited to attend. Calculations showed

that a Loudon household with a property assessment of \$250,000 only pays \$37 a year for the library (based on the budget before the 30% cut). The trustees want to calculate what an average household saved with the 30% cut and also show what value they receive in terms of books, DVDs, and other services.

### New Business:

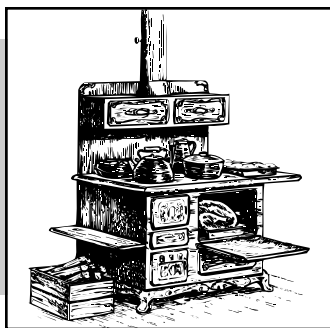
Sandy will prepare the trustees' article for the Town Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 5:00 p.m. This is a change from the first Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict.

Sandra Blanchard  
Gregory Silva  
Susan Kowalski





# What's Cookin'!

## This month: March Madness

By Jennifer Pfeifer

The Super Bowl is over but the sports keep coming! So whether your sport is basketball, baseball, hockey or Professional Couch Potato, here are a few great recipes for entertaining or hiding at home in your pj's.

Don't forget the simple things — when it comes to munchies you can't go wrong with fresh fruits and veggies or a nice assortment of cheese and crackers.

### Hot Potato Chips with Blue Cheese Sauce — *Recipe*

*courtesy Bobby Flay*

#### Blue Cheese Sauce:

- 2-1/4 cups whole milk
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 small Spanish onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1/2 pound crumbled blue cheese

Place the milk in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over low heat. Heat the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until soft. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute. Slowly whisk in the warm milk, and continue whisking until thickened. Season with salt and cayenne pepper. Continue cooking for 5 minutes, whisking occasionally. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese. If the sauce is too thick, thin it with a little extra milk. Serve sauce warm with potato chips for dipping.

#### Homemade Potato Chips:

- 6 large Idaho potatoes, peeled and sliced lengthwise into 1/8-inch thick slices on a mandoline
- 2 quarts peanut oil
- Salt

Place the potato slices on a baking sheet between layers of paper towels to make sure they are very dry before frying. • Heat oil in a large, heavy saucepan until the temperature of the oil reaches 400 degrees F on a deep-fat thermometer. Fry the potatoes in small batches until golden brown on both sides, turning once. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a brown paper bag or another baking sheet lined with paper towels to drain. Season with salt immediately. Serve hot with the blue cheese dipping sauce.

### Jumbo Shrimp Wrapped with Arugula and Prosciutto

— *Recipe courtesy Rachael Ray*

- 18 cooked, frozen jumbo shrimp, defrosted
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- Coarse salt and black pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, eyeball it
- 2 cups trimmed arugula leaves
- 9 slices imported prosciutto, 1/3 pound
- 18 grape tomatoes
- 18 party picks, 3 or 4 inches long

Place shrimp in shallow dish and add lemon zest and juice, garlic, salt, pepper and extra-virgin olive oil. Toss shrimp to coat evenly with dressing. Arrange the arugula in piles of 2 or 3 leaves, working with 6 piles at a time. Pile up 3 slices of prosciutto and cut in half across. • To assemble the shrimp, place 1 shrimp on each pile of 2 or 3 arugula leaves then wrap the leaves up with the shrimp using the prosciutto. Assemble 6 pieces at a time, like an assembly line. Nest a grape tomato into the curve of the prosciutto wrapped shrimp and secure into place with a party pick. • Arrange the shrimp appetizers on a platter and don't forget to put out a small empty bowl near the shrimp platter to collect the tails of shrimp and party picks, once guests finish the appetizers.

### Vegetarian Steamed Dumplings — *Recipe courtesy Alton Brown*

- 1/2 pound firm tofu
- 1/2 cup coarsely grated carrots
- 1/2 cup shredded Napa cabbage
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped scallions
- 2 teaspoons finely minced fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro leaves
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Bowl of water, plus additional water for steamer
- 35 to 40 small wonton wrappers
- Non-stick vegetable spray, for the steamer

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees F. Cut the tofu in half horizontally and lay between layers of paper towels. Place on a plate, top with another plate, and place a weight on top (a 14-ounce can of vegetables works well). Let stand 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, cut the tofu into 1/4-inch cubes and place in a large mixing bowl. Add the carrots, cabbage, red pepper, scallions, ginger, cilantro, soy sauce, hoisin, sesame oil, egg, salt, and pepper. Lightly stir to combine. • To form the dumplings, remove 1 wonton wrapper from the package, covering the others with a damp cloth. Brush the edges of the wrapper lightly with water. Place 1/2 rounded teaspoon of the tofu mixture in the center of the wrapper. Shape as desired. Set on a sheet pan and cover with a damp cloth. Repeat procedure until all of the filling is gone. • Using a steaming apparatus of your choice, bring 1/4 to 1/2-inch of water to a simmer over medium heat. Spray the steamer's surface lightly with the non-stick vegetable spray to prevent sticking. Place as many dumplings as will fit into a steamer, without touching each other. Cover and steam for 10 to 12 minutes over medium heat. Remove the dumplings from the steamer to a heatproof platter and place in oven to keep warm. Repeat until all dumplings are cooked.

### Spicy Steak Quesadilla — *Recipe courtesy Wolfgang Puck, 2004*

- 4 12-inch flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup grated Cheddar, plus 1/4 cup
- 8 ounces sirloin steak, grilled to desired doneness and thinly sliced
- 1 to 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno
- 1/4 cup salsa, plus more for serving
- Vegetable oil, for cooking
- Cilantro sprigs, for garnish

Lay out 2 of the flour tortillas on a flat surface. Top with 1/2 cup of the Cheddar, spreading evenly over the tortillas. Divide the steak among the tortillas and sprinkle with the desired amount of jalapeno. Top with salsa and remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Top with remaining tortillas and press to seal. • Heat a large sauté pan over high heat. Add enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan and lower the heat to medium. Cook until golden brown on both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Repeat with the other quesadilla. • Let cool for 5 minutes. Slice into 8 or 10 pieces. Garnish with salsa and cilantro sprigs.

### Deviled Chicken Wings — *Recipe courtesy Gourmet Magazine*

- 3 pounds chicken wings (12 to 14)
- 3 to 4 slices firm white sandwich bread
- 2 teaspoons mustard seeds
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons white-wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 3 ounces freshly grated Parmesan (about 3/4 cup)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cut off wing tips, reserving for another use, and halve wings at joint. Discard crusts from bread and in a food processor finely grind bread. Measure out 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs. With a mortar and pestle or in an electric coffee/spice grinder coarsely grind mustard seeds. • Preheat oven to 450 degrees F and oil the rack of a broiler pan. • In a large bowl whisk together mustard seeds, mustard, oil, vinegar, salt, and cayenne. Add wings and stir to coat. In a shallow dish stir together bread crumbs and Parmesan and season with salt and pepper. Press wings, thick-skin sides down, into bread-crumbs mixture to coat on both sides and arrange skin-side up on rack. • Roast wings in middle of oven until cooked through and golden, about 30 minutes. Serve chicken wings warm or at room temperature, with celery sticks, carrot sticks, red bell pepper strips, and pea shoots.

### Next Month:

**Sweet Syrup!** If you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net), call at 783-8986. ■



# Greetings From Afghanistan

By Captain Mo Sampson, PMT Mentor, Bala-Murghab, Afghanistan

*Note: Captain Mo Sampson of Loudon, shared this article with us from his current post in Afghanistan. We hope to hear more from him in the future and we appreciate him sharing this with The Loudon Ledger's readers.*

**February 3, 2009.** I thought I would take a moment to write a short note to my local newspaper in New Hampshire. I am currently stationed in Bala-Murghab, Afghanistan along with some of my fellow soldiers from NH. We are situated in the northwestern portion of Afghanistan, approximately 7 Nautical miles from the Turkmenistan border. There are seven of us here from the NH Army National Guard along with a few other Army National Guard soldiers from New Mexico and Illinois.

The forward operating base we are on is currently the smallest in all of Afghanistan and it is comprised mainly of Italian mountain infantry soldiers. Our supplies come to us via air drops and an occasional helicopter due to the poor road conditions, distances from other coalition forces and the enemy disposition in the area.

Our mission here is to mentor the Afghan National Police and Army so that they can one day operate independently. Security in this area is without a doubt, the most important thing that the civilians want. The Taliban has been a fixture in this part of the country for many years now. In addition to the Taliban, there are also other criminal groups that frequent this area.

The outpost that we are operating from is very new. It was first occupied by coalition forces in August of 2008. We are the first group of soldiers to spend a winter here. We were told that last winter was very harsh. So far, this



*A typical Afghani home.*

winter has not been too adverse, thankfully. The climate here has been seasonably warm lately with the temperatures in the 40's during the day and 20-30's at night on average. On occasion, the temperature will dip down into the single digits. We received a couple of inches of snow a month ago but that has all since melted in the valley that we are in. Afghanistan is dominated by very large mountain ranges and most of them are snow covered in this area.

When coalition forces first moved to this area in August of 2008, a lot of the citizens thought that the Russians had returned. The vast majority do not have electricity, plumbing or any other type of infrastructure in their villages. They live in mud huts usually surrounded by mud walls. Most of them get their news via word of mouth either in person or by cell phone if they happen to have one. They have large families which have about eight children on average. The people here live simple, harsh lives compared to our standards in the U.S.

The vast majority of people here are extremely poor.

Most people in this area earn a living farming crops, herding sheep or selling items in the bazaar. The Taliban has a large presence in the valley and they survive by extorting money from shopkeepers and bullying citizens to provide them with food and shelter. The citizens here are very fearful of the Taliban, for good reason. People are injured and killed by the Taliban for opposing them. It is a common occurrence in this valley. The Taliban also forbids anyone to help the coalition as well so it is almost impossible to get local contractors to come onto the base to help us with construction projects.

Corruption is very rampant here at every governmental level and you can't trust the Afghan forces we work with 100%. About two weeks ago, an Afghan National Policeman (ANP) let the Taliban into an ANP checkpoint close to our operating base, late at night. Three ANP were killed and several were taken

hostage. The ANP who let the Taliban into the checkpoint was a Talib who had infiltrated the ANP. Another ANP from a nearby checkpoint also joined the Taliban that night. He too, was a Talib who had infiltrated the ANP.

We used to treat civilians at our very small troop medical clinic on base because there is no health care system in this part of the country. We had to stop treating them in our operating base however, due to reports of the Taliban bringing their members in feigning illnesses so that they could examine our base and operating procedures. We were also told that the Taliban were using children as well since most people tend to let their guard down a little around small children. We still treat civilians but we do so outside of our base now.

Despite the daunting task that we face though, there are a lot of good people here that want and need our help. Most of these people have been exposed to violence, fighting and war in one form or another, their entire lives. Most don't know what its like to live in a secure environment. The majority of the people go home by nightfall and lock their doors. The Taliban move and operate at night, so if an innocent civilian is found outside after dark; they are taking a chance of being beaten, taken hostage or being killed.

Rest assured your citizen soldiers from NH and across the country are doing our part to make this a safe environment in which Afghans can live in peace. Our hope is that someday, the Afghans' democratically elected officials can govern their people fairly and honestly, without fear of reprisals from the Taliban and other criminal groups. ■

## American Legion Post 88 Loudon

*Jim Dymont, Commander*

**Who we are, what we are, what we have done, and what we hope to do:**

Starting with our most visible projects, we have the American Legion Hall for celebration and function rentals. We help organize and participate in the Memorial Day, Appreciation Day, and Loudon Old Home Day activities, including parades and ceremonies. We also put flags on every veteran's grave site before Memorial Day. Some of our less-well-known projects are donations to individual, the Veterans Home in Tilton, and the Loudon food pantry. We open our hall to the Scouts, 4-H, and to other clubs. We donate flags to many different organizations.

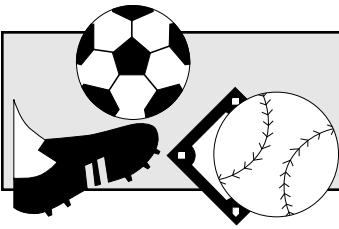
Post 88 is trying to become a more visible and positive presence in our town. If you would like to help us by becoming a member, either active or non-active, within our post, please let us know. We are in need of new members and would welcome fresh faces and ideas. Membership is open to all Veterans.

We would also help you with the Legion's programs that are available. If you happen to be a member of New Hampshire Post 200 and would like to become involved with your local Loudon Post 88, we could help you transfer. Your dues now for Post 200 are \$35.00 annual. Your new dues with Post 88 would only be \$22.00 annually. This is a savings of \$13.00 per year. For veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, your first year's dues are complimentary.

Our Legion meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall on South Village Road. You are more welcome to come check us out and join our team. ■



*This is how troops are resupplied as the roads are too dangerous to use in many places.*



## Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Tracy Koufos

Become a Member of LYAA! LYAA welcomes you to get involved! We are expanding our membership and providing more opportunities for members of the community to help. The following committees have been created under LYAA to utilize the many strength and talents of community members.

**Finance Committee** will be responsible for team sponsorship management, fund-raising recommendations and collections at events.

**Building/Property Committee** will investigate and recommend available sites and plans for development. Most current project is the new soccer fields. They are responsible for repair and improvement recommendations. As well as responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds.

**Concessions Committee** will be responsible for ordering supplies and maintaining the concession stand. Duties also include coordinating adult volunteers to work the stand for games throughout the season.

**Baseball/Softball Committee** will arrange, coordinate and maintain team rosters, rules and schedules. The committee will also review prospective

coaches and volunteers and observe the conduct of the coaches and volunteers throughout the season. Other duties will include proper equipment and uniform distribution for upcoming season and collection at close of season.

**Soccer Committee** will arrange, coordinate and maintain team rosters, rules and schedules. The committee will also review prospective coaches and volunteers and observe the conduct of the coaches and volunteers throughout the season. Other duties will include proper equipment and uniform distribution for upcoming season and collection at close of season.

We invite you to find out more about these committees and other happenings in LYAA by attending one of our meetings, scheduled every fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and we appreciate any level of help. To stay informed of LYAA happenings you may request to be on our email list. Next meeting, March 24th at Maxfield Public Library at 7 p.m. For more info contact Tracy Koufos via email: [tckoufos@msn.com](mailto:tckoufos@msn.com).

### Current happenings!

The following LYAA members were appointed on Feb 3rd into the following

one year positions: John Charron, President, John Seigen, Vice President, Tracy Koufos, Secretary, and Norma O'Brien, Treasurer.

The Baseball/Softball Committee has been busy at work getting prepared for an exciting 2009 season. LYAA has moved from Little League to the Cal Ripken Baseball/Softball Program.

Baseball (boys and girls 5-12) has joined the Suncook Valley League, which is comprised of New Durham, Alton, Barnstead, Pittsfield, Chichester, Epsom, and Gilmanton. All aspects of the season will remain the same as years past with the exception that Majors and Minors will have to travel to the above mentioned towns for away games. T-Ball and Coach Pitch will remain local. For further information about the league and sign-ups please contact Johan Charron, 765-5280 or [bigbadjohn451@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbadjohn451@yahoo.com)

Softball (girls 7-16) will join Merrimack Valley Babe Ruth softball program, which is comprised of Penacook, Salisbury, Webster, and Boscawen. This biggest change to the upcoming season is that softball will now be available to Loudon girls at the coach-pitch, minors, majors and senior level. We are encouraging girls to join softball so that

they will learn the skills and rules of this game, but are welcome to stay with baseball. For further information about the league and sign-ups please contact Jennifer Gelinas, 753-4379 or [skidew@myfairpoint.net](mailto:skidew@myfairpoint.net).

**BASEBALL SIGN-UPS** for T-ball, Coach-pitch, Minors, Majors and Babe Ruth

March 10th: 5-8 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library

March 14th: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Brookside Pizza

March 18th: 5-8 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library

March 21st: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Brookside Pizza

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** go to [www.lyaanh.org](http://www.lyaanh.org). There will be no late sign-ups.

**SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS** for Loudon girls ages 7-16 yrs old, coach pitch, Minors, Majors and Seniors

March 6th: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Penacook Community Center (PCC)

March 7th: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Penacook Community Center (PCC)

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** go to [www.eteamz.com/merrimackvalleyll](http://www.eteamz.com/merrimackvalleyll). There will be no late sign-ups. ■

# 2009 DARE PIZZA NIGHT

## REMINDER



WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

WHERE: LOUDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Loudon Recreation Committee News

Oh my, the Loudon Recreation Committee has been VERY busy!! We are planning for the Winter Carnival event on February 21st and by the time this issue hits, hope to have seen many of you there! Spread the word about Crochet Class (see details below). We are also hard at work surveying Loudon citizens about a rink park. Read below for more details and be sure to check the website between issues of *The Loudon Ledger* for additional events or program opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

The Loudon Recreation Committee is beginning to look into the possibility of a **year round park** in the village area in the land adjacent to the Recreation fields to the south. There are many possibilities for this space including a year-round skate area for ice skating and roller blading, walking paths, benches, picnic areas, etc. and could also include additional parking for the existing recreation fields. This space could be utilized by citizens of all ages. A subcommittee was formed and has met several times. A survey has been created to get the feedback of the citizens. Please complete the survey located in this issue or on the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) and look for the meeting minutes on the website as well. The next meeting will be held on April 6th at 6:30 at The Community Building, Charlie's Barn in the village. We are inviting anyone who may be interested or curious about this potential project to attend.

The Loudon Recreation Committee has teamed up with instructor Brian McGaunn to **re-offer two crochet classes**. A two-day Beginner Crochet class is being offered as well as a Learn to Crochet a Sampler Afghan which is a four-lesson course. Details on both can be found on the registration form which can be printed from the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org). The beginner course will be held March 22 and 29, the afghan course will be held April 5, 19, 26, and May 23. Students should register in advance. The class maximum is 8 and minimum of 4 — reserve your spot now as registrations will be open until the class is full. If you have any questions, or for more information about instructor Brian McGaunn and his work, please visit his blog at <http://brileyknits.blogspot.com/> or email [brileycat8@hotmail.com](mailto:brileycat8@hotmail.com). Phone call questions can be directed to Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chair at 435-5193.

Please share your program ideas! Please go to the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) print and return the event/activity survey form. We are also always looking for help. The Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Maxfield Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com). ■

## Loudon Historical Society Jan. 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The General meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Dick Malfait, Neil Smith, Ron Lane, Bob Ordway, and Michele York.

We started with discussion of the first annual "Made in Loudon" Expo, to be held January 21 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a good opportunity for people to come see/taste samples of what is being made or grown, right here in their town. It looks like we have at least 6 people lined up to participate, and advertising has been taken care of. It has appeared in the *Concord Monitor*, *Loudon Ledger*, and *Union Leader*. Cyndi has e-mailed us that many more people are interested in participating in the next one. We are thinking of having the 2nd one in October.

Ron is currently working on the article for this year's town report. He has a lot of information to put in it. It is due the 21st, so we will go over the rough draft at the directors meeting on the 19th.

We had some of the honor students from MVHS volunteer to take oral history reports in November. Neil Smith sat in on one with his Aunt Becky. He said it was very informative and the young gentleman was very professional. He really enjoyed the experience.

Next we discussed getting another speaker from the NH Humanities Council. Last September we had Darryl Thompson come and speak on "The Shaker Legacy." He did a wonderful job. It was decided we will try to have Rebecca Rule come in June. Her topic is called "That reminds me of a story," and is based on Yankee humor. Michele will contact her tomorrow to try and line this up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Michele York-Vice President*

## Loudon Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Survey

Dear Loudon Resident,

In an effort to explore the interests of the community, the Loudon Recreation Committee has created a Parks and Recreation Park Development subcommittee. The subcommittee is looking into the possibility of utilizing town owned land near the existing recreational fields for additional recreational uses. As the first step in the development process, we are exploring the possibility of a year round multipurpose rink where townspeople could ice skate in the winter months and roller blade in the warmer months. We would appreciate your input to assist us further in the development of this project. Please take a moment and fill out the following survey. ***If you complete the survey and leave your contact info, you will be entered into a drawing for Brookside Pizza Gift Certificates!!!!*** So PLEASE take a few moments to share your thoughts and ideas!!

- If there was a multipurpose rink, how likely would you or your family use it in the winter to ice skate?  
a. likely      b. somewhat likely      c. unlikely
- If there was a multipurpose rink, how likely would you or your family use it to rollerblade in the warmer months?  
a. likely      b. somewhat likely      c. unlikely
- How many people in your household that may use it?  
a. 1-2      b. 2-4      c. more than 4
- Does anyone in your household (please circle both if they apply)  
a. ice skate      b. roller blade
- If it was covered with a pavilion how likely would you use this area for picnics, family gatherings, etc.  
a. likely      b. somewhat likely      c. unlikely
- As part of the funding to maintain the area, would you be interested in renting the pavilion for family gatherings, outings, etc.  
a. likely      b. somewhat likely      c. unlikely
- Does your household presently use the Recreational Field Area or attend events held there?  
a. yes      b. no
- If there was a multipurpose rink would you be more likely to go to the Recreational Field.  
a. yes      b. no
- Is there anything you would like to see over the next few years added to the Parks and Recreational Area in the town of Loudon? And please add your additional comments and ideas here:

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**If you would like to be entered into the drawing for the Brookside Pizza Gift Certificates, please list your name and contact email or phone number (this will not be shared), and thank you for participating in our survey.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey to Alicia Grimaldi, chairperson of the Loudon Recreation Committee, 7001 Sanborn Rd, Loudon NH 03307 or email to [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) or drop off at the Town Clerk's Office. Any questions or if you would like to help out with this or any other recreation project, please email or call Alicia at [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) or 435-5193.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS SURVEY.**

## LOUDON BOY SCOUTS

### Cub Scout Pack 247

#### What's been happening??

We recently had our annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 31. The fastest car was built by Cory Ackerson, with a speed of 215.9 miles per hour. Cory's car was only 0.2 miles faster than Tyler Nichols car (215.7). Third place was held by Hunter Blake, with a speed of 212.1. It was a fun filled race had by all. Each rank will be represented by the top three boys from each den will be racing their cars at the district level on April 4 at Laconia High School. All of the cub scouts did a wonderful job building their cars, GREAT JOB BOYS!!

That same evening, some of the pack joined in the Monarchs scout night at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester and even though the Monarchs lost, we were treated to a real good game.

We have a lot of Pack activities planned for the upcoming months. We will be celebrating the beginning of scouting with our Blue and Gold Banquet on March 7th and indoor rock climbing at Vertical Dreams on March 21st, don't forget to let Deb know how many will be coming at [aquanutsscuba@aol.com](mailto:aquanutsscuba@aol.com).

Every month, each Den meets once or twice and has fantastic, exciting activities. Last month the Webelos II earned their craftsman activity pins and visited You're Fired in Concord and learned how pottery was made. The Webelos I den worked with the Webelos II den, a boy scout from troop 247 and an adventurer to earn their outdoorsman activity pins and Whittling chip badges. The Bear Den is working on their science beltloops and pins while experimenting with electricity. The wolf pack is completing wooden toolboxes, which is a step in earning their wolf badge. The tiger den has been working diligently on earning their Tiger cub badges.

We always welcome more boys in grade 1-5 to join our pack. If you are interested in more information please contact Samantha Anthony-Stokes at 724-4103 or via email [samanthajeane78@hotmail.com](mailto:samanthajeane78@hotmail.com).

### Troop 247 Built Tough

Boy Scout Troop 247 meets every Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on South Village Road. Our focus in February was preparation for the Klondike Derby held at Canterbury Elementary School. Our sincere thanks to Troop 296 from Canterbury for hosting this fantastic "Day After Tomorrow" event.

We have an exciting calendar of events for March. Many of our leaders will be attending the University of Scouting on March 7th. The troop and crew are focusing on team building activities and will be participating this month by using our new camping gear for winter camping in conjunction with Crew 247.

### Venturing Crew 247 News

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 21 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

The Crew is always looking for new faces to join us. Please come and see us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Loudon. Jessica Fife, our Crew President would love to meet you and tell you about the program.

Venturing Crew 247 is planning on going winter camping on March 21st through the 22nd. We also previously participated in the Klondike Derby held at Canterbury Elementary School on February 7, 2009. There we assisted by running the Animal Identification station. ■



Ford Patrol at the Klondike Derby in Canterbury, Saturday February 7, 2009. Pictured clockwise from left: Cam Smith, James Clemons, Alec Decato, Tim (T.J.), Ryan Hoar, Cullen Rodrigue, and Eddie Dempsey. Not pictured, Jack Rice.



The Cub Scouts are all proud of their Pinewood Derby cars.



Winners of Pack 247's 2009 Pinewood Derby.

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## Update from the Girl Scouts of Loudon

Thank you to all those who helped support the **Sock and Toiletries Drive**. This year a large donation was made to The Loudon Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need!

We held a **Sledding and Cookies Around the World Celebration** in February. Girls and adults from all nine troops attended and had a blast sledding. After we had a celebration for World Thinking Day where each troop chose a country and made cookies from that country. Everyone who attended had fun tasting the different cookies from around the world. It was a great way to celebrate the fact that in Girl Scouting we are part of a world wide organization. We want to give a special **THANK YOU** to The Loudon Congregational Church for allowing us to use their parish hall for our cookie event!!

On Valentine's Day, the town of Loudon became a sweet place! 534 cases of Girl Scout cookies were delivered to Loudon at the fire station. Volunteers unloaded the cookies, sorted them by troop and then each troop took them home and sorted by girl. A big thank-you goes out to the Fire Department and all who helped. We hope that if you ordered, you received them by now and are enjoying them, thank you for your support with this yummy fundraiser! If you didn't get any cookies or need more for your sweet-tooth, please look for Loudon booth sales near Fox Pond Plaza, possibly at town meeting and maybe even the library. Look for notices or contact Michele Holbrook Cookie Delivery Manager for Loudon 798-3669 and she will be sure you get some!

We are starting to plan for a Starry Night event that will be held in May for all Loudon Girl Scouts. The girls will explore the wonders of astronomy and have a great time with their friends.

We are looking for adult volunteers. Providing the girls of Loudon with the great Girl Scout experience can't happen without volunteers! You don't have to have a daughter in Girl Scouting to volunteer, there are many ways you can help us! All it takes is the desire to help enrich the lives of young girls with great experiences, a \$10 registration fee, a background check and a little training and you will make a huge difference!! If you have questions about volunteering or would like to help, please contact Amanda Masse, registrar for Loudon by calling 783-0227 or email [jaelmasse@comcast.net](mailto:jaelmasse@comcast.net).

Thank you for continuing to read about what the Girl Scouts in Loudon are up to and all that they can accomplish! Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Here is an update on a few of our great Girl Scout troops in Loudon, the girls and adult volunteers are so busy that all of them don't get a chance to update each month.

Here are updates from a few of our troops.

### Junior Troop #12641

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

Please continue to read our environmental messages! The girls completed the requirements for their Pets badge. They discussed what animals would make good pets and which were not the best choices for their families, they researched the costs and special needs associated with different types of pets, they learned about the life span and diet of various species. The girls made a scrapbook for their pet or a pet they would like to own. They are working on ways we could help an organization that helps care for animals. The girls chose the country of India for the Sledding and Cookies Around the World Celebration and made sesame cookies. We hope to start working on several badges that have to do with the outdoors, camping, hiking and wildlife once the weather gets warmer. Thanks for continuing to read what we are up to!

### Cadette Troop #12356

*Christine Campbell, Samantha French & Amanda Masse*

The Cadettes made Green Tea cookies for the Cookies Around The World celebration. They are working on their Reading interest project. We visited with some residents of the Richard Brown House and made Valentine crafts which were a lot of fun for all. We will be going to the library and to a bookstore to complete some of the project requirements and hope to work with Loudon Elementary School on a literacy or book swap event in the spring. We are planning a trip to see the UNH Women's Gymnastics Team compete in Durham and are just having a lot of fun together.

### Junior Troop #10361

*Michele Holbrook and Gayleen Smith*

Loudon Junior Troop 10361 will be holding two Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sales to raise money for our troop trip this summer to Williamsburg, VA.

Please help us reach our goal!!

You can also stop by and purchase a box or two to send to our troops overseas as our troop is participating in "Operation: Cookie" again this year.

Saturday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Fox Pond Plaza, Loudon and Friday, March 20, 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Walmart, Concord.

### Troop #10045

*Kathy Fisher and Jenn Maguire*

In January we started our "Stitch It Together" try-it by making our own books with sewed bindings and creating a bean bag. Then we moved onto our big Angel Network of NH quilt project in February. The girls did a great job using sewing machines to stitch the rows together. Once complete, the quilt will go to a child in the welfare system. The girls also earned their "Discover" key in our Brownie Quest to unlock the

meaning of leadership. To complete the key they discovered their special talents, the values of the GS law and the special qualities of their families. We're touring PetSmart store to earn our "Animals" try-it, which is much anticipated. Thank-you to all our friends and family who supported us by purchasing cookies — Great Job Brownie entrepreneurs! ■



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# LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee



**This month's mystery.**



**Last month's mystery.**

Do you have an old photo you'd like to share? Or a photo that is a mystery to you? Please contact Tina Rattee and your photo can be included in "Loudon History & Mystery."

Last month's mystery photo was of the Loudon Grade School Class of 1965 (eighth grade), taken at the Loudon Congregational Church. It was their graduation. There were several correct guesses: Shirley Preston, Carol Roy, Ruth Martin, Steve Bennett, and Mike Labonte. Three of the class members, W. Dennis Chesley, Becky Smith, and Rob Richardson, also helped us identify their classmates.

Starting from the back row, left to right: Robert Richardson, Danny Ladd, Terry Mulkey, Darryl Jennato, Kenny McLaren, Gary Peightell, Harold Muzzey, and Robert Pyne. Second row, left to right: Eddie Budrow, Dennis Hammond, Audrey Fosset, Joy Cadorette, Suzanne Jones, Becky Smith, and Jimmy Gecheran. Bottom row, left to right: Charlotte Marston, Martha Murray, W. Dennis Chesley, Principal Dwight Moody, Lisa Wilson, Ginger Jenkins, Brenda Nelson and Barbara Young.

## Update on The Cow

I have an update on the December Mystery. Joe Brown sent me an email with the exact history of his father's cow. Her name was Elsie and she was the Bordon Cow that was displayed at the New York World's Fair in 1939. Joe's father bought it when the fair was over and brought it to his farm here in Loudon. Its head and tail could be moved by an operator inside the cow. Since it was built to last only a few months, it didn't work for long. Joe dismantled it about twenty-five years ago. Thank you to Joe for the history!

This month's photo is also a class picture provided by The Dow's. If you have any information about it call or email me, Tina, at 783-0483 or [trattee@comcast.net](mailto:trattee@comcast.net). We are always looking for a mystery so we invite you to take out your old or interesting photos and let us have a look. ■



## Make It Sell

By Jack Prendiville,  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Selling your home during a recession-like climate certainly brings extra challenges. One of the best ways you can rise to the occasion is to make your home a marketplace standout. In a competitive real estate marketplace first impressions are paramount. When potential buyers turn the corner, you want them to feel a strong, emotional connection. You want them to think, "I want to live here!" not "What else is for sale in the neighborhood."

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- 1. Debris Buster:** A home overgrown with trees, bushes, and yard knick-knacks is not appealing. Instead adopt the "less is more approach." You want an exterior that is neat and tidy. Edge all walkways and beds. Trim landscaping and remove unruly growth. A fresh application of mulch or rocks helps, too.
- 2. Walk the Walk:** Carefully inspect your walkway and driveway. Are there things you can do to improve them? Power-washing paths and sealing driveways can make a big difference. If either are in very bad shape, price out a professional repair.
- 3. White Glove Test:** Give your home's exterior a thorough cleaning. This may include power-washing siding and painting your shutter and doors.
- 4. Let the Light Shine:** Be sure to clean windows and storm doors.
- 5. Bring on the Color:** Use strategically-placed annuals or window boxes to add a splash of color. Select hues that play to your home's tones or emphasize the season. ■

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## The Loudon Historical Society Presents: Sanborn Mills Farm

Colin Cabot will describe the history and revitalization of Sanborn Mills Farm at the Loudon Historical Society on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Charlie's Barn (located behind the town offices.)

Last Fall, Sanborn Mills Farm hosted a field trip for Loudon residents. Now Colin will present a program on the history and revitalization of this early 19th century farm and mill in Loudon.

Sanborn Mills Farm is a traditional New Hampshire working farm with agricultural fields and managed forests, timber-framed barns, and outbuildings still in use for animals and a saw mill, a grist mill (both water powered), and a blacksmith shop, all dating from the 1830s. The farm buildings are clustered around two dams at the outlet of Sanborn Pond, and are surrounded by almost 2,000 acres of open space in conservation.

A century and more ago, Sanborn Mills Farm was a bustling, thriving center of agricultural activities that supported an extended family and served the community. Today, Colin Cabot and his staff have gathered a group of instructors, farmers, crafts people, and historians dedicated to teaching the traditional skills that were commonplace then. Its programs provide opportunities for people to learn old fashioned ways and explore how they can be integrated into modern life. Please come join us for his presentation. Light snacks will be provided. ■



Aerial view of Sanborn Mills Farm. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Kardaseski)

### Merrimack Valley Schoolboard Meeting Minutes — December 8, 2008

#### Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley Middle School was called to order by Chairman Hutchins at 7:39 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent Mike Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins; Human Resources Manager Kathleen Boucher; Principals Mike Jette, Mary Estee, Sandy Davis, Linda McAllister, Tom Laliberte, Tracy Murch; Assistant Principals Pam Hill, Pat Severance; Assistant Principals for Special Education Maureen Gross, Mary Paradise; MVLC Administrator Paulette Fitzgerald

**Others Present:** Ray Bailey, MVHS Teacher; Kathleen Graham, MVSD Teacher Mentor; Lynn Bouchard, Cathy Klapproth, LES Teachers; Bruce Currie, BES Teacher; Kate Dockham, Alicia Grimaldi, Loudon Residents; Margaret Jones, MVHS Student Representative

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Caroletta Alicea, to approve the November 3, 2008 meeting minutes as presented on pages 1-5 in the packet. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### Financial Report:

Robin Heins reviewed the NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT on page 6 in the packet and reported that everything is going fine. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld, to approve the financial report as presented on pages 7-18 in the packet. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### Public Participation:

Margaret Jones, MVHS Student Representative, reported on sports and activities at the high school.

#### Good News:

Superintendent Mike Martin reported that Ed Murdough, NHDOE, would like to present an award to Merrimack Valley High School as the first school in the State to receive the designation of a High Perform-

mance School. The board agreed to host an award ceremony on January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Merrimack Valley High School. The board decided to move the January board meeting to the high school.

Mike Martin also reported on the good news items included in the packet (pages 19-27).

#### Committee Reports:

**WELLNESS TASK FORCE:** Chris Barry reported on the November 24, 2008 Wellness Advisory Committee meeting (minutes on page 28 in the packet). The next Wellness Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009.

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** Chris Barry reported on the November 18, 2008 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on page 29 in the packet). The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Troy Cowan reported on the November 24, 2008 and December 1, 2008 Finance Committee meetings (minutes on pages 32-33 in the packet). Also included in the packet (pages 30-31) for the record are the minutes from the November 3, 2008 Finance Committee meeting. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE:** Mike Martin reported on the November 24, 2008 and December 1, 2008 Facilities Committee meetings (minutes on pages 34-36 in the packet). Mike reported that the committee voted to recommend that nothing regarding the purchase and/or sale of any properties appear on the March 2009 warrant. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld, to not put anything regarding the purchase or sale of any properties on the March 2009 warrant. Motion passed unanimously.* The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

**CITIZENS TASK FORCE:** Chris Barry reported on the October 22, 2008, November 5, 2008 and November 19, 2008 Facilities Citizen Task Committee meetings (minutes on pages 37-41 in the packet).

**OTHER:** None

#### Old Business:

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PRESENTATION:** Kathleen Graham presented an overview of the IB Presentation being prepared by the Steering Committee for parent and community members.

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR IB:** Chris Barry reported on the November 6, 2008 and November 13, 2008 Steering Committee meetings (minutes on pages 42-44 in the packet). The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2009.

**OTHER:** None

#### New Business:

**2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Chris Barry reviewed the draft of the 2009-2010 School Calendar on page 45 in the packet.

**HEALTH INSURANCE RATE:** Robin Heins and Kathleen Boucher reviewed the SCHOOLCARE Rate History (page 46 in the packet) and the SCHOOLCARE Rates for 2009-2010 (page 47 in the packet).

**NEAS&C HS ACCREDITATION:** Mike Martin reviewed the letter from NEAS&C (page 48 in the packet) regarding the high school 10-year evaluation scheduled for 2011.

**OTHER:** None

#### Manifests to Sign:

*Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the manifests and journal entries. Motion passed unanimously.* Manifests were circulated for board member signatures.

#### Board Chairperson's Report:

Mark Hutchins expressed appreciation for everyone's effort with the Facilities Task Force.

#### Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry asked board members to contact a Steering Committee member with any feedback regarding their activities.

#### Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin stated that we have learned a lot from the Facilities Task Force's work and we will continue this work at the WSS, SSS and Fire Barn next year.

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Laura Vincent, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Roll Call:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Will Renauld, Laura Vincent

#### See Non-Public Session Minutes.

*Motion by Caroletta Alicea, second by Normandie Blake, to go out of non-public session at 9:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Will Renauld, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch, Clerk

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## Merrimack Valley Schoolboard Meeting Minutes — January 12, 2009

### Roll Call and Call to Order:

The regular meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was called to order by Chairman Hutchins at 7:15 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent

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

**Others Present:** Margaret Jones, MVHS Student Representative

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Audrey Carter, to approve the December 8, 2008 meeting minutes as presented on pages 1–4 in the packet. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Financial Report:

Robin Heins reviewed the NOTES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT on page 5 in the packet and reported that everything is going well. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the financial report as presented on pages 6–17 in the packet. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.*

### Public Participation:

Margaret Jones, MVHS Student Representative, reported on sports and activities at the high school.

### Good News:

Superintendent Mike Martin reported on the good news items included in the packet (pages 18–24). Mike Jette reported that Ray Bailey, MVHS Teacher, was chosen by Walmart as Teacher of the Year. The high school received a \$1000 check from Walmart.

### Committee Reports:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Troy Cowan reported on the January 5, 2009 (minutes on page 25 in the packet) and the January 12, 2009 (minutes will be in the February meeting packet) Finance Committee meetings. *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Thomas Godfrey, to approve the proposed budget for 2009–2010 in the amount of \$34,822,906, an increase of 1.57%. Motion passed unanimously.*

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** Chris Barry reported on the January 5, 2009 Policy Committee meeting (minutes on page 26 in the packet). The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU office.

**OTHER:** Mike Martin reminded the board that the Facilities Task Force was meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school to hear from Scott Lawson's Group regarding the environmental study of the Beede property and to discuss where does the Facilities Task Force go from here.

Robin Heins reminded the board that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

### Old Business:

**DELEGATE ASSEMBLY:** Mike Martin reported that Troy Cowan would attend the NHSBA Delegate Assembly on January 17, 2009.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOL UPDATE:** Mike Martin reported that the Commissioner of Education is scheduled to be at the February 9, 2009 school board meeting to present the first award in the State to a high school designated as a High Performance School. The board moved the February meeting to the high school.

**2009–2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** The board reviewed the proposed calendar for next year (page 27 in the packet). *Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Laura Vincent, to approve the 2009–2010 school calendar as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.*

**IB UPDATE:** Chris Barry reported on the December 11, 2008 Steering Committee meeting (minutes on page 28 in the packet) and the first IB parent presentation. There are four more parent presentations scheduled in the next two weeks. The Steering Committee meeting will meet again after the parent presentations.

**OTHER:** The next Wellness Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

### New Business:

**ANNUITY CHANGE:** Kathleen Boucher reported that due to changes in the federal law we have decided to hire a third party to manage our annuities. *Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Craig Saltmarsh, to adopt CPI. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ECONOMIC STIMULUS:** Mike Martin reported that we are currently building a list for using the economic stimulus money that is expected in February and he asked board members to contact him with ideas.

**OTHER:** Robin Heins reported that we are seeking oil bids early this year so we may be ready to bring them to the board at the March meeting.

### Manifests/Journal Entries to Sign:

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

### Board Chairperson's Report:

None

### Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Chris Barry reported that we are expecting NECAP scores on January 20th.

### Superintendent's Report:

Mike Martin told the board that the agenda item #14 for tonight's meeting should be Recess in place of Adjournment.

*Motion by Troy Cowan, second by Normandie Blake, to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91 A:3II to discuss personnel at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Roll Call:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent

### See Non-Public Session Minutes.

*Motion by Normandie Blake, second by Troy Cowan, to go out of non-public session at 9:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Motion by Laura Vincent, second by Audrey Carter to recess the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and to reconvene immediately following the Public Hearing on January 27, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.*

**MEETING RECESSED AT 9:20 P.M.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch, Clerk*

## MERRIMACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT — PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET. Jan. 27, 2009

**Board Members Present:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent

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

**Others Present:** Marla Matthews, Legal Counsel; Approximate forty people from the public were present.

Chairman Mark Hutchins opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. by introducing School Board Members, Superintendent Mike Martin and Clerk Sally Welch.

Chairman Hutchins began by summarizing Articles I, II, III & IV on the draft Warrant on pages thirteen and fourteen in the information packet.

Chairman Hutchins introduced Troy Cowan to discuss Article V. Troy began by discussing some of the goals of the Finance Committee during budget preparation. The board's primary goal was to keep the budget

increase as small as possible without jeopardizing the quality of education we give our students. Troy reviewed the detailed breakdown of the budget on pages two through eleven in the information packet. During the review of the budget, Troy Cowan, along with other School Board members, Superintendent Mike Martin and other District Administrators, answered questions and addressed comments from the floor. Many of the questions were regarding the cost and use of Washington Street School, revenue projections for 2009–2010 and adopting the IB Program.

Liz Blanchard, Penacook Resident and City Council Representative, reported that she tried hard to get the City to not change the percentage they pay for the school resource officer.

Chairman Hutchins continued by reviewing Articles VI, VII & VIII.

With no further questions or comments from the public, Chairman Hutchins closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch, Clerk*

## MERRIMACK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD — MEETING MINUTES: PUBLIC SESSION. Jan. 27, 2009

**Roll Call and Call to Order:** The meeting held at Merrimack Valley High School was reconvened (from the recessed meeting of January 12, 2009) by Chairman Mark Hutchins at 9:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mark Hutchins, Caroletta Alicea, Normandie Blake, Lorrie Carey, Audrey Carter, Troy Cowan, Thomas Godfrey, David Longnecker, Craig Saltmarsh, Laura Vincent

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent Michael Martin; Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry; Business Administrator Robin Heins

**Others Present:** Bill Heinz, Boscawen resident

Caroletta Alicea applauded Troy Cowan for his presentation/performance at the Public Hearing. Caroletta reminded the board that a detailed report regarding the use/cost of Washington Street School was prepared a few years ago.

The board briefly discussed the Public Hearing. *Motion by Thomas Godfrey, second by Normandie Blake, to approve the budget as presented at the Public Hearing, thirty four million, eight hundred twenty-two thousand, nine hundred six dollars (\$34,822,906). Motion passed unanimously.*

Robin Heins asked everyone to look closely at the draft warrant and to contact her with any concerns. The board will sign the warrant at the February board meeting.

*Motion by David Longnecker, second by Normandie Blake, to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Welch, Clerk*

## MVSD School Board Meeting Dates and Locations

2009

MEETINGS START AT 7:15 PM

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
March 10, 2009	Penacook Elementary School

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF "THE LEDGER" IS FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009.**



## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 13, 2009

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

*Also present:* Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Recreation Committee Chairman Alicia Grimaldi, and Communications Council Chairman Mary Ann Steele.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 6, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice introduced Andy Stockwell, the candidate for the opening in the Highway Department. Mr. Stockwell gave a brief overview of his experience and stated he had been snow plowing for nineteen years. *Selectman Maxfield moved to hire Andrew Stockwell of Gilmanton, as a Highway Department employee, at the starting rate of \$13.92 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Bowles.* Selectman Bowles stated the probationary period will be six months and the rate of pay will be looked at for possible increase at that time. It was stated that Mr. Stockwell's start date will be Tuesday, January 20, 2009. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Mr. Rice advised the Board that one of the Highway Department trucks had to be sent out to be repaired. He said the Highway Crew had done all the things that were suggested to fix the problem but none of them worked. Chairman Ives asked how the remaining equipment was holding up. Mr. Rice said that other than a wing arm bending, they were just dealing with the general maintenance items. Selectman Bowles said it was good to see bankings and bridges pushed back.

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

Mr. Fiske stated that he thought the Selectmen had agreed that they would give the Department Heads a chance to discuss the proposed COLA's for Town Employees prior to the first budget hearing. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen are going to discuss this issue on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. as noticed.

Mr. Fiske asked if the Board had any feedback regarding the memo he forwarded about the Impact Fees. Selectman Bowles stated that the Impact Fee issue will be discussed at a meeting to be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Fiske asked if there would be a list available of the dates the Impact Fees were collected. Selectman Bowles said he was advised that Mrs. Lee and Ms. White have completed their research and that the Town Auditor has been contacted for his recommendations. Mr. Fiske asked who determines where the funds are expended. Selectman Bowles said that it is based on the original Impact Fee Ordinance, which is specific to road improvements, not road maintenance. He said that the town was divided into three sections. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between road maintenance and improvements.

Mr. Fiske asked if the Board had received notice of the "KLD" meeting scheduled for January 22, 2009 to discuss the \$54,000.00 evacuation grant. The Selectmen said they had.

Mr. Fiske provided a copy of the list of CERT Team members to be forwarded to PRIMEX. He stated that one of the conditions of the CERT Team is that they have to be called out to duty by an authorized public

entity during an emergency situation. Mr. Fiske asked who would be making the final decision on if the CERT Team members would be allowed to go out of town relative to the town's insurance. The Selectmen agreed that if there is a call for the CERT Team to be activated and assist another city or town, the decision to authorize the CERT Team to assist would be handled on a case-by-case basis and would be the decision of the Emergency Management Director/Co-Directors. Chairman Ives stated it would be up to both Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr. and Police Chief Bob Fiske as Co-Directors. The Board advised Chief Fiske that he and Chief Burr need to sit down and explain to the CERT Team members that the only way they can be covered under the town's insurance is if they are authorized to assist in an emergency event authorized by the Emergency Management Directors. Chairman Ives stated this also includes the CERT Trailer and any equipment.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that he has gone to check on a property as requested by the Selectmen's Office relative to outstanding taxes and the condition of the property. He said that it is apparent that the current owners are not going to be living in the residence and also apparent that the mobile home park owners are not going to purchase the unit unless all the taxes are abated. Mr. Fiske said he would continue to work on this issue.

Mr. Fiske asked about the proposed Zoning Ordinance relative to Windmills. He expressed his concerns for the way the ordinance is worded relative to the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Fiske reviewed sections of minutes pertaining to this proposed ordinance. Mr. Fiske said that if this ordinance goes through, he would be coming to the Board for an increase in either the Code Enforcement or Building Department budget due to the increased workload for his office. Selectman Bowles discussed the RSA. Mr. Fiske stated that the RSA references Code Enforcement which is usually included in the zoning department of many towns, and not separate like Loudon. Selectman Bowles discussed the process that has taken place relative to the development of this ordinance. Mr. Fiske asked why the abutters needed to be notified by certified mail if the ordinance is such that the Windmill will be permitted anyway and cannot be stopped. Selectman Bowles said that the abutters need to know what is coming in. He said the Town can make the regulations stricter than the State. Roy Merrill was recognized from the audience. Mr. Merrill stated he thought the RSA stated that there had to be a thirty day notice given to the abutters by law. Mr. Fiske read a portion RSA 674:66 for those present relative to noticing and Regional Impact issues. He stated it sounded like this would be turning into a full-time job. Selectman Bowles said changes like this are why he feels that Mr. Fiske should attend the meetings and workshops. He said that according to the way this RSA was written, the Code Enforcement Officer is a big part of this. Mr. Fiske asked about the increase in funding. Selectman Bowles said all the fees will be the responsibility of the applicant. He said that the Boards are working on putting this through zoning in an effort to take some of the work away from Code Enforcement.

Mr. Fiske asked about the wording on the changeable message signs and if it applied to all districts. Selectman Bowles said the Boards were looking at site specific but he is not sure that is the best idea. Mr.

Fiske said he felt it would be a problem if the ordinance went through as it was presented to him. Selectman Bowles stated that this is the reason that he feels it is important for Mr. Fiske to attend these meetings so that the issues are addressed at the time of the meetings. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that two pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Recreation Committee Chairman Alicia Grimaldi to discuss their proposed budget and warrant article for town meeting.

Chairman Ives discussed the wording for the establishment of the Recreation Committee Revolving Fund for all fee-based programs in an effort to get the Recreation Department self-funding for special events. Chairman Ives stated the Selectmen have not received information regarding if a donation was made to the Recreation Committee if the monies could be placed in the Recreation Revolving Fund or would it have to go to the general fund. Mrs. Grimaldi stated she had inquired about donations as well as fundraising money. She inquired if the proposed warrant article would need to say that it would or would not affect the tax rate. The Board stated that sentence would be included in this article once they finalize the wording for the warrant. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that originally the Recreation Committee was planning on having \$1,000.00 out of their Special Events line to be used as seed money for the Recreation Committee Revolving Fund, but has learned from the State that it would not be proper to do so. She said Mrs. Lee had advised her that DRA stated the initial \$1,000.00 would need to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance. Mrs. Grimaldi asked if she and the Committee members needed to be the ones to educate the public on this issue. Chairman Ives stated yes.

Mrs. Grimaldi discussed the proposed warrant article regarding the resurfacing of the tennis court and possibly the basketball court. She stated that the Recreation Committee has had numerous requests to have this done. Selectman Bowles stated he had contacted someone about resealing the cracks of the courts and is waiting for the quote. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that she had received an e-mail from Vermont Tennis Courts and asked if the Board wanted her to respond and request a quote for the project. Chairman Ives said if they want to submit a quote that would be fine. The Board discussed the difference between resurfacing and resealing the courts and stated that they did not feel there are enough funds available

to do a total resurfacing. Discussion ensued. Chairman Ives stated there could be enough money in the Park Maintenance Fund depending on how much the project costs and it may not need to be a warrant article.

Chairman Ives began the review of the Recreation Committee proposed budget. It was stated that the Swim Program line has been increased by \$800.00 due to the increase in participation and the fact that the additional costs have had to come out of another budget line to cover the unexpected cost. The Board discussed the Lifeguard Salary line. It was stated that this line has been overlooked when it comes to the COLA for this position. The Board stated that people speak very highly of the current lifeguard and the Town has been very lucky to have her. Mrs. Grimaldi stated the requested hourly wage for the lifeguard line is \$11.50 per hour. The Board discussed the Porta-john Rental line relative to decreasing the line if the year round pavilion and skating rink is approved. The Board stated the Parks and Maintenance Supply line is increased by \$500.00. The Board asked Mrs. Grimaldi if this increase was in anticipation of the skating rink. Mrs. Grimaldi stated what the Recreation Committees hope is to see the program grow for items such as picnic tables and if the skating rink is constructed to be used for that purpose as well. She stated that the amount of money in this line is not enough to cover the true maintenance of the recreation fields and the idea is to increase this line a little at a time. Selectman Bowles said he is having trouble with this line. Mrs. Grimaldi stated some of the things the Committee would like to see for the future are to purchase new picnic tables, put in benches by the tennis court, a backboard at the tennis court so people can play by themselves, and other improvements for the future. The Board agreed to increase this line by \$250.00 to bring it to \$1,250.00 and to see how the economy is next year for an additional increase. The Board discussed the Special Events line relative to the \$12,000.00 that had been budgeted previously. The Board asked if the proposed budget showed the \$12,000.00 split out between \$8,700.00 in the Special Events line, \$1,000.00 for the Revolving Fund, and \$2,300.00 in the Bicycle Safety Program line. Selectman Bowles said that the \$1,000.00 for the Revolving Fund cannot be taken out of the Special Events line and used for the set-up of the Revolving Fund so it will remain in the Special Events line which will then be \$9,700.00. Chairman

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Ives stated the Recreation Committee is not asking for any increase here, that the \$2,300.00 for the Bicycle Safety Program had always been paid out of the Special Events line and they have asked to separate out the line to show where the money specifically goes. Chief Fiske asked if the Bicycle Safety Program line is an increase over last year's expense. Mrs. Grimaldi stated it is an increase of \$150.00 over last year due to the increase in cost and participation. Chairman Ives said while that line has in increase there is no additional increase in the funding line that it had been paid out of last year. Discussion ensued regarding the set-up of the Revolving Fund and the Bicycle Safety Program line.

The Board met with MaryAnn Steele of the Loudon Communications Council to discuss their proposed budget.

Mrs. Steele provided the Board with copies of their financial breakdown as well as a brief summary for review.

Chairman Ives began the review of the proposed budget. He stated the current budget is \$12,000.00 and the request for 2009–2010 is at \$18,000.00. Mrs. Steele discussed the advertising contracts and stated that when advertisers start getting concerned that there may not be enough funding to print the paper for an entire year, they begin to do their advertising on a month-by-month basis, which creates a cash flow problem. She stated that the number of advertisers has dropped and the mailing costs have increased. Mrs. Steele stated that the Council members have done research to try to cut costs but have found that mailing with Direct-O-Mail appears to be the best option. She said that in order to get the advertisers to commit for the year, they have to have a guarantee that all twelve issues of the *Ledger* will be printed. Mrs. Steele stated that the proposed increase is more than what they may need, but the Communications Council definitely needs more than what they currently have budgeted. Chairman Ives asked to see the financial statement for the Communications Council. Mrs. Steele will get the Selectmen the information for their review. Chairman Ives stated the current operating expense is \$24,000.00 per year to print the *Ledger* and the Town funds \$12,000.00 or 50%. He said he felt that the

request of \$18,000.00 was too much. Mrs. Steele said the Communications Council had decided to plan on the advertising sales of \$6,000.00 instead of the \$12,000.00 so that is why they have increased the request in the Town budget to \$18,000.00. She said they were looking at worst case scenario of the ad sales. Chairman Ives said it is his opinion to keep this line at level funding due to the issues with the economy. He asked Mrs. Steele if she could provide the Board with the additional information by Thursday so this item can be discussed further. Selectman Maxfield said he agreed with the level funding but would like to see the additional information. The Board said they will make their final decision on Thursday after they have a chance to review the additional information. Chairman Ives said he is considering level funding due to the current economic conditions. Mrs. Steele said many residents have commented that reading the *Ledger* keeps them informed of what is going on in town. Mrs. Steele said that when the Communications Council put their budget request together it was before the economy was in as rough shape as it currently is, and they understand the situation.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a photo for consideration of the cover to the Town Report. The Board agreed to use the photo submitted.

The Board received information from DOT regarding bridge postings. Discussion ensued.

The Board received correspondence from Mr. Bill Gabler offering his services to the town in various capacities.

The Board received correspondence from Louis Berger Group regarding the Landfill Post Closure Monitoring and the current budget. *Selectman Maxfield moved*

*to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal between the Town of Loudon and The Louis Berger Group, Inc., for the Post Closure Monitoring of the Loudon Sanitary Landfill and Septage Lagoon in accordance with the State Environmental Guidelines for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$8,900.00. This fee is not to include the cost of laboratory bills which will be billed directly by Eastern Analytical to the town. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Discussion ensued regarding the timeframe. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of a letter from Carole Soule regarding a warrant article to establish a town agricultural commission. The Board stated that it is very difficult to get people to join committees and stay with them.

The Board received information from Superintendent Martin regarding a meeting scheduled to discuss the Beede property.

The Board received a thank you letter from Jessica Sprague regarding the Food Basket project for her Senior Project through MVSD.

The Board received copies of the quarterly fuel usage reports for all the departments from Huckleberry Heating Oils for review.

The Board received information regarding disaster relief funding for the ice storm damage. It was noted that Loudon did not sustain enough damage from the storm to qualify.

The Board received copies of the Legislative Bulletin #2.

The Board received copies of a reminder of the Moderator's Workshop on January 24, 2009.

The Board received copies of a Regional Impact notice from the Town of Bow.

The Board met with Bob Fiske.

Mr. Fiske asked for the Selectmen's opinion regarding having a set building permit fee and doing away with the Impact Fee. Discussion ensued regarding the way the Impact Fee ordinance was set up and the fact that when it was enacted it was only addressing the roads, not the schools, police, or fire department; an amount to increase the building permit fee to if decided upon, whether or not the Impact Fee Ordinance would remain in place if the building fee was increased or not; and questions of boards being in favor or not of a change.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Septage Hauling Permit for Paul K. Johnson, 109 Flagg Road, Loudon, NH. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

John Plummer was recognized from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked about the status of the repairs for the Town Pound as well as the issue of sound speakers for the Selectmen to be able to hear at Town Meeting. The Selectmen stated that they have not received cost estimates for the Town Pound project yet and Office Manager Jean Lee is in the process of contacting Fred Reagan from MVSD to address the speaker issue.

Bob Fiske asked the Board about the issue with the food sale at Town Meeting and not being able to bring the food into the meeting area. Chairman Ives said the Board would look into this issue.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 20, 2009**

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

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 13, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 15, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of litigation filed regarding the Greenview Drive petition. The Board agreed to forward this information to Town Counsel for review.

The Board received a request for reimbursement of the McNeil/Cummings Scholarship to an individual student. The Board stated that the monies would need to be paid to the College/University or the lending institution.

The Board received a request to place the proposed warrant articles and budget into the next issue of the Loudon Ledger. The Board agreed to forward the information and noted that all the information is subject to revisions.

The Board received notice that the NHMA dues have been reduced due to the current economic times.

The Board received notice of the January 30, 2009 NHMA full membership meeting to discuss the State revenue deficit.

The Board received correspondence regarding highway safety needs.

The Board received correspondence from Congressman Hodes on Federal Stimulus proposal for review.

The Board discussed the issue of responding in writing to the State regarding the bridge postings. The Board agreed to have Road Agent David Rice prepare the listing and have the office staff type it up.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding grant availability.

The Board received information from NH Retirement System regarding proposed assessments.

The Board received copies of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #3 for review.

The Board received a newsletter from Councilor Shea for review.

The Board received copies of the January 8, 2009 Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting Minutes for review.

Chairman Ives opened the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2009–2010 Budget and Warrant Articles for the Town of Loudon.

Chairman Ives gave a brief overview of how the public hearing was going to be run.

Chairman Ives began review of the 2009–2010 proposed budget. He stated that the Board had agreed on a 2.5% COLA for town employees. Fire Chief Jeff Burr noted that the State of NH set their COLA at 5.5% and Social Security is at 5.8%. He said it appeared that this is the third year in a row that the town has not met what the State and SS has set for their increases. Chief Burr went on to say that by not keeping up with the standard COLA, the town is getting further and further behind, so when the town decides to bring the employees salaries up to

be competitive with surrounding towns/cities it will cost the town an astronomical amount of money at once. Chairman Ives stated the Board had reviewed information from NHMA and stated that the Town of Loudon is lagging a little bit behind and are on the low side for employee salaries. He said the Board felt that with the current economic issues the 2.5% was a compromise. Chairman Ives went on to say that the State of NH increase was due to contract negotiations a few years ago, and even though Governor Lynch did not want to give any increases this year, he was bound by the contract to give the 5.5% and he felt it was unfair to compare the town with Social Security. Chief Burr asked if the Selectmen knew what the Merrimack Valley School District employees were receiving for a COLA. Selectman Maxfield stated that the School District also had a contract. Selectman Bowles said he was not in favor of any COLA due to the economy and stated that was his opinion, not the Board's.

Chairman Ives reviewed the proposed budget and noted the lines that had significant increases or decreases as follows:

**Selectmen — Data Processing:** decreased by 18.51% due to the new computer and technology is now up to speed.

**Selectmen — Printing:** decreased by 5.88%.

**Selectmen — Office Equipment:** decreased by 12.5%.

**Selectmen — Publication:** decreased by 50% as the Town has opted to access the State Statutes on-line instead of purchasing the printed hard copies.

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Chairman Ives stated the Selectmen's Budget has a decrease of 9.21%.

**Landfill Testing:** decreased by 5.73% as the Board feels there will be enough funds for the testing with this reduction.

**Town Clerk — Deputy Town Clerk — Wages:** decreased by 34.91% due to the positions of Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector being combined and at a reduced hourly rate. Chairman Ives stated the Town Clerk's Budget has a decrease of 8.99%.

**Election — Printing:** decreased by 50% due to the Presidential Election being over and there not being as many elections scheduled during this budget year.

**Election — Expenses:** decrease by 38.91% due to there not being as many elections scheduled during this budget year.

Chairman Ives stated the Election Budget has a decrease of 24.86%.

**Trust Funds — Trustees Salary:** increased by 33.33% to bring the salaries up to meet with other positions. Chairman Ives stated the Trust Funds Budget has an increase of 30.76%.

**Assessments/Maps — Assessments:** increased by 7.14% as the Town is working on an eighteen month contract with Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC to get the fiscal year cycle in sync. He said that the contract has actually gone down, but it appears that there is the 7.14% increase due to the extended timeframe.

**Assessments/Maps — Engineering Fees:** decreased by 23.07%.

Chairman Ives stated the Assessments/Maps Budget has an increase of 4.11%.

**Tax Collector — Deputy Tax Collector:** decreased by 52.44% due to the combined position with the Deputy Town Clerk and a reduced hourly rate.

**Tax Collector — Dues:** increased by 50% due to projected increase. Chairman Ives stated this increase is only \$60.00. Trudy Mott-Smith asked what the Tax Collector — Dues line was for. Chairman Ives stated that the Tax Collector is part of the NH Tax Collector's Association and there is a yearly fee. He said the Association keeps the Tax Collectors informed of changes in laws and hold seminars throughout the year. Mary Ann Steele stated that the Town is required by law to participate in the Association.

**Tax Collector — Postage:** increased by 6.66%.

**Tax Collector — Registry Deeds:** increased by 20%.

**Tax Collector — Seminars/Training:** increased by 15.38%.

Chairman Ives stated the Tax Collector's Budget has a decrease of 4.28%.

**Treasurer — Office Supplies:** increased by 50% or \$100.00.

**Treasurer — Data Processing:** decreased by 33.33%.

Chairman Ives stated the Treasurer's Budget has a decrease of 1.09%.

**Employee Benefits — FICA — Town Share:** increased by 26.89% due to the new computer software combining the FICA and Medicare — Town share together in one line. Chairman Ives stated that the Town's share of FICA and Medicare will be combined in this one line and the Employee Benefits — Medicare — Town Share line will be zeroed out. He said that overall this line is technically down but does not appear that way on the report.

**Employee Benefits — NH Retirement System:** increased by 36.79%. Chairman Ives stated that increase is an amount that is determined by the State Retirement System. He stated the Employee Benefits Budget has an increase of 17.60%.

**Planning Board — Mileage:** increased by 25% which is equal to \$25.00.

**Planning Board — Printing:** decreased by 34.78%.

Chairman Ives stated the Planning Board Budget has a decrease of 1.19%.

**Zoning Board — Legal Consultants:** decreased by 28.57%.

**Zoning Board — Office Supplies:** decreased by 16.66%.

Chairman Ives stated the Zoning Board Budget has a decrease of 2.62%.

**General Government Building — Town Office — Electricity:** increased by 11.11%. Chairman Ives stated the reason for the increase in electricity is that PSNH has advised the Selectmen of an increase between 9–12%.

**General Government Building — Town — Street Lighting:** increased by 5.4% due to information from PSNH of their intended increase, but at a reduced rate.

**General Government Building — Town Offices/Community Building Repairs:** decreased by 28.57%. Chairman Ives stated that the Town Office Building has undergone repairs to include: new windows, new roof, a new boiler, and some of the carpets have been replaced. He said the Community Building is in pretty good shape and the Selectmen have agreed to keep \$25,000.00 in this budget line for emergencies.

**General Government Building — Town Building Expenses:** decreased by 15.78%.

**General Government Building — Town Hall — Electricity:** increased by 9.09%.

**General Government Building — Town Hall — Heating:** increased by 33.33% or \$100.00.

**General Government Building — Town Hall Repairs:** increased by 163.15%. Chairman Ives stated there are major renovations to be done to the building to include replacing the fire escape; new siding on the East and North side of the building and the foundation needs to be repaired. He stated that the Loudon Freewill Baptist Church will pay for half of the bills for this project. Chairman Ives stated this is a historic building. Trudy Mott-Smith asked if there was any historical preservation money available for this project. Chairman Ives said the Board was not aware of any funding available and said it was an avenue that could be explored.

Chairman Ives stated the General Government Building Budget has an increase of 5.29%.

**Cemeteries — Town Cemeteries:** decreased by 63.15%. Chairman Ives stated this line had been increased last year to repair the fence next to the Fire Station, which has been completed. He stated the contract for cemetery mowing has been signed and there is no increase for this service.

Chairman Ives stated the Cemeteries Budget has a decrease of 63.15%.

**Employee Benefits — Town Health and Dental Insurance:** increased by 50.85%. Chairman Ives stated that the projected increase for the health and dental premium is estimated to be at 12–14% and there has been an increase in the number of town employees who have opted to take the health and dental insurance this past year, plus the cost of one new family plan. He said that the combined information comes to the \$306,985.00.

**Employee Benefits — Unemployment:** increased by 20%.

**Town Insurance:** increased by 20%. Chairman Ives stated the Employee Benefits Budget has an increase of 37.27%. Discussion ensued regarding the number of family plans as well as single plans. Chairman Ives stated the single plans are covered 100%, and with the family plans the employee pays a portion of the premium

which is approximately \$700.00 per year. The Board will have the breakdown of the number of single and family health and dental insurance participants for the next budget hearing.

**Police — Electricity/Lights:** increased by 11.11%.

**Police — Gasoline:** increased by 7.14%. Chairman Ives stated that with the fuel prices fluctuating so much the Board wanted to be prepared.

**Police — Ammunition:** increased by 50% due to training requirements and an increase in cost for the ammunition.

**Police — Tires:** increased by 40% due to the increase in costs.

Chairman Ives stated the Police Budget has an increase of 2.51%.

**Special Events — Police Department:** increased by 2.4%.

**Special Events — Fire Department:** increased by 7.14%.

Chairman Ives stated that this is an in-out account and that it has an increase of 2.79%. Peter Pitman asked why there was an increase in this line if it is an in-out account. Chairman Ives stated that the increase is due to salary increases and that the funding has to be in and available so that payroll can be met. He said the Town forwards a bill to the Track for reimbursement.

Trudy Mott-Smith asked about the Special Events — Police Department — Witness Fees. Selectman Maxfield stated that depending on the cases that the police department is dealing with, they may need to call witnesses. Ms. Mott-Smith stated it appears to be a bigger allocation than needs to be. She said she thought that it might be for overtime pay for police. The Board said no. Chairman Ives said when the police officers go to court they are paid out of the regular payroll line, not the witness fee line. Ms. Mott-Smith stated that witnesses are generally paid mileage so she thinks that this line is one that could be reduced. Chairman Ives stated he would speak with Chief Fiske regarding his opinion on this line.

Chairman Ives stated the Special Events Budget has an increase of 2.79%.

**Visiting Nurse — Health — Concord VNA:** increased by 5.88%. Chairman Ives stated this figure is based on population. He said for the \$4,500.00 budgeted, the town gets an incredible amount of services for residents.

**Ambulance — Wages — FF/EMTS:** increased by 3.8% due to COLA and a merit increase for one employee.

**Ambulance — Billing Fees:** increased by 14.28%. Chairman Ives stated this is for billing of ambulance related services.

**Ambulance — Paramedic Service:** increased by 31.25%. Chairman Ives stated that there is no set amount of times when a Paramedic Intercept is called for, it is based on the determination of the treating EMTs at a medical emergency. He said that the patients insurance is billed for the additional service, and it is an in-out account.

Chairman Ives stated the Ambulance Budget is increased by 4.67%.

**Fire — Fire Code Enforcement:** increased by 6.66% or \$100.00.

**Fire — Dispatch:** increased by 9.58%. Chairman Ives stated the Selectmen have no control over this increase as it is direct billed.

**Fire — Telephone:** increased by 3.89% or \$150.00.

**Fire — Medical Expenses:** increased by 5.55%. Chairman Ives stated this is for restocking the ambulance from Concord Hospital.

**Fire — Electricity:** increased by 13.33%.

**Fire — Building Maintenance:** increased by 20%. Chairman Ives stated this line has not been increased for a number of years. He said there are two buildings that have to be covered by this line.

**Fire — Gas/Oil:** increased by 25%. Chairman Ives stated this increase is due to an increase in the number of emergency calls as well as the issue with the price fluctuation.

**Fire — Truck Maintenance:** increased by 6.25%.

**Fire — Hose and Fittings:** increased by 20%.

**Fire — Equipment Maintenance:** increased by 25%. Chairman Ives stated that this line was for the small equipment on the trucks.

**Fire — Equipment Testing:** increased by 35%. Chairman Ives stated this line is for the testing of the ladders, ladder truck, SCBA's, etc.

Chairman Ives stated the Fire Department Budget has an increase of 5.53%.

**Compliance — Code Assistant Wages:** increased by 10.81%. Chairman Ives stated this increase is due in part by the COLA as well as a merit raise. Peter Pitman asked if there was less building going on in town, why would there be an increase in this workload. Chairman Ives stated that there are new ordinances that are going to be in place that will fall on the Code Enforcement Department which will increase their workload. He discussed the new Windmill Ordinance and stated that the Code Enforcement Office has increased their efficiency in dealing with the Impact Fees and are looking at restructuring the Impact Fee. Chairman Ives stated this position is sixteen hours per week. Selectman Bowles stated the number of hours for this position actually started last year.

Chairman Ives stated the Compliance Budget has an increase of 4.22%.

**Highway — Parts #1, #2, #3, and #4:** each increased by 21.73%. Chairman Ives stated this is an increase of \$500.00 per vehicle due to the increase in costs.

**Highway — Parts Loader:** increased by 20%. He said the Road Agent had asked for more funding but the Board agreed on the \$500.00 increase.

**Highway — Parts #5 and #6:** increased by 21.73% or \$500.00 each.

**Highway — Gas and Oil:** increased by 5.26%.

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**Highway — Repair Truck #1, #2, #3, #4, and #6:** each increased by 20% or \$300.00 each. Chairman Ives stated this line is used when the trucks have to be sent out for repairs that cannot be done by the Highway Department.

**Highway — Repair Loader:** increased by 20%.

**Highway — Road Maintenance and Repairs:** increased by 18.18%. Chairman Ives stated this increase was for the cost of gravel and repair of dirt roads.

Chairman Ives stated the Highway Department Budget has an increase of 5.23%.

**Highway Block Grant — Salt:** increased by 13.63%. Chairman Ives stated this is Block Grant money that the Town receives from the State of NH and is an in-out account. He stated that Road Agent David Rice was able to lock in to a better price than the State for the salt this year.

Chairman Ives stated the Block Grant Budget has an increase of 3.63%.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Telephone:** increased by 33.33%. Chairman Ives stated this line was previously underfunded and the increase is a direct result of the actual bills.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Electricity:** increased by 16.66%.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Diesel/Propane Fuel:** increased by 150%. Chairman Ives stated that this line was over expended during the last budget and the reason for the increase is to cover the increase in costs. Selectman Bowles stated that part of the increase is due to filling the Loader and Grader if they are being used in the vicinity of the Transfer Station. He said part of the reason the Board did not increase this line in the Highway Department Budget is because of the Loader and Grader fueling more often at the Transfer Station.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Repair Skid Steer:** increased by 66.66% or \$400.00. Chairman Ives stated that while this piece of equipment is aging, it appears to be more cost efficient to repair versus purchase new equipment.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Repair Tractor #7:** increased by 25%.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Committee Expenses:** increased by 170% or \$850.00. Steve Bennett, Transfer Station Manager stated that this increase is partially due to reclassification of expenses such as recertification expenses.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Tipping Fees:** increased by 26.93%. Chairman Ives stated this is for the fees the town pays to Wheelabrator to accept the town's trash. Discussion ensued regarding the GAT and projected costs for the future. Carol Soule asked why there was such a large increase. Selectman Bowles said that the cost per ton is changing from \$45.00 to \$60.00 per ton as of July 1. It was discussed that the tonnage has been declining each year due to the recycling efforts of the town; however, the cost per ton delivered is increasing. The

Board stated that the recycling revenue has gone down and there are items that the town has to pay to dispose of. Peter Pitman asked if recycling costs were becoming such that it was getting to be cost prohibitive to recycle. Steve Bennett stated that some towns have made changes in their recycling; however, Loudon has been able to stay ahead with recycling. He said that metal has rebounded recently to be over \$100.00 per ton. Mr. Bennett said that it costs the town approximately \$25.00 per ton to have mixed paper recycled, but it would cost \$45.00 to haul it to Wheelabrator. He said most of the other recyclables generate revenue. Chairman Ives stated that Mr. Bennett does a fabulous job keeping on top of these issues.

**Solid Waste/Landfill — Demolition:** increased by 7.14%.

Chairman Ives stated the Solid Waste/Landfill Budget has an increase of 19.39%.

**Community Action Program:** increased by 5.07%.

**J.O. Cate Van — Operating Expense:** increased by 6.43%. Chairman Ives stated that this increase is due to the new building expenses.

**Welfare — Fuel:** increased by 19.04%.

**Welfare — Rent:** increased by 6.66%.

**Welfare — Other:** increased by 150%. Trudy Mott-Smith asked what the Welfare — Other line was for. Selectman Maxfield stated that he would get the exact answer.

Chairman Ives stated the Welfare Budget has an increase of 8.06%.

**Recreation — Swim Lesson Wages:** increased by 25% due to an increase in participation and the increase in instruction costs.

**Recreation — Lifeguard/Recreation Wages:** increased by 17.44%. Chairman Ives stated this increase is due to the fact that the current lifeguard has not received the COLA increase in approximately four years.

Chairman Ives discussed the Porta John Rental line. He stated that this line is level funded and while there will be a decrease in the need at the Recreation Field since the Ice Rink will not be up, there is the addition of the new soccer fields by the Loudon Elementary School. Carol Soule asked if the Board considered purchasing Porta Johns. Chairman Ives stated that the units would need to be serviced and there are the issues with vandalism to consider as well as storage of the units. Currently, everything is handled through the contracted company.

**Recreation — Park Maintenance Supplies and Equipment:** increased by 50% or \$500.00. Chairman Ives stated this increase is due to a request from the Recreation Committee to upgrade the picnic tables and work on upgrading the equipment.

**Recreation — Special Events:** decreased by 19.16%. Chairman Ives stated this is due to some changes within this line. He said there is a new line created for Bicycle Safety in the amount of \$2,300.00, which had been part of the Special Events line in the past. Chairman Ives went on to say that the Recreation Committee felt it

was important to have this function on its own. He said the previous Special Events line was \$12,000.00 and has now been adjusted to \$9,700.00 with the \$2,300.00 in the Bicycle Safety line to equal \$12,000.00.

Chairman Ives stated the Recreation Budget has an increase of 5.42%.


Selectman Maxfield stated that he wanted to answer Trudy Mott-Smith's question regarding the "Welfare — Other" line. He said the line is to pay for miscellaneous things such as repairing a furnace for someone receiving welfare or repairing a door. Selectman Maxfield said it is used for things that do not fall into the other categories.

**Library — Salary and Wages lines:**

increased by 2.5%. Library Trustee Sandra Blanchard stated that the Trustees had requested to have their budget returned to what it was last year and asked for an increase for the Library Director. She discussed other pay increases for town employees within this budget as well as in years past. Ms. Blanchard stated that the Library cut back to 30 hours per week due to the budget cuts at last year's town meeting and feels that with the economic changes there will be more of a need for the library services. Ms. Blanchard said she would like to see the Board reconsider the Trustees request. Peter Pitman said with the economic times the way they are, he feels the Library budget increases are more than adequate. He said if the funding that was cut at last year's meeting is returned to their budget, plus an increase in the salary line, it will be a lot of money that the townspeople have to come up with. Chairman Ives reviewed the budget figures from the Library for fiscal year 2007–2008 in the amount of \$186,388.86, the 2008–2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$134,952.00, and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009–2010 in the amount of \$169,143.00. He said that the proposed budget is somewhere in the middle of the previous years. Chairman Ives stated that the Board put the Library wages at the 2.5% just the same as the other town employees. Selectman Bowles stated that he wanted to clarify that the Trustees of the Trust Funds did not see an actual increase; it is due to the additional withholding costs. He said it is not a raise. Trudy Mott-Smith asked if the figures for the Library wages were based on the current number of hours worked per week. Chairman Ives stated the Library Director and the Children's Librarian are salaried positions and they set their hours. Ms. Mott-Smith asked if the Board was saying that there are existing salaried positions that the Board has increased at the same rate of all the other town employees but it does not impact the number of hours the library services are available to the citizens. Chairman Ives stated the Board has increased the salary/wages but the Library dictates the number of hours they work. He said the Selectmen control the bottom line. Selectman Bowles stated the Board has proposed the same 2.5% COLA. Ms. Mott-Smith asked for the original amount that the Trustees submitted for the Library Director's Salary. Chairman Ives stated the amount requested for the Library Director was \$42,990.45. Selectman Bowles stated that is a 15% increase. Chairman Ives said the Children's Librarian request was \$30,498.30 which is a 5% increase, and the Part Time Wages original request was \$56,784.00. Deb Kardaseski stated that the Library cut the number of hours they were open last year but did not cut either the Library Director or Children's Librarian's salaries. She said that they received their full salaries last year and either worked the additional hours while the Library was closed, or they received their full salaries and worked fewer hours per week. Chair-

man Ives stated that this Budget Hearing was not going to be a debate, that the Library Trustees have made a request and the Board is going to take it under advisement. He said there is another Budget Hearing scheduled. Library Trustee Susan Kowalski stated that the Trustees had proposed a higher amount for the Part Time Wages so that the Library could operate at forty hours per week. She stated that it appeared the Selectmen took the Part Time Wage line that was currently in place and increased it by the 2.5%, which would not be enough funding to cover the forty hours per week that they are trying to get back to. Mrs. Kowalski stated both the Library Director and Children's Librarian have duties that take them away from their desks so the hours of operation do not necessarily correlate to the hours that they are working. Deb Kardaseski stated that Merrimack Valley School District has a policy by which a student must have a certain number of community service hours to graduate. She asked if the students could fill in some of the Part Time Wage hours without pay. Ms. Kardaseski stated that last year the taxpayers tried to send a message to the Library Trustees that they felt the Library spending was out of control and it appears that the message has not been received. Chairman Ives said he does not want to turn this meeting into a debate and asked that individuals who have questions regarding the budget items to speak. Mary Ann Steele discussed the increase in the Library Reference Materials line as well as the Library Elevator Maintenance line. Chairman Ives stated that the Elevator Maintenance line is a contract amount that is set for the yearly inspection. Mrs. Steele asked why the Library buys passes and if they are well used. Selectman Bowles said it is one service that the Library provides to townspeople to go to Shaker Village and Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, etc. He said it is a good service for the community and he does not feel that it is a very large amount of money for the service it provides. Mrs. Steele stated the Library References line appears to be a large jump. Selectman Maxfield stated that the Selectmen agreed that this budget was going to town meeting. Carol Soule asked if the Part Time Wage line was not increased to the original figure that the Library Trustees requested, did that mean that the Library would not go back to being open forty hours per week. Chairman Ives stated he felt that is what the Trustees had said. Roy Merrill reviewed the 2008–2009 Library Budget relative to the amount budgeted versus the amount spent to date and asked if the Library was going to slow down their spending during the second half of the year or would they over expend their bottom line. Chairman Ives said if the Trustees choose to answer that question they may, but it is the proposed 2009–2010 Budget Hearing. Mrs. Kowalski stated she did not know where the figures were coming from because this report does not correspond with what the Trustees work with. Peter Pitman asked if the Board would ask the Trustees if they could obtain the information and have it available for the next budget hearing so the question can be answered prior to town meeting. The Board said that this was the forum for these types of questions so they can be addressed. Selectman Bowles stated Nancy Hendy nodded in response to having the information for the next budget hearing. Selectman Maxfield stated that reviewing a current budget is difficult at the half-way mark as some lines may have been expended early on in the year while others may not be expended until the end of the year.

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Chairman Ives stated that the Library budget has an increase of 25.33%.

Chairman Ives stated the Contingency Fund line was level funded at \$10,000.00. Chief Burr asked if the contingency fund would be enough considering all of the unexpected events that have taken place in recent years. The Board stated that they have discussed this issue and feel that while they know there can be things that unexpectedly happen, they agreed on the level funding. Chief Burr stated that his concern was when the emergency generator needed to be replaced it cost \$15,000.00. The Board discussed ways they can deal with emergency issues if needed. Trudy Mott-Smith asked the Board if they had a cost estimate for a Special Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the last Special Town Meeting for Loudon as well as cost estimates.

Loudon Communications Council budget is level funded at \$12,000.00. Carol Soule asked if there was a breakdown of how the Communications Council plans to spend the money. Chairman Ives read through the proposed budget information from the Communications Council for a total cost to publish a year of the Ledger at \$24,215.00. He said the total advertising income received was \$11,297.60, with a \$40.00 donation combined with the Town Budget of \$12,000.00 came to a total revenue of \$23,337.60, for a deficit of \$877.40 for July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008. Carol Soule asked why the Communications Council Budget was under the Contingency category. The Board said it was just the way it fell in the accounting category. Ms. Soule said she felt that with the need to cut back and “think green,” this might be one area that is looked at. She said this is not good for the landfills.

Chairman Ives reviewed the lines for the Payments to Capital Reserves and stated that they have all been level funded.

Chairman Ives stated that the total proposed budget for 2009–2010 has an increase of 8.43%.

Chairman Ives began the review of the proposed Warrant Articles and read the draft warrant for those present.

*ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely a portion of the Old Staniels Road, beginning at the Route 106 Right-of-way adjacent to Tax Map 1, Lot 049 and continuing for a distance of 435 feet.*

The Board stated that the current landowner has asked that this warrant article be included. Discussion ensued regarding why some of the articles stated the Selectmen recommend or do not recommend the article. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen’s recommendation only have to be listed if it is an article that pertains to money. Trudy Mott-Smith asked if there were any homes on this portion of Old Staniels Road. Chairman Ives said there were not. He said that there is one driveway permit on that property and Cascade Park Campground has a 50-foot right-of-way across the back of Tax Map 1, Lot 049. Discussion ensued regarding the State owning the property on the other side of the road.

*ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 11. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town’s general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation director (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for*

*recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditures shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. Further to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.*

Chairman Ives stated that this fund will allow the Recreation Committee to deposit any monies collected from Special Events over and above the cost of a program into this fund to be used for future program costs. He said currently any monies collected over and above the cost of the program gets deposited into the general fund and the Recreation Committee does not have access to those funds. Recreation Committee Chairman Alicia Grimaldi stated this is to build the Recreation Program.

Selectman Maxfield read: *ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees or charges pursuant to RSA 41:9a. If approved, this authorization will remain in effect until rescinded. The Selectmen recommend this article.* Selectman Maxfield stated this deals with fees such as parking fee violations, rental fees of the buildings, and other fees. He said this will give the Board the authority to make those changes.

Selectman Bowles read: *ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to participate in a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the Spring of 2010. This article would affect the tax rate by 2 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen recommend this article.* Selectman Bowles stated the Town held a collection day this past fall and it was a huge turnout and people were even turned away. He said the Board felt there was a need to do this again. He said the \$5,000.00 was not enough to pay for the whole event and that is why the Selectmen have increased the figure to \$10,000.00. Selectman Bowles said it was \$8,700.00 and the Board had to find money within the budget to cover the unexpected increase. Discussion ensued regarding placing this item in the budget and having its own line item versus placing it on the warrant.

Chairman Ives read: *ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,030.00 for the purpose of hiring one additional full time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,695.00 for the fiscal year 2009–2010. Such sum representing the town’s portion of expenses attributed to increase in salary, benefits, and equipment included in posted budget for current staffing level. This article would affect the tax rate by 13 cents per \$1,000.00 value.* Chairman Ives stated this is an article that the Board will have to put their recommendation or not on, and the Board has chosen to leave it blank for now as they have just received it and want to have time to discuss it with Chief Burr to get all the information. Mrs. Steele asked why the article was written with the two dollar amounts broken out instead of having the total amount. Chief Burr stated this was the way he was requested to submit the article so the taxpayers could see how the funding would be split out. Mrs. Steele suggested that the two amounts be specified as salary and benefits to alleviate confusion. Chief Burr stated this article was modeled after a previous article to hire a new police officer for the police department. Chairman Ives stated he commended Chief Burr for being as transparent as possible with this article. Mrs. Steele agreed. Ms. Mott-Smith asked what type of equipment was included in this article. Chief Burr said uniforms, pagers, protective gear, etc. It was stated that this article would allow for full time coverage,

seven days per week from six in the morning to six in the evening with the combination of this position and the per diem position. Chief Burr gave a breakdown of the costs associated with this position.

Selectman Maxfield read: *ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$186,000.00, for the purchase of an Ambulance and Equipment, with said funds to be withdrawn from the Ambulance/Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to carry said purpose into effect. The Selectmen recommend this article.* This Ambulance is listed in the 2009–2010 Capitol Improvements Program as proposed by the Fire Department. Just after the 2008 town meeting a committee was formed to look at replacing the current Ambulance, a 1999 PL Custom. This committee looked at the needs of the department, viewed ambulances from four manufacturers and then wrote a set of specifications. Those specifications were then sent out to four ambulance manufacturers.

Selectman Bowles read: *ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,500.00 for the purpose of resurfacing Soucook Lane, Lovering Avenue, and Hollow Route Road. \$100,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. This article will affect the tax rate by 9 cents per \$1,000.00 value.* Selectman Bowles stated the Board just received this article and has not had time to really discuss it with the Road Agent further. Chairman Ives said that is why there is no recommendation from the Selectmen listed yet. Discussion ensued. Mary Ann Steele asked if the Board could provide the list of roads in town for the next budget hearing and talked about issues with Lower Ridge Road. Selectman Bowles said he is not in favor of this article as written. He said it was his suggestion that no road is done this year and that the resources and manpower are utilized to do preparation for projects next year. Selectman Bowles said he did not want to raise and appropriate any money this year. He said he would like to see ditch work done, culverts changed, brush cut back, etc., because every time the town goes to pave a road we find out there is a culvert or issue that does not get fixed because the pavers are on their way. Selectman Bowles went on to discuss his suggestions for Lower Ridge Road. Selectman Maxfield said that Upper City Road was addressed last year and ten culverts were replaced. He said he thought the Highway Department did a good job. Chairman Ives said it is an issue that has to be kept after and the town cannot let it slide. He said he does agree there may be a need to do the preparation work this year, it is something that the Board has to look at. Carol Soule asked about any federal money that could be available for this type of project. The Board said they have received information today regarding the stimulus plan but would need to look at this as a pos-

sibility. Chief Burr cautioned people when looking to the grants for funding as many of the grants available come with a matching or percentage of matching funds clause. He said in many instances the Town would have to pay for the project upfront and then put in for reimbursement from the federal government.

Selectman Maxfield began the review of the 2009–2010 Estimated Revenues.

Selectman Maxfield stated that the revenues will help offset the budget and gave a brief overview of how the estimated revenues are derived. He reviewed the Estimated Revenues noting that the Estimated Revenues for Other Taxes — HCF is at \$75,000.00. He said this HCF fee is from ESMI.

Estimated Revenues for Commercial Hauler Tonnage Fees were from the companies that haul trash from Loudon to Wheelabrator in Penacook and it is at \$80,000.00. Estimated Revenues for Fire Special Events is at \$87,000.00 and Police Special Events is at \$485,000.00 which is revenue received from the Race Track. Estimated Revenues for Police Witness Fees is at 4,000.00. Mary Ann Steele asked about the Witness Fee line as the budget line is set at \$6,000.00 and the revenue line is only at \$4,000.00. It was discussed that the estimated revenue line might need to be adjusted to \$6,000.00. The Selectmen will look at this line. Estimated Revenues for Impact Fees is at zero. Janice Morin asked why the Impact Fee line is at zero when they are collecting Impact Fees. Discussion ensued. Estimated Revenues for Recreation Special Events is at \$9,700.00. Ms. Mott-Smith asked if this line would disappear when the Revolving Fund is established. The Board stated they did not think so as this is for the established Special Events Program and is an in-out account. Estimated Revenues for Sale of Town Property is at \$4,000.00. Ms. Mott-Smith asked what this was. The Board said it is for sale of any town property such as vehicles and equipment sold at the Surplus Auction. Selectman Maxfield stated the total Estimated Revenues for 2009–2010 is \$2,638,497.00, the proposed Budget is at \$4,597,410.00, which leaves a balance of \$1,958,913.00. He said the overall budget is up \$357,529.00.

Chairman Ives thanked everyone for attending the Budget Hearing and reminded them of the School District Budget Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009. He stated the Selectmen’s Meeting will be changed from Tuesday, January 27, 2009 to Wednesday, January 28, 2009 so the Selectmen can attend the School District Budget Hearing.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — January 28, 2009

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

*Also present:* Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr and audience member John Plumer.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

The Board discussed the proposed warrant article for the resurfacing of Soucook Lane, Lovering Avenue, and Hollow Route Road. Chairman Ives asked if the intent of the article is to grind and repave, or pave over the top. Mr. Rice stated the plan is to resurface what is there with culvert replacement and ditching as needed. He said Hollow Route Road needs a considerable amount of ditching and Lovering Avenue and Soucook Lane do not need a lot of ditching, they just need some brush cutting done. Chairman Ives asked if Mr. Rice felt the Highway Crew would have enough time to do the prep work on the roads. Mr. Rice said yes. Discussion ensued regarding Hollow Route Road and the need to repave a portion of the road before the entire road is resurfaced due to a drainage issue. Chairman Ives said the Board wants to be sure that when a road project is done, it is done properly to get more than a couple of years out of the repairs. Mr. Rice said there is one culvert in question on Hollow Route Road which will be addressed during the ditching. The Board asked if the \$148,000.00 would be enough to complete the project. Mr. Rice said the funds would cover the resurfacing and if a culvert needed to be replaced the funds would come from his budget. Discussion ensued regarding obtaining bids in the spring. Mr. Rice stated that he had spoken with All State Liquid regarding sealing roads and was told unless the roads are in good shape it costs \$2,000.00 less per mile to seal than it does to pave it. He said if the road is not in good condition it will not hold up any longer. Discussion ensued regarding the asphalt project to be completed this spring, as well as costs. Selectman Bowles said he was not in favor of the article as written as he feels Hollow Route Road needs more work than planned. He said he is in favor of the skim-coat for Soucook Lane and Lovering Avenue, but not Hollow Route Road. Selectman Bowles said he felt Hollow Route Road needed to be torn up this summer, place gravel, build the road up and pave it next year. Discussion ensued regarding the wording for the warrant article as well as what it will encompass. It was agreed to change the wording of the proposed warrant article as follows: "ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to raise

and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing Soucook Lane and Lovering Avenue, and for preparing Hollow Route Road and the paved portion of Bumfagon Road for future paving. \$100,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. This article will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000.00 value." The Board agreed to support this article with the changes. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of looking at utilizing Impact Fees for the Bumfagon Road upgrade. Mr. Rice stated that he was quoted \$70,000.00 per mile to oil and shim and \$72,000.00 per mile to pave.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the truck has come back from Liberty International and the repairs were due to the corrosion of the harness under the hood. Discussion ensued regarding the trucks being washed often but the area of the corrosion is in an area that is hard to get to as well as the problems if the electrical box gets wet. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the 1-Ton had an issue with losing the wheels but has since been fixed.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr presented the Board with new wording for the proposed warrant article relative to the additional full time position. Selectman Bowles asked about the additional per diem costs. Chief Burr stated there would not be added costs as the per diem hours would change from Monday and Friday to Saturday and Sunday. Discussion ensued regarding the estimate of an increase in ambulance runs as well as the fact that Loudon would also be covering for Chichester 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days per week. Chief Burr gave a brief summary of how the figures were derived. Discussion ensued. Selectman Bowles stated he is having a hard time supporting this article as he feels there is already a large increase in the budget due to employee benefits, COLA, and raises, and he is having a hard time adding another position right now. Chairman Ives said while he agrees the economic times are tough, he is in agreement with adding this full time position. Chief Burr stated that it was very difficult finding coverage to fill the weekend slots for on-call coverage, and he feels it will alleviate some of the coverage issues by adding this position. Selectman Bowles said there were some newly trained volunteers and additional volunteers are currently in training, and he felt that there would be a new pool of volunteers to cover those hours that are currently difficult to fill. Selectman Bowles said he felt this should be left to the voters to decide and while he is not in favor of it at this time, he may speak with enough residents before town meeting who feel it should pass that he may change his mind. Discussion ensued.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an application for a motor vehicle inspection station for Mr. Gagne on Clough Hill Road. The Board stated that Mr. Gagne needs to submit an application to the ZBA for a business prior to any other approval. The Board agreed to defer the application until Mr. Gagne goes to the ZBA for approval.

Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a proposal with Huckleberry Heating Oil to remove the baseboard from the west loop side of the building and add it to the east side of the building at a capped price of \$500.00, to fix the heating system at the Town Office Building. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received a proposal from Howard Gassett Carpentry to install a new countertop and shelves to be installed in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office to accommodate all the computer equipment used in those offices. Selectman Maxfield moved to hire Howard Gassett Carpentry to build a workstation for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office in the amount of \$1,975.00. Funds to be withdrawn from the Town Office Building Maintenance account. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed possible changes to the budget as follows: Deputy Town Clerk Wages: to be increased by \$500.00 to account for the election hours. Deputy Tax Collector Wage: to be increased by \$2,500.00 to account for the number of work hours per week. This line had been figured at only one day per week. Selectman Bowles said the Board had reduced this budget line by more than \$2,500.00 originally so this budget line is still down from last year. Witness Fees: Selectman Bowles stated he had spoken with Bob Fiske and this fund covers the police officer's time at court. He said the revenue received pays a portion of the cost associated with the officer's pay, not the entire amount. Selectman Bowles said he feels this line should be left at level funding. The Board agreed. PD Part-Time Secretary Wages: Chairman Ives stated this line needs to be increased to 120 hours to cover the vacation hours of the full time secretary. Discussion ensued.

The Board discussed setting a date for a public hearing to accept monies for the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarship. The Board will determine the date at a later time.

The Board discussed the request for a warrant article to request money for the Clough Pond Milfoil issue. Selectman Maxfield stated that he had spoken with Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson and the Conservation Commission has agreed to fund \$500.00 for the Rocky Pond Milfoil issue and either \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 for the Clough Pond Milfoil issue. The Board agreed that they did not want to put a warrant article in for this purpose as there are funds in the Conservation Commission budget for this. The Board agreed that if the budget for the Conservation Commission needed to be increased to continue funding these pro-

jects, they would. Selectman Maxfield will contact Mrs. Robinson and advise her that the Board would like to have the project funded in the same manner as previously done.

The Board received an e-mail from DES regarding the Wiggins Road Restoration Plan.

The Board received a compliment from Mary Ann Steele regarding the Budget Hearing for review.

The Board received an inquiry from Fish and Game regarding including town owned water access facilities on their map. The Board agreed to decline this offer.

The Board received a letter from Dennis Lampman requesting a waiver of interest and penalties on past due taxes. The Board agreed to speak with Tax Collector Helen McNeil before making any determination.

The Board received copies of a past due ambulance bill for review. Selectman Maxfield moved to forward past due ambulance account #41037 in the amount of \$527.10 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received copies of Legislative Bulletin #4 for review.

The Board received a request from Tower Resource Management on whether the town would be interested in having cell towers on town property. The Board stated that no, they would not.

The Board received information from Pro Bark, Inc., asking if the town is interested in a proposal to grind logs and stumps due to the ice storm. The Board stated they did not see a need.

The Board received copies of the Annual Report from Capital Area Fire Compact for review.

The Board received notification from Comcast regarding a change in service.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that four pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

John Plumer was recognized from the audience.

Mr. Plumer stated that there are people plowing snow and leaving big ridges in the road. The Board stated that there are laws regarding this issue and advised Mr. Plumer to contact the Code Enforcement Office with his concern. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Plumer asked the Board if there was going to be any funding for the repairs to the Town Pound. The Board said they did not feel there would be enough funds this year for this project. Discussion ensued regarding looking at grants as this is a historic property. The Board suggested having the Historical Society get involved with this project. Discussion ensued regarding the wonderful job the Historical Society is doing and the great turn out for the "Made in Loudon" event.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — February 3, 2009

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

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 28, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor.* Chairman Ives discussed the issue of the miscommunication relative to the PD Part-Time Secretary increase request by Chief Fiske. He said the Board thought the increase was for a \$1,500.00 increase, but it was actually for \$101.00 to increase the line to \$1,500.00. Chairman Ives said this will also be addressed at the Budget Hearing on Wednesday. *Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

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

The Board received a petitioned warrant article from Carol Soule regarding establishing an Agricultural Commission. The Board agreed to include it on the Warrant. Chairman Ives stated he hopes that the individuals that signed and submitted the petition are planning on joining this commission if it passes. He said it is very difficult for the Board to find volunteers to fill these positions.

The Board received copies of the year-to-date expenditure report from the Library.

The Board agreed to have Office Manager Jean Lee re-class the expenditures to the proper lines as was done last year.

The Board received a request from Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett to increase the Electronics Disposal line based on recent information of an increase in cost from 0.10 to 0.15 cents per pound. The Board agreed to increase this line by \$2,000.00.

The Board received information from Reuben Goldblatt on the NHMS evacuation plan meeting for review. The Board will take this information under advisement at this time.

The Board received the Transportation Improvement Plan annual update form.

The Board received the annual statement from NH Charitable Foundation on the Veterans War Memorial Maintenance Fund for review.

The Board received the 2009 Exemption Comparison Chart for review.

The Board received copies of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #5 for review.

The Board received November and December meeting minutes for the J.O. Cate Memorial Van Committee for review.

The Board received copies of an e-mail regarding the RGGI funds for municipal projects.

The Board received copies of the Winter Safety Brochures from Local Government Center for review.

The Board received copies of Budget Revision #5 for review.

The Board met with Dave Collier of Richard Bartlett & Associates, Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental Services, and John Zudell, Vice-President of Operations for NHMS to discuss the culvert replacement on Gues Meadow Road on the Route 106 side. Chairman Ives stated this meeting was rescheduled from the January 28, 2009 meeting due to the snow storm.

Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental Services stated that she is working with NHMS to file a Wetlands Application for the Race Track. Ms. Balcius stated that originally it was thought that the town would need to sign a waiver to allow NHMS to file the Wetlands Application for the replacement of the culvert. She said it has been determined that the placement of the culvert is such that it does not fall in the town's right-of-way. Ms. Balcius reviewed plans with the Board. She discussed the possibility of the Track talking with the Board about widening Gues Meadow Road as part of the Homeland Security Evacuation Plan. Ms. Balcius stated that John Zudell would be addressing this issue with the Board. Discussion ensued.

John Zudell discussed the possibility of widening Gues Meadow Road. Discussion ensued regarding the town's right-of-way, land owned by the Track, the possibility of changing Gues Meadow Road to three lanes

and widening the town's right-of-way, as well as traffic routes and the impact on other roads and bridges in town. Mr. Zudell stated that NHMS would like to install a 36-38 foot culvert to replace the existing culvert, in an effort to plan for the possibility of future expansion of this road. Discussion ensued regarding traffic flow. Chairman Ives stated that he does not want to see the town liable for replacing or expanding the bridge on Lower Ridge Road. He said he does not have a problem with expanding the culvert. Selectman Bowles said the Track would have to get approvals and permits so he does not have any problem with the culvert. He said he can only be part of the discussion, that he would remove himself from any vote. The Board agreed that it was important to be prepared. Selectman Maxfield stated there needs to be a note that states the town still owns the road. Selectman Bowles said the town needs to maintain access.

Discussion ensued regarding the snowmobile industry and the possibility of having events at NHMS in the future.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Selectmen's Final Budget Hearing Minutes — February 4, 2009

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

*Also present:* Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Chairman Ives opened the Public Hearing to accept the Critical Infrastructure Program Grant monies in excess of \$5,000.00 and read the public notice for those present. He stated that on April 25, 2008 the Town of Loudon was awarded a \$30,454.44 grant from the US Department of Homeland Security through NH Department of Safety for purchase of either a mobile radio and 2 antennas, night vision goggles, portable jersey barriers, or remote cameras. Chairman Ives went on to say that on November 24, 2008 the Town was notified that the grant had been revised to include an additional \$54,110.00 bringing the grant total to \$84,564.44. He said the additional grant money is to prepare an evacuation plan for NH Motor Speedway and surrounding areas from Route 140 in Belmont to the Hooksett Toll Booth. Chairman Ives asked for public comment. There was none. *Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Critical Infrastructure Program Grant funds in the amount of \$84,564.44. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives called the Final Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Ives stated there have been five changes to the budget since the last Budget Hearing as follow:

**Deputy Town Clerk — Wages:** increased by \$500.00 as the original budgeted amount did not include funding for election hours.

**Deputy Tax Collector — Wages:** increased by \$2,500.00 as the original cut to this budget was too much. Chairman Ives stated that by adding the \$2,500.00 back in,

this budget will still have a 28.67% decrease over last year.

**Police Department — Wages PT Secretary:** increased by \$101.00 due to the merit increase for the part-time secretary when covering the 120 hours for vacations, etc.

**Landfill — Electronics & Light Bulb Disposal:** increased by \$2,000.00 due to new information received from the recycling company that picks up the electronics. Chairman Ives said Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett provided information showing that currently it costs the Town \$0.10 per pound to dispose of the electronics. He said the new information shows that there will be an increase to \$0.15 per pound, added with the hauler charges and rental charge for the E-Pod to bring the costs to \$9,000.00.

**Recreation — Park Maintenance Supplies & Equipment:** decreased by \$250.00. Chairman Ives stated that this decrease is due to increases in other lines for the Recreation Department and the Board had intended for that change to be there prior to the first budget hearing.

Chairman Ives discussed the Estimated Revenues and stated the line for the Overlay Account has been removed from the report as this is not a revenue line; it is where abatements and refunds are posted. He said taxes are raised to cover the expense. Chairman Ives stated this is just a reporting logistic.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adopt the Town of Loudon Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$4,602,261.00. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield.* Selectman Maxfield stated that the Estimated Revenues of \$2,708,315.00 help offset the budget by half. Discussion ensued regarding the estimated revenues being a conservative

estimate and that they have historically been pretty close. Chairman Ives said for more than thirteen years Office Manager Jean Lee has provided the Board with the Estimated Revenue figures and has been conservative in her figures. He said the Board reviews the figures and likes to err on the side of caution. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives stated that the Board has made changes to three of the proposed warrant articles as follows:

Selectman Bowles read: *"ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing Soucook Lane and Lovering Avenue, and for preparing Hollow Route Road and the paved portion of Bumfagon Road for future paving. \$100,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Roadway Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised from taxes. This article will affect the tax rate by 12 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen recommend this article."* Selectman Bowles said the Board revisited this issue with the Road Agent and adjusted the original article which was to shim and resurface Soucook Lane, Lovering Avenue and Hollow Route

Roads. He said after discussion, it was agreed that Hollow Route Road needed major improvements prior to paving and they agreed to tear up Hollow Route Road and the end of Bumfagon Road to prepare for paving the following year. Selectman Bowles went on to say if there are enough funds remaining there may be a chance to place a base coat on this year. He stated the Board agreed to continue work on road improvements with additional brush cutting and ditching, but felt with the state of the economy, it would not be a good idea to do a large project this year. Carol Soule discussed the "Shovel Ready Projects" and asked if Loudon had sent a list of projects to be considered. Chairman Ives stated the town does not have any "Shovel Ready Projects" at this time. Selectman Bowles stated he did not feel the resurfacing of the roads would qualify because it appeared the projects had to be in dire need. He said that when the information came to the Board, he wanted to get together with Pittsfield, Gilmanton and other communities to push the State to try to get Route 129 or another

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State road included. Selectman Bowles said he felt the projects would need to be on a larger scale than the maintenance items that Loudon needs. Ms. Soule asked if there was any investigation done to find out what was acceptable. Selectman Bowles said he also felt that the town would need to raise and appropriate the money and then get reimbursed. Ms. Soule said she felt this was something that should be looked into as it could come up again.

Chairman Ives read: *"ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,725.00 for the purpose of hiring one additional full time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. The sum of \$44,030.00 will be for salary. The sum of \$30,695.00 representing the Town's portion of expenses (the increase in benefits, clothing and equipment needed to outfit said person) that is not included in the posted budget for the year 2009-2010 for the current staffing level. This article would affect the tax rate by 13 cents per \$1,000.00 value. The Selectmen do not recommend this article by a majority vote."* Chairman Ives stated the Fire Chief advised the Board that he was having difficulty finding volunteers to staff the weekend daytime hours for ambulance coverage and this article would create fulltime staffing seven days per week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. He explained the current staffing schedule and the "Per Diem" position that would change from Monday and Friday to Saturday and Sunday. Chairman Ives stated he was the Selectman in favor of this article. He said that while this may not be the best year to introduce this article, he felt there is a need for the additional position. Chief Burr stated that the warrant article shows that the passing of this article would affect the tax rate by \$0.13 per

\$1,000.00 of value, but there is offsetting revenue of \$51,929.00 so he estimates the total cost for this position to be \$22,796.00 which is quite a bit different than the \$0.13 stated. Deb Kardaseski asked for Selectman Bowles and Selectman Maxfield's reasoning behind not supporting this article as there is offsetting revenue which appears to lower the actual costs for this position. Selectman Bowles said he is not convinced that there is a guaranteed revenue of \$55,000.00 coming in, as it all hinges on the number of ambulance runs. He said he does not believe it is a good idea to assume that the number of ambulance runs will cover a specified amount of the wages and does not feel it is a good idea to try to push those figures to the townspeople. Selectman Bowles said he does not believe that there is as much of a crunch to cover the hours as there had been in the past and does not feel this is the time to be adding to this department. Selectman Maxfield stated he agreed with Selectman Bowles and discussed the current coverage arrangement with the Town of Chichester relative to the nights and weekends coverage. He said that Chichester has stated that they have no problem getting coverage from their volunteers on their weekends of coverage. Selectman Maxfield went on to say that if there was an issue where the Fire Chief advised the Board that there were absolutely no volunteers to cover the hours, it would be critical and he would be more on board. He said he does not feel that at this point it has to be done. Fire Chief stated he would not come to the Board and ask for this position if he did not feel it was an issue. He discussed the issues with the difficulty of finding the volunteers to cover the shifts and that it takes a bit of arm twisting to get the hours filled. Chief Burr went on to say that even the newly trained volunteers are not all signing up to fill those weekend day slots and that is why he came

to the Board. He said he has provided the Board with estimates based on last year's information and what has been paid out this year. Chief Burr said the figures are not in stone, they are estimates just like the rest of the estimated revenues that the town is expecting to take in. Bruce Dawson asked about the qualifications of the per diem positions. Chief Burr explained the qualifications and state requirements as well as the way the proposed positions salary and benefits were calculated. Chip Cochran asked why the two full time positions hours were not adjusted to 5 days per week. Chief Burr explained that the two full time positions are currently set-up to work four 12 hour shifts, with two days per week being covered by the per diem position to fill the two open shifts. He explained the reason the positions are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. is to allow the volunteers time to get ready for their jobs in the morning, and to be able to get home from work in the evening and have some dinner before their shift begins. Chairman Ives stated that Fire Fighters may work up to 48 hours per week without being paid overtime, so the additional 8 hours are at straight time. Selectman Maxfield asked if Chief Burr had considered utilizing some of the volunteers from Chichester. Chief Burr said part of the criteria of the town for the volunteer position is that the individual must reside in the town. Deb Kardaseski stated that part of the problem is often the volunteers have worked a 40 hour week at their regular job, and then they are on call during the weekend and they are not allowed to leave the Town of Loudon at all during their shift.

Selectman Maxfield read: *"ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 673:1, II to establish an Agricultural Commission. Members and alternates of the Agricultural Commission to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen."*

*The Commission will work with other town boards on issues that affect farmers and can serve as an information bridge between farm businesses and the non-farm public. By petition."* Selectman Maxfield stated there were approximately 35 signatures on the petition. Deb Kardaseski asked if there would be any future cost to the town if this commission is created. Selectman Bowles said as far as the Board knows there are no costs associated with this article. He said it is very difficult for the Selectmen to get volunteers to serve on the committees that are already established, but to his knowledge, there are no expected costs to the town. Chairman Ives said any costs associated with this commission would have to go before the town for vote. Chief Burr asked how many members were going to be on the commission. Carol Soule stated the RSA states there are to be five full members with four alternates and there is a list of tasks that the commission is required to do. The Board discussed the Energy Commission that was created from last year's Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty of getting and obtaining members for these committees.

Chairman Ives stated that the other Warrant Articles had been discussed at the previous budget hearing and the Zoning Amendments were discussed at the Planning Board Public Hearing. He asked if there was any comment from the audience. There was none.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — January 15, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott.

### Attendance:

Vice Chairman Stan Prescott, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, *Ex-Officio* Dustin Bowles, and *Alternates* Bob Ordway and Jeff Green. Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Gary Tasker.

Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**December 18, 2008 Zoning Ordinance Workshop** — Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

**December 18, 2008 Regular Meeting** — Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

### Discussion:

Code Enforcement Officer Fiske was present to discuss various concerns about plan revisions and recordkeeping. Vice Chairman Prescott said that Mr. Fiske was to be brief, concise, give one example of problems encountered, and not bring impact fees into the discussion. Mr. Fiske stated that he is asking for any help that the Planning Board may be able to give. He said that it appears that applicants are getting extra compassion and not being held to the regulations and stipulations. Mr. Fiske gave Loudon Woods Estates as an example. He said he is not sure why plans are not

approved and left at that approval, why all the contingencies. Mr. Fiske said that developers should do the project or nix it, not be allowed to ask for revisions. He said that it has been agreed at Board of Permit that seven Planning Board members could have seven interpretations. Mr. Fiske said that he could say something that may be different from what the Board meant.

Vice Chairman Prescott said that he has discussed this with Mr. Fiske and they understood one another. Mr. Prescott said that developers come back for revisions and he understands that there may be no semblance of order to the changes. He said that the Board may need to think things through a little more. Mentioning that Len Lapadula may ask for changes to his approved subdivision, Mr. Prescott said that it is his personal thought that if a developer wants to change their subdivision approval they should first have to take the approval off the books and then start the whole process over. Dustin Bowles said that he has had problems with some of the changes on the Loudon Woods Estates project. Steve Jackson stated that the Board has asked for very significant off-site improvements on both of those subdivisions, improvements that would benefit the town. He said it had been a long process for both projects. Mr. Jackson said that the Board was asked to look at the project again due to weather-related delays and the market. He said that they

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held to the off-site requirements. Mr. Jackson explained that the cistern/sprinkler situation was looked at closely, noting the 1,000' rule for fire safety requirements. He spoke of various items that the Board made the developer address and said that they kept the restrictions in place.

Mr. Fiske said that the members are not counselors and that a project either fits the criteria or it does not. He asked why they felt the need to cater to developers who need to be set up to do their project or get out. Jeff Green said that he would agree but it is still difficult. He asked if Mr. Fiske came to the Board because they are making changes or because of a lack of information getting to him. Mr. Fiske said that he has six other examples. He said he was not at this meeting because of a lack of communication but because of issues relative to revisions of plans. Vice Chairman Prescott said that he felt that the Board had the message. He said that a final plan should be provided to the building department so they know what they are working with. Mr. Fiske asked if a new set of plans would be submitted when a developer asks for a waiver. Mr. Prescott said that a revised plan should be submitted with changes clearly marked on the new plans. Henry Huntington said that the Board has to be disciplined and remember that a new set of plans needs to be submitted each time a change is made, no matter how minor. Donna stated that the changes made to Loudon Woods Estates were done in an agreement as requested by the Board and recorded at the Registry so as to create a sequence of changes. There was discussion about the best way to handle revisions.

Dustin Bowles said that they are not seeing department representatives at the meetings. He said it is a common thing and each department should have a representative at meetings to voice any concerns and offer input. Steve Jackson agreed with Mr. Bowles. He said that he is bothered that Mr. Fiske has six examples but was never at meetings to see the thought and work put into those decisions. Mr. Fiske gave another example as the notice of decision received on the Lapadula revision where the Board agreed to allow Mr. Lapadula to build on the first lot. He asked if he is supposed to make the determination as to which lot that means. Steve Jackson asked if the concern was that they did not clarify which lot. Stan Prescott said that the Board came to the consensus that Mr. Lapadula was entitled to build a house on a lot in the subdivision but it was not specified which lot was the "first" lot. It was agreed that decisions need to be more specific.

**Conceptual Review:**

Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises presented a conceptual design on behalf of a client who wants to subdivide off the existing house. He explained that the parcel is at the end of the Class V portion of Bear Hill Road from the Chichester end. Mr. Green said that there is 1,200' of frontage on the Class VI portion of the road but there is a lot of ledge in the road. He pointed out that there are 110 acres in the parcel. Mr. Green said that he is proposing a cul-de-sac at the end of the Class V road to help the town as it would give the buses and plows a place to turn around. He said there would be 231' of frontage on the loop as it would extend into the parcel. Mr. Green explained that there is a 30' easement that was granted to the client's son originally. He said there was also an easement to the Tombarello property. Steve Jackson asked if the town allows the classification of frontage on Class VI roads. Mr. Green said that an applicant would have to bring a road up to Class V in

order to subdivide. Dustin Bowles stated that he did not like the proposal. Mr. Green asked if it was a reasonable solution, noting that waivers have been allowed for frontage and this would give buses and plows a place to turn around. Mr. Bowles said that he does not disagree with the concept but it is not in the books. Stan Prescott said that Mr. Green could do a town road there and develop the parcel. Mr. Green said that he could do a road, gain 200' of frontage and put the cul-de-sac in on the property. There was discussion about paving a cul-de-sac off a gravel road and possible options for Mr. Green to pursue with his client.

**Old Business:**

**Application #08-16, Peter & Margaret Schauer — Minor Subdivision, Located on Cross Brook Road in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 44.** Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. There were no abutters present. Mr. Green gave an overview of the plan. He said that the cul-de-sac was redesigned, the lot would be split, and the proposal meets all slope and wetland requirements. Mr. Green said that an engineer designed the cul-de-sac and because the utilities fell behind onto an abutter's land it was decided that the tear drop was more suitable. Henry Huntington asked for a clarification on the utilities. Mr. Green said that the utilities would be where the original lot line was so he had redesigned the tear drop to stay away from that corner. He pointed out the right of way for the proposed road.

Hearing no comment from the public, Vice Chairman Prescott closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Steve Jackson referred to previous meeting minutes where Mr. Prescott had asked that the steep slopes be colored. Mr. Green said that he had outlined the slopes on the existing conditions page of the plans but they do not show on the copies that the Board has. He pointed out the area of Mr. Prescott's concern and said that he made some changes and the lower area is now being counted as steep slopes. Mr. Green said that the numbers reflect that change from the original submittal. Stan Prescott said Mr. Green should submit a plan that shows the slopes. It was noted that the town engineer has not had time to review the road plans. His comments will be forwarded once received. Steve Jackson also noted that previous minutes mentioned that a note would be put on the plans stating that there would be no further subdivision of this parcel. Mr. Prescott stated that the note should be put on the plans. Henry Huntington asked about the fire suppression for the original subdivision. It was stated that there was no requirement at the time of the original subdivision.

Mr. Green asked if there were any comments from the Board on the engineering. Steve Jackson said that the Board saw some things they would have liked different when doing site walks on Creekwater Lane and Thistle Hill Road. He said he hoped that the town engineer looks at the plans closely with those thoughts in mind. Mr. Green said that there is good drainage, noting that there are ditches and culverts under all of the driveways in the area and this plan is just moving those out further. Tom Moore asked if Mr. Green had any comments from the road agent. Mr. Green said that he showed the plan to Mr. Rice and that is one of the reasons that they went with the tear drop. Dustin Bowles asked if the backside of the cul-de-sac would be too sharp for the plows. Mr. Green said it is 66' and creates a smooth access and radius at the entrance compared to the current cul-de-sac. He noted that there would be no water over the cul-de-sac as there would be ditching all the way around. There was discussion of the drainage. Mr.

Green said that he could show an extended grass swale. He said that the engineer used a natural swale. Stan Prescott asked about the nose radius. Mr. Green said it would be 15'. Dustin Bowles asked if the water would be going to the same spot as the water on the existing culvert. Mr. Green said they were changing the outside drainage to a different area and that the inside would still go to the existing drainage. There was discussion about snow removal and drainage. It was noted that the town will want slope and drainage easements.

Steve Jackson asked if this would be the time to address the -2% driveway requirements. All agreed that the proposed driveways and requirements should be on the plans.

*Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this application to the meeting of February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.*

**Board Discussion:**

**Regional Impact Notice** — Donna read a notice from the Town of Bow for a project being presented by PSNH.

**Currier Road Holdings** — Donna read a letter that was recently sent to the owners of Currier Road Holdings as directed at the December Planning Board meeting.

**Workforce Housing** — Tom Moore asked if anyone had heard more on the new laws regarding workforce housing. Donna reported that she has contacted CNHRPC a couple of times for assistance with review of the town's current ordinance but has yet to receive a response to make arrangements. As the Board's representative to CNHRPC, Steve Jackson was asked to go to the office of CNHRPC to initiate the process. Stan Prescott will work with Mr. Jackson on this matter.

**Wetland Crossing** — The ZBA will be reviewing an application for a wetland crossing. Donna reported that this is the same crossing that was seen and granted by the ZBA at the time of the Rattee subdivision. Sceptre Homes now owns a parcel from that subdivision and has applied for, and been granted, a State wetland permit. Mr. Merullo told Donna that there was a change in the culvert from the original plan. The plans were not available at the time that the application was sent to the Board for review and comment to the ZBA. The Board voiced concerns about the culvert change and the need to see plans on future crossings. Steve Jackson stated that the State did a lot of work reviewing their application before granting the permit. Stan Prescott said that the Conservation Commission should come to the Planning meetings and share their comments before signing a State application. There was discussion of the culvert. Donna was asked to inform the ZBA of the Board's concern of the culvert change.

**Public Hearing** — A public hearing to act on proposed Amendment 2009-3 was set for February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.


**Report of the ZBA** — Donna reported that there is an application for a Special Exception for a wetland crossing on School Street and requests for seven building permit extensions.

**Report of the Board of Permit** — There was no meeting this month.

**Adjournment:**

*A motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. was made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White*




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## Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes — January 22, 2009

### REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of January 22, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

### ROLL CALL:

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

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

**Regular Hearing** — Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of November 24, 2008; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

### DISCUSSION:

**Tony Merullo — Building Permit Extensions for Denyse Merullo.** Ms. Merullo submitted a request to extend the building permits for Map 58, Lots 127, 145, and 151. Mr. Merullo explained that Lot 127 is to be for his personal house. The lot has been cleared and the project put on hold. He explained that the other two lots have been cleared but they did not get to do the foundations before the weather changed. Mr. Merullo said that he got some extensions last year and turned other permits in. He stated that he believes they will use all three of these this year as they are caught up with other permits and projects and are hoping for a better year. *George Saunderson made a motion to extend the building permits through December 31, 2009; seconded by Ned Lizotte.*

Roy Merrill said that he has talked with Bob Fiske and wants to go on the record to let Mr. Merullo know that permits run out in December. He said that he does not feel that the Board should extend any permits after they lapse. Mr. Merrill said the extension requests should be done in November or December. Mr. Merullo said that he picks the permits up at the end of the allowable period. He said that he picks them up at the end of February and pays for them at that time, thinking that was the time when the permit started. Mr. Merrill said that the permits have an issue date of early January and if they are not picked up by a certain date they go to the next person on the list. Ned Lizotte stated that the Board will pay attention to this housekeeping measure. George Saunderson said that the Board has typically been extending permits for one year but because of the economy they have been more lenient with a second extension. *All were in favor of extending the permits.*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Case #09-01, Tony Merullo — Special Exception for Wetland Crossing, Map 38, Lot 7-3.** Abutters have been notified; none were present. The Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Health Officer were notified of the application. Comments have been received from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

Mr. Merullo gave an overview of the location and his future plan to subdivide a 5.5 acre lot into two lots. He explained that he applied to DES and was granted a Wetlands and Non-Site Specific permit for this crossing. Mr. Merullo stated that the ZBA granted a special exception for the same crossing with the prior owner in 2007. He explained that he had already made application before realizing that. Because of a slight difference in this crossing, it was Mr. Merullo's feeling to go with the public hearing for a special exception under Sceptre Custom Homes and have it specific to this crossing that was approved by the State. He said that this plan calls for a 36" round culvert as compared to the box culvert proposed on the previous owner's plan.

Chairman Powelson stated that the first approval that was granted was more or less permanent. Roy Merrill asked if the only difference was the culvert. Mr. Merullo said that the crossing is in the same location with a different culvert. He explained the circumstances under which a box culvert is required. Mr. Merullo stated that the conditions of this crossing do not meet those requirements so a round culvert will be sufficient. He explained the greater disturbance involved when installing a box culvert.

The Planning Board noted at their January 15th meeting that their only concern would be if the culvert would be suitable for water flow in that location. Roy Merrill said that a 36" culvert will handle a lot of water and he is in agreement with the proposal if the State approved it. Tony Merullo said that he checked with Peter Schauer to be sure the culvert would be the right size. He said the State also looked at the plan closely, and there were several letters back and forth with the State to meet their requirements.

George Saunderson asked about the shoulder work that was part of the original approval for a crossing at this location. Mr. Merullo said that he was aware of the request to do the shoulder work, 75' in one direction and 50' in the other. Roy Merrill clarified that the work was to be done to either side of the driveway along the road to create a safer shoulder in the location of the

driveway and crossing. Mr. Merullo asked if he would be filling in to the stonewall. Mr. Merrill said that he would suggest 3' or 4' out, tapered to the stonewall. There was discussion about building a good foundation when doing the shoulder work.

Howard Pearl asked if they would be issuing a new approval to supersede the former approval or modifying the original approval. Chairman Powelson said they would be issuing a new special exception approval, not transferring the old one which goes with the land. He said that Mr. Merullo could give up the old one. Mr. Merullo said that he would prefer a new one with his plan at the point of least disturbance, the same location as the original approval. He went through the points of the application.

Chairman Powelson read a letter from the Conservation Commission. The Commission asked that "the construction be restricted as much as the topography and conditions allow to mitigate the impact of the driveway to wetlands and wetland buffers both during construction and upon completion." Roy Merrill stated that he was instructed by the Planning Board to bring up the matter of the culvert. He spoke of the Planning Board's concerns of washouts in the area and he said that he feels the 36" culvert is sufficient. Mr. Merullo said that he would check the culverts that are downstream from this location before going to the Planning Board for the subdivision.

*Roy Merrill made a motion to approve the special exception with the conditions placed upon the original approval with regard to the shoulder work and that Mr. Merullo agrees to give up the special exception approval that was granted on August 23, 2007, Case #07-13; seconded by Howard Pearl.* Mr. Pearl noted that it appears that the proposed culvert is sufficient for the location and crossing. *A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson – Yes; Ned Lizotte – Yes; Dave Powelson – Yes; Roy Merrill – Yes; Howard Pearl – Yes. Unanimous – PASSED.*

### DISCUSSION:

Tony Merullo said that he would be before the Board next month for a special exception for steep slopes. He asked if a site walk could be scheduled prior to the meeting. It was agreed to do a site visit on February 26, 2009, the day of the meeting, at 4:30 p.m. Abutters will be notified of the site visit in the meeting notification.

**Dan Aversa — Building Permit Extensions.** Mr. Aversa was not present. Howard Pearl stated that he typically likes having

someone present to discuss their request for extensions. Roy Merrill spoke about the permits expiring at the end of the year and that he has talked with Bob Fiske about this matter. He said it would be best if extensions were requested in the fall before the permits expire and that the Board no longer consider requests after the permit expiration date. Howard Pearl asked if there would be any issues with Mr. Fiske if the Board waited until February to see if Mr. Aversa would be present to discuss this request. Mr. Merrill explained that the permits are issued on the second or third of January and that Mr. Fiske would like to see the extensions done at the end of the year. He said a line has to be drawn as to when the Board will no longer consider requests for extensions. There was discussion as to how best to handle the matter. George Saunderson asked if anyone has seen the driveways mentioned in Mr. Aversa's request and if they were up to code. Roy Merrill said that the driveways have been roughed in but he was not sure if they are to code. He suggested that the Board not act on the request at this time and let Mr. Aversa come in next month so that the Board would have more information. *Howard Pearl made a motion to table the request for building permit extensions; seconded by George Saunderson.* Roy Merrill said that a policy should be set for the ZBA. Jim Venne asked if Mr. Fiske's problem is that the permits have expired on December 31st. Mr. Merrill said that was correct and they need to make a policy to act before the permits expire. Dave Powelson said that the Board has traditionally extended for the first year and some for a second year due to extenuating circumstances. He said he would be willing to approve Mr. Merrill's motion to consider this request next month. Mr. Aversa will be notified of the discussion and the date of the next meeting. It was noted that no correspondence has been received in the Zoning Office from the building department with regard to permit expirations or extensions. *All were in favor of tabling the request.*

### ADJOURNMENT:

*Ned Lizotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*



Bob DuFour, Broker



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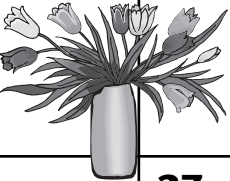
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March 2009 in Loudon						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion	<b>3</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>4</b> <b>MEET THE CANDIDATES!</b> <b>7 pm @ Com. Bldg.</b>  PROGRESS REPORTS SENT OUT 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Library Book Group 7pm•Historical Society	<b>5</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•PTA @ LES 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion  <b>MVSD ANNUAL MEETING</b> <b>7 pm @ MVHS</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30–7:30pm•LYAA Softball Signups @ Penacook Com. Ctr.	<b>7</b> 9–Noon•LYAA Softball Signups @ Penacook Com. Ctr. 7pm•GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, Loudon Cong. Church features The Home Folks
<b>8</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b>  	<b>9</b> 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>VOTE! POLLS OPEN 8 am to 7 pm</b> 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5–8pm•LYAA Baseball Signups @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	<b>11</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES	<b>12</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b> <b>9 A.M. TOWN MEETING AT L.E.S.</b>  10am–1pm•LYAA Softball Signups @ Brookside Pizza
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b> <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> <b>DARE PIZZA NIGHT!</b> <b>5 pm @ LES</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b> 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>20</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>  <b>LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2009 ISSUE</b>  	<b>21</b> 10am–1pm•LYAA Softball Signups @ Brookside Pizza 6:30pm•Silent Auction @ New Beginings Church of the Nazarene to benefit Rise Again
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.	<b>24</b> 9–12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	<b>25</b> 6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library	<b>26</b> 2pm•JO Cate Van Com. @ Van Garage 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Venturing Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>27</b> <b>TERM 3 ENDS</b>	<b>28</b>
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