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Mission Statement...

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

A Big Thank-You!

To: Town of Loudon Selectmen:
Roger Maxfield
Dustin Bowles
Steven Ives
Police Chief Robert Fiske
Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr
and
All the good people of Loudon!



No words can describe my feelings when I was presented the plaque at town meeting designating the Loudon Safety Building to be named after me. This was no doubt the biggest surprise of my life and by far the greatest honor I have ever received.

I have enjoyed everything I have done in Loudon over the many years I have lived here. I must say many townspeople and fire department members have helped me to accomplish some of these projects and I have had the cooperation and liberty to do many thing from the selectmen, road agent, police chief, and former Fire Chief Dick Wright. Also, the town office staff has been very helpful to me many times.

To everyone involved I thank you from the bottom of my heart and Lucille truly appreciates your thoughtfulness for the most beautiful flowers.

Sincerely,
Arthur W. Colby

McNeil / Cummings Scholarship Applications Available at Town Office and Online

The Board of Selectmen are pleased to announce that applications are now available for the **Arthur E. McNeil / Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships**. The scholarships are available to Loudon residents who will be attending an accredited post secondary school as full time students. Applications are available at the Selectmen's Office, the Maxfield Public Library, Merrimack Valley School Guidance Department, and on line at www.loudonnh.org. **Deadline to submit completed applications is Monday, May 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.** Any questions should be directed to the Selectmen's Office at 798-4541 during regular business hours or email townofloudon@tds.net. ■

Campfire Season Is Here: Do You Have a Permit?

By John Reese, Firefighter/EMT I

It is that time of year again when many enjoy sitting around the campfire. Before you sit down and have those s'mores you should ask yourself, "Do you have a permit for your fire?" In the State of New Hampshire, you are required to have a written permit from a warden of your town to have a fire. New Hampshire law RSA 227-L:17 I and II requires "...every person, firm or corporation who kindles any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any materials in or near the woodlands, or where fire can communicate to the woodlands, except when the ground is covered with snow where you are burning SHALL obtain a written permit from the forest fire warden in the town or city where the fire will be kindled."

So now you ask yourself, how do I get a permit? It's as easy as contacting the Loudon Fire Department at 798-5612 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact any of the Wardens or Deputy Wardens here in town. There is a list at the end of this article plus posted on the communications board on the Cooper St. side of the Village Fire Station. Before you are given a permit, you will be asked a few questions:

Are you the land owner?

- The person who is obtaining the permit needs to be the land owner or have signed written permission from the land owner.

What is the location of the fire?

- Campfires and cooking fires need to be 25 feet from any structures (houses, sheds, fences, decks) and wood lines. Brush piles need to be 50 feet away from any structures (houses, sheds, fences, decks) and wood lines.

What is being burned?

- Only clean untreated wood can be burned. No rubber or petroleum products can be used to start or keep the fire going. Also, nothing over 5 inches around is permitted to be burned.

Fire Permit — continued on page 5

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

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

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

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

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Maureen Baxley

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303

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

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

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

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Classified Ads are available. Please mail your ad copy, along with a check payable to LCC, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. A 1–3 line, 1-column ad will cost \$10. A 4–5 line, 1-column ad costs \$15.

“The Loudon Ledger” 2008 Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

June 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 5/16 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/19

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

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

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

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

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

December 2008 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 11/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 11/17

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All editorial submissions are approved by the Council before publication.

Advertising: Samantha French — 783-4601 / harvestmooner@aol.com

Where to Worship in Loudon

Family Bible Church

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

Pastor Steve Ludwick

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Pastor Jeff Owen

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

www.fcbe-loudon.org

Winter Worship Hours:

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

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

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

FWFriends: Weds. evenings 6:00–8. Ages 3 through Grade 5 (Sept.–April)

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

Please call for more details.

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Landmark Baptist Church

Fundamental, Independent, Biblical, Caring

Pastor Paul J. Clow

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

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

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

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

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

We never cancel services for any reason!

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Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

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

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

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

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

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

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

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New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

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

phyllysh@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

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

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

Children's Church (Grades 1–4)

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

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

Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

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

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

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

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

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SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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

Buddy Liles in Concert at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Buddy Liles will be in concert at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Buddy's baritone/bass interpretation of a song has thrilled and warmed hearts across America.

His first "full time" singing job was with the Orrell Quartet of Detroit, Michigan in 1963. From 1966 to 1968 he sang with the Landmark Quartet out of the Landmark Baptist Temple of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Buddy was the recipient of the prestigious MARVIN NORCROSS AWARD at the National Quartet Convention in 1995. He also received the FAVORITE BASS AWARD given by the "Singing News" magazine. He has appeared on many of the BILL GAITHER VIDEOS, singing a solo on the "Sing Your Blues Away" video. He has sung at a Congressional Breakfast in Washington, D.C., appeared on Nashville Now, Nashville Prime Time, The Today Show from New York, and toured Israel with Gospel Concerts out of California.

Buddy is now a solo ministry and looking forward to his stop in Loudon, New Hampshire.

Buddy accepted the Lord at a young age at the First Church of the Nazarene in Newport, KY. He states, "I depend on the Lord in all that I do." Psalms 37:4, 5.

"I have known Buddy Liles for many years and have enjoyed his sincere dedication to the ministry of Gospel music. Buddy is on many of our videos and has sung in several concerts. I am glad to call him a friend." — BILL GAITHER

The church is located at 33 Staniels Road in Loudon. Admission is Free with a love offering being taken for Buddy. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information, please call the church office at 224-1311. ■

Celebrating Children

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene is hosting two family events in honor of children since June 8th is normally "Children's Sunday."

Friday, June 6 we will have a **Family Night "Drive-in"** in our parking lot. No admission fee for the movie. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the show as a family.

Check with the church office or website for show time and movie title.

And then on **Saturday, June 7** from 10 a.m.–12 Noon, we will have a guest illusionist, **DIRK ELLIS** and an appearance by our own "Kidsville" and "Jr. KIDS" Puppets.

Lunch will follow (at a minimal cost.) Any questions contact the church office at 224-1311 or visit our website at www.lnbnazarene.org. ■

Zach Daniels Captures the Bronze at 2008 Ski Jumping and Nordic-Combined Junior Olympics

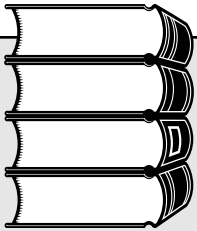
March 24, 2008. Fifteen year old, Zach Daniels, from Loudon, NH, had his best results of the season during this year's Junior Olympic Competition in Ishpeming, Michigan. Daniels was one of five athletes that represented the East in the 2008 Ski Jumping and Nordic-combined Junior Olympics.

Out of five competitive events, Daniels captured bronze medals in two events: the Team Nordic-combined Cross-Country Sprint Race and the Team Ski Jumping Competition. Daniels finished in the top ten in both individual competitions with an impressive 6th place finish in the 5k Cross-Country race. In the K60 Special Ski Jumping Competition, Daniels jumped 61.5 meters to a 6th place finish in a field of over 40 athletes.

"This was a huge accomplishment, because I competed against the best athletes in the United States," said Zach Daniels. "My hard training paid off this season and I hope for similar, if not better results in 2009."

Daniels will continue his training throughout the year in Lake Placid, NY. For more information about ski jumping in the east go to www.skijumpeast.com. ■





Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



Children's Literacy Night at Loudon Elementary School.

STORY TIME

May will begin with hugs and flowers on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of the month. The story time children will hear *Hug Time* by Patrick McDonnell and *The Plant That Kept on Growing* by Barbara Brenner. They will bring home a unique flower of their very own.

On the 13th through the 15th, the children will make an animal-spin game after listening to *At the Zoo* by David M. Schwartz and *The Day the Teacher Went Bananas* by James Howe.

The theme continues to be animals on May 20th through the 22nd, with *One Earth, a Multitude of Creatures* and *Canoe Days* by Peter and Connie Roop and Gary Paulsen. The children will decide which creature they wish to turn into for the day.

On May 27th, 28th, and 29th, Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and Antoine O'Flatharta's *Hurry and the Monarch* will be read during story time. The children will end the hour by creating a beautiful butterfly finger puppet to guide them home.

DVD DISPLAY

Browsing for your favorite DVDs is a lot easier thanks to a sturdy, new, two-sided pine bin, custom-designed and built by Bob Carlson. Thanks, Bob, for so generously donating the materials and your labor for something the library really needed!

BOOK GROUP

Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point* had a long stay on the *New York Times* Best Seller List. His equally fascinating new book *Blink* is the choice for May's discussion group. Exploring the use of snap judgments versus intensely analytical decision-making, Gladwell presents ideas that Booklist describes as "enlightening, provocative, and great fun to read." Join us to add your perspective to the group on May 29, at 7:30 p.m. For details, call 798-5153.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

Baldacci, David
Barr, Nevada
Clark, Mary Higgins
Coben, Harlan
De Los Santos, Marisa
Frank, Dorothea Benton
Hoffman, Alice
Lahiri, Jhumpa
McCall Smith, Alexander
Sandford, John

The Whole Truth
Winter Study
Where Are You Now?
Hold Tight
Belong to Me
Bulls Island
The Third Angel
Unaccustomed Earth
The Miracle at Speedy Motors
Phantom Prey

Nonfiction

Ariely, Dan
Cohan, William D.
Heinrich, Bernd
Michales, Jillian
Pausch, Randy
Phillips, Kevin
Rensin, David
Roberts, Cokie
Taylor, Madisyn
Weller, Sheila

Predictably Irrational
The Last Tycoons
The Snoring Bird
Making the Cut
The Last Lecture
Bad Money
All for a Few Perfect Waves
Ladies of Liberty
DailyOM
Girls Like Us

LIBRARY HOURS

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

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. ■

What bird can be heard
at mealtimes?



AMY _ O _
LPIUTS _ _ _ _ _ O
MDAWOE _ _ _ _ _ O
TEBSAK _ O _ _ _ _
LGAF _ O _ _ _ _
IROEMMLA _ _ _ _ _ O
HOTREM _ O _ _ _ _
WROLESF _ _ _ O _ _ _



April Word Scramble Answers
Tide, sand, beach, shore, ocean, seaweed,
coral, salt, waves.
Where do seahorses live? IN BARN—ACLES!

Town Seeks Emergency Management Director

The Board of Selectmen are looking for a volunteer to serve as the Town of Loudon Emergency Management Director. This position would require a minimum 12 month commitment. Incident command experience a plus. Interested parties should contact the Selectmen's Office at 798-4541 or email a resume to townofloudon@tds.net.

Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2008

5:00 p.m. Nancy Hendy, Sue Kowalski, Sandy Blanchard, and Greg Silva were present.

Three guests were present at the meeting: Phil Nadeau, Russell Cochran, Dustin Bowles.

Reviewed minutes from February 26, 2008

Old Business

Library/Safety Building parking lot drainage — Article 4 passed at the meeting to correct the drainage problem.

New Business

New Trustee — Welcomed Sue Kowalski, the Library's new trustee. Discussed orientation layout for Sue Kowalski.

Trustee Seminar — A Trustee Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008 in Conway, NH. A variety of seminars are also available through the Attorney General's office. The State Library also offers free courses.

Town Meeting, Saturday, March 15, 2008 — Discussed the addendum that was presented to the Selectmen by Peter Pitman to reduce the Library budget by 30%. Phil Nadeau informed the Board the Selectmen are not required to reduce the Library budget specifically, the cut can be taken from the 4,297,718 town budget. The Library cannot operate at the current capacity with a reduction of \$57,836 from the budget.

Sandy Blanchard will contact Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's office to find out what the town can legally do. Sandy Blanchard, Phil Nadeau, and Nancy Hendy believe the law states the town must provide sufficient funds to operate the Library.

Library Director's Report — Nancy Hendy and Cheryl Ingerson are exploring a new styled book: Graphic novels. They both plan to attend a seminar about the books. The books will target the Middle School and High School aged children.

Parking Lot — The lines have close to disappeared. They must be repainted this year. Greg Silva will contact Dave Rice to inquire if his department can apply the lines.

Discussion with Guests — Russell Cochran and Dustin Bowles discussed the budget addendum with the Trustees and Nancy Hendy. They reviewed grievances some residents have with the library over past issues. Cochran's opinion was that the action was due more to discontent with the library's decisions than with the money. It was felt that better communication with the community may improve the situation. The Trustees offered to further publicize notice of the Trustees meetings as well as publish the minutes in the *Loudon Ledger*. Cochran and Bowles suggested the Library also increase public awareness of the varied services and how much the library is used, i.e. the number of people who frequent the library, number of books, magazines, DVDs borrowed, and meeting room usage. The Trustees and Library Director appreciated Russell Cochran and Dustin Bowles' constructive criticism and insight.

Adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting is April 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. ■

Sandra Blanchard
Gregory Silva
Sue Kowalski

Maxfield Public Library Receives Large Donation

The Trustees of the Maxfield Public Library are pleased to announce that the Library has received a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from Bob and Sandy Bahre and Gary Bahre. The Trustees extend their sincere thanks to the Bahres for their thoughtfulness and generosity. A public hearing to officially accept the gift and discuss how it will be used will be held in May. ■

Library Fact and Fiction

Where do the books come from that the Library sells in it's book sales?

These are used books that are donated from townspeople. People drop off bags of books on a regular basis as they finish reading them, children out grow them, or they do some "spring cleaning." The donated books are first reviewed by library staff to see if they should be added to the collection. The sales not only provide a way to recycle books but also a way for the Library to make a little money. The library does not accept Readers Digest condensed books, old encyclopedias or old textbooks, because they do not sell. ■



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

Bingo! That's what we played at our regular meeting on Tuesday, April 8th. The Bingo games were called by Jim Dymont, and we had quite a variety of prizes for the winners. After the games, we enjoyed pizzas from Brookside followed up by gingerbread with whipped cream. What a day!

Door prizes were won by Janet Brown and Bob Arsneault. We had two ladies from the Pittsfield Seniors group present to invite us to join them for a bus and boat trip to Cabbage Island for a clambake on July 30th. The all-inclusive fee is \$78.00 and interested parties should call Elaine or Lynne at 435-8482. They also asked us to join them for free yoga sessions at their senior center, open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On May 13th, we will be entertained by the Bells Choir. We have it on good authority that this will be quite a treat. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the bus trip on June 10th to the Weirs where we will board the Mt. Washington for an afternoon cruise. The fee will be \$21.00 per person for the boat, no charge for the bus trip or lunch, but purchases on the boat and ice cream on the way home will be each person's responsibility. We will meet at the Congregational Church and leave by bus at 11:00 a.m. The boat departs at 12:30. Sounds like a fun day to me. ■

Pittsfield Area Senior Center Events for May

Catch the Smart Steps Kick Off Celebration at the May 5th at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Jason Aziz. Smart Steps is a personal exercise program that uses a pedometer to capture every step you take. We have pedometers to lend so call and join your town team ASAP. Don't miss the chance to realize your full potential!!

Healthy Friendships is a workshop concerning healthy friendships on May 8th from 11:30–12:00. Beth Willhouse, Education & Training Coordinator for the Rape & Domestic Violence Crisis Center, will deliver how to sustain and nourish a healthy friendship, how to be a compassionate friend and how to end an unhealthy friendship.

Claire Miner is teaching us how to knit all sizes of socks the 1st and 2nd Tuesday! This will be an ongoing project for those in need.

Dan McQuire's Easy Bridge lessons are great. We have new people starting all the time. If you like to play cards why not join the group to brush up on your bridge skills and learn Bridge as a new game. It is a good opportunity to put a new wrinkle in your brain to keep it in good working order!

Book Club meets May 19th, to discuss *Marley & Me* by John Grogan. Join us for this month's light-hearted selection about man's best friend.

Dain LaRoche will be here June 4th to speak to the Movers & Shakers counting their steps about Core Strengthening exercises that can be paired with walking. Be sure to be present for this helpful Smart Steps Mid-Way Booster.

Jennifer Brechtel, the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Liaison will present June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. on Medicine Organization and Evaluation. This is an excellent opportunity to come and ask questions about your medications and potential interactions with over the counter medications. ■

Fire Permit — continued from page 1

Do you have means of controlling the fire?

- This means, is there a hose from your house that can reach where you are planning to burn?

Someone needs to be there **attending the fire at all times until the fire is completely out**. This means the fire emits no smoke, heat or flames before you go in for the night. Times for burning depend on the type of fire you are going to have. **Please also remember: no matter what the weather — even in the pouring rain — you need a permit to burn!** If you have any doubts, please contact the Fire Department *before* burning.

For more information on types of fires and seasonal permits, contact the Loudon Fire Department between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Loudon Fire Wardens

The following people can issue burning permits for cooking fires, camp fires, and brush piles:

Jason Crossman	226-0431 or 556-0647
Mike LaBonte	783-4146 or 234-9157
Robert Wilcox	783-4508 or 491-8478
James McNeil	783-9573 or 231-0959
Bob Bottcher	783-9446 or 608-5334
Richard Wright	783-0221
Jeffrey Burr, Sr.	783-1054

Burn permits are also available at the Loudon Fire Department during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. There is no charge. ■

Loudon Girl Scouts Are Busy, Busy, Busy!

Thank you to the 170+ people who came out to support the Loudon Girl Scouts at our Spaghetti Supper. It was a great meal for a great cause and we hope you all enjoyed it. We would like to especially thank our sponsors for the supper. Brookside Pizza I donated the salad and 106 Beanstalk Store donated the garlic bread. Thank you to all the parents who supplied the yummy desserts; they were greatly appreciated. Most of all we need to thank the leaders and volunteers who made this event possible: thank you all!!

All the Loudon troops are gearing up for our second camporee which will be on May 16, 17, and 18 at Cascade Campground here in Loudon. The Camporee Subcommittee is putting the finishing touches on the workshops and the great weekend planned for the Girl Scouts of Loudon. Watch for photos of all the fun we had in the June issue and PLEASE PLEASE PRAY FOR A DRY WEEKEND FOR US!!!!

After the camporee, in addition to all the great things that each troop will be working on, the Loudon Girl Scout service unit will be marching in the Memorial Day parade, working on bridging activities for the girls moving up to the next level in Girl Scouting, making plans for our end of year ceremony and starting ideas for the Loudon Old Home Day float.

Thank you for continuing to read about the great things that Loudon Girl Scouts are accomplishing. Great job



The girls from Brownie Troop #1054 say "hi" to a lobster at the Hannaford Supermarket in Concord. They enjoyed their field trip a great deal and learned a lot.

girls and keep it up!! 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 Loudon Girl Scout troops. Keep checking back for continued updates as our troops (and troop leaders) are so busy they don't get a chance to update each month:

Brownie Troop #10454

Julie Segien and Kathy Fisher

Troop 10454 went to Hannaford Supermarket for an educational field trip in March. The girls got to eat many snacks passed out at each station. We saw a cake decorating sample and saw where the store gets shipments to replenish Hannaford inventory, a fork-lift demonstration, and a recycling bin for cardboard. On the meeting side, we worked on our hobbies, try it badge by learning a cross-stitch, lacing, how and what to collect, and listing our favorite hobbies the girls have. Another badge in process is the body and mind. The girls learned about the body (hand-eye coordination) sending the correct messages to their brains. This was demonstrated by various games. The Brownies look forward to 3 or 4 more meetings/fieldtrips, plus the camporee outing in May.

Brownie Troop #300

Amanda Masse, Michele Paquette & Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz

Troop #300 just finished our Colors and Shapes Try-it and is working on earning their Stitch it Together Try-it. We are hard at work planning the cam-

poree by making sit-upons, dunk bags, camp towels, and SWAPS. The girls will plan our menu and activities we will do if we have spare time. We will be making stuffed animals for the Loudon Fire Department and Rescue Squad and will deliver them with a tour of the station. We plan on marching in the Memorial Day parade, planting flowers at the town offices, having our swimming/pizza party, and participating in the end of year ceremony. The girls who will be moving up to the Junior level will be completing requirements for bridging with current Junior Girl Scouts. Keep reading our updates to see how things are going with our troop and all the other great troops here in Loudon!

Troop #685

Christine Campbell & Karen Minery

We attended "Magic of Montshire" weekend trip the end of March. The weekend was filled with lots of hands-

on self-discovery in this science museum located in Norwich, VT. The girls made huge bubbles, learned about trout and turtles, and explored many other fascinating things in the exhibit halls. The troops from both NH and VT were divided into 4 workshops and rotated from 6 to 10 p.m. The girls had an interesting view of a red ant habitat. The were able to explore with microscopes and ask many questions to the very knowledgeable museum staff. In another workshop the girls explored the evening stars without actually being outside. The museum houses a huge blow up planetarium that the girls sat in (on the floor) and learned about the constellations. The girls conducted their own chemical reaction experiments in the chemistry lab. Finally, the last workshop was an outdoor evening hike. It was a bit chilly, but what made the hike such a memorable experience was the experiment that the girls did with a partner. One girl chewed a peppermint Certs breath mint while the other girl watched. Sparks actually fly at night from a chemical reaction in your mouth. Very Cool!! The girls loved it. The weekend was a huge success and I encourage all to make the hour-long drive to the museum on a weekend to enjoy all it has to offer!

Brownie troop #685 earned their Science in Action badge after our trip by performing our own science experiments in our troop meeting. We did some experiments using all our senses. The girls enjoyed the taste testing the best! By using Q-tips the girls mapped their tongues by tasting vinegar, sugar, salt, lemon juice, and baking soda, UGHHHHH! We played the old game of telephone where you sit in a circle and whisper a message in a friend's ear

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Enjoying fresh produce at the Hannaford Supermarket in Concord. Brownie Troop #10454 recently took a field trip through the store and learned a lot about how a large supermarket operates.



The girls from Troop #685 had a great time at Montshire Science Museum in Norwich, VT. It was a weekend full of science, experiments, and lots of learning!

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at Fox Pond Plaza

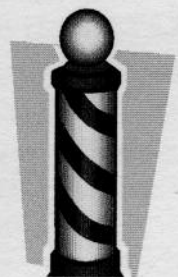
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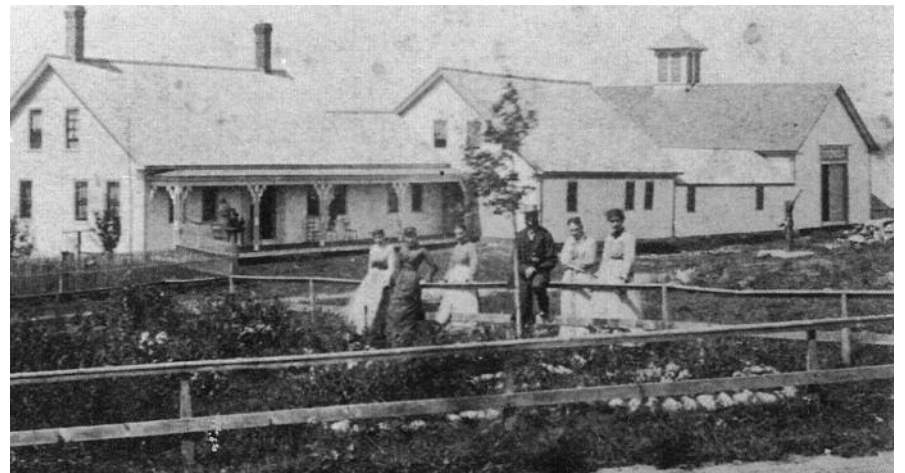
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LOUDON HISTORY AND MYSTERY

By Amanda Masse



Last month I shared an old photo of the current town offices and the community building — or as it is also known as, Charlie's Barn — in the village. I would like to thank Jake Raney, who is the great-great grandson of Charlie Symonds, who provided me with the following information. Charles David Symonds was born in August 25, 1890 in Hopkinton, NH, the middle son of George and Lucy (Webster) Symonds. The Symonds had two other children, William and Helen. Charlie married Grace Parker in Hopkinton, NH on February 27, 1911 at the age of 21. Charlie and Grace had five children: Louis, Gladys, Roy, and George,

and baby Helen, who died at an early age. Charlie raised chickens and delivered eggs to Concord and to people at their homes. He also raised work horses to clear his land and raise a crop. He once owned the current Recreation Field and donated the land to the town back in the early 1980's. Many people used to sit on Charlie's porch with him and watch the people go by. Many who have worked at the town offices claim that Charlie haunts the house. The Community Building is known by many in town as "Charlie's Barn."

Can anyone guess where this month's mystery is? One small hint is that the house is a little different now. If you

have guesses or details, please contact me. You can email me, Amanda, at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227.

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

Please consider stopping by and joining the Historical Society. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 7th, then Wednesday, June 4th. Please email Cyndi Babonis at cbabonis@gmail.com for meeting details. Let's all help keep Loudon's history alive. Join them to find out how you can help! ■

A "Bonus" Mystery Photo!



We know this might be a bit fuzzy as it was taken with a cell phone. However, it is a beautiful show of a common Spring sight: a sap house! The true test is this: who knows where this was taken? If you recognize it — or think you do — please email Amanda Masse at jaelmasse@comcast.net or call 783-0227. ■

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to see if the message goes completely around the circle the same. We did pretty well with that, but the real experiment came when the girls spread out all over the room and had to travel to whisper their message. We had little success!

With the help of 5 high school students the girls earned their Making Music badge. Students came to share their instruments with the brownie troop. A huge thank you to these students who saved me last minute when our field trip to a recording studio had

been cancelled. The girls were able to play some of the instruments and learned the differences between woodwinds, brass, percussion, etc. We finished the meeting with a game of musical chairs using various forms of music: rock, classical, rap, country, and hip hop. The girls that were left had to pick the type of music that had been played.

Troop #685 begins the month of May Camporee focused!! Look for all our exciting news next month about our weekend camporee!! ■



These young ladies from Troop #685 show great concentration during their recent field trip to Montshire Science Museum in Norwich, VT. Everyone had a great time while there.

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Loudon Recreation Committee News

WOW! The Recreation Committee is on a roll. Check out these upcoming activities!



BIKE SAFETY

Saturday, May 10. 9–11:30 a.m.

Children in Loudon receive a **FREE** fitted bike helmet, bike inspection, and safety check, information on bike safety, and road safety, registration of their bike, and a free ice cream coupon all at no charge!!!! Also available this year will be free fingerprinting ID and DNA kits. Kids — bring your parents and come on down to the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex (Loudon Safety Building) with your bike!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with helmet fitting, bike inspections, distribution of free materials, etc. The event lasts a maximum of three hours and is a great way to help out with only a little bit of your time. If you are able to help, please email Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com or Janice at Loudon PD loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. We greatly appreciate any volunteers.



SPRING GOLF

Spring Golf Instruction at the Loudon Country Club will begin May 20 and run for 5 weeks for adults and kids ages 5 and up.

Adults ages 14 and up meet on Thursdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 for 5 weeks.

Juniors ages 8 to 13 meet on Thursdays from 5:15–6:15 p.m. Cost is \$60 for 5 weeks.

Kids; ages 5 to 7 meet on Tuesdays from 5:15–6 p.m. Cost is \$30. (Parents are requested to stay through the lesson.)

If you have your own equipment, you are encouraged to bring it. If you do not, clubs will be provided for you. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org, print the form, and follow instructions to register. If you have any questions please call Alicia @ 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com. Registrations will be accepted no later than May 11th.

We will be offering Summer Golf as well, check the website for a listing of dates and times.



"SAFE ON MY OWN"

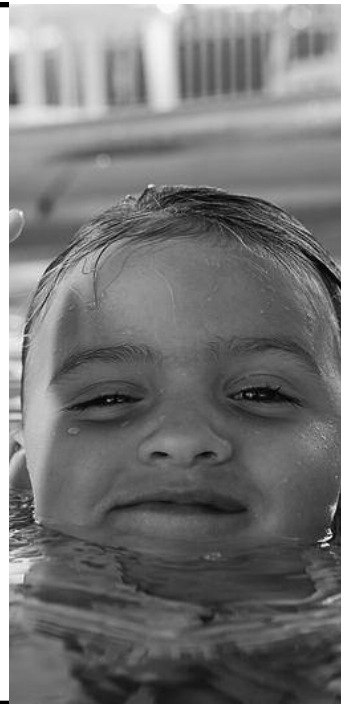
**Friday, May 30. 6–8 p.m.
at L.E.S. in old Art/Music Room**

A 2-hour class that teaches children ages 8–11 personal safety, home-alone responsibilities, and basic emergency communication techniques.

Loudon Recreation Committee is paying a portion of the class; the balance of the cost per student is \$10. Students should register in advance. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the form and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Amanda @ 783-0227 or email jaelmasse@comcast.net.

SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

The Loudon Recreation Committee is offering Red Cross Swim Instruction Levels 1–6 at Clough Pond taught by Water Safety Instructors through Swim NH, LLC. There will be two, two-week sessions offered. The first session will be July 14–25 and the second session August 4–15. Classes will be held M-F rain or shine for a half hour each in the morning. All Loudon children ages 5 and up are eligible for lessons. The cost \$25 per session per child and the family rate is \$75 maximum. Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the registration form and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, please call Alicia @ 435-5193 or email affirmhealth@yahoo.com. Once classes are formed from registrations, you will receive a call informing you of your child's/ children's lesson time.



THEATER CAMP FOR KIDS

The experienced New Hampshire theater company, Children's Stage Adventures will lead a Children's Theatre Camp the week of July 7–11 at Loudon Elementary School. Cost is \$75 per student and includes the entire program from 10:30–4:45 (children will bring their own lunch). Optional before and after program care available for an additional \$50 for the week. Non-resident children will be accepted if space is available. Children learn practice and perform a live theatrical play with a performance for families at the end of camp on Friday night.

Camp schedule:

- *Optional morning care from 7–10:30 a.m. (schedule of planned activities & morning snack)*
- Drop off for camp-only kids 10:15
- Theater workshops begins at 10:30
- Lunch/bathroom/break 11:30–12:30 (Kids bring a packed lunch from home)
- First session 12:30–2:30
- Break 15 minutes — quick snack
- Second session 2:45–4:45
- Pick-up at 4:45 for non-extended care
- *Optional afternoon care till 5:30*

Registrations will be accepted until the program is full. A registration form will be on the website www.loudonnh.org soon. Print the registration form and follow the instructions to register. For more information about Children's Stage Adventures visit their website at www.childrenstageadventures.org. If you have any questions, please call Christine @ 783-9838 or email camps06@aol.com.



JUMP ROPE

Are you entering grade 1–6 this fall? If so, then we have just the activity for you. The Loudon Recreation Department invites you to JUMP ROPE!

Where: The Loudon Recreation Field

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 1–31 (10 classes total)

Time: 6–6:45 pm

Cost: \$10 per child

The children will each receive a jump rope and volunteers will help each individual reach their jumping potential! Individual and pair jumping will be explored.

Please go to the website www.loudonnh.org print the form and follow the instructions to register. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Laurie @ 798-4042 or email cljaquith@comcast.net.

Loudon Code Enforcement Building Inspectors Office

By Robert N. Fiske

We are still adjusting the building permit lists for 2008 and 2009. With the passage of zoning amendment 2008-3 at the March 11, 2008 portion of the town meeting, the total permits issued for 2008 were increased to 40. We are moving permits up from the 2009 permit list. Of these total permits, 25% are reserved for landowners whose building is intended to be their permanent residence for a minimum of 1 year after completion. Developers and subdivision still may get a total of 5 permits maximum per year; however, if permits are still available after December 1st, surplus permits may be issued to these developers and/or subdivisions.

I would like to remind residents that door-to-door sales are required to have a Hawker and Peddler permit with the Town of Loudon. This permit is **in addition** to the State of NH Hawkers & Peddlers permit. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel they have not met the Town requirements.

Sign permits are now required, which includes banners and yard/garage sales. There is no fee associated with this permit.

Our website is continually being updated. Most permits are now available on line. Our website is www.loudoncodeenforcement.com.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us at 798-5584 weekdays or via e-mail at rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com. ■



More From the Loudon Recreation Committee!

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHTS IN JULY & AUGUST

Get your lawn chairs ready!!! The Loudon Community Summer Fun Nights are coming back and are better than ever!!! We will start off our weekly Wednesday events on July 9th with our Ice Cream Social and Field Day games/events. Each Wednesday, July 16th, 23rd, 30th and August 6th, 13th and 20th there will be entertainment or activities down at the Loudon Recreation Field & Arthur McNeil Memorial Gazebo area beginning at 7 p.m. People of all ages are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and join your friends and neighbors for fun. To date, we have booked Mr. Phil for July 30th and Wildlife Adventures for August 6th. We have some bands that we will be booking soon, look for the complete schedule in upcoming issues of your Loudon Ledger.

FUTURE OFFERINGS!

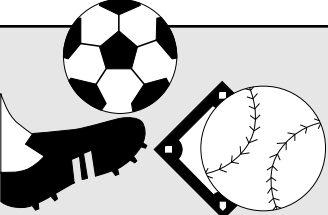
We hope to be offering Tennis Lessons this summer as well, check the website for a listing of dates and times.

The Loudon Recreation Committee offered a beginner Martial Arts program in March and April to children in Loudon. We would like to thank Mr. Jeff Hardy of Body Works Martial Arts Center for offering this great program. The April/May class combined the ages and filled fast. Future karate programs may be offered if there is interest, contact Alicia Grimaldi to be put on a list.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND IDEAS!

If you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see you can print and return the events and activities survey which is available on the website www.loudonnh.org

The Loudon Recreation Committee is in need of help. We are gearing up for a great summer activity season and need more volunteers! We need volunteers willing to bits and pieces to make these events possible for those in the Loudon community. Ways we need help are: creating flyers, distributing flyers, collecting registrations, or helping at an event. These things don't take much time if we spread out the tasks. We are a small group of volunteers who need help as we continue to provide fun and exciting programs and activities to Loudon residents. The Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library, our next meeting is May 28th please join us if you are interested in helping out, we hope to see you there!!! If you aren't able to attend the meeting, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com. ■



Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

Baseball & Softball News:

Baseball season is upon us...thank you to all volunteers who turned out to make Field Maintenance day such a success. The Babe Ruth Field still needs volunteers to help get it ready for their opening day. Watch for details on the website.

LYAA would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, and families that make our programs happen and also send a special thanks to Fillmore Industries whom year after year supports the LYAA with field maintenance day materials to make the fields safe and look great!

LYAA would like to remind all those families involved that "Little League is a program of service to youths. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. Baseball and Softball embody the discipline of teamwork. They challenge players towards perfection of skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball and softball also teach that while every player eventually strikes out, or is on the losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game. It establishes the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play." (LL Rule Book, p. 10). As a parent, coach, umpire or player please remember that our program is supported by volunteers, trying their best to provide such a program. As adults we are role models to these children and by providing a positive atmosphere filled with support for all levels we will be able to have a fun and safe season. Thank you.

Fundraisers:

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

8th Annual Golf Tournament:

The LYAA and PTA need volunteers to assist in coordinating the 8th Annual Golf Tournament at the Loudon Country Club. This tournament is a fundraiser and a gathering of all who help make the PTA and LYAA such a great success for the youth of Loudon. Please let us know ASAP if you can assist to make this event a blast!

Please check our website for the latest updates: www.lyaanh.org

Join Us!

LYAA wants you to get involved! Becoming a LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings scheduled every 4th Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and any level of help is appreciated.

Next scheduled Baseball Board meeting is scheduled for May 27th at 6:00 p.m. LYAA Meeting is scheduled directly after at 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Melody Broider via e-mail: foreyesstudios@hotmail.com. ■

**The Deadline for the
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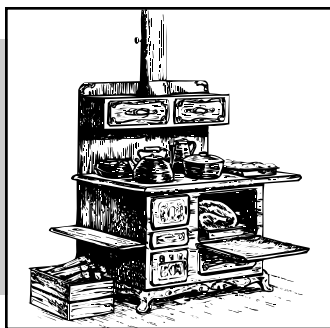
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What's Cookin'!

This month: Garlic is Great!

By Jennifer Pfeifer

Garlic is Great! At least my family thinks so. I use it in almost everything but desserts. I buy it by the 3-pound tub at Sam's Club and roast it with olive oil and spices until soft, mash it up, put it in an air tight container, store it in the refrigerator, and use it on and in most things I cook.

I planted garlic last year in hopes to harvest some this year. I should find out soon, as June–September is harvest time. And for all the information you need from growing, harvesting, storing, and cooking garlic, just go to www.thegarlicstore.com.

If eating garlic is all you're concerned with, get to your nearest store to buy garlic and get busy making the following recipes. Please adjust garlic amounts to your liking.

Tips:

1. Worried about garlic breath? Chew on fresh parsley sprigs or roasted coffee beans.
2. To get rid of the smell of garlic or onion on your skin rub a stainless steel spoon or bowl under running water then wash with soap and water. (You can also buy a stainless steel bar of soap that lasts forever.)

ROMAINE WITH PAN-ROASTED GARLIC DRESSING —

Recipe courtesy Rachel Ray

- 10 gloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 hearts Romaine lettuce
- Grated romano or Parmigiano-Reggiano

In a small skillet, combine the garlic cloves and the oil. Over a low heat, caramelize the garlic until browned and soft, about 20 minutes.

Transfer garlic cloves to a blender or food processor. Add the vinegar and mustard. Blend until smooth. With the motor running, slowly pour in the reserved garlic oil. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Chop the lettuce into bite-sized pieces and put in a large salad bowl. Pour the dressing over the lettuce and toss to coat. Sprinkle some grated cheese on top and serve immediately.

GARLIC ROASTED POTATO SKINS — Recipe courtesy Gourmet Magazine

- 3 pounds russet (baking) potatoes (6 to 8 medium; preferably organic)
- 1 small head garlic (2 inches in diameter)
- 3/4 stick (6 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Serving Suggestion: Onion and spinach dip, recipe follows

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Prick each potato once or twice with a fork. Cut off and discard top fourth of garlic head; then wrap garlic tightly in foil. Bake garlic and potatoes on same rack in lower third of oven until potatoes are tender, 50 minutes to 1 hour. Remove potatoes from oven and cool on a metal rack 15 minutes. Continue to bake garlic until tender, about 15 minutes more, then cool in foil on rack.

While garlic cools, halve potatoes lengthwise, then quarter each half (to form short wedges). Scoop out potato flesh (reserving it for another use), leaving 1/4-inch-thick potato skins.

Increase oven temperature to 425 degrees F.

Squeeze garlic into a small bowl, discarding garlic skins, and mash to a paste with butter, salt, and pepper using a fork. Divide garlic paste among potato skins (about 1/2 teaspoon each), spreading evenly, then roast skins in a large shallow baking pan (1 inch deep) until golden and crisp, 20 to 25 minutes.

Cook's note: Potato skins can be scooped out and spread with garlic paste (but not baked) 1 day ahead and chilled, loosely covered with foil. Bring to room temperature before baking.

Onion and Spinach Dip:

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped (1 3/4 cups)

- 1/2 pound shallots, chopped
- 1/2 pound baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 (16-ounce) container sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Heat oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking, then saute onion and shallots, stirring, until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 8 minutes more. Add spinach and cook, stirring, just until wilted, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

Transfer spinach mixture to a bowl, then stir in cream cheese, sour cream, salt, and pepper until combined well. Chill, covered, at least 1 hour.

Cook's Note: Dip can be chilled up to 1 day (though the spinach will lose some of its color). Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes before serving.

GRILLED EGGPLANT WITH GARLIC SAUCE AND MINT —

Recipe courtesy Bobby Flay

- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon red chili flakes
- 4 Asian eggplants, halved lengthwise
- Vegetable oil
- Chopped fresh mint or cilantro leaves

Make a paste by smashing the garlic with a little salt and add to a small bowl. Whisk in the vinegar, soy, sesame oil, and red chili flakes.

Heat grill to high. Brush eggplant with oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill until slightly charred and just cooked through. Slice each half into 1/2-inch slices and place on a platter. Drizzle with the vinegar mixture and sprinkle with mint or cilantro.

GRILLED SHRIMP WITH GARLIC — Recipe courtesy Bobby Flay

- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons freshly chopped thyme leaves
- 1-1/2 tablespoons ancho chili powder
- 6 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 24 large shrimp, shelled and deveined
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

Special equipment: wooden skewers soaked in water

Heat the grill to medium. Whisk together 1/4 cup of the oil, 2 tablespoons of the thyme, ancho powder and chopped garlic in a small bowl. Skewer the shrimp and brush with marinade.

Place the remaining 1/2 cup of the oil in a small saucepan, add the sliced garlic and cook until the sliced garlic is lightly golden brown. Remove the garlic slices with a slotted spoon to a plate lined with paper towels. Reserve the oil.

Increase the heat of the grill to high. Remove the shrimp from the marinade, season with salt and pepper and grill until golden brown on each side, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Remove the shrimp from the skewers, transfer to a platter and drizzle with some of the reserved garlic oil and the garlic chips. Sprinkle with the remaining thyme and garnish with oregano leaves.

GARLIC-MUSTARD GRILLED BEEF SKEWERS — Recipe courtesy Bobby Flay

- 1 (2-pound) beef tenderloin, halved and cut into 1-inch slices
- 6-inch wooden skewers, soaked in cold water for 30 minutes
- Garlic-Mustard Glaze, recipe follows

Heat grill to high. Skewer 2 pieces of the beef onto 2 skewers so that the meat lies flat. Brush the meat liberally on both sides with the Garlic-Mustard Glaze. Grill the meat for 2 to 3 minutes per side until golden brown and cooked to medium-rare doneness, brushing with the remaining glaze while grilling. Remove from grill and serve.

What's Cookin'? — continued on next page



The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

The Legion family would like to thank everyone who attended the appreciation day/pancake breakfast. We hope you enjoyed the pancakes and were able to have a good time with us. We are hoping to make this a yearly event. Any comments or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

We will be placing flags on memorials and grave sites on May 17, which is Armed Forces Day. We will do our best to make sure we have flags and markers on all veteran's grave sites. We will start at Mount Hope and Moore cemeteries at 8:00 a.m. that Saturday. We could use some young able bodies to help out. If we miss any sites, please call Jim at 435-8892 with the cemetery, location, and name on site.

Monday, May 26, is the celebrated day for Memorial Day. This year's celebration will basically be the same as last year. The general public and any organizations are invited and encouraged to participate. We will have the Merrimack Valley High School Band, the Loudon Police Honor Guard, the Loudon Firemen, and we hope many more will decide to join us in this celebration. We would like to have all veterans, both past and present, come forward to be honored on this day. Please show up around 8:00 a.m., and the parade will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp!

This year, the parade will start at the Legion yard where we will form and pay our respects to the Legion flag and memorials, then march north on South

Village Road to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial, by the Maxfield Public Library where a short ceremony will take place. We will continue north to the bridge for another short ceremony, after this we will proceed to the north entrance for the final ceremony at the Congregational Church cemetery. The Legion, VFW and the town of Loudon are the sponsors this year.

Also, the Legion Auxiliary will have watering stations at the church and Legion hall.

POST NEWS AND EVENTS

The Boy Scouts, Troop 247 would like to have a flag burning ceremony, with the help of Post 88, in the afternoon after the parade on May 26. Please drop off any old flags to the Legion, Legion members or Boy Scout members.

The Legion, Post 88 is planning on donating a flag, and installing a flag pole at the Loudon VOA (Volunteers of America) elderly housing on South Village Road.

We lost a Legion member this past month. Roger Sicard was a veteran of the Korean era and our thoughts are with his family and friends. He will be missed.

We hope to see you on May 26 to support all of our veterans! ■

*Thank you,
The Legion Family*

What's Cookin'? — continued from page 10

Garlic-Mustard Glaze:

- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup grainy mustard
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons Spanish paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey

Whisk together all ingredients in a small bowl. Cover and let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before using.

Next Month: Beautiful Berries! Let me know all the wonderful things you can do with berries. If you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send them by mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■



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Jenn Barton Receives Award

Former Loudon resident, Jennifer Barton, recently received the Conner Memorial Outstanding Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisory recognition award for New Hampshire. The award, established in 1993 by the NH FFA Foundation, is a memorial to Alfred F. Conner, a former vocational agriculture teacher at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. Barton was nominated for the award by her FFA Officer Team at White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield, NH. The honor was bestowed at the Granite State Association of FFA Convention held at the Mt. Washington Hotel.



In nominating their teacher, her students said, "She is truly an amazing teacher and FFA Advisor. She is one of those teachers who you admire and look up to." They continued, "Ms. Barton is a teacher who always goes that extra mile to help her students." Lori Lane, Career and Technical Education Director says, "I can truly say that our FFA Chapter would not be where it is today without Jennifer's dedication, energy, and commitment to her students and the organization itself."

Barton, of Jefferson, is in her eighth year as a Vocational Agricultural teacher, with the last five being at White Mountains. Her classes there include Natural Resources and Forestry, and Recreation Resources and Wilderness Studies. In addition to being an advisor to the Paradise Chapter of FFA, she has been instrumental in starting an Outing Club.

A 1990 graduate of Sterling College in Craftsbury, VT and a 1999 graduate of UNH, Barton is the daughter of Allan and Letty Barton of Loudon. ■

Loudon Conservation Commission Minutes

March 12, 2008

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

Paulie Touzin also attended.

The commission reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 20 meeting.

The commission reviewed the planning board minutes and the lot line adjustment plan for Loudon Woods Estate.

Dan reported the Browns had contacted the consultants he had recommended. The consultants called Dan for background information, and he explained that the commission is not getting involved yet and will evaluate the project when the Browns have a plan. Dan reiterated that both the Browns and the Moores can get a lot of information from DES and Regional Planning.

Regarding the upcoming Town meeting, the commission's only concern was the warrant article for steep slopes. The current restriction limited development from 20% or greater slopes, which was a compromise

change from the previously limitation of 25% or greater slopes. The warrant article proposes to bring it back to 25%. The commission is in favor of limiting development on slopes with a grade of 15% or greater. The commission delegated to Bob to speak for it regarding the land planning problems associated with developing on steep slopes.

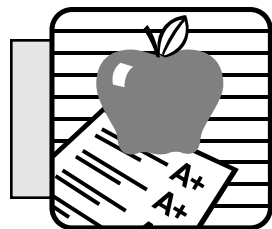
George Tombarello

Mr. Tombarello had purchased 220 acres behind his earlier purchase and visited the commission to discuss the likelihood of future development on abutting parcels with significant wet areas and the possibility of exchanging wet frontage acres for an easement across (drier) town-land.

The commission and Mr. Tombarello discussed at length the wetland values and issues in that vicinity as well as the significance of identified priority areas and plans accounting for neighboring wetland values and uses for the commission to get involved. ■



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Merrimack Valley School District News

Middle School News

Intramural Tennis:

Stop by the office for a permission slip open for grades 6,7,8.

Library Reading Challenge

Over 25 students will be celebrated in late April for their participation in the Library Reading Challenges! Great Stone Face program for 6th graders and Reach Your Peak for 7th & 8th will wrap up with a party to vote for their favorite title from the book lists, receive special prizes and, of course, special snacks. All votes will be added to votes from around New Hampshire to choose the favorite titles in the state this year. Book Fair will be held June 2–6, Mon.–Fri. “Buy-One, Get-One-Free” Book Fair — open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5 (Move-Up Night). The library also sells floppies, CDs, and USB flashdrives.

Congratulations to our **State Chess Champions**: William West, David West, Chris Bohi, and Cody Phillips. They won third place in the New Hampshire Middle School division.

Important dates

- 5/1 7th grade field trip Fisher Cats
- 5/16 4th quarter progress report
- 5/21 PTO Meeting 6:30
- 5/28 Band & Chorus Concert 7 p.m. HS
- 5/29 5th Grade Move up Day
- 6/2–6 Book Fair
- 6/3 Academic Limo Lunch
- 6/5 5th Grade Move up Night
- 6/19 8th Grade Pride Night
- 6/20 8th Grade Social 7–9 p.m.
- 6/23 6th Grade Field Trip Mt. Washington

Merrimack Valley High School

News from the MV Food Service Director:

Our web page is officially up and running! Please go to www.mvsd.k12.nh.us and click on “parent info.” Then click on “menus.” This will bring up our 3 menus: the High School, Middle School and Elementary School.

This page also contains a link for mynutrikids.com and Nutrition Tips. www.Mynutrikids.com is a web site that parents can use to check student account(s). You can see how much money students have on their lunch account and view the history of what has been purchased. Parents can also use this site to put money on a child's account through paypal. For this paypal service there is a nominal charge of \$1.75. To use this site, you will need your student's ID #. Please call us at 753-1420 and we will gladly provide you with this number!

The Nutrition Tips link is where we post Nutritional information for both children and adults.

Coming soon for your convenience: We will be adding the application form for Free and Reduced students. You will be able to print this form, fill it out and send it in at anytime. If you have questions or need assistance please call Wendy LaClair at 753-1420 or email Wendy at wlaclair@mv.k12.nh.us.

Math Team News:

Ten members of the MVHS Math Team experienced an excellent showing at the State Math Meet in Plymouth (PSU) with perfect scores being recorded by

Brett Branscombe (team high scorer), Kendra Carlson, Ian Coll, Mike Lambert and Althea Rosen. Other scoring members contributing to the team effort were: Patrick Bousquet, Sarah Fontaine, Frank Hemsing, Morgan Matthews, and Alex Williams. This was a fitting end as we finished second for the season in the Lakes Region Math League. The Math Team certainly gave PRIDE an appropriate name at MV. — *Mr. Hal-lahan (advisor)*

Prom News:

The Senior Class announces that Prom tickets will go on sale April 28th. The Prom will be at the Courtyard by Marriot in Concord on May 17, 2008. Tickets are \$55 per person and are available for sale in the cafeteria during lunches. Juniors and Seniors can purchase their tickets early in order to choose their table guests. Please direct any questions to Class Advisors Abby Sanborn or David Carle.

Students of the Month — February & March:

The faculty & staff nominated the following MVHS students for recognition as student of the month:

Webster: Corissa Fortune, Kendra Carlson, Faith Bouchard, Danielle Gauthier, Maya Wescott, Danielle Arnold, Tristina Douillette, Katrina King, Jordan Westgate

Boscawen: Lilian Downing, Brooke Boulton, Josh Cate, Doug Millett, Annie Egounis, Brad Leah Seigars, Christina Workman, Shelbi Meier, Josh Cate

Loudon: Katelyn Campbell, Lauren Holden, Amanda Wilson, Kim Wright, Michelle Bory, Danielle Varrill, Kate Mullen, Tyler Benard, Jess Hardiman, Bridget Aznive, Pam Jewell, Hillary Higman, Kate Mullen, Rachel Caldwell, Aimee Phillips, Amanda Wilson, Callie Garp, Kaitlin Ryan, Jacob, Isaacs

Penacook: Mariana Carniel, Jared Peick, Brett Branscombe, Rebecca Polson, Kasey Stone, Sarah Supry, Jessy Southwick, Mim Powelson, Dayna Farnham, Alek Ladd, Anthony Day, Derek Moller

Salisbury: Liz Allard, Pat Gilman, Matt Nugent & Andover: Henry Bendel, Josh Bond, Patrick Whalen

Winners: Boy of the Month: February, Tyler Benard and March, Josh Bond

Girl of the Month: February, Katelyn Campbell and March: Dayna Farnham.

Child Development course:

The Child Development class recently visited the Penacook Community Center child care programs to observe and volunteer. We spent time in each classroom and learned about the effort that goes into creating a stimulating environment for young children, and we played with the kids and helped serve lunch. A big thank you goes out to the Penacook Community Center and the teachers and kids for making this experience a very positive one! — *Heather Drolet, Life Skills Teacher*

Senior Project News:

Senior Project presentations took place on Tuesday, March 25th from 8:00–11:00 a.m. (Blocks 1 & 2), with a Senior Project Showcase that evening. It was *mandatory* that all seniors be present at both events on March 25th. Teachers and volunteers from the community judged the presentations. Seniors who have yet to complete any aspect of their project **MUST** do so in order to graduate.

Recognition for Outstanding Art students:

Congratulations to the following Visual Arts students for being selected to the Spring 2007–2008 National Art Honor Society: Rachel Caldwell, Callie Garp, Hillary Higman, Samantha West, John Willis, Laura Egounis, Patrick Gilman, Alek Ladd, Josh Cate, Jake Isaacs, Caitie Kowalski, Chelsie McKerley, Shannon McNaught, Bridget Tevnan, Amanda Wilson, Brianna Young, and Merike Youngs. — *Robin Denham and Erin Fitzgerald, Art Teachers & Advisors for MVHS National Art Honor Society*

Freshman Academy:

Governor Lynch joined AARP in awarding \$10,000 to Merrimack Valley High School. In celebration of AARP's 50th anniversary, AARP New Hampshire presented to Merrimack Valley High School the Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award at a school assembly held March 20. Merrimack Valley was chosen to receive the \$10,000 award for their innovative Freshman Academy which provides a new approach to dropout prevention and retention. AARP New Hampshire executive council member, Tim Gormley, and AARP New Hampshire State Director Kelly Clark presented the check along with Governor John Lynch to Merrimack Valley High School Principal Mike Jette, Merrimack Valley sophomore Brad-Leigh Seigars; and Merrimack Valley teacher Mic Proulx. Over 400 8th and 9th graders joined in the celebration.

From the Guidance Department:

Seniors: Please make sure you are checking the scholarship page on our website and keeping track of deadlines so that you may get your applications in on time! If you still have not applied to college for next year you need to get going ASAP. Even colleges without deadlines (rolling admissions) should have been applied to by now. If you are unsure of how to do this or if you are having trouble downloading an application see your guidance counselor! We are here to help, and we do not want any of our students missing out on the opportunity to further your education. For students still unsure of whether or not they wish to continue their education beyond high school, please consider that the vast majority of jobs (over 90%) in the 21st Century will require education and training beyond high school. Also consider that chances are you will have a lot more career opportunities and increased earning potential with education beyond high school.

Reminder to Seniors and Parents:

If you still have not filed your FAFSA, you need to do so ASAP! The FAFSA forms will no longer be available in guidance offices around the country. The Department of Education, who distributes the FAFSA, has made a change in their distribution method. Students will be able to obtain up to three paper copies of the FAFSA forms by calling 1-800-433-3243 or by visiting www.edpubs.org. *The DOE still STRONGLY encourages parents and students to file their FAFSA on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov rather than filing paper copies. — *Respectfully submitted by Mark Ciarametaro, Guidance PR Specialist*

Upcoming Events

- May 12–16** NECAP State Science Testing for all Juniors
- May 17:** Junior/Senior Prom at the Courtyard by Marriott
- June 21** Graduation, 10:00 a.m.
- Last Day for 9th, 10th & 11th Grades:** Still to be determined (but at least June 24th!) ■

T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

The month of May has been dedicated nationwide as Viral Hepatitis Awareness Month. During this month, activities are planned across the U.S. to raise awareness of hepatitis A, B, and C viruses, three very different viruses that harm the liver. The good news is that there are vaccines available, which will prevent hepatitis A

and B. However, there is no vaccine yet for the prevention of hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C infection is a major public health problem. Currently, approximately 4 to 5 million Americans have been infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV) and at least 2.7 million are chronically infected, nearly three times the number of individuals infected with HIV/AIDS.

Most of these people have never been diagnosed and may not know that they are infected. Approximately 80% of those infected have no signs or symptoms for years, even decades, therefore are unaware that they could be transmitting the disease. Further, approximately one-third of persons living with HIV/AIDS are co-infected with HCV, and complications from liver disease are emerging as the leading cause of death among people with AIDS.

In total, chronic HCV is responsible for 40 to 60 percent of liver disease and is the leading cause of liver transplantation in the U.S. HCV currently causes approximately 10,000 deaths per year, and without increased resources for counseling, testing, and medical referral services, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predicts that number will double by 2020.

Hepatitis C is most often transmitted through direct blood-to-blood contact, including mucus membranes or broken skin, and is not spread through casual

contact. Persons who received a blood transfusion or transplant prior to 1992 (before the blood supply was routinely tested) or who have ever injected illegal drugs should get tested for hepatitis C. Other ways hepatitis C is spread include contact with the blood of someone who is infected, (such as an occupational exposure through a needlestick), birth to an infected mother, and unprotected sexual practices.

For more information regarding the prevention and control of viral hepatitis, contact NH Department of Health & Human Services, Adult Viral Hepatitis Program at 603-271-5720. Free educational materials are available at www.cdc.gov/hepatitis.

Source: www.nastad.org and www.cdc.gov

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



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

A reminder we will be holding our annual Bicycle Safety class on May 10 at 9:00 behind the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex (Loudon Safety Building). This class will review the rules of the road, bicycle maintenance and helmet use. Please bring your child's bicycle! In addition to the bicycle safety, we will be holding a fingerprinting clinic and will have D.N.A. kits available. All ages are invited to attend. There is no cost to the participant. This is co-sponsored with the Loudon Recreational Committee and we will be assisted by the Loudon Police Association Boy Scout Troop 30. As always, free helmets will be issued as well as bicycle safety packages which also contain a free coupon for ice cream at Dudley's Ice Cream. We are encouraging you to register your child(ren) by calling 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@loudonpolice.com. In the event of rain, we will hold it inside the safety building.

Loudon Police has two new members of the team. They are: Officer Shawn Williams who graduated from the police academy on March 28th. Officer Williams recently relocated from California after leaving active duty with the Marines. Officer Brian Martel comes to us from the Merrimack County Department of Corrections and is currently attending the police academy and will be graduating in June. Welcome aboard! Congratulations to Officer Robert Akerstrom and Officer Jason Fiske who were both promoted to Corporals.

As summer is just around the corner, don't forget to let us know when you leave for vacation so that we may make extra checks of your property. Check out our website for suggestions for security while you are away.

With neighbors watching neighbors, we have received many reports of suspicious person(s) and vehicle(s). *Do not hesitate to call us with any concern!* A big thank you to these residents that keep watch and help keep you safe!

The season is also upon us for the NASCAR races. The two major races will be on June 29, 2008 and September 14, 2008. The major race is on a Sunday which requires road closures. As we near the dates, these closures will be advertised. The **only** day the road closes is on Sunday, however, be prepared for heavy traffic up to one week prior to the race as well as the Monday following the race. As always, I appreciate the resident's patience and as well as concerns during these times.

I continue to urge you to pay attention to your children's activities and whereabouts. As our town continues to grow, we also deal with drug activity. We are seeing an increase in teen drug and alcohol use. Through police and parent interaction, I hope to increase parent awareness of what is in our community and what may be in your house. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we may sit down and assist you.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.loudonpolice.com. We continue to update the site. Your feedback and comments are welcome.

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

Loudon Health Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

The season is upon us and my office will be receiving calls regarding West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). We continue to provide education and prevention so we can prevent panic situations.

There are many things you as a resident can do and here are a few reminders:

- Walk your property and look for any potential breeding grounds. This would include old tires, swimming pools, toys, pet bowls, flower pots and bird baths that collect water. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days.
- Use effective mosquito repellants when outdoors and mosquitoes are biting.
- Wear long sleeves and pants in light colors.

As far as bird testing is concerned, we are still awaiting direction from the state. Testing is selective and normally begins around June 1.

Fact Sheets on West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) are available to the general public at the Police Department or go to the Department of Health and Human Services website at www.dhhs.nh.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us weekdays at 798-5584 or via e-mail at rfiske@loudoncodeenforcement.com. ■

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LOUDON BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop 30

Boy Scout Troop 30 Is A Boy-Run Troop, Chartered By The Loudon Police Association.

Our Troop is strongly focused on the patrol method, and is a youth-run organization. We see the role of the adults in the Troop as one of helping the Scouts to learn how to become leaders; to be responsible and to plan and execute their own activities. With this in mind, our leaders supervise the process with the Scouts, and help the Scouts to learn how to run the activities themselves. Our supervision provides the safety net for the Scouts while allowing them enough room to learn through their own successes and mistakes. We are very character based, and see Scouting as an ideal program for helping boys learn to become the sort of men that others will respect and look up to.

Meetings

Troop 30 meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our meetings are held at the Loudon Elementary School cafeteria.

Website

Troop 30's website is: www.nhtroop30.org. We do our best to keep it updated on a regular basis.

Events

Troop 30 tries to have one outdoor, full weekend event per month. We also try to have a one-day event such as a hike once a month.

Our latest event was a winter camping trip, 2/29-3/1, attended by six scouts. We camped in tents and a foot of snow fell during the first night!

Community/Service

Troop 30, in conjunction with the Loudon Police Association, has performed the Clough Pond Beach spring cleanup for the past three years. We have assisted the LPA with the cleanup after their D.A.R.E. Pizza Night. We have also joined with Troop 247 in acting as an Honor Guard and serving refreshments at the annual town meeting. We also march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Contacts:

Scoutmaster: Gary West, 603-662-5812. *Committee Chair:* Joe Fitzgerald, 603-520-4178.

Troop 247 News

Boy Scout Troop 247 meets every Thursday evening from 6:30 until 8:00 at the American Legion. We have a booked calendar this spring and summer. We're doing a bunch of activities ranging from triathlons to camp to Old Home Day. The next thing we are doing is the Camporee on May 2nd to the 4th at Webster Park in Epsom. The theme this year is Using The Tools In Your Toolbox.

On Memorial Day, Loudon Boy Scout Troop 247 and The American Legion Post 88 will be holding a flag ceremony for any old and retired flags to be disposed of. The ceremony will be held on Memorial Day at the American Legion Post 88 and all flags are asked to be dropped off the day of the ceremony. The flags can be dropped off at the



Troop 247 spends an evening camping.

black mailbox that says flag drop off. Flags can be dropped off whenever and they will all be disposed of properly.

Cub Scout Pack 247 News

The Second-year Webelos crossed over to Boy Scouts during the Pack's April meeting. The members of Boy Scout Troop 30 welcomed the boys with a mock racing sled. Webelos Aaron Cooper, Jonathon Cooper, Mitchell Fillion, Donny Dockham, Scott Martell and Chance Grimaldi first received their Arrow of Light which is the high-

est award given in Cub Scouting. They then completed a ceremony passing "the ropes" to the First-year Webelos before becoming Boy Scouts.

The boys are looking forward to some fun summer activities starting with the Family Fun night on June 18. Eleven boys are planning to attend Camp Carpenter starting June 30. The pack will hold its annual campfire on July 16 at Cascade Campgrounds and participate in Old Home Day activities on August 9. The Pack is also looking into participating in Scout Night at the Fishercats on August 1. The boys get to sleep on the field and watch a movie on the scoreboard after the game. ■



Boy Scout Troop 30 spent an evening camping in tents. During the night, a foot of snow fell!



Above: Tiger Cubs entertained the Pack with their rendition of "We Are Tigers" using their handmade instruments.

At right: Boys Scouts from Troop 30 used a sled dog race theme to start the Webelos on their journey through Scouting. The Webelos climbed aboard the sled and were off on the first leg of their journey through the school parking lot.



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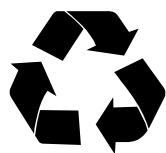
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My Garbage Fits into a Shoebox

By Sandy Blanchard, Recycling Committee

My month's worth of garbage fits into a shoebox, well, most months that is. It wasn't always like this. Through the years as I've become more and more conscious of the environment and my impact on it, I've challenged myself to see how I can make that impact a little less.

This is for the household trash. When cleaning out the garage or shed or dumping the shop vacuum, I have more.

First, I compost all my garbage in one of those black plastic containers sold last year at the dump. It's not the perfect solution, since I have two dogs that are masterful at sniffing out the tasty nuggets of spoiled squash and moldy bread and so I have a heavily reinforced fence around it. This summer a neighbor has promised to build me a more permanent structure. Composting makes a big difference in the odor of your trash, and the size. I keep an old plastic ice cream container next to the sink and just scrape plates and put any food stuffs such as grapefruit rinds into it. This is very easy, never smelly, and quite convenient.

Second, I recycle everything that our town takes. This includes newspapers, magazines, cardboard, tin cans, milk bottles, all the mail, kitty litter, and glass jars. Our lives have changed. Before, I had a large trash can in the kitchen. Now I have a small one for trash and the large one is for recycling all the paper that collects. Wow, does it ever collect. Junk mail, inserts, cereal boxes, egg crates, and school paper. I have to hit the dump twice a month just for the recyclables.

Which brings me to a third way I can make a difference. By being alert to what I'm buying and the packaging included, I can avoid even bringing it into the house. I look for items that have less packaging, or ones that can be recycled rather than throwaways. I also try to really think if I need to buy an item, or could I get by without it, borrow it from someone or use something else instead. It's frustrating to get a package and find a small product inside and end up with a mess of plastic and Styrofoam that is not recyclable.

I've surprised myself by how easy it's become to cut back, simplify and rethink my everyday habits to have a lot less trash going into the hopper at the dump and a lot more into the recycling which means a savings for our environment and our town budget. Please join me. I'd love to hear more ideas about what others are doing to make a difference. ■



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May Senior Health Clinics

A Senior Health Clinic will be held at the Loudon Community Building on May 12 from 9 a.m. until Noon. All services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call VNA's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, ext. 4830. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

May Walk-In Immunization Clinics

The following affordable monthly walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages in are being offered at the Downtown Health Clinic at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord: Monday, May 5, 2008 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

A FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinic is being held Wednesday, May 7, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and on Wednesday, May 14, 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. ■

**The Deadline for the
June 2008 "Loudon Ledger" is Friday, May 16.**



This trophy Brown Trout caught by John Flack of Gilmanton on Clough Pond July 15 2007, weighed 7.12 pounds and measured 25 ½ inches long.

Clough Pond Needs Your Help!

For the past four years, the Clough Pond Lake Host Program has been monitoring Clough Pond for milfoil and other exotic plants that can infiltrate and destroy this pristine recreational area. These nasty plants are capable of spreading throughout the pond via the simple transfer of plant material from a boat or trailer that had previously visited an infested waterway. With the implementation of the Lake Host Program and its volunteers, Clough Pond has been kept free of milfoil and other exotic plants, helping to ensure that this aqueous jewel is kept healthy for all to enjoy. We are looking for additional volunteers for the upcoming season to assist in this program. The Lake Host Volunteer is trained to inspect the boats and trailers before and after they enter the water, as well as hand out educational literature. A brief one and a half hour training course is required and is provided by one of our local Lake Hosts. We are looking for volunteers to take an occasional morning or evening 3-hour shift to help out this season. It has been said that there are 13 bodies of water within a 25-mile radius of the Concord area that are already infested with milfoil and Clough Pond today; is NOT one of them. Pair up with a family member or buddy and help preserve Clough Pond as it is today. If you are interested or have a question please call Steve Abbe at 496-3666 or e-mail at T2R4@comcast.net. ■

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

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

On April 12th, the fifth grade D.A.R.E. classes attended a Monarch Hockey game at the Verizon Arena. A total of 58 students and 8 chaperones enjoyed the game!

We have scheduled our community clean-up for May 14th. The students spend an afternoon picking up trash and raking around the Police and Fire station, the town offices as well as the recreation field. On this same date at 6:30, D.A.R.E. graduation will be held at the Loudon Elementary School. We look forward to our return guest speaker, Scott Spradling who is the former news anchor for WMUR.

Congratulations to the fifth graders for a great year! I encourage my students or anyone to stop in to say "hi" or to call if they have any concerns.

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



Loudon Historical Society News

General Meeting Loudon Historical Society

Attendance: Bob Ordway (Board Member), Ron Lane (President), Michele York (Vice President), Cynthia Babonis (Secretary), Fay Atkinson, Retta Weaver, Jean Kane, Carisa Corrow, John Plummer, Susan Kowalski, Roy Merrill, Roger Maxfield, Wesley Jones, Charles Bratko, Kristen Bratko, and Elena Robbins.

Minutes of March '08 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The following people in attendance asked to be assigned to the Cemetery committee: Sue Kowalski, Fay Atkinson, Jean Kane, Carisa Corrow, John Plummer, and Elena Robbins

Their names and e-mail addresses will be added to the LHS e-mail group (if not there already) and the Cemetery Committee list.

Michele York announced that the first recorded oral history is complete (Bob Ordway's)! The digital recorder

was given to Cynthia Babonis to take home and copy the recording onto a CD. Cynthia reported that the oral history questions were given to Polly Locke for her to complete in writing as Mrs. Locke is unable to participate in a recorded interview for medical reasons. Cynthia also reported that David Colby agreed to record his parent's oral histories if he can borrow the digital recorder for it. Cynthia agreed to make an appointment with David to hand over the recorder and the questions. It was agreed that the recorder shouldn't be loaned out for more than a week. There were suggestions for encouraging more volunteers to obtain oral histories, such as acquiring another recording device etc.

Carisa Corrow, a teacher for the MV school district, inquired as to how her students can help with the cemetery project. Students can earn community service credits for this. The committee suggested that the students can help by photographing stones and documenting

their photographs and perhaps doing data entry. Carisa plans to have the students begin on May 2nd. The Cemetery Committee will meet on April 28th at the museum to review the plans for the students. This led to discussion about the need for software specific to this purpose. Wesley Jones agreed to consult other HS's and the State Archives to find out what type of database they use for cemetery documentation.

Retta Weaver submitted her copy of the "Historical Sketch of the 1st Settlement & Incidents of the Township of Loudon" circa 1876. Bob Ordway will get this photocopied for the HS. There was ongoing discussion about the ultimate goal of writing the History of Loudon. Corisa suggested we consider LULU.com self-publishing. Michele noted that Ruth Sanborn King's book, Listen to the Crickets, was published this way. Michele presented a guide to composing a town history that she found on the Web. Bob Ordway agreed to make copies.

An E-mail from Galen Beale (acting curator) was reviewed. Sections of original 19th century stencils discovered during restoration of the Freewill Baptist Church, were donated by Steve and Betty Gail Fifield. Under the tin paneling on the walls and ceiling of the church there were stencils that were in such disrepair that they could not be saved. Several people in town, including Galen, have photographs of the stencils taken before they were removed.

Cynthia suggested that the HS needs an answering machine that is remotely accessible so that we can receive calls and leave greetings to alert members of meeting cancellations or other important changes. The committee directors approved the purchase of an answering machine.

The next General meeting will be May 7, 7 p.m. at Charlie's Barn.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Babonis
LHS Secretary*

Historical Society Adds Fire Memorabilia

By Galen Beale, Acting Curator

Steve and Betty Gail Fifield recently donated two, 3' x 3' pieces of lathe and stenciled plaster that were saved after the fire in 2005 at the Loudon Free Will Baptist Church. Steve was hired to repair the Church roof and bell tower and when the decision to tear down the plaster was made, Steve saved two pieces.

These are large, beautiful pieces, one from the side wall and one from the ceiling. I have placed them on the table in the rear of the LHS as they should remain flat. There are nails protruding out the back of one of the pieces that make it difficult, but we can work with that. These stencils are very fragile and should be moved or touched only infrequently. I have put the plastic tabletop on top to cover them up, but I will get

some Mylar to cover them, which will look a bit better. I do think though these are very significant pieces and we should build a plexiglass covering to contain them. They do not fit inside anything we currently have in the room.

While we don't know too much about these stencils, in rereading the Historic Structures Report there were several significant periods of renovations in the Church's history during

which they could have been added: Built between 1779-1791 it remained untouched until 1847 when significant renovations were done: the second floor added for the church and the bell tower added with no bell. In 1878 extensive renovations were done but little is known about them. In 1922-23 the press tin walls were added and the stain glass.

I know that several other people took pictures of the interior of the Church and I think this would be a wonderful LHS project: Collect all the pictures we can; interview the selectmen and Church board. When the Historic Structure Report was done, they did not find any indication of these stencils and I think we could tell a great story with some more information.

Additionally, I put in the file two CD's of pictures that Steve took while he was working of the building restoration. This is great information. I interviewed him and will put those notes in the file as well. We are already three years away from this event, so we should keep on it. ■



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Harsh Conditions Test Cadets' Rescue-Readiness

By Lisa Moriath, Norwich University. Photo by Jay Ericson

On a grey afternoon in Vermont, sleet pours from the dark sky over Norwich University and its surrounding area. Just off campus, the 911 dispatcher in Northfield receives a call from a frantic mother reporting her 7-year-old daughter is missing on nearby Paine Mountain. Officials waste no time in calling on an organization intimately familiar with the terrain: the Norwich University Mountain Cold Weather Company's Rescue Team.

This hypothetical scenario is one of many that company members train for year-round so they can respond at a moment's notice. In a typical drill, Rescue Team Leader Cadet James Powers uses a communication tree to gather cadets. The assembled crew loads up outdoor gear, including a warming pack that contains a tarp and sub-zero sleeping bag. A portable stretcher called a Sked is also part of the team's equipment. Within 45 minutes, they are on the mountain and have begun their search.

The team's tool list, expertise and discipline have been honed over many years: Norwich University's Mountain Cold Weather Company (MCW) celebrated its 60th year in 2007. Being a MCW cadet is no minor commitment. There are many critical skills to be learned and tests to pass from the first days in the company.

"Students who are certified at the end of their freshman year receive their Black Hat and certification as a mountaineer," said CPT Christopher Fiorentino, a recruiter for the U.S. Army and advisor to the MCW. "Their training prepares them for many terrains."

The company works together continuously, reserving four mornings a week for physical training (PT) and two days a week for skills. Rescue Team members add an additional morning of PT and a third day to work on specialized skills. The MCW also spends several weekends a year outdoors, practicing skills that include skiing, snowshoeing, first aid, and wilderness survival. In January, they spend an entire week on a snowy mountain testing their knowledge.

On a recent afternoon boasting a brilliant blue sky yet a biting wind, Cadet Daniel York, a sophomore history and Spanish major, works with two company members. One team member lies prone in a metal stretcher and is wrapped in multiple, alternating layers

of camouflage tarps and maroon sleeping bags secured with straps.

York has earned his Black Hat and is training to be a member of the Rescue Team. "I love climbing, whether it is on ice or rock," York said. "It is satisfying to look up at a mountain thousands of feet high or down a cliff to hundreds of feet below and know that you have the ability to climb that mountain or get down that cliff."

Nearby, Cadet Scott Sylvester [from Loudon], a first sergeant and MCW trainer, watches closely from atop a 50-foot climbing tower, his bright red helmet contrasting against cloudless sky. His eyes are trained on two of York's team members as they work on rescue techniques. One hangs 20 feet above ground, unable to move himself up or down, as though stuck on the side of a cliff. A second cadet rappels to the victim and pulls him to safety on the squad's rope system.

Sylvester, a junior studying mechanical engineering, has an Army scholarship and is planning to commission after graduation. The MCW's goals of training cadets adept at performing in harsh, mountainous terrain appealed to his desire to develop leadership skills. "The communication, planning and

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Mountain Cold Weather Company Rescue Team Cadets [l-r]: Daniel York, Rescue Team Leader James Powers and Trainer Scott Sylvester from Loudon, NH.

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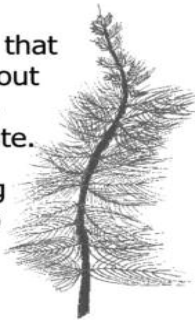
Loudon and surrounding towns, already have ponds, lakes and rivers that are infested with variable milfoil and other exotic weeds that choke out the oxygen for fish and make swimming and boating unpleasant. Once established, these weeds are impossible to completely eradicate.

As a Lake Host Volunteer, you will help prevent weeds from being transported into our weed free pond and educate boaters how to prevent their spread. Volunteers, ages 18 – retired, only need to work a few hours throughout the entire season.



Please consider helping and pass the word along to your neighbors who use the pond.

For more info contact the Clough Pond Association: Kathy Shields 783-9552
ksbshields@gmail.com



The Loudon Communications Council is looking for a treasurer. If you've always wanted to help us out, but weren't sure what you had to offer, this may be your chance! Please contact a member of the Council if you are interested.

Thanks so much!



The Upper Hand

By Jack Prendiville,
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

When there are more homes for sale than the market demands, the advantage in the real estate transaction shifts to the buyer. Often called a "buyer's market," it means the purchasing party holds most of the power. Add up to that a softening economy, higher unemployment rates, and escalating prices, and the buyer is in a real position of strength.

Now the question becomes, "How can I use the current market condition and my favorable position in it to my advantage? Here are four ways you can capitalize on that power position.

In recent months the real estate market in many parts of the country has softened. There are simply more homes available for purchase than consumer demand requires. However, that does not mean you should sit back until con-

ditions improve. Now is the time when you should prepare for the future.

Price: This is the most obvious and perhaps the most important place buyers can exercise their advantage. In such a market, buyers may have the opportunity to bid below asking price, especially if a property has languished for several weeks without an offer. A proactive approach will allow you to space out the projects and the related costs.

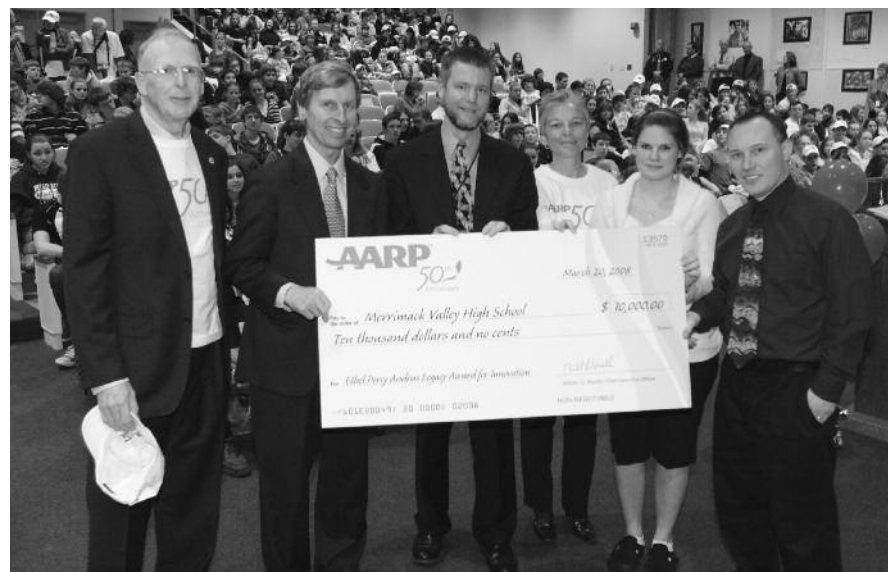
Time Table: In a market without bidding wars and multiple offers, sellers may be willing to make allowances to keep their buyer satisfied. If you have specific timing needs, make them part of the negotiations.

Repairs: The home inspector may recommend certain upgrades or repairs after his review. Consider asking the

seller to make these changes or to reduce the asking price to pay for these extra costs in different market conditions, the seller would probably refuse, but in a buyer's market, they might be more inclined to make concessions.

The Extras: Think about requesting additional items, such as window treatments and furniture, to be included in the sales price. Although it is nice to be in the party with the upper hand, a word of caution. Don't be greedy. Follow your real estate professional's lead about what is appropriate and what would be overstepping your bounds. The idea is to use the market conditions to your benefit, not to make the transaction difficult. Remember, if you take your demands too far, it could jeopardize the sale. ■

AARP Hits the Big 5-0 and Celebrates With a \$10,000 Donation to MVHS



Presenting the check is (l to r) AARP New Hampshire executive council member Tim Gormley; Governor John Lynch; Merrimack Valley High School Principal Mike Jette; AARP New Hampshire State Director Kelly Clark; Merrimack Valley sophomore Brad-Leigh Seigars; and Merrimack Valley teacher Mic Proulx. Over 400 8th and 9th graders joined in the celebration.

In celebration of AARP's 50th anniversary, AARP New Hampshire presented to Merrimack Valley High School the Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award at a school assembly held March 20.

Merrimack Valley was chosen to receive the \$10,000 award for their innovative Freshman Academy, which provides a new approach to dropout prevention and retention.

Over 400 8th and 9th graders joined in the celebration. ■

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problem solving will be invaluable,” he said.

Team members frequently learn that their drills aren't just in preparation for longer-term goals. As the word has spread of their rescue-readiness, the squad has earned the respect of the local community and has served alongside northern Vermont's search-and-rescue professionals.

“I have known about the team for over 25 years,” said Lt. Jocelyn Stohl, a commander in the Vermont State Police. “They are organized, disciplined, professional and courteous. They project a positive image that they want to help people, and they have skills to utilize.”

Stohl saw the students in action again recently, when the MCW Rescue Team was brought into the search for a missing Middlebury, Vt., resident. “They seamlessly moved into our search-and-rescue environment,” Stohl said. “It displays commitment and focus to the mission and a personal interest in the work.”

“Being called on to assist the Vermont State Police was a very sobering experience,” Sylvester said. “But it also made us see that we can be an asset in searches and reinforced the training that we do.”

Developing the focus to provide this level of support for the local community takes sustained effort. Getting up for PT every morning at 5:45 a.m., including dawns with temperatures at 20 below zero, can be challenging. Both York and Sylvester cite the close-knit aspect of the team as a motivation.

“One of the reasons to get up is knowing there are a bunch of your close friends out there with you,” York said, while Sylvester added, “I don't want to let down everyone else who is doing the right thing and showing up.”

Equally important, said York and Sylvester, is the confidence gained by building life-saving skills few of their peers possess. “There is always the feeling that you are pushing your boundaries and bettering yourself,” Sylvester said. ■

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 4, 2008

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr, and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 19, 2008 as written. Second by Selectman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 26, 2008 as written. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield stated, for the record, that two pistol permits were signed for approval.

The Selectmen met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Deputy Chief Rick Wright.

Chief Burr presented a letter requesting the appointment of John Reese to the vacant position of full time Firefighter/EMT, effective March 24, 2008 at the hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour pending the required medical physical evaluation. Chief Burr stated Mr. Reese has also requested that he be allowed to take vacation time this summer, and would like the Board to approve a waiver to the town's personnel policy, which prohibits annual leave being taken during the one year probationary period. *Selectman Ives moved to reinstate John Reese as a full time Firefighter/EMT effective March 24, 2008 at the hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour. Second by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Ives stated he felt the Board could approve the waiver for one week's paid vacation during the probationary period. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield asked if Chief Burr had anything further to discuss. Chief Burr said he had a letter he would like read into the record:

Dear Selectmen,
I am writing this letter and am here tonight because of the Emergency Management Report signed by Sigrid Little and Greg Wells as it appears in the 2007 Town of Loudon Annual Report.

I am appalled that this report was written, authorized by the Selectmen, printed, and is being distributed to the townspeople to read.

The unfortunate consequences of this report of the Fire and Police Departments are yet to be realized by the authors and the

Selectmen of the Town of Loudon. The stigma that this document inaccurately places on the Departments will take a long time for the hard-working personnel of each Department to overcome.

This is not the first time that Sigrid Little has ATTACKED ME in the arena of town meeting. Several years ago, she and others distributed written information at town meeting that was both inaccurate and libelous. An investigation was called for and conducted — and the Selectmen chose to do nothing.

This is also not the first time the Office of Emergency Management, under the leadership of Sigrid Little, has downgraded the Fire and Police Departments in official documents.

In this report, Sigrid is taking credit for the hard work of other people. She was invited to the Unified Command Post that I worked very hard to pull together. To the date of this report, she does not know the difference between a Unified Command Post, Incident Command Post, and an Emergency Operations Center. This does not say much for the Emergency Management Director after three years. The publishing of this report also shows that Sigrid cannot work with others and has minimal respect for the professionals who work so hard to serve the Town of Loudon.

This report is signed, "Respectfully submitted." I see no respect for any person or department in this negative report.

She also indicates she had something to do with the CIPP Grant that Bob Krieger and Bill Lake worked so hard on with no help from Sigrid Little.

With this being said, I am calling for the Selectmen of the Town of Loudon to remove Sigrid Little from her position of Emergency Management Director and take all actions at their disposal to minimize the impact of this Annual Report.

Sincerely, Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr. Chief, Loudon Fire Department

Chairman Maxfield said the Board relied on the department heads to submit their reports in a concise and accurate format. Selectman Ives stated he questioned whether the Selectmen have reviewed the reports prior to printing the annual report and was advised by Office Manager Jean Lee that they had in years past, but not recently. The Board said they will be reviewing all submissions to the annual

report from now on. Chief Burr said he felt the report from the Cate Van Committee was also very negative and many people donated time and materials to get the garage built. He said he did not feel the annual report was the place to air negative comments. Selectman Ives said he agreed and the Board will discuss these issues and decide how to minimize the impact of these negative articles in the annual report. Chief Burr said he felt the Board should take action regarding these issues. The Board said Chief Burr will be informed of the decision once it is reached.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board discussed the Board of Permit meeting that had been postponed to March 18 due to the first session of Town Meeting. Since DARE Pizza Night is on March 18, it was decided to cancel the March Board of Permit meeting.

The Board discussed a request from Fire Chief Burr to issue a letter to Merrimack Valley School District regarding insurance coverage for members of the Fire Department using the elementary school gym for dodge ball activities. Selectman Ives explained the request and the Board decided to forward this information to Chief Burr for his review.

Selectman Bowles discussed making arrangements for parking on School Street for the second session of Town Meeting on Saturday, March 15. Selectman Bowles said he would like to see one-way traffic on School Street from Oak Hill Road to North Village Road for that day and place signs restricting parking to only one side of the street. The Board agreed a barricade will be placed at School Street and Village Road, and an officer will be there to direct traffic.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

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

**The Deadline for the June 2008
"Loudon Ledger" is Friday, May 16.**

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — March 18, 2008

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present Road Agent David Rice and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 4, 2008 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Steven R. Ives, Selectman as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the department is continuing with the maintenance of town roads, patching and filling potholes where possible.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he needs to purchase tires for the grader. He said it is necessary for him to purchase four tires at a cost of \$400 to \$600 per tire. Mr. Rice said he is planning on purchasing the least expensive tires and they should last at least one year. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice that he would prefer purchasing radial tires that would give longer wear as it may be at

least two years before the Town could replace the current grader. Mr. Rice said he had spoken with Greg Fillmore regarding the Town's use of Fillmore's grader. He said this option may no longer be available. He also said he had obtained prices to lease a grader should the need arise. The cost would be approximately \$4,000 per month. He said it takes at least six weeks to grade all the town roads. Chairman Ives again said he would prefer Mr. Rice purchase the radial tires and then repair the grader if it

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becomes necessary. Mr. Rice said obtaining parts to repair the grader will be difficult.

Mr. Rice stated the town roads will be posted for the six ton limit beginning Friday, March 21st. The notice has appeared in the Concord Monitor and is posted. The posting is until further notice, but hopefully will only be for six weeks.

Selectman Bowles asked that the crew continue to patch roads when possible, and try to clear back areas where the snow melt puddles so the water will drain away. Chairman Ives asked if the wheeled excavator could be utilized in clearing back the snow instead of the grader to save some wear and tear. Mr. Rice said it can be, but using the excavator is a slower process than the grader. Mr. Rice said there is work to be done on the bridges where potholes are forming as well as getting the snow banks pushed back.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Mr. Wright said he was filling in for Chief Burr this evening. Chairman Ives asked if there had been any further problems with flooding issues in the station. Mr. Wright said not at this time but they are monitoring the situation. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice this issue should be addressed during the re-paving of the parking area around the safety complex.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board discussed the proposed flood maps provided by FEMA for review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from town counsel regarding an amendment to the Family Medical Leave Act.

The Board reviewed a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley to Code Enforcement, Planning Board, and Zoning Board mem-

bers regarding a pond constructed on Route 129 and Bear Hill Road, which has resulted in damage to abutting properties.

The Board reviewed past due ambulance bills. *Selectman Maxfield moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection: #34102 in the amount of \$247.10, #38383 in the amount of \$892.13, # 6791 in the amount of \$100.32, #37184 in the amount of \$93.38, and #1062 in the amount of \$52.33. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Gregory L. Bavis of Loudon NH to the position of part time patrolman for the Loudon Police Department. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives acknowledged John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer discussed Saturday's Town Meeting and asked if the refreshments could be located in the gymnasium instead of in the hallway. The Selectmen stated they were following the rules set down by the school but would see if something could be revised for next year.

Mr. Plummer also addressed the issue of the dam construction on Route 129. He referred to the time when he built his home on Loudon Ridge Road and the fact that there are state requirements for constructing a dam or pond that must be followed. Selectman Bowles said he believes this issue was before the Planning Board or Board of Permit at one time, but the abutters should contact DES if there are problems.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
— March 25, 2008**

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield. Also present were Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Deputy Fire Chief Bob Bottcher, Road Agent David Rice, Library Trustees Susan Kowalski, Greg Silva, Sandra Blanchard, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2008 as printed. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives asked that all cell phones be turned off so as not to cause disruption to the meeting. He also stated this is a meeting, not a public hearing, explaining that those present have a right to be here, but do not have the right to speak or comment unless recognized by the Chairman. Disruptions to the meeting will not be tolerated.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice presented a list of projected road projects for the coming season. He also noted the work on Youngs Hill Road must be completed by the end of June. Selectman Bowles said the work to be done by the Town will be restricted to what is stated in the Planning Board approval. Chairman Ives asked about the bridge repairs such as Wales Bridge Road. Mr. Rice said he has some funding encumbered from the prior fiscal year that is intended for this project. Mr. Rice said work will be continued on the dirt roads weather permitting. Selectman Maxfield asked if the block grant monies were included in this projection. Mr. Rice said they were.

Mr. Rice asked the Board if he had permission to utilize outside one ton trucks to plow the dirt roads if the need arises. The Board concurred.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr asked about the proposed executive session. Chairman Ives said that discussion will take place at a later date.

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

Chief Fiske said the annual bicycle race will be held Sunday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School Street and Oak Hill Roads will be part of the route and law enforcement personnel will be on duty in these areas.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board he had prorated the number of building permits available for 2008, based on the passage of the Zoning Amendment relative to the Growth Management Ordinance. The number of permits available will be 33 for the remaining 10 months of 2008.

Chairman Ives advised Mr. Fiske that there was a request for clarification on the Police Department Special Detail Billing. Chief Fiske explained the procedure, by which the Officer handling the detail completes the invoice, signs it, and obtains an authorized signature from the company or organization requesting the detail. At that time the invoice is given to the authorized individual and a copy is forwarded to the Selectmen's Office. He said the Police Department does not forward a confirming copy to the billing office as that would be duplication. Chairman Ives asked if the Selectmen were to mail out a bill. Chief Fiske said no, only if the payment is not received, then it is the responsibility of the Selectmen's Office to follow up on the col-

lection. Chairman Ives said he would review this information with Office Manager Jean Lee.

Mr. Fiske discussed the Volunteers of America project. He stated that he had been in conversation with Julia Wilcock regarding the 5,000 gallon cistern issue. Ms. Wilcock has stated there is no way VOA will install the cistern, as it was not part of the approval. Mr. Fiske said he asked if Ms. Wilcock would put this information in writing. He said he also brought the impact fee, which is \$15,000, to her attention. Ms. Wilcock responded she was not aware of the impact fee requirement, and asked when VOA would be billed for this fee. Mr. Fiske said he explained the procedure to her, but is unsure of where this will stay at this time. Mr. Fiske said he is also looking for guidance from the Selectmen in regards to requiring a bond to be posted for the remaining work to be done, such as final paving and landscaping. Mr. Fiske referenced a bond in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Fiske said he is hesitant to go forward with issuing the certificate of occupancy until these issues are settled. Chairman Ives said he feels a bond should be posted to ensure the project requirements are met. Selectman Bowles asked where the certificate of occupancy stands, aside from the cistern and impact fee issues. Mr. Fiske said he visited the site together with the Fire Department. He said there is a page long punch list, but there is nothing of significance on the punch list. Mr. Fiske said he provided a copy of the punch list to the contractor who assured him it would be taken care of. Selectman Maxfield asked when Mr. Fiske thought the paving and landscaping would be completed. Mr. Fiske said not until the asphalt plants open for the season, so it could be late April or May before those issues are addressed. He said there is a lot of outside work to be done and given the weather; it could even be June before this is completed. Chairman Ives stated the impact fee must be paid before the C.O. is issued. Mr. Fiske said he had a conversation with Bob Ordway regarding the cistern issue. He said the building has a sprinkler system installed, to code, stamped approved. He said he knows, without fail, the system requires water. Selectman Maxfield asked about the water source for the sprinklers. Mr. Fiske said there are two 2,500 gallon tanks inside the pump room for water storage for the sprinkler system and a five thousand gallon storage tank outside for domestic water. Fire Chief Jeff Burr explained this is a residential sprinkler system designed to allow time for people to escape the structure, it is not designed to fully protect the building. Bob Ordway said he did not want to see the building sitting empty and 32 residents waiting to get in. He said 16 residents were qualified now and additional interviews are being conducted. He said there is a misunderstanding of terms between the project engineer and the fire department. Mr. Ordway said the building as it is built meets all the stipulations that were required. Selectman Maxfield asked whose decision it is now. Mr. Ordway said he feels it is the Selectmen's decision on whether to issue the certificate of occupancy or not. Chief Fiske said he would like to read one paragraph from the Planning Board minutes. "Mr. Prescott asked whether the original cistern that was going to be out

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back is the same size as the new one. Tony Marcotte stated the fire department is requesting 5,000 gallons per day, which is less than initially mentioned. Mr. Prescott asked if there is a letter from the fire department stating they concur with that. Mr. Marcotte stated no, he can provide that prior to signature. Mr. Prescott stated since there is a difference the board should have a letter from the fire department. Mr. Marcotte stated the architect has been working with the fire department and as part of the process the fire department would have the last say." Chairman Ives said the fire department's last say is they want the cistern. Chief Burr agreed. Chairman Ives said he felt it is necessary to hold off on the C.O. until this is resolved. Mr. Ordway said the cistern would not be available right away. He said you are dealing with the Federal Government, the money has been allocated and there isn't any more money. He said this reflects badly on everyone involved to be haggling over a misunderstanding. Mr. Ordway said he is not the only one who thinks this is a misunderstanding. He said he does feel there was ever a commitment to put a fire suppression cistern into the project. Selectman Bowles said it is his understanding the architect, engineer or someone was to get in contact with the fire department. He said that never took place, and the fire department never had the opportunity to give final approval of what was required for fire suppression. He said then there was discussion on using the domestic water storage for fire suppression in an effort to resolve this issue. He said obviously no one is willing to work with that direction so now it is back to square one. Mr. Ordway said the Board should not lose sight of the fact that all of the safety requirements have been met. He said he would love to see 30,000 or 100,000 gallon water supply at that end of the village, but it isn't going to happen. Selectman Maxfield suggested the Selectmen, Code Enforcement, Fire Chief get together and try to resolve this issue. Chairman Ives agreed and said no decision will be reached this evening. Mr. Fiske asked to make one more suggestion and asked if the monies required to install the cistern could be incorporated into the bond requirement that was discussed earlier. Chairman Ives said that may be a feasible idea. Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Fiske about the back-flow preventer which had been discussed at earlier meetings. Mr. Fiske said Department of Environmental Services will not allow a back-flow prevention device on the domestic water storage tank so it could be used as a water source for fire suppression. He said he does not feel DES is an authority on fire suppression systems and there are products available that could be utilized. Mr. Fiske said he had a couple of alternatives that could be investigated. Chairman Ives asked if Mr. Fiske could research his ideas and be prepared to discuss them further on April 8. He also asked when VOA was expecting the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Fiske said they would like to have had the C.O. right after the last meeting. Mr. Ordway said he does not feel the bond should include an amount for the cistern as there are no funds to install one. He said the remaining budget does include funds for the final paving and the landscaping. Selectman Bowles said VOA has stated they have no funds available for the impact fees either but those will have to be paid before the C.O. is issued. Mr. Ordway said VOA does have the option of appealing the impact fee requirement. Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Fiske if he has been in contact with the contractor. Mr. Fiske said he had, and although Mr. Spain sympathizes with the parties on the cistern issue,

he is on the outside looking in. Mr. Fiske said he also feels bad for the contractor because if the C.O. is held up, the contractor will not get his funds. Selectman Maxfield said he feels the Selectmen should try to resolve this issue, maybe next week.

The Board began their appointment with the Trustees of the Maxfield Public Library. Susan Kowalski, newly-elected Trustee addressed the Board. She stated the Trustees submitted a letter to the Selectmen on March 21, 2008, which she would like read into the record: *To the Selectmen: Saturday's Town Meeting on March 15, 2008 voted a 30% reduction in the Library budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. This comes out to close to \$58,000. The Trustees carefully prepared a budget in accordance with New Hampshire state law RSA 202-A: 11 Powers and Duties — Prepare an annual budget indicating what support and maintenance of the free public library will be required out of the public funds for submission to the appropriate agency of the municipality. The budget was submitted to the Selectmen with the justifications for each line. The Trustees met with the Selectmen at a separate meeting and went to the Budget Hearing to answer all questions. A mutual agreement was met on reductions in line items. There was no opposition to the proposed budget until Town Meeting.*

According to the RSA 202-A: 4 Maintenance. — Any city or town having a public library shall annually raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide and maintain adequate public library service therein or to supplement funds otherwise provided. The Trustees believe that 70% of a well thought through budget is not adequate to maintain the Library. This reduction will result in layoffs of personnel and partial closure of the Library. It can be interpreted as a violation of law, based on RSA 202-A, to inadequately fund the Library.

The citizens of Loudon who rely on the resources of the Library — whether to do research, borrow books, attend story time, access the Internet, or attend many of the community meetings in the building — are the ones who will be harmed if the Maxfield Library is forced to cut its budget by 30%.

A vote at Town Meeting, although important and meaningful, is only advisory and is not binding on the Selectmen RSA 32:10 (e) **Transfer of Appropriations** — The town or district meeting may vote separately on individual purposes of appropriation contained within any warrant article or budget, but such a separate vote shall not affect the governing body's legal authority to transfer appropriations. The Selectmen have the option of reducing the overall town budget by the amount instead of a line item. The Library Trustees realize as much as everyone the pressures of a declining economy and will do their utmost to decrease the Library budget while maintaining the current level of services.

The Town has a responsibility by law to support the Library. We hope the Selectmen can find a way to uphold the Town's obligation. Sincerely, Board of Library Trustees

Mrs. Kowalski presented a fact sheet for the Board's review. In addition, a petition signed by 160 residents was presented to the Board and reads as follows: "We, the undersigned, pledge our support for the Maxfield Public Library. We do not believe the Library should withstand a 30% budget cut as was voted at Town Meeting on March 15. We feel the loss of services caused by such a drastic reduction in the budget would be unfair to the citizens of Loudon. The Maxfield Library is a valuable resource in our community and deserves the town's current level of support." Mrs. Kowalski said the Trustees feel a mistake was made at Town Meeting on March 15 that will affect the

whole town and that it can be corrected. Chairman Ives said although the vote may not be accepted by everybody, it was a legal vote. The Selectmen contacted the town's auditor, Jamie Dow at Department of Revenue Administration, for an opinion on this action and was told it was entirely in the way it was written; the minutes of town meeting reflect that. He said while 30% may seem high, who decides what is adequate funding. No one can answer that. He said until someone can answer what is adequate; he doesn't know how the Selectmen will resolve that question. Chairman Ives said the Trustees are asking for the bottom line to be reduced by \$58,000 +/- He said speaking for himself, not as the entire Board, the town (the Legislative Body) voted to reduce the Library's budget by \$58,000. He said that also reduces the "bottom line" of the town. He said if the Selectmen were to put that money back into the Library budget, where would they take it from? Whose budget would they dip into? He asked if the Trustees had any ideas on that. Mrs. Kowalski said that comes to .1% of the total town budget. Chairman Ives said everyone prepared a tight budget. He said each department had their budget requests scrutinized. He said DRA had given the Selectmen this scenario; If the town voted to not buy a new fire engine and then the Selectmen decided they wanted to buy the new fire engine and took the money out of the recreation department and bought the fire engine anyway, that would be legal to do, but would the Selectmen be crucified, yes they would. He said it would not be fair to the other departments to make them suffer because of a legal vote at town meeting. Selectman Bowles said the Board had tried to prepare a conservative budget during the budgeting process. He said increases for the employee cost of living allowance, fuel, utilities, etc were kept to a minimum and there are items

that just cannot be trimmed, and still keep the other departments operating. Selectman Bowles said the town will not postpone road projects that are scheduled nor will they tell Chief Fiske that he cannot purchase the new police cruiser that was budgeted for, or tell Chief Burr that he cannot respond to fire calls, or cut the recreation budget so there are no programs for the kids, just so the 30% Library cut can be reinstated. He said this was a legal vote of the people and until proven otherwise; his opinion is that he will stand by that vote. Selectman Maxfield said he felt the only thing the Trustees were asking is that under RSA 32:10 (e), which gives the governing body the authority to transfer funds, is the Selectmen look at the budget to see if there are any funds that can be transferred to the Library.

Chairman Ives recognized Rebecca Osgood of Bear Hill Road from the audience. She asked what other department's budgets or lines were cut other than the Library, and why the Library was targeted. Selectman Bowles said he didn't have an answer for that, but other lines were brought up and discussed. He said several amendments were put on the floor and voted down. Chairman Ives said the line for the police cruiser was brought forward in an amendment to delete that line and the amendment was voted down. There was an amendment to reduce the computer line in the Selectmen's budget by \$4,000, which was voted down. There was an amendment to reduce the Town Cemeteries line, which was also voted down. He said the Library amendment was the only one passed. Mrs. Osgood said she felt this was a very vindictive vote by whoever brought this forward. She said she felt this was a very juvenile thing to do and everyone will suffer. Chairman Ives said from his personal view, he read the

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emails that had been circulating around town, one of which stated the Selectmen were involved in this issue. He stated the Selectmen were not involved, in any way, shape or form in this vote.

Peter Pitman of Lovejoy Road was recognized. He stated he wanted to speak on the emails that were circulated. He said the Selectmen had nothing to do with the amendment. He said he was the one who brought the amendment forward and the reason he made the amendment to the budget is that in looking through the budgets from 2000 to 2008, the Library has had budgets that total \$765,000, not including the \$58,000 removed at town meeting, for a library of a town of 5,000 people. He said he thinks this is a bit excessive. He said this was not vindictive, but it was something that should have been done a long time ago.

Chairman Ives recognized Sarah Chalsma from the audience. She read the following statement into the minutes: *My name is Sarah Chalsma, N. Village Road. I spoke at the Town Meeting this year in favor of the library and I am here this evening to do the same.*

An amendment was proposed and, as we are well aware, passed by a vote of the townspeople to cut the budget of the library by 30% or approximately \$58,000. Since Town Meeting, I have spoken with town residents, done research, and learned some of the hows, whys, facts and fictions of the issue of the library budget.

First of all, with this budget cut, library employees will not only be losing hours from their jobs, but will possibly have to take cuts in pay as well, therefore losing income used to support themselves and their families. In this day of an unstable economic future it is disheartening to know that

your neighbors are cutting your hours and wages. A townswoman recently wrote, "Do you realize that the library has more employees than the Fire Department?" And while the numbers may support this statement, the reality of the situation justifies the number of employees. The library employs many part-time employees, including high-school and college students. Some of these employees only work on an as-needed basis — covering for vacations and sicknesses. Some of the employees only work 8 or so hours a week. Hiring a larger number of part-time employees is actually a way for the library to save money by not having to provide health benefit for full-time employees. There are many duties that library employees carry out on a daily basis — much more than the belief that they stand around stamping books and chatting all day — and a loyal employee pool is required to provide services to the public.

The library is open 40 hours a week, including hours in the evening. If it is not open for those hours, community functions such as evening meetings, story time, and summer reading program for the children may not be available to the citizens of this town. Alexander Graham Bell once wrote "A library that is not accessible out of business hours is of as little value as gold hoarded in a vault and withdrawn from circulation." The budget cuts will put those evening hours in jeopardy.

The number of books, movies, music and periodicals that were to be purchased will be cut. Updated information may no longer be available. It was said at Town Meeting that "the Library is full" but indeed a library is never full — by means of its design and purpose — a library is meant to grow and be refreshed. Literally speaking, this statement is also not true — many empty spaces can still be found on the shelves in the library. It was written recently, "Is there

any reason they need to spend \$7,000 a year on books?" Obviously this person does not buy many books, as the average price of a hardcover book is somewhere around \$25.00. (Which equals out to below 300 new book acquisitions per year.) Without continued infusion of new materials, the libraries collection will grow stale.

The budget proposed by the library Trustees for the fiscal year of 2008–2009 was 3.15% above the budget for the library's last fiscal year. In fact, referencing the Annual Report, the average increase requested by other town departments and offices was approximately 14.92% yet only the library budget was cut. Why did this happen? The answer may be found in some more fact and fiction stories.

It is a fact that the day-to-day operations of the library are overseen by the Library Trustees. These trustees are elected by the voters of this town, same as the Selectmen — it is not a secret club. It is fiction that the Library Trustees are not held accountable for the spending of their funds. These funds are (usually) approved by the townspeople to be used in ways that are explained in meetings held between the Trustees and the Selectmen. If there is special funding needed for projects, such as for the Children's Room, it is proposed and voted on by the citizens of this town. It is false to say that the taxpayers are spending more money on the Children's room than was voted on. At town meeting one townspeople stated that "the sign in front of the library says it all, money in the back of a dump truck being dumped down the drain." The fact is that the money totaled on that sign is all privately raised money through donations and book sales. It is fact that the Library funds are held in an account controlled by the Trustees, no longer by the Selectmen, and also fact that this change of procedure will not cost the taxpayers additional money. The Library Trustees will hire a bookkeeper and pay this employee with interest earned from the Library Trust Fund. It is fiction that the trust fund has anything to do with taxpayer money. The trust fund was set up many years ago by Mr. Maxfield with his private money. The fund is held intact and only the interest is used on necessary occasions.

So what can one conclude from this collection of fact and fiction? It appears to be fact that the town of Loudon has had a long, on-going, emotionally-wrought feud with its library. It is fact that some feelings appear so hateful towards the library that townspeople actually cheered at Town Meeting when the library budget was cut. A statement written by a member of the community recently seems to sum up the Library opponents' feelings: "The cutting of their budget seemed to be our only way to send them a message: enough is enough. It's time to learn how to "play well with others" and become more open and upfront in your dealings with the Town." Are we all to pay for the fighting of a few? While a life-time resident of NH, I'm a relative new-comer to town, having lived here for only 7 years. Am I to lose out on library services because of a bad case of "he-said, she-said"? I am not particularly concerned with supposed occurrences of wrong-doing that happened 15, 10, 5 years ago. I want to be able to enjoy everything the library has to offer — from books, to community service, to a sanctuary of learning, as a center of my community. I do not wish to be punished because some "don't play nicely." — whatever that really means. When is enough really enough? How many more years shall the library and its patrons continue to be punished?

I'd like to end with 2 more quotes. The first is from news anchor Walter Cronkite: "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an igno-

rant nation." And my final quote is a recitation of the Declaration of Policy regarding Public Libraries which can be found in NH RSA 202-A:1 — "Mindful that, as the constitution declares, "knowledge and learning, generally diffused through a community" are "essential to the preservation of a free government" the legislature recognizes its duty to encourage the people of NH to extend their education during and beyond the years of formal education. To this end, it hereby declares that the public library is a valuable supplement to the formal system of free public education and as such deserves adequate financial support from government at all levels." Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Chairman Ives recognized Debra Carbone from the audience. Ms. Carbone said she was the one who sent the email and wanted to apologize to the Selectmen for the misinformation contained in the email.

Chairman Ives recognized Louise Greenfield from the audience. Mrs. Greenfield read the following into the minutes: *A library is a collection of information, sources, resources, and services ... The collection and services are used by people who choose not to —or cannot afford to—purchase an extensive collection themselves, who need material no individual can reasonably be expected to have, or who require professional assistance with their research. To cut the library budget in a town such as Loudon can have considerable impact on its children, its students, its senior citizens—in fact, on all of its residents. In this age of electronic, instantaneous information, it is crucial that our students have access to current and accurate facts and events. We are all affected by the high cost of fuel for commuting and for home heating. These days, we think twice about taking a leisurely drive, and often opt for staying at home instead. By lending books and other reading materials, by offering access to information for educational and personal use, and with the use of videos and DVDs for family entertainment, the library is a valued resource and financial help to Loudon families. Use of the library saves the cost of a commute to a bookstore or movie theater. During these uncertain economic times, this can offer some hope to families. Indeed, it can even be a valuable teaching tool for our children; showing them intelligent and alternative ways to budget resources. I have always found our library staff to be incredibly knowledgeable and helpful whenever I have needed assistance. In fact, I often brag to non-Loudon residents how small, but wonderfully effective, our library is. We have only recently had a computer in our home. For years, I would have been at a loss without the use of the library's computers. We do not have a choice of paying our taxes or not. We pay our taxes to support our town and all of its assets — making a huge cut solely to the library's budget seems unreasonable and unfair. Loudon is a town of modest means. We have an obligation to maintain and support the wealth we have, and Maxfield Public Library is one of Loudon's riches.*

Chairman Ives said the Board has given ample opportunity for the public to offer their comments. He said the bottom line is the vote was taken at town meeting, is a legal vote and he does not believe the Selectmen are going to take any legal action on the final tally of the vote. The \$58,000 reduction is going to come out of the Library's budget. He said one reason he was happy to have the public here and to allow the comments to be made, is that these comments will be part of the Selectmen's minutes, which appear in the Loudon Ledger,

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the rest of the town will have access to read these minutes and maybe at town meeting next year, if you have the support you have here tonight, your budget will fly through without any attack. He said the budget as it stands now is what the Trustees will have to live with for this year.

Chairman Ives recognized Trustee Greg Silva. Mr. Silva said it is the Trustees' opinion that the results of the vote at town meeting would have been opposite had the whole town voted. Mr. Silva asked if it was possible to hold a special town meeting to re-vote on the budget. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Silva that the Trustees would have to petition to Superior Court to hold a special town meeting. Chairman Ives said he did not think this would be granted as the grounds do not seem sufficient for the Court to grant the request. Selectman Bowles said there is also a cost involved with holding a special meeting and it is not a cheap procedure. Chairman Ives said his personal opinion is the Trustees could fight the town legally, no one would win, and monies would be spent. He said the Trustees are going to need to live with the budget as it was voted. Mr. Silva said he would like to see the Trustees, the Selectmen and the Department Heads get together to see if any adjustments could be made to possibly lessen the impact on the Library's budget. Chairman Ives said this would be a very positive thing. Chairman Ives said the current budget is in effect until June 30th so there is time to try to accom-

plish something in that respect. The Board agreed this would be something positive.

Chairman Ives recognized Deb Kardaseski from the audience. Ms. Kardaseski said she found it interesting a vote such as this has finally gotten the Library Trustees to try and work with the other town departments. Chairman Ives said he would not comment to that statement but felt this was a step in the right direction.

Chairman Ives recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill said he feels the Trustees and everyone else in the room needs to look at the fact that the people have spoken and they would like to see their taxes cut. He said he went to the Library today and roughly figured the Library is open 40 hours per week, and the town is spending \$63.00 per hour in labor to keep the Library open. He said personally he does not feel this is necessary. He said the librarian gets more paid vacation time than any other employee of the town. He said he feels there are many places where the Trustees could cut their budget. He said he doesn't think it will set well with the town to cut other departments budgets to reinstate the Library's. He said if there is so much support for the Library maybe those that use the library the most should pick up the 30% that was cut.

Chairman Ives said he would not entertain any further comments tonight but he does feel it is a good idea for the Selectmen to meet with the Trustees and see if there is a solution. He said he does not feel the Selectmen can find \$58,000 from other departments but could possibly look at other options such as a fee schedule, rental fees

for the meeting room at the library, etc. Selectman Maxfield said he agrees it is a good idea to get together to discuss available options. Chairman Ives congratulated Susan Kowalski on her election as Trustee and wished her well. Selectman Bowles asked the Library supporters if they could move out quickly and quietly to allow the Selectmen to continue with their regular meeting.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee requesting a waiver of the usual report fee for a list of veterans for the American Legion Post 88. *Selectman Bowles moved to waive the usual report fee of \$25.00 for the veteran's credit list. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives reviewed a memo from assessor David Wiley requesting authorization to act on behalf of the Selectmen to settle appeal cases before the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. *Selectman Bowles moved to authorize Dave Wiley to act on behalf of the Selectmen to settle appeals before the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board reviewed a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the acceptance letter from Alicen Twardosky in regards to the Trustee of the Trust Fund vacancy. The Board will wait for additional information on the length of the appointment before proceeding.

The Board acknowledged receipt of an invitation from Fire Chief Jeff Burr to a

table top exercise at NH Motor Speedway on April 17. Chairman Ives said the Selectmen would be acting as observers and the exercise will be a mass casualty situation and will be an all day exercise.

The Board noted receipt of congratulatory letters to the Police Department for the DARE Pizza Night activity. Selectman Bowles said the department puts a lot of work and energy into the affair and it worked out well that it was held at the school this year.

Selectman Maxfield was presented with a letter from Senator Judd Gregg congratulating him on his re-election.

Chairman Ives recognized Mike Labonte from the audience. Mr. Labonte said he was representing Loudon Old Home Day Association and requesting the Selectmen shut down South Village Road from Route 129 to Wales Bridge for Old Home Day on August 9 to local traffic only. This would be for the entire day. The Selectmen asked for Chief Fiske's input. Chief Fiske said he concurred the road should be shut down for the parade, but does not feel it is justified to shut the road down for the entire day. It was suggested the time frame would be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Once this is confirmed the Board will give their approval.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — April 1, 2008

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

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 25, 2008 as printed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personal issue with a property owner at 6:32 p.m. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Selectman Bowles yes, Selectman Maxfield yes, Chairman Ives yes. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of executive with John Pease session at 6:50 p.m. Second by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Selectman Maxfield yes, Selectman Bowles yes, Chairman Ives yes. Motion carried. The results of the executive session, a meeting with John Pease to discuss property taxes of Lola Pease. Chairman Ives said several ideas were discussed and some will be pursued. Selectman Maxfield stated these types of situations are handled on a case by case basis and are kept confidential.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a memo from Planning Board secretary Donna White regarding the 2008 building permits. Ms. White referenced the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2008 which included information that Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske had calculated the number of building permits for 2008 to be 33, based on prorating the outcome of the zoning amendment that passed at Town Meeting. Ms. White said she discussed this information with town counsel and Gerald Coogan with regards to the Growth Management Ordinance and both

agreed the number of permits for 2008 is 40. The approved amendment does not include any provision to prorate the number of permits available. Attorney Mayer recommended Ms. White address this information with the Selectmen who in turn could address it with Mr. Fiske. The Board agreed with the recommendation of town counsel and directed Office Manager Jean Lee to draft a memo to Mr. Fiske confirming the total number of permits for 2008 to be 40.

The Board noted receipt of four (4) memos from Bob Fiske, which he would like initialed by the Board and returned. The memos discussed Volunteers of America certificate of occupancy, the Volunteers of America impact fees, pay increase for Officer Shawn Williams for completing the Police Academy, and an agreement with Brian Martel for compensation while attending the Police Academy. Chairman Ives said the salary increase for Shawn Williams reflects 50 cents per hour which is the standard amount once an officer has graduated from the academy. Chairman Ives said the first memo referenced the VOA certificate of occupancy. He said the cistern appears to be a dead issue, the impact fees in the amount of \$15,048.00 will be paid before the certificate of occupancy is issued, and at this point acknowledged Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr said he was aware of the Board's decision regarding the cistern but would like to reiterate the following comments: Chief Burr referenced Planning Board minutes from February 15, 2006 in which they (VOA) had received several waivers. Mr. Ordway stated in the minutes they (VOA) would be back the following month for a formal plan review. March of 2006, the minutes read "the Fire Depart-

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ment would like to have a concrete cistern.” Dustin Bowles asked if the cistern would be pushing the 1,000 foot. He is not happy with changing the plan. Mr. McNeil said it was 800 plus feet from the building to the cistern Chief Burr said the discussion had been on Wellington Way and then went right into design review for VOA. Tony Marcotte said the architect has met with the Fire Department and is working on NFPA standards. A cistern will be added to the plan, and the Fire Department wants to have access to the back part of the building. Chief Burr stated on the same page Tom Dow said it seemed the cistern would be better suited in the front of the building to utilize it for the entire neighborhood. James McNeil stated it will depend on the location of the sprinkler system outlet. Mr. Marcotte stated that they would be working with Chief Burr on the cistern issues. Chief Burr said “there again they did not with him.” Chief Burr went on to quote from Planning Board Minutes. He said in the April 2006 minutes Tom Dow asked if the cistern issues had been resolved with the Fire Department. Mr. Marcotte said yes, there is going to be a 5,000 gallon water system storage tank and transfer pad added for power. Chief Burr said Mr. Marcotte went on to say this system would allow for a few days of water, and this appears to be the point where everyone says it became confused. Chief Burr said up to this point the discussion was on Fire Department, not drinking water issues. Chief Burr said on this same date Mr. Ordway stated he is not aware of the cistern requirements by this board etc. He went on to say Mr. Prescott asked if the original cistern was going to be out back and the same size as the new one out front. Mr. Marcotte said the Fire Department is requesting 5,000 gallons per day, which Chief Burr said relates to the domestic water tanks, which is less than originally mentioned. Chief Burr said at the end of those minutes Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the application, second by Stanley Prescott, Roger Maxfield abstained. Majority ruled in favor. Motion carried. Chief Burr said he is bringing these items to the Board’s attention and he has also sent a letter to Tom Dow on December 22nd, outlining these issues and bringing him up to speed as to where the Fire Department stood with the cistern Chief Burr went on to discuss subsequent Planning Board minutes and the site visit. He said Mr. Ordway, in the minutes, stated the Board and the Town should learn something from this issue as it appears the cistern had slipped through the cracks. Mr. Ordway said the sprinkler system used in the building meets code and although he would like to see a cistern, he is not sure of the right way to go. Chief Burr

said Mr. Ordway has fought this, with the Town of Loudon, since day one. Chief Burr said his problem is the Fire Department asked for something, everyone says it got confused, which may be the case, but there is a man sitting on the Planning Board that is fighting the town and that is a serious conflict of interest and it is also an ethical matter. He said he is also going to bring this to the attention of the Planning Board. Chief Burr said he wanted his point brought home that the Fire Department wanted to see a cistern and when the Selectmen make their decision they should keep that in mind. Chief Burr said the Fire Department is not backing away from the fire cistern, but they are being told no. Selectman Maxfield asked Chief Burr if he was at the Board of Permit meeting where Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow said it is out of the Planning Board’s hands and it is now up to the Selectmen. Selectman Maxfield said the Planning Board has washed their hands of it. Chief Burr said even though the Planning Board washed their hands of it, there is someone on the Planning Board who made a motion to accept the complex, when there were board members who were still questioning whether anything in writing from the fire department had been submitted. Chief Burr said the developer admitted they did not have anything in writing. Chief Burr said decisions were made, on the basis of not having a response to an email that was sent to the wrong address. He said statements have been made that the Fire Department is holding up the process for occupancy of the building. He said the Fire Department is not holding up the process. He said the Town of Loudon is not. He said the Town of Loudon should be concerned with the protection of the building and the people who will be residing there. He said it shouldn’t be when they can open the doors and start making money. Chairman Ives said if he is not mistaken, Bob Ordway is an alternate member of the Planning Board. Selectman Bowles said he believed Mr. Ordway was a voting member at that time, but Mr. Ordway should have recused himself from the Planning Board. Selectman Maxfield said Mr. Ordway has been an advocate for the project from day one. Selectman Bowles said many people are advocates, but it appears that the developers have not had to follow the regulations like everyone else and it sets a bad precedent. Chairman Ives said things will be handled differently in the future. Selectman Maxfield said he feels if the cistern was on the plans in black and white, yes there will be a cistern with this amount of water, it would have been clean. Selectman Bowles said he doesn’t know if it was on the plans because the connection was never made with the fire department. Chief Burr said the connection

was never made with the department and when ground was first broken he went down and asked about the cistern and was basically ignored. He said this was not just a last minute thing trying to chase it down. He said there were a lot of people who did not follow through on a lot of things. Chairman Ives said he felt they (VOA) did an excellent job public relations wise when the project first began. Chief Burr said he even wrote a recommendation letter for the project, but he will not do that again. Chairman Ives said the matter is done with; Chief Burr has voiced his opinion and concerns. He said the cistern is not going to go in, but he has an invoice for the impact fees from the Code Enforcement office to VOA for \$15,048.00. He said he feels there is a check forthcoming for the impact fee.

Selectman Bowles said he would like to address the elderly housing project proposed for Route 106 North in Canterbury. Chief Burr said he has recommended the Selectmen from the Town of Canterbury meet with the Selectmen from Loudon because that area of Route 106 in Canterbury is covered by Loudon Fire Department. Chief Burr said this is the last information he has and as far as he knows, the project has not gone forward at this time. Selectman Bowles said he believes the project has been approved and construction is ready to begin. Chairman Ives asked that Office Manager Jean Lee draft a letter to the Canterbury Selectmen voicing Loudon’s concerns for the fire and medical assistance that may be required for the retirement community being constructed near the town line. The Board would also like to arrange a meeting with Canterbury to discuss these issues.

Chairman Ives reviewed a request from Police Chief Bob Fiske to approve a 50 cent per hour pay increase for Officer Shawn Williams following his graduation from the Police Academy. *Selectman Bowles moved to approve the pay increase for Officer Shawn Williams to \$17.87 per hour effective*

with the pay period ending 04/05/08. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a memo from Chief Fiske to Officer Brian Martel regarding his compensation during the time he attends the Police Academy. The weekly compensation will be \$717.25 gross per week.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Michael Harris.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a payment in the amount of \$115,570.31 which represents the State matching funds for the May 2006 floods FEMA disaster. A public hearing will be held on April 15 to accept these funds.

The Board acknowledged receipt of two letters from residents of Berry Road. Chairman Ives said he had received these emails and had driven Berry Road to check the condition.

The Board received a report on the status of Wales Bridge from Department of Transportation.

Chairman Ives reviewed the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2007 which addressed a motion to restrict scholarships to Loudon high school students only. Chairman Ives reviewed the remaining balance in the scholarship account from 2007. The Board discussed the anticipated funds for the scholarships. *Selectman Bowles moved to allow Loudon students, both graduating high school seniors and full time college students to apply for the Arthur E. McNeil and Raymond C. Cummings Memorial Scholarships. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes — April 8, 2008

Present: Selectman Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Planning Board member Stanley Prescott, Zoning Board Chairman David Powelson, Zoning Board member Roy Merrill, Police Chief/Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr.

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

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 1, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske presented three Hawker and Peddler Permit applications for review.

Speedway Convenience: Mr. Fiske stated that this is the same application as previously submitted, with no changes. All paperwork is in order. Selectman Bowles asked about any concerns for this site. Mr. Fiske said the concerns were regarding parking, not the Hawker and Peddler Permit. He said that the parking issue is being monitored. Discussion ensued regarding parking.

Dudley’s Ice Cream: Mr. Fiske stated the only change for this application is the

addition of a hot dog cart out at the front of the property. Mr. Fiske will be sure that Ms. Dudley is aware of the setbacks. All paperwork is in order.

NHMS — Big Apple Convenience: Mr. Fiske stated that this is the same application as the previous owners had submitted, with no changes except for the ownership. He stated that the State Hawker and Peddler Permits would be coming for the vendors that are contained within the Track itself at a later date.

Mr. Fiske discussed the **Thistle Hill subdivision** relative to telephone poles, underground utilities, dead end roads, and a waiver Mr. Thistle has regarding the length of the road. He stated that the waiver could have incorporated the non-underground utilities in it, he was not sure. Selectman Bowles stated that he has not seen a waiver for the road. He went on to say that there is correspondence and minutes relative to the road. Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Board having to sign off on any item requesting a waiver. Mr. Fiske reviewed correspondence relative to the length of this subdivision road and a waiver for the grade of the road. Discussion ensued regarding any paperwork from The Louis Berger Group regarding the development of this

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road, the utilities plan, or pole placement plan, as well as drainage issues and the sprinkler systems for the individual homes. Chairman Ives stated that there does not appear to be anything in writing relative to aboveground or underground utilities, so based on the regulations, there should not be any utility poles going in on a dead end road no matter what the length. Selectman Bowles stated that the utility pole installation needs to be halted. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of a utility pole and its proximity to the road being unacceptable. The members agreed that there needs to be a hold on the pole placement and that more research needs to be done. The Board agreed that Mr. Thistle would be required to come before the Planning Board to discuss this issue. Mr. Fiske asked if Mr. Thistle could apply for a waiver at this point. Selectman Bowles said that Mr. Thistle could apply, and the Planning Board could grant or deny the waiver and Mr. Thistle could appeal if he were denied. Mr. Prescott stated that during review of the subdivision site he felt that the placement of the poles, road, pavement width, shoulder width (where the ditch is), and the slopes of the sides has not been built according to the plan. He said that the Town Engineers need to be on top of these projects and Mr. Thistle needs to be put on notice that there are deficiencies. Mr. Prescott said that the Town Engineers need to go out and check the work as well. Roy Merrill inquired if there was the possibility that the Town Engineer could have gotten the issue of the length of the road and the slope mixed up during the correspondence based on the information he has heard regarding the correspondence that has been referenced. Mr. Prescott reviewed correspondence from former Planning Board Secretary Brenda Pearl that references a memo from Engineer Tony Puntin regarding the length of the road. He also reviewed a memo from Engineer Tony Puntin to Mrs. Pearl stating that he had not received any information from the Town or Web Stout relative to steep slopes and road length issues. Discussion ensued. Chairman Ives stated he felt that this issue would have to come before the Planning Board. Mr. Prescott asked if Mr. Fiske would be the one to put Mr. Thistle on notice. Chairman Ives stated yes.

Mr. Fiske discussed the **building permit numbers**. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Fiske that the Board had a memo that would be forwarded to Mr. Fiske regarding the number of building permits. Mr. Fiske stated that for 2008 there are 30 building permits that have been issued and there are approximately 30 building permits for 2009 that have been completed. He said there are several people on the 2009 building permit list that wish not to be brought up to 2008 list and wanted to know if someone were to apply for a permit now, should he give them a 2008 permit. Chairman Ives asked if everyone on the 2009 list had declined to move to the 2008 list. Mr. Fiske stated that his office has not been in touch with everyone, but that they have spoken with many of the property owners and they have declined to move up a year. The Board agreed the applicant could be put on the 2008 list if there are openings. Selectman Bowles stated that the new zoning allows for the 10% carry over. Mr. Fiske said that his office is trying to get the chronological list. Selectman Bowles said that if the property owners do not want to build, then they do not have to build. Chairman Ives said that this is going to be the transitional year and hopefully next year there will not be people on the 2010 list until the 2009 list is filled up. Selectman Bowles asked how far out the

permits were. Mr. Fiske stated that currently there are approximately 30 property owners on the 2009 building permit list. He asked if a property owner had a 2008 permit and asked to be placed on the 2009 list was it okay? The Board said they did not see any problem with that. Mr. Fiske asked if there are 2008 permits available towards the end of the year could developers take those permits. Mr. Powelson read the zoning ordinance relative to equitable distribution of permits which states that after December 1, if there are any permits for that year still available, they may be issued to any taker. Mr. Powelson stated the Zoning Board has granted building permit extensions for 2007, none for 2008 as it is still early in the year. He said if a property owner wishes to give up their 2008 permit and move to the 2009 list, if there are still spaces available, he thinks it is okay.

Mr. Fiske discussed the **MDP property** on Foster Road relative to signage at the end of Foster Road and Oak Hill Road. Mr. Plante of MDP has asked for a 28' X 48' sign while they are under construction. Discussion ensued regarding the zoning ordinance relative to signs. It was stated that Mr. Plante could reasonably have a 9' X 4' maximum panel sign in a 35 MPH zone that would point down Foster Road. Discussion ensued regarding the type of sign and if Mr. Plante would need to go before the Zoning Board.

Chairman Ives asked Mr. Fiske about an issue with a pond on private property relative to DES. Mr. Fiske stated that DES was involved when this pond was created and the issues are that the area was dug out and the pond filled up and spilled over to the same slue-sway as it has always flowed.

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

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that he had received a couple of phone calls asking him to review the drainage issues on Greenview Drive. He stated that he advised the landowner that while Greenview Drive is a private road, he would go and take some photos of the area out of courtesy. Mr. Fiske reviewed the photos with the Board and gave a brief overview of what he saw. Discussion ensued regarding the culverts and drainage. Mr. Fiske stated that he suspected that when one of the culverts can no longer take care of the water flow that it comes up to a point and goes into the road. He said he is just wondering about the diversion of water. Selectman Bowles asked if this should be addressed by DES. He said that DES had been overseeing the project, not the Town. Mr. Fiske asked about any correspondence regarding the work done from DES. The Board stated that DES had sent correspondence; however, they are not aware of correspondence that gives the specific details of the scope of work to be done. Mr. Fiske asked if the Town wanted to get involved. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that DES and the Conservation Commission could be contacted for their review. Discussion ensued regarding the work that has taken place.

Mr. Fiske discussed Boy Scout Troop #30 that the Loudon Police Association sponsors relative to a project on Dump Road. He said that they are looking to plant trees along the south side of Dump Road. Mr. Fiske stated that there is grant money and fundraising that would pay for the project and that it would not be a cost to the Town. The Board agreed that this project could go forward.

Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Robert S. Akerstrom to Corporal for the

Loudon Police Department effective April 8, 2008 and appoint Jason S. Fiske to Corporal for the Loudon Police Department effective April 8, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Maxfield stated he felt that both officers have done a good job since they joined the Police Department. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the culvert on Pleasant Street will be replaced on April 16, 2008 and the notice of road closure from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. has been placed in the newspaper. He said that he has signs that will be placed at the ends of the road notifying drivers of the upcoming closure.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been scuffing the roads to get them as flat as they can. He said the grader is still working. Chairman Ives stated that Selectman Bowles had spoken with Greg Fillmore regarding the continued option of rental of one of Mr. Fillmore's graders if needed. He said that he would like to have an agreement with the hourly rate for the rental of the grader and no bartering. Selectman Maxfield stated he had seen Peter Elliott grading and thought that he was doing a great job. Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew was trying to patch holes but they were popping up faster than they could be patched.

Chairman Ives discussed looking into developing a set of maps with the placement of culverts so that they can be easily identified and checked routinely. Mr. Rice stated that there has never been a set of maps with the culverts on it and he agreed that this is a good idea. Discussion ensued regarding maps that may be available. Roy Merrill suggested looking into having some of the students and community service groups help with this type of project, or drafting. Chairman Ives said his only concern is the liability issues with having people on the roads.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Sr.

Chief Burr reminded the Board of the meeting for the Capital Area Public Health Network scheduled on April 9, 2008. He also reminded the Board of the tabletop exercise scheduled on April 17, 2008.

Chairman Ives stated that Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little has resigned her appointment and the Board is looking for interested residents who would like to be considered for the position. He went on to say that in the mean time, he would be looking into appointing Police Chief Bob Fiske and Fire Chief Jeff Burr as Co-Directors for Emergency Management in the interim. Selectman Bowles said he wanted to be sure that due to the positions that Chief Burr and Chief Fiske already

hold in the Emergency Management Plan, there will not be any conflicts. Discussion ensued. Mr. Fiske asked if the appointment for the former EMD had been rescinded. Chairman Ives stated the appointment date expired. He stated that he had spoken with Mrs. Little and it was her decision not to accept re-appointment.

Chairman Ives stated that he meant to bring up an issue during Board of Permit while all the members were still present, but will address it now. He said that there have been issues with board members being advocates for projects that have come in to Town and had to go before various boards for approvals. Chairman Ives went on to say that board members who are advocates for these projects need to be aware of the conflicts that could arise as well as the chairmen of the boards. He said that those members actively involved in projects before the respective boards should recuse themselves during those discussions.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the property deeding waiver list from Tax Collector Helen McNeil, which needs to be back to the Tax Collector by April 29, 2008.

The Board received copies of the final 2008 Town Meeting Minutes that have been submitted to DRA by Town Clerk Terry Hamel.

The Board was reminded of the meeting with the Library Trustees on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

Selectman Maxfield stated he had attended a meeting of the Historical Society and they have asked about repairs to the Town Pound. He went on to say that he thinks that the repairs are needed and that it is an important part of Loudon's history. Chairman Ives said he would like to obtain an estimate for the repairs.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the repairs to the cemetery fence by the Village Fire Station. He discussed the condition of the current fence and stated that he thinks it would be best to utilize the chestnut boards and to get the granite posts standing up. Selectman Maxfield said it would take some work, but he feels that it could be done. The Board will look at the site and make a decision.

The Board received copies of the impact fee check from Volunteers of America in the amount of \$15,048.00.

The Board received a letter from Sigrid Little that she has requested to be read into the minutes of this meeting. Chairman Ives stated that he has declined to read it into the minutes as it would serve no purpose and as Chairman that is his decision. Selectman Maxfield stated he felt Mrs. Little had put a

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lot of energy into the Emergency Management position, with the CERT Team, and her contacts with the State Emergency Management Director. He said he personally feels that she deserves to be thanked for all the effort that she put into the position. Chairman Ives said he agreed. Selectman Bowles said that all of the ground work that Mrs. Little laid-out was positive and it is too bad that things have worked out they way they have. He said it has been a learning experience and he feels that it is moving in the right direction.

The Board received copies of RSA 21-P: 39 regarding appointment of Emergency Management Director. *Chairman Ives moved to appoint Fire Chief Jeffrey A. Burr, Sr., and Police Chief Robert N. Fiske as temporary Emergency Management Co-Directors. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of e-mail correspondence to and from Jamie Dow, DRA Auditor, regarding the Library Appropriations.

The Board received copies of the Expenditure Report of Library Funds from Library Director Nancy Hendy for review.

The Board received copies of weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board reviewed a letter from Recreation Committee Chair Alicia Grimaldi regarding purchases. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board received a notice from DES regarding a wetlands complaint filed on Map 58, Lot 062.

The Board received correspondence from Local Government Center on the proposed SB 468, stop loss insurance assessment.

The Board received information on the Arthur Fillmore Golf Tournament.

The Board received information on the Land Use Clerk Works workshop scheduled for May 10, 2008.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the Scholarship Application Forms. Chairman Ives stated that Selectman Bowles has declined to be part of the Scholarship Committee and that Eileen Cummings has also declined. He stated that the office has not heard from Suzanne McNeil yet. Chairman Ives went on to say that he wanted to be sure that there were five members of the Scholarship Committee. The Board reviewed the changes to the applications.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Chairman Ives asked if anyone had anything to discuss.

Bob Fiske asked the Board if he needed to be at the meeting scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2008 with the Library Trustees to defend his budget. The Board advised him that they did not feel he needed to be there for that purpose.

Deb Kardaseski asked to read a letter in to the minutes relative to the meeting with the Library Trustees. Chairman Ives requested to review the letter prior to it being read in to the minutes. He agreed that

Ms. Kardaseski could read her letter to be recorded in to the minutes as follows: *"It is my understanding the Selectmen are planning on meeting with the Library Trustees Friday afternoon and the trustees are going to continue their bid to cut other department's budgets in an effort to shore up their own budget. I hope the Selectmen stick to their guns and not cave in to the library's demands. The taxpayers have spoken: they want the library budget cut. The library has offered numerous excuses as to why more people weren't at town meeting. I don't accept those excuses. Attendance at town meeting is a responsibility of every taxpayer. We are truly blessed to live in a free country where we have that opportunity. Those who took the time and made the effort to attend have spoken with their vote. That opportunity was there for all — many chose not to take it. A message has been sent: please listen to it. I urge the trustees to take a hard look at their budget. It is not fair to cut the budgets of other departments — if the taxpayers wanted the other budgets cut, they would have done so at town meeting. The statement has been made that returning college students will not have jobs if this budget cut stands. I seriously doubt a college student can make enough money working part-time at the library to make a dent in college expenses. If they can, then salaries definitely need to be looked at. Nancy Hendy has also stated the hours may have to be cut back to 30 hours per week. So be it. She also questioned why people didn't ask questions at the budget hearings. It doesn't matter: town meeting allows for questioning of every facet of the budget. And that's*

where some folks chose to ask their questions. I truly hope the Selectmen choose not to circumvent the democratic process by giving the Library more money from other budgets. I am not anti-library, although I'm sure I'll be painted that way from now on. The reality is this: life safety issues come first. Does it make sense to cut the fire department, police department, and highway department so the library can continue to function as high on the hog as they have been? More importantly, if the vote at town meeting is ignored, what is the point of even having a town meeting?"

Janice Morin asked if Cosmetology School qualified for the scholarships. The Board stated that if it is considered to be a 12-credit hour full-time program then they felt it would be.

Paula Miller stated that she was unable to attend Town Meeting due to illness, but has noticed that the Town voted to place \$5,000.00 in the budget for a Household Hazardous Waste Day. She referenced the 2003 Warrant Article relative to holding a Household Hazardous Day that never took place and voiced her concerns for the additional passage of the 2008 Warrant Article for this purpose. Discussion ensued regarding the money from 2003 going in to the General Fund as a Household Hazardous Waste event was not held back then.

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 with Library Trustees Minutes — April 11, 2008

Present: Selectman Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Library Trustee Sandra Blanchard, Greg Silva, and Susan Kowalski.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Ives provided the Library Trustees copies of the 2008 Town Meeting Minutes referencing the Library budget and the amendment to the budget. He also provided correspondence from DRA Auditor Jamie Dow regarding encumbering funds from the current budget to be used in next year's budget and noting that if any Library funds from this budget remain as of June 30, 2008, those funds (unless they are encumbered) would go back in to the general fund. Selectman Maxfield asked if the Trustees had encumbered funds before. Ms. Blanchard stated that they had. Chairman Ives stated that the Trustees had contacted him asking for this meeting and he asked the Trustees for their input on the direction of this meeting. Ms. Blanchard stated that the Trustees whole purpose for this meeting was a follow-up from the last meeting in regards to the 30% reduction in their budget for 2008–2009. She asked the Board if they had

found any money in the Town budget that could be used for the Library, such as a surplus, or contingency fund that they could access. Selectman Maxfield stated there is a contingency fund that is for emergencies towards the end of the budget that arise. He discussed RSA 32:10-e regarding transfer of appropriations. Selectman Maxfield said that while the RSA gives the Selectmen the authority to transfer appropriations, he did not feel the Board would go against the vote at Town Meeting. He asked the Trustees how they planned to operate with the 30% cut as he does not see how they can operate at full capacity. Mr. Silva stated the Trustees wanted to see what the outcome of this meeting was going to be before they moved forward or made any assumptions or speculations. He said it appears there will have to be cuts in both the salary portion and the operating portion of their budget. Chairman Ives stated that since the Library Director and Children's Librarian are salaried employees, there should not be any cuts to those hours because they are salaried positions. Selectman Bowles stated that the Library Trustees have the authority to cut the salary amounts of the Library Director and Children's

Librarian if they choose. He said he is not suggesting a cut to the salaries; he just wants it stated that cutting those salaries is an option. Chairman Ives said he was talking about the operating hours of the Library if the Library Director and Children's Librarian are salaried positions. Ms. Blanchard said they would probably have to cut back 25% on the hours and there would be a lot of cuts throughout the budget but they have not determined where they will be made as of yet. Mr. Silva said that the Library Trustees did not come to this meeting expecting that the Board would have \$58,000.00 for them; he hoped that there would be some funds in the budget to help offset the cut. Chairman Ives said his opinion is that he would not be in favor of taking any funds from the Police, Fire, or Highway Department budgets. He said that he had not looked for any money within the budget because he wanted to hear from the Trustees to see what they had found for options or cuts within their budget. Ms. Blanchard said that in the past when the Selectmen had asked departments to cut back their spending because of emergencies they had done their best to help and cut back. Mrs. Kowalski stated that the Board had suggested the Trustees begin collecting fees for use of the meeting room, and the Trustees are not comfortable with charging fees as many of the groups that use the room are non-profit. Chairman Ives discussed the possibility of charging a fee for the Library Card, or fees for the videos. Ms. Blanchard said that it is a free public library and the concept is to make it equitable for everyone. Selectman Bowles said that the library is not free in the sense that the Town has to pay to run it. Chairman Ives said that the Trustees need to face the reality that the Town cut their budget by 30%. Mr. Silva said that at the same time people need to know what a public library is, it is for the Town and every-

one needs to try their best to maintain it. Chairman Ives advised the Trustees that he felt they needed to find ways to make this budget work and scrape every penny and show the Town at next years Town Meeting that they worked hard to keep the Library operating as best they could. He said there have been a lot of public relations issues relative to the Library and urged the Trustees to find ways to make this budget work. Selectman Maxfield said he felt it would be difficult to setup a system of collecting fees that would allow the Trustees to quickly raise the \$58,000.00. Selectman Maxfield discussed the issue of pay cuts for employees who have been with the town for many years. Chairman Ives said the reality is that there are many people around that have been put in the position of either taking a pay cut or loosing their jobs. Mr. Silva said that if you give someone a pay cut you take the chance of them leaving and if it is a valued employee, it is a bad choice. Chairman Ives said that is the tough decision that the Trustees have to make. He said that the Board does not plan on coming up with \$58,000.00. Ms. Blanchard asked if the Board was willing to look to see if there are any funds that could be used for the Library. Chairman Ives said he could look, but he does not plan to take funds from the other departments. He said that the contingency fund is for disasters that spring up and the Board cannot take the money out for Library operations. Chairman Ives went on to say he does not consider the Library budget an emergency issue, as it was a planned event. Selectman Maxfield stated that the Highway Department overtime line is over by \$8,000.00 and there is \$10,000.00 in the contingency fund, so there is not a lot of wiggle room. He said the budgets are set and very solid. Mr. Silva asked when the

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Board would know if there were any remaining funds in this year's budget. It was stated the fiscal year ends June 30th. Chairman Ives said if the Trustees could get some figures together so that if there were funds left over in this budget there may be a way, he is not sure, if the money could be encumbered. Selectman Maxfield said the Trustees would have to have contracts in order to encumber any money. Selectman Bowles said he did not agree. He said the townspeople voted, and he is not going to go against their vote. Selectman Bowles went on to say that in looking at the expenses that have occurred this winter, he feels that fuel, overtime, sand, salt, etc. are going to go over budget and he feels the money in the current budget is going to be expended. The Board said that the budget is tight and they try very hard to keep spending down as much as possible. Selectman Maxfield discussed the budget figures relative to the budget and warrant articles. Selectman Bowles asked if the Trustees have sat down and reviewed their budget. Ms. Blanchard said the Trustees have talked about the budget and individually reviewed it. She said they are trying to decide if it would be better to close for a few days or have shorter hours. Mrs. Kowalski said that the Trustees are looking to have an energy audit to determine what they could do to cut costs. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees are considering sending out a survey to find out what hours work best for the citizens. Chairman Ives asked if the Trustees knew how much it would cost to send out the survey. He said that mailing out a survey would be an additional cost. Selectman Bowles suggested having a survey form available at the Library in an effort to keep the cost down. He went on to discuss other libraries that operate with volunteers or have minimal budgets. Selectman Bowles said he felt that there was still room to work within the budget and to get the respect of the townspeople back, the Trustees needed to find a way to make it work. He said that he understands technology is changing and everyone wants to have the best of everything, but it is difficult for the townspeople who have to support all of the programs and departments. Selectman Bowles went on to say that he feels the Trustees can look at their budget and find ways to cut back, as not everyone believes there has to be free videos, etc. He said that until the Trustees win back the respect of the townspeople, it will be difficult to move forward. Selectman Bowles said there are many people in town that feel the Trustees need to get back to basics that they do not need to have the most expensive things. He said people want to see fiscal responsibility, they want to have things that are workable. Selectman Maxfield discussed that back when the addition was voted on for the Library, the townspeople have voted in favor, and now the townspeople have voted to cut the library budget by 30% so the Trustees have to look at balance of sometimes the vote will go their way and other times not. Chairman Ives said that it could be that the Trustees are paying the price for the sins of the past, of extravagances that happened 5, 6, or 7 years ago, and it seems to have boiled over and the current Board of Trustees are the ones that have to deal with it. Mrs. Kowalski said that the building has been there for a long time and it has to be maintained. Selectman Bowles agreed and said that the Trustees will have to find a way to make it work with the budget that was voted in and he is not sure of the operations of the Library, so he is not sure how the Trustees will be able or if they are able to do it. Selectman Maxfield asked for the donation figures for the children's room. Ms. Blanchard said she did not have the

exact figure, but that she thought it was approximately \$50,000.00. Mr. Silva said that there are actually two figures, one is the actual money raised, and the second is the labor and volunteer hours. Selectman Bowles said that there were many people who volunteered to help with the children's room but were never contacted for their services. Ms. Blanchard said that many volunteers were used. Selectman Bowles said that although it is water over the dam, the Trustees will be dealing with the issues of the past. Mr. Silva said that when he was asked to be a Trustee he had no idea how difficult it would be. He said it is disheartening to see the results of Town Meeting and discussed the issues with education in this country and the need to have the library to assist with education. Mr. Silva said it is very important to have the resource information available for the education of people within this community. He said it appears that there are a lot of hard feelings within the community and it is taking away from the purpose of the library. Mr. Silva said if there had been a posting for Town Meeting stating that this 30% budget cut to the Library was going to be brought up, he feels there would have been a larger number of supporters for the Library in attendance. Chairman Ives stated that since we live in a democracy, sometimes this is the way democracy works. Selectman Bowles said he felt that most people in town think the Library is important, however, he thinks many people in town have an issue with the management and operation of the facility. He said he agrees that it is a good resource for townspeople, and he understands the importance of the facility, but he feels that the cut to the budget was not about people not wanting a library, it was about the management and operation of the facility. Mr. Silva said he understands that the people have spoken and he relates it to taking the wheels off of four cars at the Police Department. He said that basically it would sever how that department could operate and what they could do for the community. Mr. Silva went on to say that the Police Department could find a way to make it work, it wouldn't be as effective, and they wouldn't be able to respond as quickly, but they would find a way. He said that is what the Library will have to do, although it will not be able to provide the same level of service as they can provide at the \$192,000.00 level. Mr. Silva said it can still be functional, and it will still be there, but at a different level. He said people may agree that it is an important part of the community but they have to decide if it is going to be a full library or a ¾ library community. Chairman Ives said he thinks the Trustees will have to come back to the townspeople with usage figures and sell the library back to the town. The Trustees said that the information is in the Town Report. Chairman Ives said he understood that the Trustees were caught off guard with this vote. Mr. Silva said the people who brought this forward were very clever because they had a plan and it was obvious that they executed it very well and the Trustees were caught off guard. Chairman Ives said that in the 20 years he has been attending Town Meeting this was not the first time something like this happened and it won't be the last. He said that he encourages everyone to attend Town Meeting because if a person does not vote, then they really don't have the right to complain. Chairman Ives went on to say that the library supporters who did not attend Town Meeting really do not have a right to complain as they did not voice their opinion when the vote was cast. Mr. Silva said that Chairman Ives was right. A member of the audience wanted to make a suggestion. Chairman Ives stated that the meeting was between the Selectmen and the Library Trustees and he was not

entertaining any public comment at this meeting. He said if anyone wanted to speak with the Trustees after this meeting that was fine but he did not want to rehash the discussions that took place at the Selectmen's Meeting a few weeks ago. Mrs. Kowalski said that she feels the Trustees can make cuts but it is the people of Loudon who are going to be affected by the cuts. She said the Trustees will do their best to not affect the children's programs, but there will be adjustments that need to be made and there may be meetings that will not be able to be held at the meeting room in the Library if the Library is not open that day. Chairman Ives advised the Trustees that they should document everything that they do so they can bring it to the townspeople next Town Meeting. Mr. Silva said that when the Trustees come to the Selectmen during next years budget preparation, he feels that they would bring a budget that includes the figures they requested for this year plus any additional expenses they determine are necessary to get the Library back to full capacity. Chairman Ives said that the Trustees have the right to come to the Selectmen with any budget they choose, but they need to be able to justify the increases and be ready to defend their requests at the budget hearings and at Town Meeting. Selectman Maxfield advised the Trustees he felt that the Trustees were the ones that needed to make the decisions as to where the changes and cuts would be as it is the responsibilities of the Trustees. Chairman Ives asked if the Trustees wanted to meet again regarding this issue. Ms. Blanchard said she felt that maybe a meeting closer to the end of this budget year would be a good idea. Chairman Ives said he feels that communication is a good thing and that there had been some feelings of animosity between the boards but it is important to sit down and work things out. He went on to discuss the importance of meetings being posted, minutes being kept, and everything being out in the open and above board. Chairman Ives said when people cannot get the information they seek in a timely manner, it gives the impression that things are not above board. Ms. Blanchard said the Trustees know about the Right-to Know Law and they keep minutes of their meetings as well as post the meetings. The Selectmen stated that there had been many requests for minutes and information from the Library and it has taken a lot of effort to get that information. It was stated that there are still minutes that have not been forwarded to the Selectmen's Office. Selectman Bowles advised the Trustees that they need to be more forthcoming and he hopes that they realize they have to rebuild this whole thing from the ground up. He said it's the communication, trust from the people. Selectman Bowles said he knows that there is a group of people who adore the Library, but there is also a group of people who do not feel it is being managed and operated appropriately and somehow, the Trustees need to find a way to get their support. Selectman Bowles discussed the petition and signatures that

were obtained in support for the library and stated that while it shows that the library has supporters, it does not help the library gain the trust and respect of the voters who showed up at Town Meeting and voiced their vote. He said it is important to move forward and regain the trust of everyone. Selectman Bowles said that when the Selectmen's Office asks the Trustees or the Library Director for information, it is not forwarded when asked. He said it took months before most of the minutes were forwarded to the office. Selectman Bowles asked if the Trustees had ever had a public hearing for the Library Personnel Policy in effect. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees have to hold a public hearing once a year to accept any donations that have come in publicly. Selectman Bowles said that the RSA states any funds in excess of \$5,000.00 needs to have a public hearing for acceptance. Ms. Blanchard said that a donation of \$5,000.00 does not happen very often. Selectman Bowles said that since the Library does not follow the Town's Personnel Policy and as far as he knows there has never been anything before the Selectmen that shows the Library Personnel Policy has been officially put in place. He said that any time the Selectmen wish to amend the Town's Personnel Policy they have to hold a public hearing. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees need to review all of their policies. Selectman Bowles said that everything needs to be in place, the laws need to be followed. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees have put everything in place and all anyone needs to do is ask. Selectman Bowles said the Selectmen have asked, and asked many times without any response. Selectman Maxfield said the petition that was signed was just to show support for the Library. Ms. Blanchard said she would personally invite the three Selectmen, as Town Fathers to please come to the Library and use the facility and be an inspiration to others. Chairman Ives said the Board does not want the meetings to be confrontational, they need to be informational. He said that all the laws that apply to the Selectmen also apply to the Trustees and in the past those laws have not been completely followed and now that the Trustees are on their own, people are going to be watching the Trustees even closer. Selectman Bowles discussed the new expense to the Library budget relative to accounting and payroll and the Trust Funds. He said that the money could have gone to another expense, but now that the Library has to pay for those services, they will have to find money somewhere in their budget for this expense. Selectman Bowles said that the Trustees need to go to the drawing board and do what ever they need to do to make it work.

Chairman Ives concluded the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

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Planning Board Minutes — March 20, 2008

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

Attendance:

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

February 21, 2008 — Regular Meeting. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Chairman Tom Dow congratulated Stan Prescott and Gary Tasker on their recent reelection to the Board.

Election of Officers:

Chairman Henry Huntington nominated Tom Dow as Chairman for the ensuing year; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Vice Chairman Dustin Bowles nominated Stan Prescott as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Application #08-02, K D RED Enterprises — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Route 129, in the Rural Residential District. Map 15, Lots 9 & 11. Abutter Cynthia Rogers was present. Jeff Green of JLG Enterprises represented the applicants. Mr. Green gave an overview of the project and pointed out some changes he made after the Board's review at the last meeting. He said that he lessened the curve of the access area

and verified the exact measurements of the narrowest point which is at 70'. Mr. Green said that he wanted to leave the smaller lot more usable with better buildable area so did not want to make significant changes to that line.

There was discussion of the required width of the right-of-way, setbacks, the purpose of the lot line adjustment, and the need to label the amount of buildable area. Henry Huntington asked about the boundary line at Route 129 and options to gain more width in the access area of Lot 11. Mr. Green explained that he did not want to deduct from the frontage of the larger lot because of future plans, whether it be a road or driveway. He said that he is trying to maintain the buildable area of Lot 9 but could adjust the width by another two feet if necessary. Tom Dow asked if they would lose any area by doing that. Mr. Green stated that he would have to make it up from the back of the parcel. Discussion continued about the 40' distance that narrows to 70' and if the right-of-way could be widened to 12'. Mr. Green said that he would have to reconfigure the buildable area if the access goes much wider. Dustin Bowles said that he would rather have seen a little more width rather than the bare minimum. Mr. Green said that there are two driveway permits, one for an existing driveway on the smaller lot and a permit for the larger lot. He said that the additional 15' of frontage on the larger lot helps meet the setbacks. Mr. Bowles asked if the driveway for the smaller lot would come out onto the new road if and when constructed. Mr. Green said that the State would more than likely want the driveway to go to the new road if it is created and

that a note could be put into the deed addressing that matter. Mr. Bowles asked if they are still meeting the side setback with the current driveway permit and moving the lot line. Mr. Green said that it is no worse than it was. He said that the driveway entrance is set but the angle would have to be changed to stay out of the setback. Mr. Green said that part of the intent is to keep the woods road on one lot whereas it is now crossing the line two times. Chairman Dow asked if there were any questions from abutters or the public. Hearing none, he closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Steve Jackson asked if it would be appropriate to ask for the 12' and give an approval conditional upon that change so as not to hold up the applicants for another month. Stan Prescott said that he is not concerned about the 10' or 12' but would like to see an agreement put in the deed that the Lot 9 driveway would enter onto the new road if constructed. Mr. Green said that he could put that on the plan and it would then go in the deed. Tom Moore asked about the State's concern of sight distance. Mr. Green said that it is not an issue at this time but if the Lot 11 driveway becomes a road and it becomes an issue, the State might require changes to Route 129. He said the sight distance is met for the driveway permits. Stan Prescott asked if there are copies of the permits in the file. Mr. Green said that he would get them to the office and read that the only conditions were 12" reinforced concrete culvert and gravel aprons 30' into each site.

Stan Prescott made a motion as a condition of this approval of Lot 9 on Map 15 if any further subdivision is to take place on Map 15, Lot 11 the driveway for Map 15, Lot 9 shall come off the new road, the existing driveway of Lot 9 is to be discontinued, and shall be included in the deed; seconded by Dustin Bowles.

Discussion continued about widening the access. Bob Ordway said that he was not sure it would be fair to ask them to compromise the design if it meets zoning. Mr. Green explained that the road is intended to follow the boundary line for the least wetland impact and he is trying to keep the lot as maximized as possible. He said it is currently only a right-of-way line. Stan Prescott said that he would amend his motion to include 12' width if all were in agreement. Mr. Ordway said that he would not be in favor because it already meets the specs and he is not sure it would be proper to ask them to compromise the design to go beyond the regulations. He said Mr. Green appeared resistant to changing the width. Mr. Green said that he would prefer not to make the change but could if that was the only way to get the project done. He then agreed to widen the access to 12' and there was no need to amend the motion. Tom Moore recused himself from the vote. All voting members were in favor. **PASSED**

Jeff Green returned to the table.

Application #08-03, Loudon Woods Estates — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Chichester Road, in the Rural Residential District Map 2, Lots 23-11 & 23-12. There were no abutters present. Dave Collier of Richard Bartlett & Associates represented the applicants. When asked if there was a letter from Mr. Bohi, Sr. to be submitted, Mr. Collier explained that he was acting in the absence of Mark Sargent and was not aware that he was to have brought that letter. He stated that he would get it faxed to the office.

Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. Mr. Collier explained the purpose of the application and outlined the existing area of the two lots. He stated that 2,659 SF would be taken from Lot 11 and given to the front of Lot 12 and then the reverse would be done at the back. He said that adjustment brings the buildings on Lot 12 into conformance and meets the setbacks as well as the frontage requirements. There was discussion about the existing driveway of Lot 12. Stan Prescott said that there should be a note on the plan that the driveway will be discontinued. Mr. Collier pointed out that there is a note on the plan. Mr. Prescott said that it should be noted that the existing driveway will terminate at the side setback of Lot 11. Tom Dow asked if there was any timeframe of putting in the new driveway. Dan Aversa said that the existing driveway would be used until building is planned for Lot 11 but it would probably be this summer that the new driveway would be done. There was discussion on the existing power and its relocation. Mr. Prescott said that needs to be noted on these plans as shown on the subdivision plan.

Steve Jackson asked if the notes about removing the existing buildings need to be removed. Dustin Bowles stated that is the reason that this application is before the Board. He said that the applicant had to get a special exception for reduced setback or do the lot line adjustment in order to keep the existing buildings. Stan Prescott said that anything on the original plan needs to be addressed on this plan as well. It was stated that this plan would supersede the original plan so the notes would be taken care of. Dave Collier said that he would put notes on the lot line adjustment plan about the termination of the driveway and the poles and power being removed and relocated.

Chairman Dow asked if there were any questions from the public. Hearing none, he closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Dustin Bowles asked if the applicant has received driveway permits. Mr. Collier said that they have to meet with the road agent for the proposed driveway on Lot 12. Mr. Aversa said that he has to meet with the road agent before getting the building permit for Lot 11.

Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment with the addition of the notes to discontinue the driveway on Lot 11 at the setback and the utility poles moved, and the driveway permits approved. Jeff Green asked where the driveway was proposed on the original subdivision plans, saying if that was approved there should be no problem here. There was discussion of the driveway locations and regulations. Mr. Huntington changed his motion as follows: to approve the lot line adjustment with the addition of the notes to discontinue the driveway on Lot 11 at the setback and the utility poles moved, and that the proposed driveway will be located in the same spot as on the original subdivision approval; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor. **PASSED**

New Business:

There was none.

Board Discussion:

Land Development Regulations. Stan Prescott is working on updating the Roadway and Turn-Around pages.

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Surety. There was discussion on maintenance sureties, maintenance and repairs, amount to be left as 10–15%, and if they should be held before or after the town's acceptance of the road. Responses from Bart Mayer and Tony Puntin, the surety wording of the 1990 LDR, and the wording proposed during the work sessions over the last few months were reviewed. Bob Ordway suggested referring to maintenance as "structural" maintenance to differentiate between such things as snowplowing and repair of the road due to washout. Roy Merrill suggested that the surety not be allowed to drop below 15% of the original performance surety and have it transition from a performance surety right into a maintenance surety. Stan Prescott said that it should be written that it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the road until it is accepted by the town. Bob Ordway said that he liked Mr. Mayer's idea of dividing the maintenance and construction and leaving 15%. He said

that would eliminate the need for the second bond. Stan Prescott said that something is needed to address the structural aspect of it. Henry Huntington suggested the following wording: 1) There will be a performance surety on the road. 2) Once the performance surety reaches the value of 15% of the original amount it becomes a maintenance surety that could cover snowplowing, structural maintenance and repairs. 3) Once the road is accepted as a town road, the 15% maintenance surety will be in place for structural maintenance and repair for five years. All were in agreement.

Lot Merger. A lot merger application was presented for signature. The Board said that the merger could not be done as the lots are on opposite sides of the road, not contiguous. Donna said that the owner applied for the merger on the advice of the assessor and she will discuss the situation with the assessor.

Boar's Tavern. Chairman Dow said that he spoke with Chief Fiske about the tavern's outdoor seating area permit with regard to

the need for an annual review. He said that Mr. Fiske was in agreement that there was no need to continue the annual review because there have been no infractions. The conditions of the original notice of decision were read and the Board agreed to remove #1 and #2, both referencing the annual review and notification of abutters. A new notice will be sent to the operators, selectmen, fire, and code enforcement offices.

Appointment of Representatives. Stan Prescott said that he would like to step down from CNHRPC; Steve Jackson said that he would continue as the Board's representative to CNHRPC. Stan Prescott said that he would be willing to be the Board's representative to the Board of Permit. Tom Dow, Bob Ordway, and Stan Prescott will be representatives on the CIP sub-committee. Mr. Prescott stated that he did not want to continue as the chairman of that sub-committee.

Review of FEMA Maps. The Board reviewed updated maps that have been created for the modernization of the flood haz-

ard maps. Notes were made on areas that need to be labeled or corrected and will be given to Chief Fiske as the town's coordinator of the program.

Report of the ZBA:

Donna reported that there is an appeal of an administrative decision and an application for a major home occupation on the agenda for this month, both continued from the previous month.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Chairman Dow reported that there was no Board of Permit this month.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. was made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — March 27, 2008

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of March 27, 2008 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 and *Alternate* Jim Venne. Jim Venne was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Regular Hearing. George Saunderson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

Site Walk. George Saunderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the site walk of March 18, 2008; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman. Ned Lizotte nominated Dave Powelson as Chairman; seconded by George Saunderson. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

Vice Chairman. George Saunderson nominated Ned Lizotte as Vice Chairman; seconded by Jim Venne. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #08-02, George Tombarello. Appeal of an Administrative Decision, Map 4, Lot 13 and Map 13, Lot 5. There were no abutters present. Chairman Powelson gave an overview of the case to date and asked if there were any new questions or concerns. Ned Lizotte stated that there has been an increase in the proposed building size due to the acquisition of additional acreage. He said that he felt that was reasonable for the proposed use of the land and that the Board would have to determine conditions to be attached to an approval. Chairman Powelson said that this appeal is of the code enforcement officer's decision to deny a building permit and overturning that decision would be directing Mr. Fiske to issue a permit on a woodlot/wildlife management parcel. He said that the Board has to be clear on the guidance they are giving in that it is specific to a forestry and wildlife lot and that Mr. Tombarello's plan has the approval of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Tombarello

stated that he is working with Fish & Game and will have a wildlife management plan in place in the next few months. Ned Lizotte said that the Board does not necessarily need to see the management plan as long as he is working with the Conservation Commission and they are in agreement with his plan.

Mr. Tombarello showed the Board a drawing of the proposed barn. He said that the windows will be 2' x 2' fixed windows that would be 7' off the ground so that they allow light into the building but cannot be used to enter the building. Mr. Tombarello said that the design is not something that you would want to convert to a residence.

David Forbes said that it was mentioned at the last meeting that town counsel had been contacted on this request. Ned Lizotte said that the attorney had recommended that the Board devise a framework to come up with some tangibles that would give the Board, Code Enforcement Officer, and Mr. Tombarello a clear picture as to how to approach this request. Mr. Forbes said that the purpose and permitted uses in the RR District seem to call out enough options to make this possible. He said that there are regulations in place to control growth in the town and that the enforcement through the Code Enforcement Officer gives a substantial measure of control. Mr. Forbes said that a building permit for a barn would clearly be for that purpose only. Ned Lizotte said that he had come up with two parts that this fits under and that the town attorney had given clarification of the matter. He said they wanted clarity yet make it so it is not so rigid that it is not doable. Roy Merrill said that he felt that it is clear in what Mr. Mayer said that a barn would be accessory to the use of the property.

Dave Powelson said as forestry and wildlife protection activity is a permitted use, the applicant is asking for an accessory use. He said that he has largely been of the opinion that accessory needs a primary use. Mr. Forbes talked of the list of permitted uses, noting that they are not solely accessory uses and could be primary uses. There was further brief discussion of the permitted uses of Section 204.2.

Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of or against the appeal. Hearing none, he closed

the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only.

Ned Lizotte made a motion to overrule the administrator's decision and authorize a permit for a barn no larger than 28' x 40' with a concrete foundation, stipulating that there will be no running water, no bathroom, no kitchen, no residential facilities, and no occupancy; seconded by Roy Merrill. There was brief discussion of power in the barn. Roy Merrill stated that he does not see a problem with having power in the

barn. Chairman Powelson said that he believes it would be correct to call this an accessory use of forestry and wildlife preservation. He said that it should be noted that Mr. Tombarello is pursuing a wildlife management plan, that this is a very large parcel (now 343 acres), and he has the Conservation Commission's approval. Roy Merrill said that he would like to commend Mr. Tombarello for going to this effort in pro-

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tecting the land which is a good asset to the Town of Loudon.

A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Jim Venne — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED

Case #08-03, David & Judith Briggs. Special Exception for Major Home Occupation, Map 33, Lot 43. There were no abutters present. Chairman Powelson reviewed the request and explained that the Board had done a site walk at the property. During that site walk, the Board discussed how a car detailing business fits the Zoning Ordinance and that neighborhood.

Ned Lizotte said that the Board discussed that there would be no environmental impact as the facility would contain whatever work is done; there would be no discharge to the area or atmosphere; any other work to be done is done offsite; and no repair work is to be done. He said that the concern was licensing to get the proper plate that would allow the applicants to move a vehicle from one location to another without having to get a 20-day plate each time. Mr. Lizotte said that the location and plate are not meant to be used for repair but the transport and cleaning of vehicles for resale. Roy Merrill said that it was made clear that the applicants are not selling the vehicles at their home. George Saunderson suggested that a limit be put on the number of vehicles that could be onsite at one time but he did not see how the Board could do much to stop the applicants from purchasing and detailing vehicles for resale.

Ned Lizotte said that he would recommend stipulating that there be no more than four vehicles at one time; no service or repair work outside of cleaning, washing, waxing, or compounding paint finishes; no priming, painting, or body work for dents and repairs; and no mechanical work on vehicles to be sold. Dave Powelson said that people are allowed to buy and sell cars. He asked where the sales take place. Mr. Briggs said that they have other sites to sell the vehicles through. Mr. Powelson confirmed that the vehicles are not sold at the applicant's address. He said that these vehicles seem to be something that the applicants own and they come in, get cleaned, and go back out. Jim Venne said that it seems pretty straightforward.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any further questions or comments. Dave Moody said that it was the term "repair plate" that was throwing everyone off at the last meeting but this is not a repair garage. Mr. Briggs said that they have to have the repair plate in order to get the supplemental plate that allows them to test drive and transport the vehicles. The chairman stated that the business does not require signage, is fairly invisible to the road and neighbors,

and is all within the building. He said the application appears to meet the criteria of Section 502.2, A-H. Dustin Bowles said that he would like to see an annual inspection as part of the approval. It was noted that it is part of the criteria. There was discussion of what happens with an approval upon the sale of the property.

Chairman Powelson closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the special exception for a major home occupation under Section 502.2 with the following stipulations: 1) no more than four vehicles at one time; 2) no service or repair work outside of cleaning, washing, waxing, or compounding paint finishes; 3) no priming, painting, or body work for dents and repairs; 4) no mechanical work on vehicles to be sold; and 5) limited to detailing of vehicles to be sold. George Saunderson seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken: George Saunderson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Jim Venne — Yes. Unanimous — PASSED*

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Donna asked the Board about an inquiry she had from a gentleman about putting a motorcycle sales/repair business on a commercial lot on Route 106. The gentleman had asked for clarification that the use would be permitted. The Board agreed that the use would be permitted as retail sales and would fall under automotive repair.

Donna informed the Board of an application that has been received for a reduced setback and would be heard at the next meeting. There was discussion of doing a site review prior to that date and it was agreed to schedule the site review for April 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. just before the regular meeting.

Roy Merrill said that he would like to ask the Board's opinion if the town's zoning permits "condex" units. He said the Planning Board recently discussed this and had stated that it could be done through a subdivision. Mr. Merrill said that the house would be subdivided and the land held in common ownership. There was discussion about ownership, taxation, condominium agreements, and other relative concerns. Donna was asked to contact town counsel about one lot with one building and two owners.

The Board reviewed FEMA maps for update.

ADJOURNMENT:

George Saunderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White
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4 MAY 4–10 — ARSON AWARENESS WEEK	5 6:15pm•Aerobics @ LES 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4H Club @ American Legion.	6 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	7 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:15pm•Aerobics @ LES 7pm•Historical Society	8 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•5th to 6th Grade Transitional Meeting @ LES	9	10 9am•Bicycle Safety Class @ Safety Building
11 MOTHER’S DAY	12 6:15pm•Aerobics @ LES 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	13 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.	14 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Vols. @ LES 6:15pm•Aerobics @ LES DARE Community Clean-Up 6:30pm•DARE Graduation 7:00pm•Buddy Liles Concert @ New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene	15 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	16 LEDGER DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE 4th Quarter Progress Reports Due Out 16th & 17th Girl Scout Camporee @ Cascade Campground	17 16th & 17th Girl Scout Camporee @ Cascade Campground 7pm•MacDonald Family Singers @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church 6:30pm•Prom @ The Courtyard by Marriott, Concord. Grand March at 6:30. Prom 7–11pm
18	19 6:15pm•Aerobics @ LES 5pm•Library Trustees @ Library 6:30pm•Communications Council Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	20 6am•Aerobics @ LES 9–Noon•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library Spring Golf Instruction begins at Loudon Country Club. See Rec. Com. story on page 8	21 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:15pm•Aerobics @ LES 6:30pm•PTO @ LES 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	22 6am•Aerobics @ LES 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7:00pm•Zoning Board of Adjustment @ Com. Bldg. 7:30pm•Book Group @ Library	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY (Observed) 9am•Memorial Day Parade. Begins at American Legion in Village	27 6am•Aerobics @ LES 9–12am•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen’s Meeting /Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA Mtg. @ Library	28 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library 7pm•MVMS Band & Chorus Concert @ MVHS	29 5th Grade Move-up Day 7:30pm•Library Book Discussion Group	30 6–8pm•“Safe on My Own” course @ LES	31

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