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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.*

## Extreme Makeover Extremely Successful!

By Debbie Kardaseski

“Move that bus. Move that bus!” chanted the crowd gathered on a sunny Sunday afternoon. Even though ABC’s “Extreme Makeover” is currently in New Hampshire, it wasn’t their bus being moved.

Loudon had performed its own “Extreme Makeover.” The beginning of this story was featured in last month’s *Loudon Ledger*. This month, we’d like to tell you “the rest of the story.”

Throughout the last week of September, many volunteers worked tirelessly to do much-needed repairs and renovations to Jonathan and Brenda Leonard’s home. They and their son Cleon had been sent to Florida by their family. They had no idea what was being done while they were gone.

Jonathan had spent time asking friends to help him with a few household repairs when he returned from Florida. The entire time he was asking for help, he was unaware that his brother Jeff had already lined up all of these people to do the extreme makeover!

Before they returned from Florida, the house had received a new roof, new siding, an addition, landscaping, interior renovations, and the shed had new siding and doors.

Plans were in place for a homecoming barbecue where all the volunteers and donors would be waiting when Jonathan and Brenda returned home. Kim and Mindy Bean brought their motorhome over for “move that bus” and roads were blocked off inside Freedom Hill Cooperative so Jonathan and Brenda couldn’t approach the house from an angle that would let them see what had taken place.

And, surprisingly enough, it all came off as planned! Everyone hid behind the motorhome and started shouting “move that bus” when Jonathan and Brenda drove up. They walked up the street, accompanied by family and friends, and were stunned to see their home. There were lots of tears and hugs, then a tour of the house.

After, everyone enjoyed a tasty barbecue. Eventually, things quieted down and the family could finally settle into their new home.

### From the Family

The entire Leonard family would like to thank the following for their donations:

Lowe’s, Home Depot, Loudon Building Supply, Owens Corning,

Black Forest Nursery, Cole Gardens, D.S. Cole Growers, Brookside Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Fillmore Industries, Mike LaBonte Enterprises, K&M Drywall, Lakes Region Seamless Gutters, Laflamme Concrete, Mitchie Corporation, Sam’s Club, Makris Steak & Lobster, Quality Cash Market, Circle Restaurant, 3W Designs, Ralph Pill Electric, Best Septic, Brad Weil Brenner, Cheryl Fillmore Hatch, and Tricia Dunn and Moe.

Many thanks to the following who gave donations of cash:

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To all who placed anonymous donations into the container at the house — thank you. Also, thank you to any of our volunteers who bought materials out of



Jonathan and Brenda Leonard sit with their son Cleon on the steps in front of their “new” home.

pocket without asking for reimbursement.

Thanks to all who provided food and drink for all the workers. Thanks also for all the pictures taken and given to the family. A special thanks to Debbie K for the coverage in *The Loudon Ledger*.

For anyone else who gave but was omitted in error — our sincere apology. The volunteers who gave their time are far too numerous to list individually. Thanks to each and every one of you

Loudon is truly a wonderful town to live in! ■



Left: the new addition and entry before the ribbon cutting. Below: the crowd enjoys the barbecue.



## 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.*  
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*The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.*  
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Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Police Department: Emergencies: 911

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### Code Enforcement

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### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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*Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.*

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

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Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
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Thurs.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.com). From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Raymond Cummings, chairperson of the Council, 798-3128. ■

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

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*Youth Group:* Leader Tom Stevens. Sept.–June 6:00 p.m., Grades 6–12  
*FWFriends:* Weds. evenings 6:30–8. Ages 3 through Grade 5 (Sept.–June)  
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*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.)

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

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*Rev. Henry Frost*

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*Sunday Worship:* 10:00 a.m.

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### Loudon Congregational Church

*Rev. David D. Randlett, III*

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*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:*

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 phyllish@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.)

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

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**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@debbiegraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiegraphics.com)

## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Presents Diane Muise in Concert

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church will present national award-winning singer and songwriter Diane Muise of Auburn, ME on Saturday evening, November 17. A professional singer for many years, Muise has toured extensively across the United States and Canada.

Though she began singing at the age of two, she didn't consider doing it professionally until she auditioned for a Gospel singing trio called the Majestic Singers back in 1970. After being hired, she traveled with that group for four years. She had the privilege of sharing the stage with many well-known gospel groups like the Gaithers, the Speers, the Blackwoods, the Oak Ridge Boys, the Kingsmen, and many others. She began her solo ministry in 1985. Since that time, she has never stopped. Her busiest year was 225 concerts. She presently performs about 150 times a year. Florida is the state where she is the busiest, but she is also well known in Indiana, North and South Carolina, Georgia, New York, and Pennsylvania. She does two major tours a year: a twelve-week tour in the Midwest in the fall and a twelve-week tour in the South in the winter. She performs almost exclusively in New England during the spring and summer months. She has won numerous awards over the years for both her singing and her songwriting and has performed on both national and Canadian national television. She has recorded numerous times in Nashville and has authored a book entitled *God Takes the Broken Pieces of Our Lives and Makes a Stained Glass Window*. Her concerts feature different types of Gospel music interspersed with humor, caring, and sharing of real-life experiences. Her outstanding, powerful voice is only one of her many gifts. She is a gifted storyteller and she weaves her concerts as masterfully as a basket maker. Invariably, those attending leave the concerts feeling refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened.

Although Diane is originally from Georgia, she has made Maine her home since marrying Maine native Leo Muise in 1975. He acts as her booking agent, business manager, sound technician, and bus driver. Together, they travel approximately 30,000 miles a year.

The public is cordially invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. concert. There is no admission charge; however, there will be an offering for the Muise Music Ministries. There will be a potluck supper served before the concert at 6:00 p.m. ■



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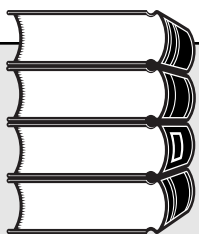
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*By Cheryl Ingerson*

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In honor of Veterans Day, the library will be closed Monday, November 12th. For Thanksgiving, the library will be open on Wednesday the 21st, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed Thursday, November 22nd. ■



# Why do turkeys gobble, gobble?



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ESIP

A cartoon illustration of a boy with curly hair, looking thoughtful with his hand on his chin.

Because they never learned good

October Word Scramble Answers:  
Fall, Trick, Treats, Ghost, Candy, Costume,  
Halloween, Pumpkin, Apples, Leaves  
FISH AND SHIPS



## The Loudon Recreation Department Needs YOU!!!!!!

On Monday, November 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Loudon Recreation Committee along with the Loudon Highway Department and community volunteers will be setting up the ice rink at the Recreation Field. We are going to need several volunteers to make this happen. If you are even able to commit even for a few hours, please call Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Chairperson at 435-5193.

We are also looking for people who are willing to maintain the ice over the winter months, which would be to specifically snow blow the area after a snow. If it needed additional flooding we would contact the fire department to assist us. If you can assist with this, please contact Alicia at the above number.

Thank you in advance for your time and support! This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to have a local skating rink to enjoy through the winter.

In addition to setting up the ice rink for everyone in Loudon to enjoy this winter, we are working on a possible aerobics class being offered. The Committee will also be working on a long-range plan and goals for recreation in Loudon.

If you have any ideas for events or activities you would like to see there are several ways for your voice to be heard. You could contact Alicia Grimaldi at 435-5193 or email [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com) or you can print and return the events and activities survey which is available on the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org). Another way is to join us at our monthly meeting. The Recreation Committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library, please join us if you are interested in helping out, we hope to see you there!!! ■

**The deadline for  
the next issue is  
Friday, November 16 for the  
December issue of  
The Loudon Ledger.**



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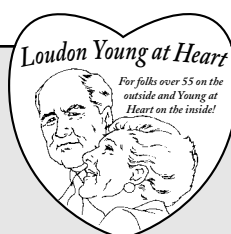
Jason S. Fiske, D.A.R.E. Instructor

This years D.A.R.E. Program is anticipated to begin in January. The course is ten weeks, with nine weeks of class and the last week being graduation. I am currently working with the Loudon Elementary School to finalize the schedule.

I'm enthusiastic about this program and look forward to working with the students at the Loudon Elementary School as well as the staff. Not only does this program teach the children about drug and alcohol abuse, it teaches them some life skills and how to resist peer pressure they will undoubtedly face when moving on to Middle School.

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

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



## Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

At our September meeting, a slate of officers was presented and accepted as follows: *President*, Janet Darling, *Vice President*, Shirley Preston, *Treasurer*, Irene Dow and *Secretary/Publicist*, Joanne Arsneault. Our membership continues to average around 40 people per meeting, though we had 50 in September.

Our November 13th meeting will have a speaker from Granite Ledges Retirement Community and a second speaker, Julia Wilcock from Volunteers of America regarding the Affordable Housing Project being erected on South Village Road. As usual, we will have door prizes and lunch served by the Community Action Program.

Donations of canned or boxed goods to the Food Pantry can be left inside the door at the Community Center on our meeting days. Traditionally, the meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. with very rare exceptions. With winter approaching we remind that when schools are closed due to weather, we will cancel our meetings as well. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to join our group and see what we are about. ■



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# LOUDON GIRL SCOUT NEWS —

## Thankful for Being a Part of the Loudon Community

### Brownie Troop #685 Goes Camping!



The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit is made up of a Daisy troop (kindergarten girls), four Brownie troops (girls in grades 1–3), two Junior troops (girls in grades 4 & 5) and two Cadette Interest Groups. This year we have 77 registered girl members and 25 registered adult volunteers! We are very happy to welcome two new Daisy leaders to our group, Amanda Wolf and Karry Gay. We know they will have a fantastic year with those fun kindergarten girls. We have room for kindergarten girls in the Daisy troop, so if you are interested, please go to the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) and print the forms under Girl Scouts.

The Service Unit is gearing up for a fantastic year this year and we have some very exciting plans. We are having a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Service Unit on Saturday, November 17th from 9–12 at The Maxfield Public Library. Please stop by and support Loudon Girl Scouts by purchasing some yummy treats. We will have pies, cakes and lots of goodies for the Thanksgiving holiday. Many of the troops participated in the Girl Scout Fall Product Sale and we want to thank Michele Holbrook for organizing the sale for the entire town, she has done a fantastic job. Look for many great things coming from our Loudon Girl Scouts in addition to each troop's activities, the service unit activities will include Christmas Caroling in the Loudon Village area in December, Girl Scout Cookie Kick-off event in January, World Thinking Day event in February, a spaghetti supper in March and a Camporee in the Spring!! WOW do we have fun here in Loudon Girl Scouting!!!

We need to thank Loudon Elementary School for allowing our troops to hold their meetings at the school. Many times the troops are coming in right after school and we are very thankful for the space to hold our meetings as well as store some of our supplies. Another one of our fantastic sponsors this year is Boscawen Mini-Storage who has graciously donated a storage space for our Service Unit items that we don't use on a weekly basis. There are several happy Girl Scout Dads who are able to move in their garages right now because of this very generous donation — Thank you!

If you were involved in Girl Scouting years ago and would like to come back and have fun, please let us know! We always welcome more volunteers. In addition we are looking for materials such as troop flags, and ceremony items that former leaders and volunteers may have stored away. If you have these items and would like to move them out of your space, please let us know.

Here is an update on some of our great Girl Scout troops:

### Brownie Troop #10454

*Julie Segien & Kathy Fisher*

The Brownies in troop #10454 are off to a new start this year. We have returning Brownies as well as newcomers. So far we have practiced The Girl Scout Promise and Law, a flag ceremony plus we are wearing our official Brownie sashes. We participated in the fall product sale and in addition the troop has earned two Brownie Try-its, "the Girl Scout Ways" and "Eat right Eat Healthy." We are looking forward to an exciting school year.

### Brownie Troop #685

*Christine Campbell & Karen Minery*

The Brownies of troop #685 spent three meetings preparing for their first camping trip of the year!! The girls made front packs out of large handkerchiefs. They planned their meals. We played games on getting to know each other and cooperation in group activities. The girls were ready to go! We met Friday evening for bag checks and packing the vehicle to leave Saturday morning. September 29th and 30th was absolutely beautiful weather that we couldn't help but remember the soggy experiences of last year's camporee. We camped at Moose Hillock Campground in Warren, New Hampshire. The girls began their weekend by setting up the campsite. They participated in various activities: making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a friend, preparing our hiking snack, scavenger hunt around the campground to find the pieces to make their own pin, nature hike, craft time, preparing their own meals, creating a memory journal and learning independence. No Girl Scout camping experience would be complete without an evening campfire with s'mores and lots of singing. The girls had a wonderful time and the troop is anxious to go camping again. The girls successfully earned three try-its that weekend and are now gearing up for their investiture ceremony the end of October. November events include a visit to the Veteran's Home in Tilton and Thanksgiving crafts. Look for pictures next month from our veteran visit. Troop #685 would like to thank our brave chaperones for their help with our camping trip. Micheline West and Veronica Kerr were outstanding!!!

### Brownie Troop #300

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

The Brownies of Loudon Troop #300 are off to a fantastic start. We have completed the Friends Are Fun try-it by making friendship bracelets, talking about making friends, designing stationery to write to friends who have moved and made our own secret messages using a code. We held our Investi-

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ture/Rededication ceremony at the end of October and welcomed seven new Girls into Girl Scouting. We have three third year Brownies and two girls who have been Brownies for two years. We also had a Juliette Low Birthday celebration at the end of October. Juliette Low is the founder of Girl Scouting and in her honor the girls brought canned goods instead of dues to donate to Loudon's Blessed Hope Food Pantry. We participated in the Girl Scout Fall Product Sale and preliminary numbers are that we did very well — thank you to Jessalyn Geerdes-Lakowicz for organizing our troop sale. The girls voted to use troop funds to purchase stockings and holiday items in participation of MooreMart's Stockings For Soldiers campaign. We are planning to go to The NH Veteran's Home in November to sing to the Veterans and also make no-sew fleece blankets for the Pediatrics Unit at Concord Hospital. In addition to all this, the girls have also started another try-it called *Brownie Girl Scouts — Through The Years* where we will all learn about Girl Scouting in the 1940's and the 1960's. We will continue to update everyone on our fun and activities throughout the year. Thank you for all your support!

**Junior Troop 361**

*Michele Holbrook & Gayleen Smith*

Our troop is off to a great start this year with eight brand new junior scouts. Because we only meet once a month the troop has decided to focus our fundrais-

ing efforts on an extended trip next scout year. The girls came up with a list of about 6–8 places from NYC, NY all the way down to Williamsburg, VA. They are quite ambitious! Go Girls!! One of our wonderful parents is doing the research to see how much a trip like that will cost before the girls make a final destination decision. Last month some of the girls went on a field trip to Hannaford Supermarket on Ft. Eddy Road for a tour of the store, where they learned about healthy eating. Then we went to lunch afterwards before returning home. During our October meeting the girls made their own homemade pretzels to take home and bake. Yum!

**Junior Troop 2641**

*Heather Herter & Darlene Conte*

We are very excited about this year in scouting. We have welcomed a few new girls to our troop and to Girl Scouts. We have a total of 12 girls again this year. September was spent getting to know each other, getting into the routine and sharing the GS Promise and Law with our newcomers. We have done some brainstorming about what badges the girls would like to work on and they are very interested in animals, the outdoors and fashion/beauty. So we will start focusing on those things. We enjoyed learning some new games and crafts in October. We celebrated Juliette Low's birthday (founder of GS) at our last October meeting. We are participating in a community service project called "Stockings for Soldiers." We made posters, decorated a collection box that is located in the Maxfield Pub-

**Stockings For Soldiers**

Loudon Junior Girl Scout Troop #2641 is collecting holiday stockings and goodies to send to United States Soldiers stationed overseas this holiday season.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- Red fuzzy or furry 12–14" Christmas/Holiday stockings
- Power bars and granola bars
- Cards/letters from the community
- New card games and Hand-held games
- New Holiday decorations and mini-lights
- Hard individually wrapped candies and candy canes
- New auto and sports magazines
- Packaged cookies

There is a collection box located inside the Maxfield Public Library. All items are needed by November 8th!

Thank you for your support in our efforts!! ■

lic Library and will be using a portion of our troop funds to purchase items and stockings to send to the troops overseas. We appreciate any donations that you may make towards this project.

In November we have quite a few events scheduled. Our troop will be learning some important and life saving self-defense moves with other scouts throughout the state at a self-defense workshop. We will be going to Salem High School where we will be working on and earning two badges at a badge blast called Novemberfest. This is sponsored by the Swift Water Council and lots of girls from around the state will be there. The Bake Sale is scheduled for

November 17th and we would like our girls to bake something to donate with a parent or other adult person. Hopefully we will be able to raise some funds to help towards events like World Thinking Day and the Camporee. At the end of November we have the Blood Drive that we will be volunteering at - serving beverages and food. We have a very busy month. Somewhere in there we need to talk about and schedule what we want to do in the next couple of months.

We want to take a moment to thank everyone who supports our troop and Loudon Girl Scouts, we appreciate it a lot. ■

# Loudon Girl Scouts BAKE SALE

Come to support the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit in an effort to raise funds for Service Unit events and get some great baked goods for the holidays!

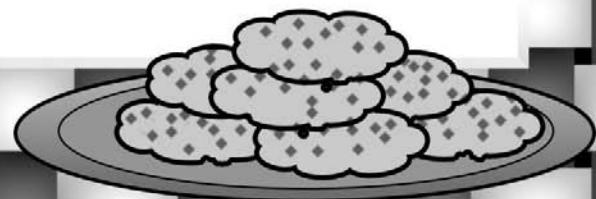
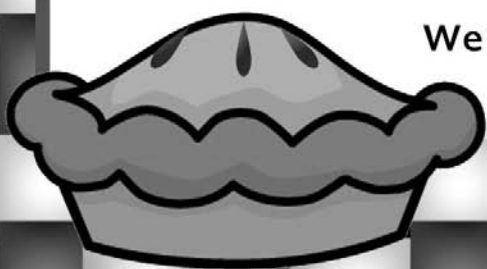
**Bake Sale:**

Saturday, November 17th  
from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
at The Maxfield Public Library

Come shop for pies, cakes, chocolate popcorn, cookies and other delicious baked goodies!

We hope to see you all there!

**THANK YOU!!**



# LOUDON HISTORY AND MYSTERY

By Amanda Masse

First I have one other update on the Bumfagon Farm from September and October issues. Shirley Preston remembered that in the late 50s the Jenkins family had a man-made goldfish pond beside the road before you reached their house, with the largest goldfish she had ever seen in it. Maybe some of you remember these giant goldfish as well. Thank you, Shirley, for sharing your fond memories.

Last month's mystery photo brought back many more fond memories for quite a few people. I heard from numerous people, all of who guessed correctly that the building was a restaurant where the Eggshell is now. Jason Fiske remembers riding his bike up to the building when it was a pizza place and arcade. He remembers Mr. Wentworth had a motorcycle repair shop nearby. Stuart Page not only shared that it was a good place to eat but remembered when the building was renovated to its current state, the wall closest to the Beanstalk Store was left up (only the studs of the wall) as part of the original building. George Young and his brother Drew also remember this renovation and remember getting yummy hot dogs and ice cream there. Shirley Preston and Bob Fiske remember getting ice cream there when it was Concord Dairy Bar or 106 Dairy Bar. Deb Knowlton used to work there in the summer months and actually met her husband there. She and others also remember working there during motorcycle weekend when the motorcycles would camp all along 106. She remembers that being quite the experience for a young country girl. Chris Lane remembers the restaurant as Eggs-R-Us and knows of someone (we won't mention any names) who may have jumped the building with a snowmobile!!! Jean (Tewksbury) McShea, Wilson Smith, Charles Cormier, Cathy Dymont, Polly Haines, Madeline Greenwood, Karen Pickering, Nancy Greenmore, Al Hardy, and Paula Cabana also responded with correct guesses on this mystery. Thank you all for responding and for sharing your stories. It is these stories that make this section fun to write and fun to read! I want to thank Randy Cummings for providing me the photo.

This month's photo seems most appropriate as it is the dedication of the Veterans' Memorial in front of Maxfield Public Library. The date is unknown and we are looking for people's memories of the events. If you have details, please contact me. You can email me, Amanda, at [jaelmasse@comcast.net](mailto:jaelmasse@comcast.net) or call 783-0227.

Anytime you have a photo you would like to share, please send it along! I am always looking for more individuals interested in helping out with this section.

## This month's mystery.



## Last month's mystery.



If you are interested in helping please contact me, Amanda by email at [jaelmasse@comcast.net](mailto:jaelmasse@comcast.net) or call 783-0227.

Please consider stopping by and joining the Historical Society. The next meeting is on November 7th. Please email Cyndi Babonis at [cbabonis@gmail.com](mailto:cbabonis@gmail.com)

for meeting details. Let's all help keep Loudon's history alive! This group has gathered some great energy and plan on working in sub-groups on topics such as cemetery documentation, oral histories, and public relations efforts. Join them to find out more! ■



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## Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

### Seventh Annual Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Testing (New This Year!)

On Tuesday, November 27, 2007, the Loudon Police Department will be sponsoring our 7th Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. The event will be held at the Loudon Safety Building at 8 Cooper Street from 2:00–7:00 p.m. In addition to the blood drive, the NASCAR Foundation will be conducting a bone marrow testing drive for those interested in being put into the National Bone Marrow Registry. Bone marrow testing is done by taking a cheek swab. People can do just the blood donation, just the bone marrow test or both. All volunteer donors will receive a blood donor tee shirt and a goodie bag compliments of the NASCAR Foundation. If you are interested in donating a baked good or crockpot (chili, stews, etc.) or volunteering some time, please contact Janice Morin at 798-5521.

### The Holidays Are Approaching Fast!

As the holidays fast approach, I remind you to please use common sense while attending family gatherings and office parties. PLEASE, if you intend to drink, please plan on a designated driver. It may save yours or somebody else's life! Also, in inclement weather, plan extra time in your travels. Allow your self not only extra time but extra space between vehicles.

### Traffic Safety Institute Defensive Driving Attitude Course

The Defensive Driving Attitude Course is an effective approach to improving highway safety. Nearly 3,000 individuals were challenged to assess their driving attitudes and behaviors through attendance at this course. Many of these individuals were referred by police departments and/or district courts — often these referrals provided the individual the option of having a ticket placed on file in exchange for attending the course and others were required to attend by the Department of Motor Vehicles. We believe many more individuals should be encouraged, if not required, to attend. This course is as meaningful to the first-time offender as it is to the habitual offender and as meaningful to the 50-year-old driver as it is to the newly licensed teenager. For more information, please contact our office or go to: [www.nhtrafficsafety.com](http://www.nhtrafficsafety.com). Some student responses:

- *I found the class very insightful and helpful in re-evaluating my behaviors and choices I make while driving.*
- *This course needs to be at least available to first time drivers, if not mandatory.*
- *The best part of the program was learning that I have a choice, effective or ineffective. It is up to me. I also liked all of the group involvement.*
- *Refreshing your mind on issues of driving helps develop alternatives to negative behavior.*
- *The class has helped me realize how inexperienced I am at driving. It has helped me be a safer driver.*

### Quick Parking Lot Safety Tips

#### In the Parking Lot...

- Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area. Avoid secluded sections, especially at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Familiarize yourself with the lot and remember where you parked.
- When approaching your vehicle, have your keys in hand. Before getting in, check under the car and in the back seat to make sure there's no one there.
- Keep your windows rolled up, your doors locked and your front and back seat free of shopping bags and valuables.
- If you don't feel safe, ask mall security to walk you to your car.

### Tips for Planning a Road Trip

- Make sure everyone is buckled up
- Pay close attention
- Don't tailgate
- Don't change lanes in work zones
- Expect the unexpected
- Be sure to have a pair of sunglasses, a road map and pen or pencil for directions
- Put a flashlight, flares and first-aid kit where they can easily be reached in case of emergency
- Check around your car to make sure it is ready to.
- Replace your windshield wiper blades if they are worn or cracked
- Repair or replace worn parts and belts to avoid worry and time-consuming repairs
- Make sure all lights work, including signal lights
- Check all tires, including the spare.
- Stay alert
- Turn on your headlights
- Don't speed
- Minimize distractions
- Be patient

### NH Traffic Safety Institute Attitude Course

**FYI:** Taking a point reduction course does not remove three points from your driving record. You get a three point credit on your driving record. Once a fine has been paid, points for that violation go on your driving record and there is nothing you can do to get them off. They automatically drop off after three years. No matter what you may be told by someone to the contrary, it is not so.

**SUGGESTION:** If this is your first violation, you may want to plead "not guilty" on your ticket. That forces a court hearing and you may be able to make a deal with the court, prosecutor or police officer. If you are able to make a deal and a fine is not paid, points will not go on your NH driving record. Please contact us at 1-800-332-3748 if you have any question.

#### Some common violations and point values:

*One Demerit Point:* Failure to obtain a New Hampshire Driver's License

*Two Demerit Points:* Unregistered vehicle; Motorcycle operation without a license

*Three Demerit Points:* Disobedience to a required traffic control device; Failing to obey stop and yield signs; Speeding at less than 25 MPH above the posted limit

*Four Demerit Points:* Driving without a license contrary to RSA 263:1; Speeding at 25 MPH or more above the posted limit; Improper passing; Yellow line violation

*Six Demerit Points:* Driving after revocation or suspension; Disobeying a police officer; Reckless driving; Driving while under the influence of drugs or liquor

Contents from [www.nhtrafficsafety.com](http://www.nhtrafficsafety.com)

### Do You Know What Happens In The First Second After A Car Going 55 mph Hits A Solid Object?

*First tenth of a second:* front bumper and grill collapse.

*Second tenth:* hood crumbles, rises and strikes the windshield, rear wheels lift off the ground, fenders wrap around the solid object. The car's front end has halted, but the rest of the car is still going 55 mph

*Third tenth:* steering column aims for the driver's chest.

*Fourth tenth:* two feet of the car's front end is wrecked — the rest of the car is moving at 35 mph.

*Fifth tenth:* brake pedal brakes off and car buckles in the middle.

*Sixth tenth:* rear wheels, still spinning, fall back to earth.

*Seventh tenth:* hinges rip loose, doors fly open and seats break free.

*Last three tenths:* mean nothing to the driver who's NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT!

### ICE Campaign — In Case Of Emergency

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence, the ICE (In Case of Emergency) campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name ICE (In Case Of Emergency).

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ICE. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our Mobile phones today! ■



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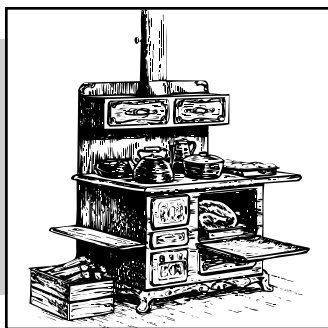
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# What's Cookin'!

## This month: Crock Pot and Slow Cooking

By Jennifer Pfeifer

I love crock pot and slow cooker food. It doesn't matter what the recipe is, it's always comforting and homey even just to see it on the counter with nothing in it, but what good would that be! So here are some recipes to warm your table. Make the recipe at night and bring your crock pot to work for lunch the next day. Your co-workers will be your new best friends.

### PEACH AND APPLE CIDER — Jennifer Pfeifer

- 2 cups peach nectar
- 3 cups apple cider
- 1 12-ounce bag frozen peach slices
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 2-3 cinnamon sticks, plus more for serving
- 1 box cook and serve butterscotch pudding

Stir all ingredients together in a 4-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW setting for 2 to 3 hours. Remove cinnamon sticks and switch to WARM setting for serving.

*Serving Ideas:* Serve in coffee mugs with a cinnamon stick swizzle. Add whipped cream and a shot of butterscotch schnapps or vanilla ice cream to cool it down for the kids.

### SAUSAGE POTATO AND KALE SOUP — Jennifer Pfeifer

- 1 1-pound tube Jimmy Dean pork sausage (Regular or Hot)
- 2 Tbl. olive oil
- 1/2 lb. chopped onions
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1 Bunch of Kale
- 6 Cups chicken stock
- 5 sprigs thyme
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pounds baking potatoes peeled and cut into large dice size
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 4 tablespoons bacon, cooked and crumbled, for garnish
- sour cream to taste
- diced scallions to taste

Brown sausage on medium-high heat in a large stock pan. Then add onion and garlic cook until translucent remove from heat until you add kale. Remove center stem from kale and rinse well (Fill kitchen sink with cold water and soak, any dirt will sink.) Tear kale into smaller pieces about small fist size. Return to heat. Add kale and cook until reduced by about 3/4, add flour and stir until well incorporated before adding chicken stock. At this time transfer to crock/slow cooker. Add remaining ingredients. And cook on med. for 4-6 hr. Remove thyme stems before eating. (If soup becomes too thick, thin with chicken stock or milk or water.)

Top with 1 tablespoon sour cream, 1 tablespoon diced scallions, and 1 tablespoon bacon, and serve.

### CREAMY MACARONI AND CHEESE — Courtesy Paula Deen

- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni (an 8-ounce box isn't quite 2 cups)
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, cut into pieces
- 2-1/2 cups (about 10 ounces) grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 10-3/4 ounce can condensed cheddar cheese soup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Boil the macaroni in a 2 quart saucepan in plenty of water until tender, about 7 minutes. Drain. In a medium saucepan, mix butter and cheese. Stir until the cheese melts. In a slow cooker, combine cheese/butter mixture and add the eggs, sour cream, soup, salt, milk, mustard and pepper and stir well. Then add drained macaroni and stir again. Set the slow cooker on low setting and cook for 3 hours, stirring occasionally.

### INDIAN PUDDING — Courtesy Sandra Lee

- 1 3.4-ounce box instant butterscotch pudding
- 1 8.5-ounce box instant corn muffin mix
- 6 cups milk, divided
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup dark or robust molasses
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Spray a 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together pudding mix, corn muffin mix, and 3 cups of milk until thickened, about 2 to 3 minutes; set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients. Stir into pudding mixture until well combined. Transfer to slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour. Turn slow cooker to low and stir. Cover and continue cooking for 1 more hour. Stir, cover and cook for 1 hour more. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

### CHOCOLATE MUD CAKE — Courtesy Family Fun Magazine

As the person who tests many of the recipes we publish, Amy Hamel has been asked to cook any number of dubious dishes. Still, even she was wondering what we were thinking when we asked her to develop a chocolate cake that could be baked in a slow cooker. Why bake in a slow cooker? It's a fun novelty, and kids love the whole idea, but the real proof is in the tasting. Drawing from a number of hot-fudge-brownie cake variations, Amy created a dessert so moist and chocolaty, "it's like getting to lick the batter from a whole cake," as one of our tasters said. But Amy's daughters may have offered the most eloquent testimony. They said nothing, but simply hovered over the crock, each with a spoon in hand and a chocolaty smile on her face.

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 2 ounces semisweet chocolate (or 1/3 cup chocolate chips)
- 1 cup sugar (2/3 cup and 1/3 cup, added separately)
- 3 tablespoons plus 1/3 cup Dutch-processed cocoa
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1-1/2 cups hot water
- Whipped cream or ice cream

**Step 1.** Coat the inside of a 2 1/2- to 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. (Note: the cake's cooking time and final appearance will vary depending on your crock's size.)

**Step 2.** Whisk together the flour and baking powder in a medium bowl and set aside. In a large bowl, melt the butter and chocolate in the microwave or over a pan of simmering water and mix well.

**Step 3.** Whisk in the 2/3 cup of sugar, 3 tablespoons of cocoa, vanilla extract, salt, milk, and egg yolk. Add the flour mixture and stir until thoroughly mixed.

**Step 4.** Pour the batter into the slow cooker and spread it evenly. In a medium bowl, whisk together the remaining sugar, cocoa, and hot water until the sugar is dissolved.

**Step 5.** Pour the mixture over the batter in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 1 to 2 hours, depending on the size of the crock pot.

**Step 6.** Even when done, the cake will be very moist and floating on a layer of molten chocolate, but you'll know it's ready when nearly all of the cake is set and the edges begin to pull away from the sides of the pot. (As you check, try not to let the condensed steam from the lid drip onto the cake.)

**Step 7.** When it's done, turn off the power and remove the lid. Let it cool for 25 minutes, then serve it in bowls topped with whipped cream or ice cream. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

**Next Month:** Christmas cookies! Do you have a favorite cookie you make every year for the holidays? Is there a recipe that you can't find? Let me know and I will do my best to add to your Christmas memories. Contact me by email at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net), call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

## Loudon Cub Scout News — Pack 247

Several Cub Scouts from Pack 247 attended the New Hampshire Scout Jamboree at Gunstock over Columbus Day weekend. The event only takes place every four years so it was a wonderful opportunity for our Scouts to have it so close by. They participated in activities such as archery, BB guns, rock wall climbing, hiking, and other fun and games.

The pack also successfully completed their Nature's Trail popcorn fundraiser this fall. Thanks to everyone who supported the boys by ordering popcorn.

The following boys earned their Bobcat Badge, which is the first advancement in Cub Scouting: Thomas Carter, Nicholas Koufos, Jacob Roz, Jacob Cheney, Collin Sedgley, Thomas Crouch, Ayden Radcliffe, Jordan Brigg, Michael Ainsworth, Dylan Babonis, Alex Drago, Gabe Jaquith, Tyler Metalious, and Joseph Stokes. Some of the things they learned are the Cub Scout Promise, handshake, motto (Do your Best), and the Law of the Pack.

First-year Webelos have already earned their Citizenship Badge by learning about local, state, and national government and what it means to be a good citizen. Three of the boys earned badges over the summer. Hunter Blake earned his Geologist and Outdoorsman Badges, Alec Decato also earned his Outdoorsman Badge, and Kyle Kowalski earned his Naturalist Badge.

Second-year Webelos went on a camping trip during the summer and earned their Outdoorsman Badge. They also earned their Readyman Badge this fall by learning how to be prepared for, and respond to, emergencies. Second-year Webelo Scott Martell also earned his Engineering Badge.

Several boys received the Summertime Award for participating in three events: Family Fun Night, the campfire and Old Home Day — Michael Ainsworth, Hunter Blake, Alec Decato, Levi Fisher, Tyler Metalious, Malcolm Thompson, Dylan Babonis, Nathan Coloumbe, Mitchell Fillion, Scott Martell, Joseph Stokes, and Deven Valenti.

Pack 247 will be participating in the Scouting for Food drive this month. If you find a plastic bag on your doorstep November 10th please follow the instructions on the bag. Leave the bag with nonperishable food items outside your door the following Saturday, November 17. A Scout will pick it up and the food will be distributed to food banks throughout the state. ■

*Tiger Cubs check out the equipment during their visit to the Loudon Fire Department.*



*All of these Cub Scouts received their Bobcat Badge at the October Pack Meeting. It is the first advancement earned by the Scouts.*

*These members of the Wolf Den from Loudon attended the New Hampshire Scouting Jamboree at Gunstock in October. The boys earned their BB Beltloop during the event.*



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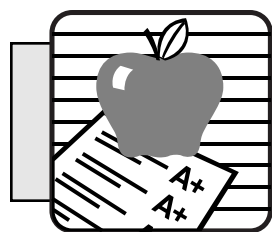
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## School District News

### Loudon Elementary School

#### Annual Turkey Trot – Thursday, November 8th!

Yes folks, it is that time of year again! The annual Turkey Trot will be held on November 8th (rain date November 9th). This annual activity provides much needed food for several area food banks. Participants donate a canned or non-perishable food to enter the trot. This is a great activity that get's kids outside and promotes community charity. For more information please call Mrs. Muzzey. Good luck trotters!!!

#### New Look, New Website

Merrimack Valley school district has a new website: <http://fc.mvsvd.k12.nh.us/>. Here you will find information on school specific events as well as weekly and monthly updates from teachers on what your child is learning and how you can help them at home. In addition to district information, parents can find out ways to volunteer, check out the lunch menu or print out a monthly calendar of activities. (Thank you Martha Cheney, our Loudon Town Crier!)

#### November 1: Ceremony & Tour at LES!

Thursday, November 1st is going to be a very busy at night at Loudon Elementary School. At 5:00, the ceremony for the new addition will commence in the gymnasium. Local citizens are welcome to attend for the ceremony and tour that will take place after. In addition to the ceremony, the book fair buy night and PTA meeting will also take place. Luckily we have a beautiful new parking lot that will accommodate a fair share of attendees.

#### November 30: PTA Movie Night!

Did you enjoy the Polar Express Movie night last year? The PTA is happy to announce that by popular demand, movie night will be on November 30th! More information to follow through school communication. Thank you PTA for bringing this back!

#### Important Dates

- November 1:** Ceremony & Tour for new addition 5 p.m.
- November 1:** PTA meets first Thursday of every month
- November 1:** Buy night book fair 4–8 p.m.
- November 2:** Marks close
- November 8:** Annual Turkey Trot (rain date 11/9)
- November 9:** Report cards issued
- November 12:** School closed for Veterans Day

**November 21–23:** School closed for Thanksgiving

**November 30:** PTA Movie night

### MV Middle School News

#### Important Dates

- November 6–9:** Book Fair
- November 14:** 7th Grade field trip Salmon Hatchery
- November 12:** School closed for Veterans Day
- November 21:** PTO meeting, 6:30 Library (3rd Wed.)
- November 21–23:** School closed for Thanksgiving

Our new year is off to a great start with a student population of 617 students (an increase of 13 students compared to last September). We are certainly thankful for starting the year with our new sixth-grade wing and everyone in the same building.

This year we are implementing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system at the middle school. It is a grant-funded program that provides training and assistance in creating a positive school climate.

Our technology department will begin to implement the “Gateway” Program, which incorporates elements of pre-engineering into the curriculum. Mr. Boucher and Mr. Field have participated in a rigorous summer training in order to implement the program at all grade levels. A huge “Thank You” to our maintenance department for reconfiguring the Tech. Ed. classrooms to include a new computer lab that will enable us to better address the needs of 21st Century learners.

Fall athletics are well under way with a total of 180 middle school students participating in football, field hockey, cross country, spirit, girls and boys soccer.

This year we are proud to announce that our school has received the “Blue Ribbon Award” for volunteerism and have been invited to attend a celebration ceremony on October 15, 2007. See the attached letter.

The MVMS Library celebrated its Summer Reading Program participants with a party on Monday, Sept. 17th. It was a small group of 10, but they read over 145 books! They enjoyed donuts and juice and choose prizes of new paperbacks and other small items. We have enjoyed meeting all our 6th graders during Orientation Week in the library!

Arts After School program began on October 23 for any MV student who enjoys art. Supplies are provided and a calendar listing the projects featured each week is on the Art Club web page

(use button on the MVMS home page). This is a drop in club so students are free to attend when the project featured appeals to them.

Chorus has gotten off to a good start. Membership has increased in 7th and 8th grade as well as Vocal Ensemble, and the students are doing an excellent job of singing in two and three parts, even though it is still early in the school year. 6th Grade general music students have been working hard to learn African Drumming, and it is opening their eyes to some amazing cultures around the world as well as teaching them more about the music they hear every day. Seventh and 8th Grade general music students are playing melodies and chords on the piano, and 8th Grade general music students are doing an excellent job learning chords and bass lines on the guitar.

The new year is off to a GREAT start on all three 6th grade teams. The students are very comfortable in their surroundings, lockers are now opened with ease and getting to class prepared is getting much easier. In addition to getting to know each other we have been reviewing MVMS procedures, practicing expectations, reinforcing learning styles, and preparing the NECAP testing. The first progress report has already been sent home! KEEP up the good work!

8th Grade Required Summer Reading Program Celebration!

A total of forty-two 8th grade students were honored for creating board games based on the required summer reading novel, Truesight by David Stahler, Jr. Certificates of congratulations, pizza, and soda were all part of the festivities.

Students involved were: Morgan Bailey, Felicia Barrington, Zachary Blanchard, Carrie Brewster, Joshua Brown, Peter Bultman, Mackenzie Cadrette, Scott Call, Patrick Cannon, Kyla Cooper, Jack Digeronimo, Samuel Drouin, Brianna Durgin, Alison Egounis, Jennifer Field, Alivia Golec, Jacob Haleplidis, Shelby Hamel, Rebecca Hashem, Daniel Higman, Alexander Hunton, Benjamin Hunton, Amanda John, Ashley John, Brandi Jones, Danielle LaCrosse, Sophie LaRochelle, Katelyn Leonard, Hilary Lorden, Nathan Martel, Max McConnell, Brianna Mead, Corey Mitchell, Brandon Morse, Meagan Mulleavey, David Paiva, Megan Simoneau, Andrea Stinson, Kaitlyn Sweeney, Zack Theriault, Rhiannon Webb, William West, and Hannah Young.

Alison Egounis (Team A) and Morgan Bailey (Team B) each won a \$20 gift card to Borders for their grand efforts. Michael Ingerson also won a \$10 gift card to Subway for returning the novel. A job well done by all!

### MVHS News

**Parent Communication.** Parents are reminded that each teacher has both a Phone-Mail and an E-Mail account to receive messages. Teachers are expected to check E-Mail and Phone-Mail every school day and to reply within 1 business day. The school urges people

to leave a follow-up Phone-Mail if an E-Mail goes unanswered (due to E-Mail filters rejecting some outside messages). If Phone-Mail goes unanswered, please contact an administrator.

**MVHS Teacher to visit Japan:** Jim Clapp, the high school's Library Media Specialist, will visit Japan this fall at the invitation of the Japanese government. Mr. Clapp was selected as one of 200 American educators to participate in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program (there were over 1700 applicants). This program brings distinguished primary and secondary school educators from the U.S. to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

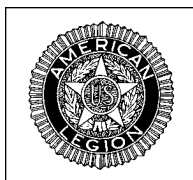
Mr. Clapp will visit Tokyo for a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture by meeting with Japanese officials and educators. He will travel in a group of 20 to selected host cities where they will visit primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college. In addition to visiting educational facilities, members of the group will visit local cultural and industrial sites as well as experience a home stay with a local family. When Mr. Clapp returns, he will share his experiences and impressions with the members of the Merrimack Valley School District and the greater Concord community to fulfill the mission of the JFMF Teacher Program — to bring understanding of Japanese culture to America.

**Cafeteria News:** We are very excited to be finally settling into our new cafeteria! This year we have many new menu selections and, thanks to the students who participated in a recent survey, we are working towards offering even more. We have recently introduced a new breakfast meal-deal (a choice of two different breakfast combos, changed daily). For lunch, we offer a choice of a hot lunch combo, a salad combo or a snack bar combo meal (All combo meals include a fruit and a juice or milk). We also have available our nutrikids program where parents can go online to check a child's account. This program allows you to add money to the students account, see how much money is left, see a detailed list of what your child is buying and even sign up to get an e-mail when your child's balance is getting low. This program can be found at [www.mynutrikids.com](http://www.mynutrikids.com). To expedite the lines during lunch and give the students more time to eat we have introduced a fast lane (a register that is used for the students that have money on their nutrikids account. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 753-1420. *Submitted by Kathy Harvey, Assistant Food Service Director*

**Food Choices Course:** The Food Choices classes have started their cooking labs. They recently created some flavorful (and some not so flavorful) soups. The next unit is on breads (biscuits, muffins, dinner rolls, deluxe stuffed pizza, calzones and sticky buns). We cook 2–3 times a week, with the remainder of the time working on improving consumer skills. Ask your

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## The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

The Post sadly announces that we are discontinuing Tuesday evening Bingo for this coming winter, November into April, 2008. We will keep you all posted as to when we will re-open, but this depends largely on you. Participation is vital for this activity to begin again in the spring. The cost of electricity and natural gas is the main factor in this closing. We apologize to "die hard players," but the Post cannot continue to lose money.

While we have the building closed, we have many projects that we hope to accomplish:

- Paint the interior of the main hall
- Refinish the main hall floor
- Install new flooring in the entryway
- Install new sinks in the kitchen
- Purchase a new, larger refrigerator
- Connect hot water into each bathroom
- Re-build the outside access ramp

Hopefully, with these renovations and updates, the hall will be more presentable and attractable for renters, thus bringing in more revenue.

### POST NEWS

All members are reminded that it is time for the yearly dues to be collected.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, current, new, and potential members are welcome.

Lester (Buster) Annis has been honored by the Veterans Administration for 19,385 hours of volunteer service. Thank you Buster!

For the month of November, please remember Veterans Day. This is the day to remember the services of veterans of all wars. If you know or see a veteran, shake his or her hand and say "Thank you."

Have a great Thanksgiving Day. Remember to be thankful for all we have and try not to eat too much! For those of you traveling, be safe and enjoy.

## Flag Football Coming Soon!

The Loudon Football League will be starting on Saturday, November 10 at 1 p.m. on Batchelder Road in Loudon. Age groups are as follows: 5–8 years, 9–12 years, and 13–16 years. Teams will be determined by experience and sign-ups. All levels of experience are welcome and instruction will be provided. Depending on the number of sign-ups, there may be a second game at 3 p.m.

Proposed dates are: November 10, 17, 24 and December 1 and 15. All dates are weather permitting. There will be a \$5 per child fee each week. Please register by November 6.

### Basic Rules

Each game will consist of two coed teams of up to seven players. Possession is determined by coin toss and begins on the 10-yard line. Offensive team has three downs to reach the 50-yard line and three downs to reach the goal line. The extra point is determined by the ball being placed on the 10-yard line, with one passing play to cross the goal line.

One defensive player is able to rush the quarterback. Defensive player must set up seven yards from the line of scrimmage. The quarterback can only run the ball on a reversal, otherwise play must be a handoff, pitch and/or a pass only. No laterals. Quarterback/center sneaks allowed.

Tackle is determined by removal of one of two flags worn on the sides of each player. Tackle by any other method will result in a five-yard penalty and possible removal from the next two play executions.

The referee is the ruler of the game; any argument may lead to removal from the remainder of the game. Offside penalty will be five yards. Unnecessary roughness may either result in an automatic first down and possible removal from the game. No punting.

Each game starts promptly at the time determined and will consist of two 25 minute halves of continuous play time. Each time will have one two-minute time out and two one-minute time outs per game. The coach/captain will be the only spokesperson to accept/decline penalties.

For directions and more information, please contact Al Rattee at 783-4481 or [anbfirepro@comcast.net](mailto:anbfirepro@comcast.net). ■

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child about buying grains or about choosing the best foods for nutrition according to the new food pyramid. Submitted by Linda Woodward, Food Sciences

**The Spanish Club:** The Spanish Club will continue this year. Its first meeting was held in Room 203, the 24th of September. For more information, contact Karla Lizotte, Spanish Club Advisor

**Library Media Center News:** We're in and we're up and running! Although we must continue to organize materials, for the most part everything we have is available for students and our services seem to be operating at nearly 100% capacity. We shelve new materials on a near daily basis and have taken advantage of our BIG downstairs move to evaluate older materials in our collection (some of which appear to be outdated, underused or unused). We plan to remove undesirable items from the library to make room for more appropriate materials. The process of removing materials from circulation is called weeding. We follow an approved,

professionally accepted and practiced procedure for this task. Before we actually remove items from our catalog, stamp them with the prominent "DISCARDED" label, and help them find new homes, the items we've chosen will be reviewed by our administration and the Area Coordinators. Ultimately it is they who must be convinced that it is our students' best interests to weed out the books we've selected to be discarded.

**Academic Support Center:** The school has a program available to ALL students called the After-School Academic Support Center. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:45–4:00, room 200 turns into a tutoring center. There are two teachers (one Eng./S.S. and one Math/Sci.) who are there to help students with their studies. While we believe that the best source of help is the regular classroom teacher, we know that sometimes schedules do not match up. The ASC can help fill the to ensure that all students meet academic success.

**Target Cashback to MVHS:** We recently received a check for \$180.42 from Target as part of their "Take Charge of Education" program. Merrimack Valley High School currently has 181 people who have designated our school as their selection to receive this donation. The process is simple: Use your REDcard every time you check out at Target, and they will send us a check for 1% of the total amount you purchased. If you have a REDcard, you can go to the Target website and make MVHS your designated school. If you have not already enrolled, please consider this as a way to help fund school items outside of taxes. We have earned a total of \$3526.53 from Target since the start of the program!

**Community Open House:** The Merrimack Valley School Board will host an open house on Sunday, November 18th from 2:00–4:00 p.m. We will be providing tours of the middle and high school buildings in addition to the wood chip heating plant. Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors to come see the new and improved Merrimack Valley campus!

### Up Coming Events:

**November 2:** Term 1 ends. Grades close.

### National Art Honor Society

The following Merrimack Valley students were recently inducted into the National Art Honor Society.


**Boscawen:** Tyler Ayers, Ryan Jelley, Wesley Niebling, Tyler Regan, and Alyssa Thiem

**Andover:** Jim Carey and Claire Duseil

**Loudon:** Shannon Cook, Abbey Dow, Lauren Holden, Anna Peterson, Jess Spottiswood, Sam Thorstensen, Lori Vanson, Katie Bishop, Meghan Jackson, Margaret Jones, Aimee Phillips, Sun Mi Scheinler, and Kate Mullen

**Webster:** Ellie Deshaies, Charlotte Evanofski, Bea Foss, Brooke Bucknam-Zwick, and Amy Evanofski

**Salisbury:** Stephen Oakley and Sam Laliberte. ■



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# Concord Hospital's East and North Wing Additions to Begin Opening

## Concord Hospital will open portions of the new East and North Wing Additions this fall

“This extensive Concord Hospital construction project that started in 2005 and will be fully completed by the end of 2008, addresses many needs to enhance our ability to provide high quality medical care,” said Mike Green, president and CEO of Concord Hospital. “As many departments and services are moved into the new additions this fall, Hospitality Services and other staff members are readily available to assist patients and visitors who have way-finding questions.”

“Our state-of-the-art facilities including the East and North Wing Additions, combined with exceptional caring and compassionate staff and sophisticated medical technology places Concord Hospital among the finest healthcare complexes in the state,” he added.

The current timeline is as follows:

- Operating Rooms (ORs) and Central Sterile Supply (CSS) will move in early October and be fully equipped and operational by the end of the month;
- The new Progressive Care Unit (PCU), located on Floor 3 of the East Wing will be occupied for medical and surgical patients by mid October;
- The Emergency Department (ED) will move in and open mid October;
- The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on Floor 2 of the East Wing will be occupied in late October/early November;
- An additional dedicated orthopaedics inpatient unit on Floor 6 will move in and open early November;
- The redesigned Visitor's Entrance will be completed and open by November.

When the entire project is completed by the end of 2008, there will be 166,960 square feet of new space and an additional 25,335 square feet of renovated space that will also feature:

- A 10-bed Clinical Decision Unit (CDU) adjacent to the ED;
- An expanded Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU);
- A larger cafeteria and kitchen space;
- Future shelled space on the fourth and fifth floors to build additional private patient rooms as needed.

## Detailed features of the East and North Wing Additions include:

### Operating Rooms (ORs) and Central Sterile Supply (CSS)

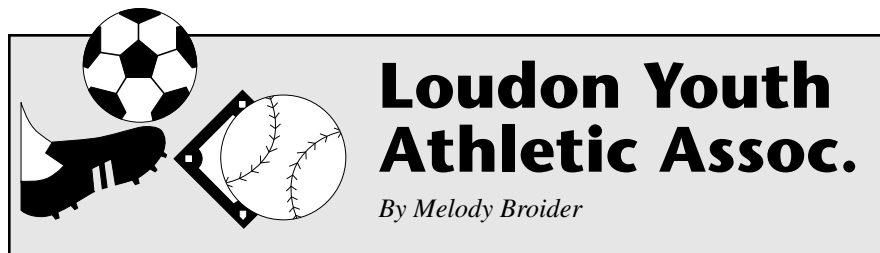
Twelve operating rooms, including four new larger rooms and advanced scheduling technology, help healthcare providers offer more immediate, quality patient care. The 600 square feet operating rooms provide more space for innovative medical equipment such as the da Vinci S\* HD (high-definition) surgical system. Concord Hospital is presently the only hospital in New England with this enhanced system for minimally invasive surgery designed to improve quality, efficiency and decrease recovery time.

### Progressive Care Unit (PCU)

The new PCU on Floor 3 features 20 private patient rooms that decrease the number of patient transfers and enables ICU healthcare providers to concentrate on providing medical care solely to critically ill patients. Leading-edge technology such as telemetry will be available in the PCU giving physicians and staff immediate access to critical patient data to improve timeliness of care.

### Emergency Department (ED)

The new ED features 37 private rooms to improve privacy and lessen disruption. The larger ED also allows better use of innovative technology such as Computers On Wheels (COWS) for bedside triage, an Electronic Tracking Board to improve efficiency and timeliness of care, and on-site laboratory services along with point-of-care testing to help decrease wait times for healthcare providers and patients. New internal communication devices allow providers to seek assistance without leaving the bedside. A larger waiting room with a children's play area, windows that allow natural light to enter and a centrally located hospitality desk with security, offer a welcoming and comfortable setting. A Behavioral Health Safe Area helps serve an increased number of behavioral health patients requiring care.



## Soccer News:

All teams participated in one or several locally hosted tournaments and jamborees this year. We are proud of all the teams! The results of some of the teams that were in prior to print were: Loudon 5/6 girls (Athena's Team) won the Division A — Merrimack Valley Soccer League Tournament at Loudon on Sat., October 13. They won 4 of 4 games against Sunapee, Henniker, Bradford, and New London accumulating the highest point score. Loudon 5/6 girls (Colette's team) did a remarkable job at the tournament in Bow. They missed first place in Bow by one goal, taking second place. Congratulations!

Thank you to all those soccer participants, parents, coaches, volunteers, and sponsors for making this fall soccer season such a success.

## Baseball News:

We are looking forward to next spring already and soliciting for volunteers. If you would like to be considered for a coaching, assistant coaching, or umpiring position or know of anyone that would be great at any of the following positions: Baseball Vice President, Softball Director, or Umpire in Chief. Please contact Baseball Commissioner, John Charron.

## Independent Community Basketball (ICB) Basketball:

The nonprofit volunteer-based league provides all children in grades 1–8 from the towns of Penacook, Boscawen, Loudon, Webster, Salisbury, and Andover a place to play basketball. The league philosophy is to provide a fun and safe environment focused on the fundamentals of basketball.

### Upcoming Important ICB Dates:

**November 3:** 3rd & 4th grade tryouts

**November 10:** 5th & 6th grade tryouts

**November 13:** Coaches Meeting & Clinic. MVMS Gym @ 7:00 p.m. Equipment Handouts

**November 14:** 7th & 8th grade tryouts

**November 17:** 2nd Annual Tip-off Classic Dance. See Kevin Crutchfield for tickets.

**December 1:** Opening Day.

Contact an ICB Representative for more specific info. or check them out at [www.icbbasketball.com](http://www.icbbasketball.com).

**The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library. Next meeting is scheduled for November 27th at 7:00 p.m.** Is there something that you'd like to see LYAA offer? Do you have a question or concerns? Come see what's happening and check out how you can add value to the youth in Loudon! We need many volunteers to keep our programs successful for the children. Many hands lighten the load, so whatever time you can volunteer can be helpful. For more info, check us out at [www.lyaanh.org](http://www.lyaanh.org) or contact Melody Broider via e-mail: [foreyesstudios@hotmail.com](mailto:foreyesstudios@hotmail.com). ■

## Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

The new ICU features 20 private patient rooms each with an accompanying restroom and family space that enables loved ones to comfortably stay. Advanced medical equipment such as “Smart” IV pumps help improve patient safety and pendants in each room hold medical equipment from the ceiling to ease space constraints and allow physicians to administer procedures more easily at the bedside. (In a separate construction project, the pediatric patient care unit will move into the former ICU space so renovations can begin and end by summer 2008. The new Pediatric Unit will include four large extended stay private rooms, which allow family members to comfortably stay for long periods of time, if necessary; two semi-private rooms; a playroom; and a treatment room where some procedures can be administered.)

## Orthopaedics

The new Orthopaedics Unit on Floor 6 is adjacent to and features many of the same amenities as the existing dedicated orthopaedics inpatient unit on the same floor. This additional dedicated unit includes 20 large private patient rooms, rest stations in all corridors, a patient/family waiting room and a private consult area. Staff is also in close proximity, thanks to multiple clinical stations that help offer improved access to healthcare providers. With performing more orthopaedic surgeries than any hospital in the State, this much-needed dedicated orthopaedics inpatient unit will help improve timeliness of care.

For hospital way-finding questions, contact Concord Hospital Hospitality Services at (603) 227-7000, ext. 3030. ■





# Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

## The Eastern Wild Turkey!

I know that I already told you more than you ever wanted to know about the turkey last November, but I thought it was appropriate to write about this big bird again since Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I have been watching several flocks over the year and I have even seen a tom or two (the male bird)!

It still amazes me that these non-migratory birds disappeared from New Hampshire 150 years ago because of habitat loss and the lack of a fish and game department to regulate hunting seasons. Turkeys were actually transplanted back into the state and there are now an estimated 25,000 birds in the state.

### Why Turkey for Thanksgiving?

According to the National Turkey Federation, 97 percent of Americans surveyed eat turkey at Thanksgiving. There is no specific mention of the turkey in Edward Winslow's account of this first Thanksgiving but there was mention of "fowl" which most likely included wild ducks and turkeys. The Pilgrims didn't view turkey as the holiday staple we do. Benjamin Franklin wanted it for our national bird, and reportedly said: "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

### Turkey Facts You Always Wanted to Know:

- The best time to see a turkey is on a warm clear day or in a light rain.
- Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.
- Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining!
- A wild turkey has excellent vision and hearing. Their field of vision is about 270 degrees. This is the main reason they continue to elude some hunters.
- A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.

### Local Turkey Farms and Nutrition

Turkey is low in fat and high in protein (without the skin!). It is an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, phosphorus, potassium and B vitamins. Tryptophan (the amino acid that makes us all feel sleepy) is found in the turkey, but is also present in chocolate, oats, bananas, dried dates, milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, red meat, eggs, fish, other poultry, sesame, chickpeas, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, spirulina, and peanuts (source <http://en.wikipedia.org>). Turkey is suppose to be **steroid and hormone free** as regulated by the USDA; however, buying locally will assure



these high standards. We have some great local farms to buy from which I have listed below (most of these I found on the [www.nhliving.com](http://www.nhliving.com) webpage).

**McClary Hill Farm** — Dave & Barbara: 3 Griffin Road, Epsom, NH 03234. 603-738-4717. SOLD OUT for 2007! Call early for 2008 turkeys. (Check out their website at [www.mcclaryhillfarm.com](http://www.mcclaryhillfarm.com))

**Henniker Saw** — Joseph Morette: P.O. Box 438, Henniker, NH 03242. 603-428-3751. Breeds of turkeys sold: Medium and large Whites, open-ranged and beer-fed.

**Jocose Farm** — Barbara Hutchinson: P.O. Box 118, Chester, NH 03036. 603-887-4863. Breeds of turkeys sold: Broad-Breasted Whites — raised free-range with commercial turkey feed, free choice, and water free choice. Size ranges from from 12-30 lbs. dressed.

**Webster Ridge Farm** — Brandon & Mary Sussman: 1482 Pleasant St., Webster, NH 03303. 603-648-2595. Breeds of turkeys sold: Various.

Don't have time to visit a farm for your turkey? Try the Concord Co-op this year. They stock organically and naturally raised meat and poultry products, both fresh and frozen. Many come from local New England farms, such as **Yankee Farm** in Warner, NH

I hope you have enjoyed some additional information about turkeys and I hope you all get find your turkey this year from a local source. By the way, I did call Blake's in Concord and they are no longer raising turkeys.

For more information about the Eastern wild turkey visit: [www.wildlife.state.nh.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us), [www.journaltimes.com](http://www.journaltimes.com), [www.wildturkeyzone.com](http://www.wildturkeyzone.com), <http://home.aristotle.net>, [www.urbanext.uiuc.edu](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu), [www.umass.edu](http://www.umass.edu). Facts for this article were obtained from the above website. Picture courtesy of [www.kidzone.ws/animals/turkey.htm](http://www.kidzone.ws/animals/turkey.htm). ■

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

## Loudon Historical Society

The last General meeting has yielded a few priorities for the Historical Society to focus on for the near future. We would like to establish three committees and are soliciting volunteers for each. These committees, once formed, will meet independently as needed. **Please review the proposed committees and e-mail me if you are interested in participating so that we can get organized.** Please feel free to forward this to any community members that you think may want to help on these projects. Obviously we have thought of dozens of potential committees but we need to keep the active committee list reasonable and here are the options:

### Oral Histories Committee:

As the name would imply, this committee will work on developing an interview format and begin the process of obtaining the oral histories of those in the community who know it best, from their perspective. The committee members will prioritize the list of candidates for interview, conduct some of the interviews and solicit help from community members.

### Cemetery Documentation Committee:

This committee will work on identifying all of the town cemeteries and pursue records to identify those whose grave markers are no longer legible. This will involve some photography and record keeping.

### Public Relations Committee:

The Loudon Historical Society has a goal of hosting educational programs and events for the community. We would also like to promote the HS and make it more accessible to the public. This committee will plan public events, solicit speakers, etc.

*Hope to hear from you all soon,*  
Cynthia Babonis  
Secretary  
Loudon Historical Society  
[cbabonis@gmail.com](mailto:cbabonis@gmail.com)

We all know that Loudon is a great place to live, but did you also know it is a great place to work? Loudon resident and business owner Lee Laughlin will be starting a new feature profiling local businesses in upcoming issues of the *The Loudon Ledger*. If you are a Loudon business owner are interested in having your business profiled, please send your name, contact information and a brief description of your business to Lee Laughlin at [laughlin@fearlessevents.com](mailto:laughlin@fearlessevents.com).

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By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

## How to Avoid Thanksgiving (and Holiday) Weight Gain

Every year we enjoy a special day of feasting on Thanksgiving Day. It's a time to visit with family, friends, and be thankful for all that you have. Yet, many of us feel that it's a free ride on the "gravy train," a free-for-all to eat until you feel sick kind of day. Then you laze around feeling stuffed and uncomfortable, contemplating taking a nap, hoping that when you wake up the pain will be gone and you can then have leftovers and another piece of pie! We swear we will never eat that much again, but we usually end up doing the same thing year after year. The worst part is, this is just the kick off of the holiday season. We still have holiday parties and meals to chew our way through. Also, don't forget all those gifts from loving family and friends that consist of high caloric goodies. Then, before you know it, it's New Years Eve and you are trying to squeeze into that favorite outfit. You

realize you may have overdone it over the holidays and wished you hadn't. So, at that moment you vow to begin your new years diet on January 2. *Does any of this sound familiar?*

Well, how about making a vow right now, to make this year different. A study from Duke University showed that the average person gains 5 lbs. or more from Thanksgiving to New Years. Studies also show that this weight is likely to stay with you for years! What if I told you that you can enjoy your favorite foods and maintain your weight, so that on January 2 you can feel good about yourself and can concentrate on a different new years resolution. It is possible! If you aim for weightloss during the holidays, that's great, yet a more realistic approach may be to focus on maintaining.

I believe the key to winning the 'battle of the bulge' is planning. The average Thanksgiving meal is 3,500 calories! Plan some action steps now to reduce this enormous number! I found some great tips that I wanted to share with you, so that you can prepare yourself for the upcoming season. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Preparing for the Big Day

- Wear a tight-fitting outfit. This will make you less likely to overeat because it becomes too uncomfortable.
- Don't arrive starving. Eat before the big feast. A small healthful meal with lots of fiber (oatmeal, whole-grain sandwich, salad with beans) keeps you feeling full until dinner.
- Make time for exercise every day, especially on Thanksgiving Day.
- Establish some ground rules in advance of the meal that allow you to indulge but not pig out — for example, only one sliver of dessert.
- Buddy up with someone who is also trying to keep his or her weight in check.
- Keep a food journal and write down everything that you eat. This is an incredibly powerful tool, especially when you are tempted to overeat.
- Start a new family tradition. Take a bike ride, go for a hike or walk Thanksgiving morning.

## Ready, Set, Go

- Enjoy higher-calorie food in smaller portions.
- Don't eat food just because it is there. Save your calories for the foods you love.
- Distance yourself from the hors d'oeuvre table.

- Munch on fresh fruits and veggies instead of high fat appetizers.

## When the Feast Arrives

- Scan the buffet and carefully choose the foods you love. If they are high in calories like the gravy, just take a smaller portion. Take larger portions of the simply prepared foods such as baked sweet potatoes, steamed vegetables, and skinless white meat of turkey.
- Limit yourself to one plate of food, no second helpings.
- Eat slowly and savor every bite. Give the food a chance to let you feel the satisfying feeling of fullness.
- Eat what you like, just eat a little less of it.

## Desserts, Desserts, and More Desserts

Enjoy a small serving of dessert. Choose pumpkin over pecan pie and save a few hundred calories. Eat just the filling to take in fewer additional calories and limit trans fats.

Sources: [webmd.com](http://webmd.com) & [dukemed-news.duke.edu](http://dukemed-news.duke.edu)

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



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## Loudon Star Shines at Big E

Merrimack Valley High School senior Tianna VanderWoude was recognized recently at the Eastern States Exposition (the Big E) in Springfield, Massachusetts. VanderWoude participated in the Big E's Stars Program as the Granite State FFA Star State Farmer. Her work in diversified livestock production earned her the right to represent New Hampshire at the exposition.

VanderWoude has been an FFA member since 2004, and has earned several awards based on her Supervised Agricultural Experience, or SAE. She raises and shows dairy goats and is also responsible for several horses and donkeys. Last April she was elected to the position of State Historian for the Granite State Association of FFA.

VanderWoude travels to Winnisquam Regional Agricultural Education Center each school day for a class in agriculture. She serves as reporter of the Winnisquam FFA Chapter.

The FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) is a national organization of over 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,268 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Visit [www.nhffa.org](http://www.nhffa.org) for more information. ■



Tianna VanderWoude (right) is shown at the Eastern States Exposition with her Winnisquam FFA Advisor Jennifer Gornmert.





## Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association

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

### Senior Health Clinics

The CRVNA will hold a Senior Health Clinic on November 27 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Center. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. If you need a ride, please call 798-5203.

### Monthly Walk-In Immunization Clinics

A walk-in Immunization Clinics for all ages will be held on Monday, Nov. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

### Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Free walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics will be held Weds., Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. until noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy on Ft. Eddy Road in Concord. and Weds., Oct. 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.

### Grief Support for Men

Because expressing grief can be different for men than for women, Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers a Men's Grief Discussion Group on the last Friday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is November 30, December 28, January 25, February 29, and March 28. Continental breakfast is provided. There is no registration or fee to attend. For additional information, please contact Laurie Brooks at 224-4093 ext. 2628 or [Laurie.brooks@crvna.org](mailto:Laurie.brooks@crvna.org)

### "Grief and Holidays" Session

The loss of a loved one hurts more on holidays, birthdays, anniversaries or other special days, when the grief one feels takes on additional clarity and depth. These feelings are normal and to be expected. Special days intensify grief because they focus on feelings of loss. The absence of a loved one may alter or completely change the traditions once shared, which in turn may awaken many memories. However, one can learn how to live with the grief and not be consumed by it.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will provide a free informational and supportive session called "Grief and the Holidays" on Thursday, November 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton Street, Concord. The facilitator is Laurie Farmer, MSW, hospice social worker. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Laurie Brooks at 224-4093 extension 2826 or [laurie.brooks@crvna.org](mailto:laurie.brooks@crvna.org). ■



## Lessons Learned

By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

**L**ike everything else, there is a learning curve to buying a home. The second time around you will naturally know things you didn't the first. Here are three common mistakes made by first-time homebuyers during the home search process and their solutions.

**Mistake:** *Buyers who look at homes before they have a complete understanding of their finances are asking for trouble.*

**Solution:** Before looking for property, you should know your finances inside and out. This includes analyzing savings, income, and expected expenses. Next, order a copy of your credit report. Your credit score will greatly influence the type and amount of loan you are eligible for. Finally, make sure you are pre-qualified for a mortgage. This means a loan officer has reviewed your employment history, debt, income, and other pertinent factors and has pre-qualified you for a certain loan amount.

**Mistake:** *Looking for a home with your heart instead of your head. Of course there is an element of emotion during the home search process, but it is also a business transaction. You want to avoid falling in love with a certain home and then finding out it is out of your reach.*

**Solution:** First, look exclusively in your price range. Next, have a specific list of your wants and needs. Create a roster of must-haves, bonuses, and things you absolutely don't want, too. This will help you remain objective.

**Mistake:** *Looking at properties without doing enough research. Curb appeal and interior charm have their place, but buyers also need to know about the community where they are buying.*

**Solution:** Use the internet to find out all you can about the town. Research local property taxes, the schools, area transportation, and available recreation. Also, talk to people in the neighborhood and local officials. Ask about traffic patterns, flooding, planned infrastructure projects, etc. Get the inside scoop from those who know the area best. Your Realtor or buyer's agent is also an excellent resource. ■

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 11, 2007

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

*Also present:* Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Zoning Board Chairman David Powelson, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Deputy Fire Chief Bob Bottcher.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 4, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

Chairman Maxfield stated the first item on the agenda is discussion of a joint meeting between the Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Town Counsel to discuss the Growth Management Ordinance. He said that Attorney Mayer has suggested the Town hire Gerald Coogan to review the current ordinance and make appropriate recommendations for improvement. Chairman Maxfield stated the agreement by Upton and Hatfield and Gerald I. Coogan in the amount of \$1,250.00 and work related travel billable at \$60.00 per hour,

needs to be reviewed by the Selectmen, Planning Board Chairman, and Zoning Board Chairman. Chairman Maxfield went on to say that there was a lawsuit against the Town relative to this issue and a settlement agreement was reached. Discussion ensued regarding Growth Management Ordinances being in place for short periods of time and that they are not meant to be in place forever as well as the timing of upcoming Zoning Ordinance workshops. Mr. Dow asked if there was any information that could be reviewed prior to the meeting with Town Counsel so that all the members are on the same page when they meet. Chairman Maxfield stated he would see that the agreement to hire Mr. Coogan is copied for each Board for review. The Board will setup a meeting date with Attorney Mayer and let Mr. Dow and Mr. Powelson know the date and time. Discussion ensued regarding if Mr. Coogan would be in attendance at the meeting. Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Fiske if he wanted to be at the meeting to give his input. Mr. Fiske said he didn't think so.

Bob Fiske discussed fireworks. He wanted to be sure there is no prohibition relative to con-

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sumer fireworks usage. Mr. Fiske said there has been a lot of controversy in the past relative to this issue and he wanted to know what Board of Permits input would be. He said that in 1989, Bill Sheran brought up the idea that authorized permits should be used for Class C fireworks, which was nixed and never brought up again. Discussion ensued regarding the permissible fireworks that can be purchased by the general public. Mr. Fiske said that unless the Town has an ordinance, he must take the stand that unless it comes under disorderly statute, it is permissible. Selectman Ives asked if the Fire Chief had to give permission for fireworks. Mr. Fiske said not for permissible consumer fireworks.

Mr. Fiske discussed a Hawker and Peddler's application for Cole's pit north of the Track for a hotdog stand. He said all the paperwork is in order. Mr. Powelson asked if this had been done previously. Mr. Fiske said no. This application is for two days during the race weekend. There were no objections to this application.

Selectman Bowles discussed the meeting that he and Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Donna White attended with Tony Puntin and Rick Stewart of the Louis Berger Group, Tony Marcotte of Bedford Design, and a representative from Hancock Associates in Manchester this morning relative to MDP's flood study report. Selectman Bowles stated that back when the Planning Board approved the subdivision for MDP there was an agreement with MDP that a flood study would be completed. MDP has completed a flood study and Rick Stewart from the Louis Berger Group does not feel it would be in the Town's best interest to sign off on the flood study results at this time. Selectman Bowles stated Ms. White is researching the minutes of the meetings when this agreement for the flood study was made so that the Town gets what was agreed to during the meetings. Mr. Powelson asked how long the floodplain ordinance has been in place. Selectman Bowles stated sometime after 2003. He said Bob Fiske filed the paperwork for the Town to be included in the Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Powelson said he thought the Zoning Ordinance change was step one in the process and once that change was in place there would be a town wide FEMA study. Mr. Fiske said it would be over a course of many years, if we were lucky. Selectman Bowles said it is a lengthy process. Mr. Dow asked if the Town were to sign off on the study would there then be liability issues. Selectman Bowles said that Hancock Associates no longer wants anything to do with it once their portion is complete. He said that according to the regulations, the flood study is site specific. Selectman Bowles discussed the FEMA maps as well as the topo maps drawn for this study relative to the location of the MDP property. Mr. Fiske said that he feels the Town should not be signing off on anything because there is an engineer signing that those elevations are not in the floodplain and the engineer would have documentation to that fact. Mr. Roy Merrill discussed the well on the Brown's property relative to no elevations drawn on the current flood maps, which are forty years

old. Mr. Fiske said that FEMA says these are the only flood maps for Loudon at this time and if the Town has any questions regarding a specific area than the Town has to mandate that the property owners have to have a study done by an engineer. Selectman Bowles said that FEMA is looking at the flood maps, not the study that has been done. Mr. Fiske discussed another property on Bear Hill Road that showed the elevation, and the documentation specifically states there is no need for a letter of map amendment because of the elevations; it is not in the floodplain. He said this letter is from the Office of State Planning, and it does not have to go to FEMA. Mr. Fiske went on to say that if the engineer says it is above the elevation why would we send the town engineer to recheck what the first engineer said. Selectman Bowles said if the Town made the other landowners assume the certification, than that is what needs to happen with this one. Mr. Fiske said that the Bear Hill issue was before the Town was part of the Flood Insurance Program. Discussion ensued regarding the construction of the road and future homes. It was agreed that Tony Puntin or Rick Stewart, a representative of Hancock Associates, and Donna White would be doing some more research to get definite answers. Selectman Bowles said all the Board members need to familiarize themselves with this issue and if the ordinance needs to be addressed, it should be done during the Zoning workshops. He also stated that nothing has been signed relative to the flood study. Discussion ensued regarding the existing maps and changes that have occurred with the elevations on property through out town. Mr. Fiske exed the process of how the town came to be part of the Flood Insurance Program.

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

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

Mr. Fiske stated he had two permits for the Board.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that Mrs. McAlister of Greenview Drive spoke with him regarding the issue of her foundation deteriorating due to the rain that is coming down across Greenview Drive, down her driveway, and going down the front of her house to the northwest side of her driveway. He said that Mrs. McAlister has spoken with the Road Agent and was advised that there is nothing more that he can do. Mr. Fiske advised Mr. and Mrs. McAlister that they could consider putting in a Cape Cod berm to alleviate the problem, as it is not on the road. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable. Chairman Maxfield asked Mr. Fiske if he was aware that Mr. Leombruno was being ordered by DES to install a dam. Mr. Fiske said he knew there was friction and that DES advised the McAlister's that there is nothing that they can do about the situation. The Board said that they had received notification from DES regarding the dam. Discussion ensued regarding the road being moved as well as Mr. Leombruno's opinion that Mr. Fiske should have never given the McAlister's a building permit based on the current issues.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Bob Bottcher.

Deputy Bottcher stated that Fire Chief Jeff Burr had asked him to check with the Selectmen about the status of the dry hydrant at the Village Dam. Selectman Bowles stated that the Board has not had any response from the H.L. Turner Group regarding this issue; however, they have had a request for final payment from the H. L. Turner Group for the project. He said that the Board expects to have a response from them shortly.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the request for final payment from RM Piper by H.L. Turner Group on the Village Road Dam project. The Board agreed that until the dry hydrant issue is resolved, the final payment would be held.

The Board received legal correspondence from Attorney Slawsky for review.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White regarding the CIP meeting on September 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board received copies of the September 10, 2007 draft Planning Board work session minutes.

The Board received a budget request for Central NH Regional Planning Commission for FY 2008. Roy Merrill discussed the member versus non-member costs associated with services from CNHRPC.

The Board received an inspection report from Tony Puntin on the Merullo subdivision road.

The Board received copies of correspondence from DRA regarding Loudon's assessment review year in 2008.

The Board received correspondence from Michael Harris. Discussion ensued.

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

The Board received copies of the Office of State Planning newsletter for review.

Selectman Ives moved to approve the contract with the Louis Berger Group for Construction Supervision on the Berry Road/Clough Pond Project in the amount of \$6,750.00 to include 3 hours of onsite per day for six days, travel time, mileage, and daily reporting; perform an as built inspection to include photographic documentation of the completed work, perform part-time construction observation, prepare and submit a construction completion letter to NHDES with copy to the Town, perform a monitoring site inspection in June 2008 to improve photographic documentation of the condition of the restored project, prepare and submit a monitoring letter to document the June 2008 site observations to include recommendations to any remedial action and their timeframes. Selectman Bowles seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Selectman Bowles stated he felt this is wasting more money on a project that has not been spearheaded in the right direction to begin with. Selectman Ives said that he felt the only thing DES is requiring the Town to do is have an onsite engineer. Chairman Maxfield stated that it says in response to the August 22, 2007 approval letter from DES regarding the submitted restoration plan. Chairman Maxfield called for the motion. Selectman Ives and Maxfield in favor. Selectman Bowles opposed. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield stated that although the Board may personally be against this, it is an order by DES and the Town has to comply. The Board discussed the ongoing drainage issues and the need to ensure all ordinances regarding steep slopes and driveway requirements are followed.

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

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 18 , 2007

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

*Also present:* Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Library Trustees Phil Nadeau, Sandra Blanchard, and Greg Silva, and Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's Office, Charitable Trust.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 11, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that Pike is almost finished with their part of Clough Pond Road and the Highway Crew would continue with dressing of the roadside as they worked their way along Berry Road. He stated the Berry Road work is not taking as long as he had expected it to. Mr. Rice said they would be working on the header and riprap on Wednesday. Chairman Maxfield stated he had driven by the right-of-way and felt that the Highway Crew had done a great job on the reconstruction.

Mr. Rice stated that Alan Minery would be continuing with roadside mowing.

Mr. Rice asked the Board if he could have Rob Bowen fill in mowing the Town property while a part-time employee is out for a medical issue. The Board agreed.

Mr. Rice asked the Board about obtaining prices for a grader. He said that he would like to do the same thing that they did with the excavator and the lease/purchase over 5-6 years. Mr. Rice said that the excavator would be paid off

this year. He said the grader is approximately 21 years old. The Board advised Mr. Rice he should move forward with obtaining the prices.

Selectman Ives discussed a driveway issue on Berry Road and stated he would like to see that if any driveway is changed in any way that it is reviewed to be sure the water runoff does not go out into the road. Selectman Bowles said that the Zoning Ordinance in place calls for a 12-foot driveway at -2% grade, and he feels that Mr. Rice needs to review all of the driveways that have been issued permits to be sure that they meet the ordinance that is in place. Selectman Ives said that Mr. Rice needs to work with the Code Enforcement Officer to be sure this issue is taken care of. Selectman Bowles said he would like to see Berry Road addressed and taken care of so that the Highway Crew does not have to go out there next spring and work on these same problems. Mr. Rice said that they had been grading Berry Road with a crown and are going to go back to grading it flat with a pitch to the uphill side and have the drainage flow towards the culverts. Selectman Ives discussed the need to be sure that every property owner controls the water that comes off his or her property. Discussion ensued regarding the issue of Dee Dee Maratea's property on Berry Road. Selectman Bowles stated when he measured the right-of-way relative to the abutment, he found that it was 2-1/2 feet in the right-of-way. He said nothing is to be done on that property until engineered plans or written direction as to what they plan to do are forwarded to the Town's engineer to review. Selectman Bowles said the Selectmen have given Ms.

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- Maxfield Public Library
- Beanstalk Store
- Ivory Rose/USPS
- Transfer Station
- Web Site



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Maratea strict orders that nothing can be done on that property until reviewed by the engineer. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Town's Engineer has gone out to the property since the wall collapsed and is working with Ms. Maratea's contractor. Selectman Ives said they needed to do stabilization before anything was moved around.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr advised the Board that he had received a letter from the State regarding surplus equipment. He asked if the Board needed a letter from him deeming the old tanker truck surplus and ready for the auction. The Board agreed a letter should be drafted.

Chairman Maxfield asked how things went for the Fire Department during the race event. Chief Burr said things went well. Discussion ensued regarding holding an "after action meeting" possibly on September 27, 2007 at DOT.

Chairman Maxfield stated that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board was advised of a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Historical Society to discuss the growth management ordinance with Attorney Mayer, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Board of Selectmen.

The Board received the final fully executed settlement agreement regarding the Police Department Personnel issue.

The Board received copies of the study completed by the Brookline Public Works Study Committee regarding highway department budgets in 24 towns with a population of 4,000–6,000.

The Board received copies of the SDS/ZBA litigation as well as notice of the hearing date on December 10, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Merrimack County Superior Court.

The Board received copies of a memo from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White regarding the Base Floodplain Elevation study submitted by MDP for the Villages at Loudon.

The Board received copies of the Concord Monitor article regarding the growth management ordinance passed by Boscawen.

The Board received a follow-up letter from Engineer Judy Houston regarding DES requirements for on-site personnel.

The Board received a follow-up letter from DRA regarding Loudon's 2008 Certification.

The Board received a memo from DOT regarding the final inspection for the signal relocation on Route 106.

The Board received copies of the ZBA Site Walk minutes from August 30, 2007 for review.

The Board received copies of the August property transfers.

The Board received notification from DES on an inspection at Colin Cabot's dam.

The Board received the Fire Department billing to NHIS for the Nextel race event in the amount of \$43,317.75.

The Board received a notification from Merrimack Valley School District stating the Town owes an additional \$54.00 on last year's assessment. Mrs. Lee will follow up on this issue.

The Board received notification that the DOT statewide dispatch has moved to a new location.

The Board received an invitation to the "Green Home" open house on October 5, 2007.

The Board received notification of a junkyard licensing workshop on October 22, 2007.

The Board received information on the Local Government Center conference on November 7–9, 2007.

The Board received notification of the State Auction on October 13, 2007.

Chairman Maxfield introduced Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's Office Charitable Trust who was here to meet with the Selectmen and the Library Trustees. Ms. Knowles advised those present that she is a former Selectman and former Library Trustee so she has experience on both sides. She said that her role this

evening is to explain the laws and stay neutral; she does not take sides. Ms. Knowles stated under NH Law, libraries are given extraordinary authority in order to protect libraries from the budget cuts that arise during the budget process. She said that if you were to look at an organizational chart, the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees are on the same level. Ms. Knowles went on to state that RSA 202-A:11 says, "The Library Trustees shall expend all monies raised and appropriated by the Town for Library purposes." She said some towns have all their library bills forwarded and paid by the town, while others have chosen to handle their own taxpayer money. Ms. Knowles stated if the Library Trustees want to handle their own money, the State Statute says they get to do that. She said the Statute says the money will be paid over to the Library Trustees by the Town Treasurer, according to a payment schedule agreed upon by the Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen. Ms. Knowles said the Selectmen can agree to pay the taxpayer money to the Library monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or whatever works so the cash flow for the Town and cash flow for the Library does what it should be doing. She said when it comes to Capital Reserve Funds, the townspeople vote to have agents to expend the money and in the case of Library Capital Reserve Funds it could be the Selectmen, Library Trustees, or both. Ms. Knowles stated that since it is public money, it is up to the voters of the community to decide who will be in charge to spend that money. She asked what questions people had. Selectman Bowles asked if the Selectmen were mandated to comply with the request or could they wait until this issue could go before the townspeople and let the voters decide. Ms. Knowles said the question is regarding paying the money directly to the Library Trustees. She said that there is no "home rule" in the State of NH, which means NH is a Statutory State and what the Statute says goes. Ms. Knowles said there is no local control with this issue. There has to be an agreement between the Selectmen, and Library Trustees and the Library Trustees get to expend all monies raised and appropriated by the Town for library purposes. Selectman Bowles said it is not as simple as handing over a check because of auditing, changes in elected officials, and paying from the different accounts. He said he feels that it is in the best interest of the Town that things remain status quo until the voters can weigh in on this issue at Town Meeting. Ms. Knowles advised the Board that the Library Trustees are bonded and if anything goes wrong, it would not be the Board of Selectmen that would be investigated, it would be the Library Trustees. Selectman Ives said he felt the current system has been working well for decades and doesn't see a reason to make a change now as long as the bills get submitted, which they haven't been for quite a while. He said he felt that not submitting the library bills for payment shows fiscal irresponsibility. Selectman Ives said he would like a response from the Library Trustees as to why all of a sudden they want to change the way the bills have been paid. Phil Nadeau said he was only speaking for himself, not for the Trustees, and he is not saying anything is broke or that this will fix it. They have asked Ms. Knowles to educate themselves, the Selectmen, and the public about the importance of the law. He said he thinks it is spelled out really clear. Mr. Nadeau said what they are looking at is the administering of the funds of the library, which they would prefer to do in a cost effective efficient manner, not that it's not being done that way now. He said he thinks it is going to save some time for the Selectmen and Town Office if they do these themselves. Mr. Nadeau said all they are looking for is an agreement with the Selectmen, as it is clearly stated in the law, and it should not come down to an issue of personalities. Selectman Ives said he is not taking it personally. Sandra Blanchard said that years ago libraries were very small and now with the growing communities there are larger and larger buildings. She said that she has been speaking

with other communities similar in size and more and more libraries are realizing it is logical that they get the bills in and they should process them and get the money out. Ms. Blanchard said it would eliminate the duplication of all the paperwork, sending it over to the Town Office, the waiting period, which she said gets to be too much. She said when the Library was smaller, it wasn't a problem, but now it gets to be too much. Chairman Maxfield reminded those who were speaking that they needed to identify themselves for the record. Selectman Bowles said he was not sure where the Library Trustees get the feeling that the Town is not paying the bills on time because that is not the case. He said that he does not believe in the four years he has been a Selectman any bill has been paid late. Selectman Bowles went on to say that there is a system in place that has been working fabulously for longer than he has been in Office, and he knows that there are surrounding communities that do not have as efficient a bill paying system as Loudon does. He said he commends Ray Cummings for getting Loudon headed in the right direction as far as putting the office staff in place to handle these issues and taking some of these issues out of the Selectmen's hands. Selectman Bowles went on to say that the Selectmen review everything every week and the bills are paid. He said he doesn't understand how Mr. Nadeau can say that the Library Trustees are going to be able to pay the bills more efficiently. Selectman Bowles said that he felt if members of the audience had questions pertaining to this issue they should be allowed to ask the questions while someone was here to answer the questions professionally. Selectman Ives asked if the Library Trustees had a copy of the letter from Auditor Paul Mercier. The Library Trustees said they did not receive that letter. Selectman Ives read Mr. Mercier's letter, which addresses his many concerns. Ms. Blanchard stated when Mr. Mercier spoke with the Library he sounded like he was for this change. Chairman Maxfield asked Ms. Knowles what would happen if the Selectmen decided to stand their ground and say they were not going to agree to this change. Ms. Knowles stated that both the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees raised their right hands and took the oath of office, which states that they promise to uphold the laws of the Constitution of the State of NH. She said that she understands there is reluctance on the part of the Selectmen and they probably have very good reasons as to why they do not want to turn the bill paying authority over to the Library Trustees; however, the Legislature has ruled that this is allowable under NH Law. Ms. Knowles said she felt that litigation over this issue would tear the town apart and cost a lot of money, and it is her hope that something can be worked out. Mr. Nadeau said he tried to put himself in the Selectmen's position and he would probably feel some reluctance to give up some of the control and he feels that this is what it all comes down to, a perception of the loss of control over the administration of funds. He said everyone has to get beyond matters of personal opinion and look at the law, as it authorizes the Library to administer its own funds. Mr. Nadeau said the Trustees are not saying that the moment the Trustees assume the responsibilities they are going to a much clearer job, but they are willing to take the risk and assume the responsibility. Selectman Ives said the law states that the Library Trustees can request the funds; it does not state that they must request the funds. He said it is up to the Library Trustees to decide whether or not they make the request, and the Selectmen and the Trustees have to agree to the schedule. Mr. Nadeau said it is only the schedule that needs to be agreed to. Selectman Bowles said he does not feel that Mr. Nadeau's statement is 100%, as he is not reluctant to give up anything. He said his concern is that the Library Trustees need to work with the Selectmen, as both Boards are elected by the townspeople. Selectman Bowles went on to say that the Selectmen asked that the Library Trustees come and meet to discuss any issues or questions and the Trustees refused to

that. He said that the Selectmen have asked that the Library forward all the bills to the Selectmen's Office for payment, and they have not been forwarded since July. Selectman Bowles stated that those are the concerns of the Selectmen, that the bills need to be caught up and paid on time. He said there are enough issues that the Library Trustees get into by not being willing to do this. Mr. Nadeau said he felt they were here to listen and get a greater understanding of the law, and they are not going to listen to any comments that are derogatory or negative in nature. He said he takes exception to some of the comments that have been made but he would not take the time to debate the comments that the Selectmen have made. Selectman Bowles said he would have liked to see the Library forward the bills so they could be paid and he feels like the Board is being held hostage and he does not know if the Town is accruing interest and penalties. Mr. Nadeau said he takes exception to the term being held hostage. Selectman Bowles said the Board has not seen the bills since July and it is now towards the end of September. Mr. Nadeau said he wanted to have a conversation that is free of personal references, referring to the Trustees as "you folks," "being held hostage," and "refusing to meet." He said this is not true and he does not think it is helpful. He said that after hearing what the law says they can leave the meeting with an agreement to continue to work cooperatively and there is no reason why it cannot happen. Selectman Ives said he takes exception to Mr. Nadeau using the word "cooperatively" because there hasn't been any cooperation, and the Trustees haven't been cooperative. He said the Selectmen have invited the Trustees three times. Mr. Nadeau said he does not have any response to that and it is not true. Selectman Ives said the Board is reluctant to all of a sudden bury the hatchet and make friends because of the history that led up to this evening's meeting. He said that a mediator had to come in order for this meeting to occur and it should never have had to happen. Selectman Ives went on to say that the Selectmen wanted to meet three months ago. Mr. Nadeau said he does not see Ms. Knowles presence here as a mediator, he sees her as an educator to all parties and the public. He said this is a helpful meeting and does not see it any other way and he hopes that everyone has a better understanding of each other. Roy Merrill said as a taxpayer he wanted to know why nothing has been done to pay the bills and wanted to hear the Library Trustees answer as to why they have not come in to meet with the Selectmen after all these months. He said he has been at the Selectmen's Meetings and listened to the correspondence list with all the references to correspondence with the Library Trustees and their refusal to come meet with the Selectmen and feels the Trustees owe the people an explanation. Ms. Blanchard said that the bills have been paid in a timely manner and there has not been any interest or late charges accrued. Mr. Merrill said he did not feel that answered the question of why the Trustees did not meet with the Selectmen. Mr. Nadeau said they have not refused attending, the request was to meet with the Selectmen, and they found it, as a group of Trustees, difficult to all be together at the Selectmen's Meeting. He said that the Trustees did offer to the Selectmen the opportunity to meet with the Trustees at the Library at a Trustees meeting or even a special meeting. Mr. Nadeau said they have always been open to discussing whatever items needed to be discussed. He said it was never a matter of refusing to meet, they had open days that were offered to the Selectmen, and he was not going to say that they refused to meet with the Trustees. Mr. Nadeau said that has not been accurate. He said they did find it useful if they were going to be meeting with the Selectmen to have someone from the AG's office to be at the meeting to explain the law. Mr. Merrill said he understands that on several occasions the Library Trustees offered to meet with the Selectmen on a Tuesday night over at the Library. He said the Selectmen were meeting at the Commu-

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nity Building approximately 300 feet away and he doesn't understand why it was so difficult for the Trustees to meet at the Community Building if they could have met at the Library. Mr. Nadeau said their meetings are not typically on Tuesdays. He said they meet the second Monday of the month. Mr. Merrill asked if the Library would be hiring an extra person to pay the bills, as it appears they have such a difficult time getting the three Trustees together and he wanted to know how they were going to be able to pay the bills. Ms. Blanchard said that right now the Trustees can pay the bills themselves. She said that will work out fine, and the Trustees are planning as of January 1, to begin to do payroll. She said before that occurs they want to have a bookkeeper in place that would take care of the payroll. Russell Cochran asked if the law states that the Town has to appropriate money to the Library or could they vote to appropriate only a small amount of money for the Library. Ms. Knowles stated RSA 202-A:4 says: "Any 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 supplement funds otherwise provided." Mr. Cochran asked who decides how much money is sufficient. Ms. Knowles said that hypothetically appropriating \$10.00 would not be considered adequate. She said when a town votes to have a public library, which Loudon has done at some point, the town agrees to take on all the obligations of supporting that library. Ms. Knowles said the law states that because Loudon has a public library, the town has to make sure that it is adequately funded and it is providing services to its citizens. She went on to say she feels it is important that everyone knows she is not at this meeting as a mediator but that she is here as a resource, which she does frequently. Ms. Knowles said that when people are elected into office they are not hit in the head by a lightning bolt that tells them what all the laws are. Selectman Ives said that his brother is a Library Trustee for the Town of Bow and so he does have some background relating to this subject. Ms. Blanchard said she has been a Library Trustee for a lot of years and has recently become a member of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. She said that she has recently noticed being at the Solid Waste and Recycling meetings, which meet on a Tuesday evening that no one can do anything unless the Selectmen tell you that you can. Ms. Blanchard went on to say that the Road Agent, Fire Chief, etc., have to go to the Selectmen for everything, and now there is the RSA that says the Library Trustees have the entire custody and management of the Library. Chairman Maxfield stated for clarification that they are Department Heads, they do work for the Selectmen, and the Library Trustees do not. Ms. Blanchard agreed. She said it wasn't until she was on the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee that she started to see that is what the Selectmen do, they run all of those things. Ms. Blanchard said the Library Trustees per the RSA have the entire custody of the management of the public library. She said it was the legislature that made that decision. Ms. Blanchard said she understands now, after seeing what the Selectman really do, how the Board would feel like it is logical for them to think that they run the library too but the legislature says no, it's different. Selectman Bowles asked about how the RSAs affect the budget and payroll if the Trustees take over those tasks. He said there have been situations regarding labor laws and payroll and he wants to know who oversees those issues. Selectman Bowles went on to say that the Board has to answer to the townspeople and he wants to know who the Trustees are going to go to, to say how much money they want in their budget. Ms. Knowles said that the law gives Library Trustees extraordinary powers but it does not put the Trustees ahead of any other town department when it comes to budgeting; they are subject to the exact same budget process. She said the Library Trustees would need to present their pro-

posed budget to the Selectmen and then it will go to Town Meeting. Ms. Knowles went on to say that the voters have their chance to express their opinion and make cuts to the budget. Chairman Maxfield said that if the Board does not agree to this, the Library Trustees are going to sue the Town, and people are going to try to cut the Library budget down to \$10.00 at Town Meeting. Selectman Ives said when an agreement is reached, he would rather see that the Selectmen give the Library complete autonomy. He said that they would be responsible for all their own bills and their own payroll. Selectman Ives said that the Trustees give raises and benefits differently than all other Town Departments and the other employees see that. He said he felt it would be best if the Trustees were completely separate. Mr. Nadeau said he has only been a Library Trustee for two years and he was unaware that there was any animosity and feels that it is totally unnecessary. He said he agrees this needs to move forward and let the Trustees answer to the public. Mr. Nadeau said that the Trustees have been asking for this or expecting this for years. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees have gone through the library hours and pay rate differentiation and it comes to about five cents per hour difference, which is about \$4.29 per week difference. Selectman Ives stated the Town lost a Zoning Board Alternate/Trustee of Trust Fund/Scholarship Committee member over a few cents per hour. He said it is not about the money, it's the principle. Selectman Bowles said that the Board answers to the townspeople, many of whom are on fixed incomes, and when they get their COLA, it's peanuts. He said he had asked his Mom one time about her COLA and she did not receive enough to purchase a can of beans in a month. Selectman Bowles went on to say that the \$4.29 might not mean much to the Trustees, but it can mean a whole lot to those in town who do not have it. He said the Selectmen have no control over the School and County Budget, but they do try to keep the Town Budget down as best they can. Selectman Bowles asked about personnel policies relative to the Library Trustees making changes or amendments. He said when the Town makes any changes to the Town Personnel Policy, a public hearing must be held prior to any changes being made. Ms. Knowles said that the Library Trustees are subject to the Right-to-Know Law as well as public hearings before they adopt any changes to their policies or regulations. She said any time the Trustees are making changes, they have to hold public hearings too. Selectman Bowles said there have been changes made by the Trustees that the Board has been ordered to do the changes, but there is nothing supporting the change. He said the Selectmen have to keep things in check and follow the posting requirements, and feels everyone has a lot to learn. Ms. Knowles said she felt that communication is really important and that many Library Trustees send notices of meetings and meeting minutes to their Boards of Selectmen automatically. Selectman Bowles said it used to happen. Ms. Knowles said she recommends that the Library Trustees do forward this information to the Selectmen, because under the Right-to-Know Law, people should be able to come to the central location to look at things; a copy should be at the Library and one at the Selectmen's Office. Ms. Knowles recommended to the Library Trustees that they begin again forwarding the information. She said it is only fair as communication is really important. Ms. Blanchard said the problem with the minutes is that they are still in draft form until the Board meets again. Ms. Knowles said that the minutes need to be marked as "Draft" and made available to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Blanchard said that they do have copies of the "draft" minutes available at the Library. Ms. Knowles said she really, really recommends that the Library Trustees send a copy to the Town Office and when the Trustees amend or accept their minutes, they should send a copy of the official minutes to the Board of Selectmen and have a set of minutes in the Library's Office. She said if you give the public every opportunity to look

at the information there will be no misunderstanding and the rumor mill will shut down. Ms. Blanchard said the Trustees try to do that with the Community by sending newsletters. Mr. Merrill said that the Town has adopted that notices be posted in four or five places and he feels the Library information should be posted in those places also. Ms. Knowles said it is up to the community to decide what they want to do. She said that the Right-to-Know Law states that it has to be publicly posted in two places at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting and that minutes and such have to be publicly available, such as websites and places that are available. Ms. Knowles said she feels the more places things are posted, the better. Mr. Merrill said he has never seen any Library notice posted at any of the posting places. Ms. Knowles said they may be doing it, but they have things to learn also just as everyone does. Selectman Ives asked the Trustees what account the bills were paid from. Ms. Blanchard said out of the Library Trust Funds. Selectman Ives asked if the Trustees depleted the Trust Funds to pay the bills. Ms. Blanchard said they were getting there. Selectman Bowles asked if the Library Trust Funds were set up for specific purposes. Ms. Blanchard said that the Library Trustees can use the funds. Selectman Bowles said that some funds are setup for specific purposes and cannot be used for other purchases and he does not want to see the Trustees doing anything that will get the Town in trouble. He said back in July when the Selectmen sent the notice requesting that the bills be forwarded for payment, there could have been discussion then and this would have all been addressed. Selectman Bowles went on to say this is not as simple as the Trustees are making it sound. Ms. Knowles said that Selectman Bowles is correct, that if the Trust Funds are set up for a specific purpose, the Trustees cannot be using those funds to be paying for their general operating expenses. She said if the Town does not have a copy of the Trust Instruments, she does and can forward a copy if needed. Mr. Merrill asked if the AG's Office should be looking at this issue. Ms. Knowles said it comes down to what the purpose of the fund is. She said some funds are set up so that they can be used for general purpose, while others are more specific and this issue should be looked into. Selectman Ives said he would like to do this in a thought out manner, not just the Trustees saying they want the money and how are you going to give it to us. He said he would like to see this evolve when the Trustees have a bookkeeper and are ready to take over the payroll and everything completely. Selectman Ives went on to say that due to cash flow issues, it may not be feasible to hand over \$100,000.00 at once. He said this is something that needs to be eased into. Mr. Nadeau said that is what needs to be done right now. He asked Library Director Nancy Hendy if that was correct. Mrs. Hendy said except for payroll and they want to begin that in January for the calendar year and IRS reporting. Mr. Nadeau said he felt a meeting should be set up for both parties. Chairman Maxfield asked if the Trustees were planning to use the quarterly payments the Trustees suggested for paying both the bills and payroll, or would there be additional money that would be requested that is not included in their proposed quarterly payment schedule. Selectman Bowles said the amount would be a quarter of approximately \$190,000.00. Ms. Blanchard said they do not plan on taking over the payroll until January. Selectman Ives said he is suggesting that this is delayed until January 1, when the Trustees have everything in place and everyone can ease into the process. Mr. Nadeau said he does not believe that this issue can be resolved at this meeting and the Library Trustees will contact the Board sometime during this week when they can set up a time to have another meeting to discuss this issue. Chairman Maxfield stated the total annual budget for the Library is \$186,898.00 and the Town is not in a position to hand over that much money at once. He stated that the Board has not had to borrow money (TANs) for a long time and does not want to get

into that situation. Ms. Blanchard suggested that the Selectmen could give the Trustees a monthly allotment for their bills, not the payroll at this time. Chairman Maxfield asked Selectman Ives what he meant by giving the Trustees everything in January. Selectman Ives said he felt that if the Trustees took over all aspects of paying the bills and payroll beginning January 1, 2008, it would give the Selectmen time to research and find out the best way for the Town to pay out the money, whether it be monthly, quarterly, or some other schedule. He said he came to this meeting with the feeling that he did not want anything to do with this because of the way things have been handled so far, and now it appears that the State Statutes are going to force the Board to do this; He said he is not going to do this willingly and he feels he is being forced to. Selectman Ives said he does not feel this is the right way to go, but he will reluctantly do it if the State says the Board has to. Mr. Nadeau said that he felt everyone had a better understanding of the laws and he will contact the Board to set up a meeting to come up with a payment schedule. He said he felt that everyone was ready to put whatever happened in the past behind them. Ms. Knowles said that the Selectmen need to look at the cash flow because the Town shouldn't take out a TAN just for the Library. Chairman Maxfield said that he felt the change shouldn't happen until the new budget year in July. He said that if the Town gave the Library Trustees all the bill money and payroll money in January that would be a significant sum. Ms. Blanchard asked if Chairman Maxfield meant one payment. Chairman Maxfield said even quarterly. Mr. Nadeau presented a copy of a proposed sample letter of agreement for review. Selectman Bowles asked once the Trustees take over all the financial responsibilities and are "on their own", what happens with the liability of the building, insurance, etc. He asked if the Trustees take over those responsibilities also. Ms. Knowles said generally the building is a Town building and therefore the Town maintains the insurance on the building. She said it might be very costly for the Library to insure a building by itself. Ms. Knowles also stated that the Trustees control everything within the four walls of the building while the Town controls the building itself. Selectman Ives said that it is his opinion that if the Trustees are doing the payroll and bills then they would also be handling the health insurance. Ms. Knowles said that yes, Selectman Ives was correct. Mr. Merrill asked about the Trustees hiring a bookkeeper to take over the payroll and bill paying regarding the Town's involvement in appropriating more money to hire the person. Ms. Knowles said she felt from her discussions with the Trustees that one of the Library Trustees has taken on the role of the bookkeeper and under NH Law, a Library Trustee is a volunteer position and cannot be paid for their services and the Trustees are bonded. Mr. Merrill asked if one of the Trustees was going to take on the position and do all this additional work at no cost to the Town. Ms. Knowles said that is what she has heard the Trustees say. The Selectmen said that is not what they have heard the Trustees say. Ms. Blanchard said that right now the Trustees are paying the bills in-house; once they begin processing the payroll they plan to have a bookkeeper in place, which they do not have yet. She said they are still researching this. Ms. Knowles said that would be a budgetary item. Mr. Merrill said he wanted to clarify that one of the three Library Trustees would be the one dealing with paying all of the bills, not someone that is being hired by the Library Trustees; it has to be one of the three Trustees. Ms. Blanchard said it could be, or it doesn't need to be. She said the Trustees are planning to do it in-house. Mr. Merrill asked who is "in-house"; he thought the Trustees said it was one of the three of them. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees have been doing it since July. Selectman Bowles asked who is doing it. Ms. Blanchard stated that the Trustees have directed the Library Director to do it and then the Trustees

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keep tabs on it. Selectman Bowles said he thought that it was stated somewhere that the Trustees had to be the ones to pay the bills and they can't just give the responsibility to someone else. Ms. Blanchard said they keep tabs on it. Selectman Bowles said it bothers him and he feels there is a little more to this situation than just writing a few checks and you can't just let anyone come in and do this. He said there is a lot to this. Selectman Bowles said the Board buys the insurance in a lump because of the amount of employees the Town has and if the Trustees have to purchase their insurance on their own it may cost a lot more money and the employee benefits may not be quite as good as what the Town gets. Selectman Bowles said there is a lot to the process. Chairman Maxfield asked what the Trustees were looking for regarding the payment schedule and when did they want the payments to begin. Mrs. Hendy said in Bow they do it monthly but most likely, they would like it to be quarterly. Selectman Ives said he thinks that the Selectmen need to talk with Treasurer Melanie Kiley and Office Manager Jean Lee to find out what the Town can afford to do. Chairman Maxfield asked what the Trustees were going to do in the meantime regarding paying the bills while the Selectmen make their decision. He asked if the Trustees were going to forward the bills to the Selectmen's Office for payment until a decision can be reached. Ms. Blanchard asked how long the Selectmen were thinking a decision would take. Selectman Bowles said he did not know. He said not only are the Trustees going to be running out of money, they could even be taking money out of an account that they shouldn't even be using. He said that is not responsible, the Selectmen can't be doing things like that and neither can the Trustees. Selectman Bowles said the Trustees cannot just overlook something after they have already done it. Ms. Knowles said she has learned a lot from this evening. She asked the if the Trustees still want to continue taking over the task and responsibilities if the voters did not want to gibe the Library the extra person to handle the payroll. Ms. Knowles said she was not asking for an actual answer, she just wanted to have the Trustees thinking about this issue because there is a chance that the voters may not appropriate enough money to support this position. She said the Trustees need to look at the whole picture, as it's a big responsibility. Ms. Knowles said it is theirs by law if they want it, but the Trustees need to figure out if they do want it. Ms. Blanchard said that in talking with other

libraries, she has found that it would take a bookkeeper approximately 2–3 hours every other week to process the bills and payroll. Ms. Knowles said she had been responsible as a Library Trustee to process the bills and payroll. She said there is a significant amount of work that the Trustees would be responsible for if the voters did not approve the hiring of a bookkeeper for the Library. Mr. Merrill said he felt that he did not get a straight answer as to who pays the bills now, who writes out the checks. Ms. Blanchard stated the Library Director has been paying the bills under the auspices of the Library Trustees. Mr. Merrill asked who the Library Director was. Ms. Blanchard said Nancy Hendy. Mr. Merrill said that it was the Librarian who was paying the bills. Mr. Cochran asked where the money was coming from if the Selectmen have not given the Trustees any money to pay the bills. Selectman Bowles said the Trustees were taking the money out of the Trust Funds that are set up for the Library. Mr. Cochran asked if the Trustees could be using the Trust Fund money to be paying the general bills. Selectman Bowles said the Board did not know the answer. Ms. Knowles said that she did not know, but she has documentation back in her office and she will be checking into it. Mr. Cochran asked if he had the right to know the answer to his question. Selectman Bowles said that the Board would be getting that answer. Ms. Knowles advised Mr. Cochran that he could submit a Right-to-Know Request to the Attorney General's Office or to the Library Trustees as he is entitled to that information. Ms. Blanchard said that the Trustees do have the information. Chairman Maxfield stated that his concern is that the bills are not being paid properly. Ms. Knowles asked the Trustees if they would have, for the lack of a different word, a truce in the next few weeks where the Library bills get paid, not out of the Trust Funds, one way or another, and, if the bills go to the Selectmen's Office, it is with the understanding that the Trustees and Selectmen are going to come to an agreement and this will all change. She said she is not trying to tell the Trustees what to do, but the bills do have to be paid and if the money does not come from the Library Trustees, it has to come from somewhere. Mr. Nadeau asked if they could agree to that now, that some type of agreement be made to pay the bills. Selectman Bowles said the Trustees needed to agree that they would send the bills for payment. Mr. Merrill asked what the penalty would be and if someone looses their bonding if the Trust Funds were expended and were not supposed to be. Ms. Knowles said she felt it was really important to not raise issues

until it is known if there is an issue. She said she is not completely oblivious to the fact that there are some issues here, and she wants to take a look at the Trust Funds as it may say that it is at the Library Trustees discretion. Mr. Merrill asked what the penalty is. Ms. Knowles said that once the Trustees get the money from the Town they could reimburse the Trust Funds because it should have been taxpayer money that was paying the bills in the first place; they are not talking about money that has been stolen. She said the only time you would go after a bond is if the money has absolutely, positively been stolen or misused and she does not hear that here. Mr. Merrill said he didn't mean to go after the bond, he was asking if they loose their bonding because they did something that they shouldn't have been doing. Ms. Knowles said no, the only way that a bond would be lost to a community would be if the AG's Office or Police took some board to court, then it would be very difficult to get a bond. She said she has never seen that happen with Trust Funds and she has been doing this for twenty-seven years. Selectman Bowles said he would ask again, that the Trustees please forward the bills in a timely manner so the Board can get them paid. He said the Trustees were being stubborn and it didn't appear that they were going to do it. Mr. Nadeau said that comment was not necessary. Selectman Ives said his other concern is that the Trustees want to do this now, but they may not be the Trustees in one or two years. He asked if once the new Trustees are in place could they decide that they no longer want the responsibilities and ask the town to take it back. Ms. Knowles said the only way that happens, because the responsibility lies with the Library Trustees to do it, is that they have to ask the town. She said some towns, out of the goodness of their heart, will do their payroll and the bills. Ordinarily the Selectmen's Office does not want anything to do with it, so the Library Trustees would have to come back to whatever Board of Selectmen were in office and say that they no longer want to be responsible, and ask if the town is willing to take it on. Ms. Knowles said that the Board of Selectmen have to decide whether they agree or not and if the answer is no, then the answer is no. Selectman Ives asked what happens if the Selectmen did not agree and the Library fell into disrepair with the bills not being paid. Ms. Knowles said that is where the AG's Office comes in. She said if there were a violation of the oath of office, the AG's Office would be in Loudon in an instant. Selectman Ives said that is what he is trying to look out for. He said it is already difficult enough to fill the ballot with names and by adding on this

responsibility, it is going to make it even harder to find volunteers. Ms. Knowles said the AG's Office gives free seminars for Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees, and Trustees of the Trust Funds and it is important that all the Trustees know what they are doing. Chairman Maxfield asked if Ms. Knowles could leave the information for the seminars as the Town has just appointed a new Trustee of the Trust Funds. Ms. Knowles said that she would also be leaving copies of the guidebooks that the Selectmen can give to their Trustees. Chairman Maxfield said he felt that at this point the Selectmen need to do some research and decide on what they wish to do. Ms. Knowles said if any questions arise, anyone should feel free to contact her office. Chairman Maxfield thanked Ms. Knowles for her time and advised the Library Trustees that the Selectmen would get back to them with their decision.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Paul Johnson from the audience.

Mr. Johnson said that he doesn't understand how the Board could trust sending all of the money to the Library if they are possibly taking money out of somewhere they are not supposed to be and they don't even know if they are allowed to or not. He went on to say that he hopes if the Selectmen agree to have the Library take over all the responsibility they never agree to take it back. Selectman Bowles said this Board of Selectmen will not be in office forever and all that he can say is that each taxpayer has a vote for who they want to put in for Trustee and the budget and he hopes each person does cast their vote. Chairman Maxfield said he wanted to know if the State Attorney General's Office will order the Board to do this and he is going to ask. Selectman Ives said he wanted to set the record straight that no one knows if the Trustees have done anything wrong, and the Board has to presume and hope that they haven't. Mr. Cochran said if they have been using the money for anything other than what it was designated for, then it's a problem. The Board said that is what will be looked into. Chairman Maxfield stated Peg Buzzell paid all of the Library bills using the interest from the Trust Funds so maybe the Trustees are OK.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman*

*Steven R. Ives, Selectman*

*Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — September 25, 2007**

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

*Also present:* Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Office Manager Jean Lee.

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

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 18, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

Mr. Fiske discussed the executed agreement regarding the Town and Chip Davis. He asked if the information in the agreement was all that he needed to be to be aware of. Chairman Maxfield said it was a court order and that is what must be followed.

Mr. Fiske asked about the MDP Realty Trust property on Foster Road relative to future building restrictions in place at this time. The Selectmen stated there are none at this time that they are aware of. Selectman Bowles said that road inspections need to be completed. Mr. Fiske said he hoped that the Road Agent was staying on top

of it. Selectman Bowles said he thought that Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Donna White had forwarded MDP a memo advising them that they need to contact Engineer Tony Puntin to set up scheduled road inspections. Mr. Fiske said it sounded like Selectman Bowles was leading him to believe that it had not been accomplished. Selectman Bowles said that there is a bit of gray area as to what has been done to date regarding the inspections. He said inspections had been done on Foster Road, the cul-de-sac, and the very beginning, but not as one of Mr. Puntin's usual inspections. Selectman Bowles said even though they are private roads, they still need to be built to town standards. He said the only way to be sure they have been, is to have the inspections done.

Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Fiske that he would be receiving a copy of a letter being forwarded to Dee Dee Maratea regarding the stabilizing of her retaining wall on Berry Road.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board was in receipt of a copy of the Police Department billing for Special Events at NHIS in the amount of \$214,924.14.

Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Fiske if there was race event parking at the old VFW property

on Route 106. Mr. Fiske said it was not deliberate parking. He said the individuals who parked there received a \$50.00 parking ticket. Selectman Bowles said it appears that there are three or four bags of trash in the back parking lot. Mr. Fiske will check into this issue.

Chairman Maxfield asked how the race event went. Mr. Fiske said it went well.

Chairman Maxfield stated that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

Selectman Ives stated that the Board had discussed the driveways on Berry Road with the Road Agent and advised Mr. Rice that he needs to keep a close eye on all of the driveways to be sure they follow the ordinance, and for drainage issues. Mr. Fiske said that he had brought one of the driveways on Berry Road to Mr. Rice's attention and subsequent to that, it was changed. He asked what should be done as far as the amended driveway permit that allows the -2% and ten feet with no culvert. Selectman Bowles said whatever is in the ordinance is law, and any changes need to go before Zoning. He said it needs a special exception. Mr. Fiske said he totally understands that, as he knows the zoning inside and out, but it is now on paper, which states -2% and 10-feet so

he is asking that it be changed so that there is documentation for the future that shows it in fact coincides with the ordinance. Selectman Bowles said whatever the zoning reads pertaining to driveways is what needs to be on that paper. He said that he advised the Road Agent that he needed to go back, as of the change to the ordinance, and review the driveways. Selectman Bowles said the Road Agent asked for this change in the ordinance, and a few of the Planning/Zoning Board members tried to fight it, but it is in place now, and the Road Agent no longer has the ability to make changes. He said Mr. Rice can make recommendations, but the issue has to go before zoning if there is a need for the change. Mr. Fiske asked if the amended driveway permit would then be amended again. Selectman Bowles said yes, it needed to follow zoning. He went on to say that he had instructed the Road Agent to go back through the driveway permits that have been issued since the March 2007 Town Meeting and re-issue or re-write them if they do not meet zoning. Mr. Fiske said that it makes it difficult for him to address this issue with the landowner/

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developer when they have discussed this with the Road Agent. Selectman Ives said that the Board has advised Mr. Rice that he needs to go back through and make any corrections.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Donald Peck, Loudon Ridge Road, from the audience.

Mr. Peck stated that he has been to the Town Office three times to complain about the dust on Gilmanton Road and was advised that the message would be passed on to the Road Agent. He said that nothing has been done. Mr. Peck said the dust is not good for the laundry or for people's health. Chairman Maxfield said that the Highway Department had been placing magnesium chloride on the dirt roads and he will contact the Road Agent regarding this issue. Mr. Peck stated the road has been graded a couple of times which loosens it up. The Board said that is when the magnesium should be applied.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a reminder of the upcoming meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards and Town Counsel on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. and the CIP meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.. Paul Johnson asked if the meetings are open to the public. The Board stated that they would check with Attorney Mayer regarding the meeting with him, but that the CIP was definitely open to the public.

The Board was advised that Franco Rossi of Cartographic Associates called last week to see if the Board is interested in a presentation on a proposal for re-mapping of the entire town. The Board discussed that when this issue was brought up a few years ago, the cost was approximately \$100,000.00 to re-map the entire town. The Board stated that they felt the current maps were working just fine. Selectman Ives said that the E-911 maps were recently updated at no cost to the Town.

The Board received a memo regarding the procedures followed in Bow regarding their library payroll process.

The Board was advised that Library Director Nancy Hendy had contacted the Town Office regarding the status of the insurance reimbursement check from the Property Liability Trust for water damages at the Library. Mrs. Lee advised Mrs. Hendy that standard procedure is that the checks received are turned over to the Treasurer for deposit into the general fund. Mrs. Hendy will speak with the Library Trustees regarding this issue as the Trustees are expecting these funds will be turned over to them. The Board agreed that the reimbursement money goes back to the general fund. Selectman Bowles said it is not part of a slush fund; it is reimbursement for money that was paid out by the Town.

The Board noted that Fire Chief Jeff Burr has requested authorization to send the 1986 Tanker Truck to the state auction. The Board stated that they had agreed this should be done.

The Board received copies of the supplemental billing to NHIS for the Fire Department Special Events in the amount of \$437.50, which is due to an error on the payroll submitted following the race event.

The Board received copies of the court approval of the two Police Department personnel settlements.

The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Donna White regarding the rescheduling of the meeting with Engineer Tony Puntin to discuss Wellington Properties and Loudon Woods Estates, to October 10, 2007.

The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Donna White regarding the FEMA inquiry on the flood study done by MDP Realty Trust on the "Villages at Loudon" property.

The Board received a request from DES regarding the SDS Septage Facility Permit application.

The Board received notice of a workshop on Successful Town Meetings scheduled in October.

The Board received notice of a Healthcare workshop on October 17, 2007.

The Board received a business card from a person interested in re-roofing the Town Office Building.

The Board received information from the Local Government Center on tax implications of dependent coverage for healthcare relative to a new law.

The Board discussed the budget memo that goes out to all Town Department Heads each year. The Board agreed that they would like to utilize the zero base budgeting system, which means that every line item must be itemized and discussed. The Board agreed that if department heads feel that an employee should receive more than the annual COLA amount determined by the Selectmen, they need to have that request in writing. Selectman Bowles said there would be no more verbal agreements.

Chairman Maxfield opened the Public Hearing to accept FEMA Flood Damage Grant Monies in excess of \$5,000.00.

Chairman Maxfield read the Public Notice for those present. He stated that this money is not related to the two bridge projects, it is for the April 2007 Flooding incident.

*Selectman Ives moved to accept the funds from Homeland Security and Emergency Management, FEMA money for project application under disaster FEMA-1695-DR-NH, declared on April 27, 2007 in the amount of \$19,831.98, which represents the Federal share of the total, approved eligible costs. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Maxfield closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board met with Tony Merullo regarding renaming Creek Water Lane to Creekwater Lane.

Chairman Maxfield stated he personally does not have a problem with changing it; however, the Fire Chief would have to make all the E-911 changes. Selectman Ives said he does not think that this would be a big deal to change. Mr. Merullo said he acknowledges that when the request for the road name was originally filed, it was filed as Creek Water Lane, not Creekwater Lane. He said he intended it to be one word, but when it was transcribed in his office, it was listed as Creek Water. Chairman Maxfield stated the Concord Post Office does need to be contacted to be sure that the change is OK with them. The Board agreed that Mr. Merullo would be the one to check with Concord Post Office. The Board agreed that if Mr. Merullo gets the OK from Concord, they would allow the change. Discussion ensued regarding if Concord Post Office would even discuss this issue with Mr. Merullo or would the request have to come from the Town. The Board stated that if Mr. Merullo were unable to get information from Concord Post Office, then the Board would have the Office Manager follow up on this issue.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Merullo about the geo thermal heating system that Mr. Merullo has installed into one of the homes in his development. Mr. Merullo explained the system.

The Board discussed the issue with the Library Trustees request for the funds from their budget.

Chairman Maxfield said he felt that everything needed to be listed, in writing, as to what the Trustees would be responsible for. Selectman Bowles said he agrees that if the Trustees want to have this happen then they take everything and are responsible for all aspects of their budget. Selectman Ives said while he agrees that if the Library Trustees take any part of their budget they should take everything, he feels if it is fiscally more responsible to keep the Library employees on the Town's healthcare plan, then that should be considered. He said it should be whatever is more cost effective for the Town. Selectman Bowles said he hopes the Library Trustees wakeup and realize that there is a lot more to this than what they realize. Selectman Ives said he does not want to make this situation

any harder than it is, he just wants to do what is best for the Town. Selectman Bowles said he doesn't want to make this any harder either, however, he does not want the Library Trustees to only take the portion that is easy and then make it more difficult on the Selectmen's Office with having to integrate the reporting and auditing issues. The Board agreed that everything would be put in writing. The Board contacted Office Manager Jean Lee and asked her to join them in the meeting. Chairman Maxfield advised Mrs. Lee that the Board had been discussing the Library issue and stated that they wanted to draft a letter detailing what the Trustees will be responsible for. Selectman Ives said he felt that the date for this to transfer should be July 1, for fiscal reasons. Discussion ensued regarding paying the bills. Mrs. Lee suggested that the Board set up a payment schedule with the Library Trustees for the vendor payments from now until June 30, 2008 in monthly payments and propose that the payroll processing be turned over to the Trustees July 1, 2008. She said this allows the Trustees time to get all of their budget in place for July 1, to include the payroll taxes, NH Retirement System, etc., and it will also give the Selectmen time to get a handle on what the proposed increase for employee healthcare will be. Mrs. Lee stated the Dental Insurance figures come in during the budgeting process, however the health insurance is a projected cost at budget time and the actual premium figure is not available until sometime in May because of being a July renewal. She said it would give everyone time to get the budget in place and be prepared for whatever responsibilities the Trustees will acquire. Discussion ensued regarding cash flow and the discussion with Terry Knowles. Selectman Ives said he would like to know what state the Library Trust Funds are in. Mrs. Lee advised the Board that the draft audit report for year end June 30, 2007 should be available this week and the Library Trust Funds should be included in that report. She said that she had spoken with Trustee of the Trust Funds Chairman Howard Pearl and as of now, the Library Trustees have not requested payment of the Library Trust Funds income. Mrs. Lee stated she felt that a letter spelling out what the Selectmen recommend and agree to, such as monthly payments etc., should go to and be accepted by the Trustees before any payment is forwarded. The Board agreed. Chairman Maxfield stated that Library Trustee Sandra Blanchard agreed to monthly payments. Selectman Bowles said that the Library Trustees were nodding their heads yes to sending the Board some bills, however, the

Library Director ordered them not to. Mrs. Lee said that if Mrs. Hendy has already been putting the bill payments through her accounting system she can understand there would be some reluctance to send them to the Selectmen's Office. Selectman Ives said he wants to be sure that the money is put back to replace where it has come from with regard to the Trust Funds. He said he does not want to see the Library Trustees take the July through October payment and spend it on things other than reimbursing the funds that they have been expending from. Mrs. Lee said the restriction on ensuring that money is replaced into their Expendable Trust or wherever the funds have been coming from will probably not surface until the Audit next year. Chip Cochran said he asked Library Trustee Phil Nadeau about the fundraiser money that the Library had received for the Children's Room and Mr. Nadeau said he was not sure what the exact amount raised was, but he thought it was approximately \$100,000.00. He stated he did not think that the Library Trustees could be using that money to pay their general operating costs. Chairman Maxfield said he agreed and he did not believe that money could be used. Mrs. Lee said that the fundraising money should be included in that financial report. Mrs. Lee asked what detail the Board wanted in the letter to be forwarded. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that no payment would be forwarded to the Library Trustee until a mutual agreement between all parties is reached.

Selectman Ives advised Mrs. Lee that the Board would like the Department Heads to each submit their budget request using a standardized format and that each line item needs to be explained. Mrs. Lee advised the Board that she had prepared the document and was planning to e-mail it to each Department Head. She said that each department can then go in and enter their own account numbers and information on the form. Selectman Bowles said that Mrs. Lee needed to be sure that there was a note on the memo advising the Department Heads if they wish to include an additional increase for an individual employee over the COLA, that information needs to be put in writing and justified to the Board of Selectmen.

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

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman*

*Steven R. Ives, Selectman*

*Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 2, 2007

*Present:* Selectman Maxfield and Ives. Selectman Bowles was not present.

*Also present:* Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 25, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chief Burr asked the Board if they have had any updates regarding the dry hydrant at the Village Dam. The Board stated that they did not have anything new. Selectman Ives said that the Board has retained \$1,200.00 in case the work is not performed by the contractor. Chief Burr said it is his opinion that the whole pipe needs to be lowered as it is too high in the water and it is going to continue to freeze. Discussion ensued regarding forwarding a letter to R.M. Piper as the contractors who performed the work on the dry hydrant.

Chief Burr advised the Board that he had spoken with the Town Engineer regarding a dry

hydrant on Ricker Road. He stated that the Dam Bureau advised him that the classification of the dam is based on height, type of construction, how many feet away from a culvert it is, as well as the location. Chairman Maxfield asked Chief Burr if he knew who built the dam. Chief Burr said he had no idea. Discussion ensued regarding the original construction of the Chichester Road Bridge.

Selectman Ives asked Chief Burr how things were going with the fulltime personnel as well as volunteers as he has heard a few complaints regarding some "housekeeping" issues. Chief Burr said he has been working on this.

Selectman Ives asked if the old Tanker Truck had been delivered to the State Surplus Auction. Chief Burr said that it could not be delivered until Thursday or Friday and he was planning to do it Thursday.

Selectman Ives asked how the after action meeting went. Chief Burr stated that there were a few items that need to be worked on but there

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was a lot of improvement over the last time the Command Post was in place. Chief Burr said that he has been working with Homeland Security and is trying to plan a tabletop workshop. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Maxfield acknowledged George Page from the audience.

Mr. Page stated that he wanted the Board to know the Road Agent did a good job on Clough Pond.

Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board advised Dee Dee Maratea that she needed to have her contractor get her plan stamped by an engineer before any work could be done. He said the Town Engineer would not be the one to put the stamp on the plan.

The Board began review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board received copies of the print out of the Selectmen's Legal Services account. Chairman Maxfield stated that this budget line would need to be increased. He stated there have been many legal issues this past year. Discussion ensued regarding the costs associated with the PD Personnel litigation.

The Board received copies of the draft budget memo for review. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board has decided November 19, 2007 will be the deadline for all budget requests to be received in the Selectmen's Office. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Worksheet with the change on line #2 of the memo to read "All requests for salary/hourly increases, requested in addition to the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), must be fully explained on the budget worksheet and include employee name, current rate of pay, proposed rate of pay, and reasons for increase." Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received correspondence from Attorney Mayer regarding the Growth Management Study.

The Board received a proposal from Gerald Coogan for the Growth Management Study. *Selectman Ives moved to table the matter of the Town of Loudon Comprehensive Growth Study Proposal to next week so that all three Selectmen have a chance to review the proposal. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Maxfield stated he felt part of next weeks discussion will be regarding the funding to pay for this study.

The Board received a copy of the letter of credit from Sovereign Bank for Alvin Davis' subdivision known as "Kinkade Haven" for road construction.

The Board received a letter of concern from Diane Churas regarding dead tree limbs along Mudgett Hill Road. The Board will follow up with Road Agent David Rice.

The Board received the draft Audit Report for review and comment. The Board agreed to table this until next week.

The Board received copies of the annual ambulance subsidy check from the Town of Chichester in the amount of \$28,394.00. Chairman Maxfield explained the agreement Loudon has with Chichester for ambulance services.

The Board was advised that the Selectmen's Office received a phone call from Central NH Regional Planning Commission requesting a letter of support from the Board for the two Communitywide Brownfield Assessment Grants. Chairman Maxfield stated one grant is for petroleum-based contaminants and the other is for hazardous substances. The Board will draft a letter for signature for next week.

The Board received a letter from FEMA regarding a Flood Insurance Study conducted for Merrimack County.

The Board received copies of the first payment for Fire Department Special Events for the September race event in the amount of \$43,317.75.

The Board received copies of a letter of deficiency from DES sent to Colin Cabot regarding Sanborn Pond Outlet Dam.

The Board received draft copies of the September 24, 2007 Planning Board Work Session, the draft September 20, 2007 Planning Board meeting, the draft September 27, 2007 Capital Improvements meeting, and the August 30, 2007 J. O. Cate Memorial Van Committee minutes for review. Selectman Ives stated he would like to thank the Planning Board members for all their work on getting the Land Use Regulations updated to coincide with the Zoning Ordinance. He said they have been spending a lot of time working on this project.

The Board received copies of a certificate of completion for Jeff Burr for a course taken at the Fire Academy.

The Board received copies of the 2007 Basic Law of Budgeting from the Local Government Center.

The Board received copies of a letter from DRED on grant availability.

The Board received a Regional Impact notice from the Town of Hooksett regarding a wireless communications facility.

Selectman Ives talked about the dry hydrant at the Village Dam. He stated that he would talk with Office Manager Jean Lee and draft a letter

to be forwarded to R.M. Piper advising them that they need to extend the pipe further in the water.

Chairman Maxfield stated that the Trustees of the Trust Funds have received a request from the Library Trustees to forward the income from the Library Trust Funds. Selectman Ives said that the Board has given the Library Trustees a proposal and are waiting for the Trustees response.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Russell Cochran from the audience.

Mr. Cochran asked if the original Library Building was built with Town funds and asked how the Town could own it if they did not build it. Chairman Maxfield said that that the building was turned over to the Town initially for ownership and control. He said it took approximately a year to get the Library Trustees in place. Chairman Maxfield said once the Trustees were in place they were to run the Library.

*Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman*

*Steven R. Ives, Selectman*

*Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 9, 2007**

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

*Also present:* Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Zoning Board Chairman David Powelson, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Road Agent David Rice.

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

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 2, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Selectman Bowles abstained, as he was not present for that meeting.*

Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.

ZBA Chairman Dave Powelson discussed two-family dwellings. Mr. Powelson said that he had a misconception regarding two-family dwellings and multi-family dwellings and wanted to be sure that everyone was clear on the issue. Discussion ensued regarding the zoning requirements for two-family/duplex and multi-family properties as well as the need for a special exception for multi-family structures. Mr. Powelson said he did not feel that the two-family/duplex issue being allowed in the Rural Residential district applied to a Zoning

Board decision for Ray Cowan because Mr. Cowan does not have enough acreage or frontage to meet the requirements. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Cowan's acreage and frontage, as well as variances.

Selectman Ives discussed the Growth Management proposal between the Town and Gerald Coogan. He said that based on the meeting the Board had with Attorney Mayer, he feels that it is in the Town's best interest to move forward with this proposal. Selectman Ives said that he proposes \$500.00 comes from the Planning Board budget, \$500.00 from Zoning Board budget, \$2,500.00 from the Selectmen's Office Consultant line, and the \$5,250.00 to come from the contingency fund for a total cost of \$8,750.00. Discussion ensued regarding all the Boards agreeing to move forward with this proposal.

Fire Chief Jeff Burr discussed the Volunteers of America Senior Housing project on South Village Road relative to the fire cistern. He said that the Fire Department had asked for a fire cistern to be installed in front of the VOA building, which was agreed to during the initial talks but in subsequent discussions, it appears that the fire cistern has turned into a domestic cistern. Chief Burr stated he has been reviewing the

plans and there is no fire cistern on the plan. He went on to say that he had spoken with Tony Marcotte and Mr. Marcotte said he believed the fire cistern was taken off the table during the process and agreed to. Chief Burr said no one came to the Fire Department with the request to not put in the fire cistern. Tom Dow said that he remembered discussion regarding moving the cistern to the front of the building for easier access for the Fire Department, however, VOA wanted to place the cistern around the backside of the building, but he doesn't remember further discussion after that. Discussion ensued regarding the building being only partially installed with sprinklers as well as the 5,000-gallon holding tank. Selectman Bowles said he remembered the discussion regarding wanting the fire cistern moved out front and that the builder felt it would not work, so the Planning Board said they wanted to be sure that if it were placed in the back, the Fire Department would have access to the cistern. Chief Burr said that the Fire Department could not connect to the domestic water system for fear of contamination. Mr. Dow stated that a fire cistern was always to

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be part of the project and at no time did the Board agree to not require it. Chief Burr stated that he has been trying to contact VOA to get this straightened out but he has not had his calls returned. Chairman Maxfield asked if the Certificate of Occupancy would be held until the fire cistern was installed. Mr. Dow stated he felt that if the requirements of the Fire Department are not met, then the Occupancy Permit should be held. Chief Burr will continue trying to contact VOA regarding this issue and get back to the Board with his findings.

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

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that Manchester Sand and Gravel, owners of property on Route 106, plan to relocate a portion of the existing building on their property and demolishing the remaining portion.

Chairman Maxfield stated two pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice about Andrew Knowlton's driveway draining on to Berry Road. Mr. Rice stated that he had not been in contact with Mr. Knowlton yet. Selectman Ives said that the Road Agent and Code Enforcement Officer need to work together to deal with these issues.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Truck he brought to Liberty International needs a new motor. He said he could get a re-built motor with a warrantee if the radiator is also replaced at the same time for \$15,000.00. Mr. Rice said the clutch will also be replaced and is included in the price. He stated that the truck is the one that was involved in the rollover a few years ago.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew would be finishing the Land-fill Closure work this week as well as work on winter sand screening. Chairman Maxfield asked if the Highway Crew would be grading roads again before winter. Mr. Rice said that was the plan.

Chairman Maxfield asked Mr. Rice about the policy of removing tree limbs. Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew removes some trees or tree limbs but when they are in the power lines and the Power Company will not take care of the trees or limbs the Highway Department cannot do it. He said the Highway Department does not have bucket trucks and the equipment needed. The Board advised Mr. Rice to contact the property owner and advise them that they need to contact the Power Company.

Selectman Bowles talked about backing up gravel on some of the roads. He asked about the header on the culvert near Polly Touzin's property on Berry Road. Mr. Rice said he was told to stop right where they did. He said that Andy from DES told him not to go any higher with the stones. Selectman Bowles said he was concerned about heavy rains washing out that area. Mr. Rice said that he wanted to raise that area up, but was told that it was sufficient. He said that he followed the plan, as it was prepared so that there would be no question about the project. Selectman Bowles talked about the ditching along Clough Pond Road. Mr. Rice said the Highway Crew had been working on the ditching.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that he had a request from a landowner just over the Canterbury line of Flagg Road to have the Highway Department plow the snow and turn around in his yard. He stated that many years ago the Highway Crew did plow to that property, as it is easier for the plow truck to turn around there. Mr. Rice said that the house was unoccupied for a while and the Highway Crew stopped plowing that far; now, the house is occupied and it is more convenient for the plow truck. He said the landowner has agreed to keep the area for the plow truck to turn around cleared. The Board agreed.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that he has begun the paperwork for a grant for a table-top workshop. He stated the grant requires the Town to pay the costs and then submit for reimbursement. Chief Burr went on to say that it appears that there is funding to cover the costs of hiring a company to setup the exercise and perform the evaluations. Selectman Ives asked when the timeframe would be for this exercise. Chief Burr said in the spring.

Chairman Maxfield talked about the CIP meeting and stated one idea is to have a full-time mechanic for the Town. He voiced his concerns stating that he felt many of the repairs that are needed are too big for a Town mechanic to handle and the cost of salaries and benefits would outweigh the benefit of the position. Discussion ensued regarding concerns and costs associated with having a fulltime mechanic. It was agreed that at this time, it would not benefit the Town to have a fulltime mechanic. Chairman Maxfield will bring this information back to the CIP Committee.

Chief Burr stated that the Harvest Supper would be Saturday, October 13, 2007.

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Mrs. Little advised the Board that the State had contacted approximately 30 of the 243 towns in NH for a meeting regarding leftover 2006 grant money. She said Loudon was identified as one of the Town's having

critical infrastructure and may benefit from some of the grant money. Mrs. Little went on to say that during the last two race events, Loudon opened the Command Post with representatives from Federal, State, and Local agencies and much of the cost associated with this event was covered by grant money. She said the grant money is for Police, Fire, and Emergency Management needs. Mrs. Little said the Town has to sit down and figure out what they need for training and equipment. She stated that the grant application must be completed by December 5, 2007 and that she needs the Selectmen to agree that they can move ahead with the grant application. Chairman Maxfield asked if this was the type of grant that the funds had to be paid out first and the grant money would reimburse the Town. Mrs. Little said that as the grant application is prepared, it would list the items that each of the departments is looking for. She stated that there has been a lot of work done at Fire Station #2 to prepare the facility for use as a command center. Mrs. Little said that the Fire Department would like to obtain a larger generator for the facility. She said that the State would look at the items requested in the grant and determine which items they would approve. Chairman Maxfield said it sounded like the Town did not have to put money up front. Mrs. Little said she did not think so, that it is money the State has to disperse. Selectman Ives asked what Mrs. Little needed from the Selectmen to move forward with this grant application. Mrs. Little said she just needed to know if the Board wanted to move forward with this grant and agree that either the Chairman or a representative of the Selectmen would attend a few meetings. Discussion ensued regarding types of equipment that could be obtained from this grant. The Board agreed to move forward with this grant application. Selectman Bowles asked about how this would affect the Town in the future if there were no grant funds to cover the cost of setting up the command post. Discussion ensued regarding the other agencies involved during the race events and that the intent is to obtain as much equipment and training as possible to have the Town be self sufficient in setting up the command post.

The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett to discuss the GAT figures.

Mr. Bennett provided the Board with copies of tonnage figures for the last few years. He stated that the total trash from the 27 Towns in the Co-op is down 8% over last year with two more months to go for the year. Mr. Bennett stated Loudon reduced their GAT from 4,000 Ton to 3,900 Ton last year; this year it appears it will be 3,700 Ton. Mr. Bennett said he feels the GAT for 2008 should be set at 3,600 Ton due to the downward trend. He talked about the way the economy affects the tonnage figures and discussed the monthly figures that have shown the decline in tonnage. Mr. Bennett explained that the Co-op no longer gives recycling credit to adjust the tonnage figures if a town is under the GAT so if the GAT is not met, the town still is required to pay for the additional tonnage. He said if the town's GAT is lower than what is actually delivered, then they only pay for the additional tonnage. Selectman Ives asked about the amount of material being recycled. Mr. Bennett said he did not have the exact figures with him, but that there has been a

gradual increase in the recycled tonnage. He discussed the fact that last year Loudon recycled over a million pounds/500 ton. Mr. Bennett discussed commercial tonnage figures and stated there is not as much control over recyclables with commercial waste. Selectman Bowles asked about the cost of the tonnage through the GAT versus if the tonnage goes over GAT. Mr. Bennett stated that there is no longer a two-tier system so the town pays the same rate whether it goes over or under the GAT. He said the current tipping fee is \$42.50 per ton and the tipping fee for 2008 will be established next week. Mr. Bennett advised the Board that over the past few years the Town has paid about the same amount for the tonnage as the changes in tipping fee and the amount of tonnage delivered has averaged out to be about \$165,000.00 per year. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that he felt that Steve Bennett has done a terrific job with the Transfer Station. *Selectman Bowles moved to lower Loudon's GAT to 3,600 Ton for 2008 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received an approval from DES for an extension of filing deadline for the initial monitoring report on Berry Road.

The Board received a thank you letter from Polly Touzin regarding the Clough Pond project.

The Board received a reimbursement request from Sigrid Little for expenses for the July and September race events. *Selectman Ives moved to approve the payment for Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little in the amount \$229.65 to be taken from account #01-42901-100-190 Emergency Management. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles voiced his concerns regarding the food costs associated with the Emergency Management Command Center and supplying meals for outside agencies. Selectman Ives talked about the Command Center and equipment. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received a copy of a personnel evaluation report for review.

The Board received an invitation to the Merrimack Valley School Board October 24, 2007 meeting.

The Board received copies of the Library funds audit from the Audit Report for review.

The Board received a notice of a Forest Law workshop.

The Board received copies of the September ZBA minutes.

The Board received a regional impact notice from the Town of Andover.

The Board received a notice of Assessing Boards public forums.

The Board received copies of the Executive Council District Two news release for review.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Russ Pearl from the audience.

Mr. Pearl asked the Board about the status of the foundation agreement he submitted. The Board advised Mr. Pearl that they signed the agreement at last week's meeting.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Planning Board Minutes — September 20, 2007

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

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Tom Moore, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green were present.

Alternate Bob Ordway was appointed to sit in the absence of member Gary Tasker.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

August 16, 2007 Public Hearing Tom Dow referred to page 8 of the minutes, last paragraph, where Gary Tasker made an amendment to his motion. Mr. Dow said he thought that Mr. Tasker's intention was to be able to review the road each time an application for this property came before the Board, not review the hours as written. Mr. Dow said this was based on Mr. Bowles's and Mr. Tasker's remarks just prior to the amendment about looking at the road issues each time any further development is proposed to the property. Donna will review the tape of the last meeting and make changes if necessary. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to table the minutes until the October meeting to allow for clarification of Mr. Tasker's motion; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.*

*September 10, 2007 Work Session. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.*

### Discussions:

**Dan Aversa/Wellington Lane** — Mr. Aversa informed the Board that he has submitted an as-built plan, a corrected punch list, and a bid from Suburban Paving for \$36,500 to finish the top coat, all as part of his request to reduce the bond on the subdivision. He said this would bring them down to \$32,500 if Tony Puntin agrees that everything is in good shape. The Board agreed that a meeting with Tony Puntin would be in order before acting on the request for bond reduction. Donna will arrange this meeting with Mr. Puntin and report back to the Board and Mr. Aversa.

**Dan Aversa/Loudon Woods Estates** — Mr. Aversa said he would like to discuss the note that was placed on the plans of his recently approved subdivision at Bee Hole and Chichester Roads. The note reads that no lots can be sold until a bond is in place for the construction of the new road. Mr. Aversa said that he was talking about new lots on the new road, not the lots that will be on the existing roads, when before the Board and going through the approval process. Dustin Bowles said the note means all lots in a subdivision. Mr. Aversa asked what purpose that would serve. Mr. Bowles explained that the purpose of the note is to protect those who buy the lots from being stuck without a completed road. Mr. Aversa asked how that pertains to the lots that are not on the new road. Mr. Bowles said the note is for the entire subdivision. Mr. Aversa said he felt that the purpose of the note is for the lots on the new road. He said he is trying to work together and get the work done. He said he is required to do some major offsite improvements for this subdivision and it makes no sense in not being able to sell some lots to help cover the costs of those improvements.

Steve Jackson said that he understands that they would want to be sure the road is done to town standards before a homeowner takes possession of a new home on the new road. He said that he feels that it would be all right to sell any lots that have been created by the subdivision on an existing road as long as the offsite improvements get done. Dan Aversa said that the improvements would be done and he cannot see them being held hostage for that. He said they are in the process of getting ready to do the improvements. Dustin Bowles said the Board is not in the business of making the applicant money. Mr. Aversa said that he realizes that. Bob Ordway

asked how many lots were in question. Mr. Aversa said there would be four lots on Chichester Road and two lots on Bee Hole Road that have existing town road frontage. He said that the note could be misconstrued and he wants to straighten it out because it should only apply to the to-be new road. Tom Dow said that meeting minutes from last month refer to both roads. He said he can see Mr. Aversa's point but he would not be in favor of giving any lots on the new road.

Mr. Aversa said that he has talked with Attorney Simon Leeming and was told that if he ever sold a lot on the to-be new road, he could put a note in the deed that the home could never be started or constructed until the road was to binder and that would protect the town. Dustin Bowles said that would just add more misery to what they already have to deal with. Tom Dow said the Board is already stretching it out now. Mr. Aversa said he is not asking for that, he is only asking to be able to sell lots with legal town frontage. Steve Jackson said that they would have to refer to specific lots with the note. Dustin Bowles said that notes would have to be added to the plan and until the work on Bee Hole is done, he would not be willing to change anything with those lots. Stan Prescott pointed out that there will be work done on Chichester Road as well. Steve Jackson said he would not think that the lot on the corner could be sold because of the road changes, but the others on Chichester Road might be considered. Mr. Aversa said there are four lots, one with an existing house, on Chichester Road and two on Bee Hole Road. He said he is not sure how the intersection repairs come into play with what he is asking, but he would be content with being able to sell the three lots on Chichester Road. Bob Ordway said he would agree in that he does not see any reason to hold those lots since they are developable and those lots would be usable even if the new road was not planned. Dan Aversa said that was an excellent point. He said he has already agreed to do the offsite improvements and he does not see how the Board can control the developer by not letting them sell the lots on existing town roads. Henry Huntington said he would agree and that he would move to allow the three lots (Lots 10, 11, and 12) with driveways on Chichester Road to be exempt from the 'Wellington note'. Bob Ordway seconded the motion. Mr. Aversa said that while on the subject, he would like to get it straight that once the work is complete on Bee Hole that would open up the three lots on Bee Hole.

Stan Prescott pointed out that this is a discussion and is not binding. There was discussion about making the change to the note on the recorded plan, about the motion, and procedure. It was stated that a new page with the revision to the note would need to be recorded. Mr. Prescott said he thought that the Board was out of line and referred to page 16 of the Land Development Regulations. He said the change would require abutter notification and an amended application for subdivision and that the applicant would have to come back next month because this would be changing the subdivision. Henry Huntington said he thought that the Board has done this numerous times in the past. Mr. Prescott said that may be but it does mean that it was right. Steve Jackson asked if the Land Development Regulations are law. Dustin Bowles said they are not. He said the Board can get in trouble if the procedures are not followed and that the intent was that all lots are included. Steve Jackson said that would not have been his intent. Mr. Bowles said that the note does not say that and he does not want to see the Board get into trouble for making changes. Mr. Jackson withdrew his support based on Section 11.2 of the Land Development Regulations and recommended that the applicant come back for a public hearing.

*Chairman Dow repeated the motion. Yes — Henry Huntington, Bob Ordway; No — Steve*

*Jackson, Tom Moore, Stan Prescott, Dustin Bowles. Yes — 2; No — 4; DENIED*

Dan Aversa said he would like to free up the lots on Bee Hole Road once the road improvements are done. He asked if all of the lots could be done at the same time. Dustin Bowles said he does not have a problem with that. Mr. Aversa asked if he could do that when amending the note for the three lots. Tom Dow advised Mr. Aversa to come in with a note of exactly what he is requesting. Dustin Bowles said he would prefer two notes, one for Chichester Road and one for Bee Hole Road. Mr. Aversa said he will get the request to the office.

**Alvin Davis/Memory Lane** — Mr. Davis informed the Board that he would like to phase in the pavement on the new road of his subdivision on Lovejoy Road. He said that he would finish to the cul-de-sac this year, creating a double hammerhead turnaround, and then complete the cul-de-sac in 2008. Mr. Davis said he has 2008 building permits for some of the lots. He said he is running out of time to get the whole project done before winter. He said he will get enough of it done so that there is ample turnaround area for fire trucks and that he will be maintaining the road. Mr. Davis said the conduits are done and the entire roadway has been stripped. He said that it is very soft sand in the area so that is why he is proposing to put gravel down for the turnaround at the beginning of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Davis said it is likely that only the two corner lots will be built this year. He said that he can have a bond in place with a letter of credit for \$150,000 within 24 hours, noting that quite a bit of the work has already been done. Chairman Dow said it would be good to get the bond in place, knowing that Mr. Davis wants to get some lots sold. Mr. Davis said all he is asking right now is to phase in the pavement. He said that he has not requested any building permits for the lots on the cul-de-sac. Tom Dow asked how many permits are currently held for the subdivision. Mr. Davis said that Lot 1 has a 2006 permit and Lots 2, 3, 14, and 15 have 2007 permits.

Steve Jackson asked if the fire cistern is required before any Certificates of Occupancy are issued. Mr. Davis said that the cistern would be required for the entire subdivision if four or more lots. Dustin Bowles stated that it has to be in before any Certificates of Occupancy are issued. Mr. Davis said that he will have to have it in place if that is the requirement. He said he will carry the gravel all the way to the cistern.

Dustin Bowles asked if they would need an amended plan because the power was brought in different from the original plan. He noted that the power comes in from Batchelder Road between a couple of the lots instead of from Lovejoy Road. Mr. Davis said the power is off the right-of-way where there is already an easement. He said that the easements will be in the deeds for those lots. Mr. Davis explained that PSNH had arrived onsite before he did and they drove a stake on the Halvorsen property for the pole placement. He said that another neighbor, Mrs. Butterfield, arrived shortly after Mr. Davis got to the site and gave the PSNH employee a bad time. Mr. Davis stated that Mrs. Butterfield told the PSNH employee that he was to have given two weeks notice of the job and that he had no right to step on the property. He said he asked PSNH if there was another way to bring the power in and that he had paid an extra \$3,000 to \$4,000 to do it from Batchelder to avoid problems with the neighbor. Tom Dow asked if there would be poles on Batchelder. Dustin Bowles said the lines will be buried. Mr. Davis said that the easements will be in the deeds. Dustin Bowles said that Mr. Davis has to show this on as-built plans or somewhere. Stan Prescott said he agreed, noting that this is the same predicament with Mr. Aversa, this is non-binding discussion, and that Mr. Davis needs to come back to the Board with an application.

Steve Jackson said that Mr. Davis is looking for direction. Mr. Davis said there is not time to come back to the next month's meeting and still get the paving done this year. Dustin Bowles said they could rule on the pavement because the road is not being changed. Mr. Davis said he would have no problem coming back to the Board with an amended plan if the easements are shown on the original recorded plans. He said that he would check his plans at home because all he has with him are the roadway plans. Dustin Bowles said he would like to see the power in the road easement. Mr. Davis stated he could not have done this without an easement and he cannot transfer if it is not written in the deeds.

Jeff Green said that Mr. Davis could have his surveyor do a plan that shows boundaries of easements; then record it and give a copy to the town. He said he does not think it would have to come back to the Board. Chip Davis said he would be willing to come back with revised plans if the easements were on the original recorded plans. Dustin Bowles said that there would have to be a set of as-builts in the end. Tom Dow agreed. Stan Prescott said that when a surveyor puts their certificate on a set of plans, they are saying that there are no new lines or ways. He said that new lines are being put on this plan. Jeff Green said that he would disagree. He said that there are no new lines or ways because they would only be creating an easement that anyone could create with a deed. He said this would just be showing the easement and he has no problem stamping a plan that shows where an easement was created which has been done and deeded properly.

Tom Moore asked Mr. Davis if the hammerhead would be constructed according to the Land Development Regulations. Mr. Davis said it would be and he explained that there would be extra gravel to bring it up to the pavement level. He would then later use the gravel on the cul-de-sac. He said if he was going to put the cistern in, he would bring the gravel around even further. Mr. Moore said they have to consider snow removal problems. Mr. Davis said there will be no problem with this cul-de-sac because it is bigger than most. Steve Jackson asked to confirm that Mr. Davis is not asking the town to take the road until the cul-de-sac is completed. Mr. Davis said that was correct and that this is the same process that he did on Ilona Lane. He said there will be a binder coat and bond in place. Tom Dow reminded Mr. Davis that inspections are required. Mr. Davis said he has to call Tony Puntin to arrange for inspections.

Stan Prescott asked to clarify that Mr. Davis plans to do the main road and hammerhead in 2007 based on the plan that Mr. Davis handed out to the Board. Mr. Davis said he will make sure that fire trucks have a good sturdy turnaround. He said he would go right straight back through the cul-de-sac area with the gravel to where the cistern will be located. Tom Dow confirmed that the cistern will be in place. Mr. Davis said there will probably be only two houses but he will do the cistern. Tom Moore asked to confirm that Mr. Davis will be paving to Lots 10 and 11. Mr. Davis said he would be going to the edge of the cul-de-sac. He said he will ask the paving company what would be best. He said that Web Stout has done grade stakes at the site. Tom Dow said that Mr. Davis is not asking for any changes to the point where they need to have a public hearing. Steve Jackson asked if the note that requires the road to be put in or bonded means prior to a CO being issued. It was stated that it is before a lot can be sold. Mr. Jackson asked why Mr. Davis would need to be here if he has agreed to bond the project. The Board agreed that it was to be sure that his construction plan was acceptable. Tom Dow said that Mr. Davis will want to get his

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testing started, the cistern and bond in place, and he will be all set.

**Old Business:**

**Application #07-03, Septic Disposal Solutions — Major Site Development, Located on Dump Road, in the C/I District. Map 40, Lot 7.** Jeff Green left the table because he is working on this project. Attorney Brandon Giuda said that he would like to address how the applicant would like to proceed. He said they are asking the Board to move forward with a contingent approval based on getting ZBA approval. Tom Dow said the matter is in litigation according to today's *Concord Monitor*. Dustin Bowles confirmed that it is in litigation. Tom Moore asked how long that process might take. Mr. Bowles said it would be December before the first hearing. Mr. Giuda said the hearing is scheduled for December 10th. Tom Dow said for the Board to give any kind of approval right now, speaking for himself, is premature. He said if the approval does come in, there would have to be discussion on the roadway because of increased traffic, there may be more work to be done on the roadway coming down into the lot, and putting this business in there after this gets done he would think is putting the cart before the horse to even consider doing anything with a conditional approval. Mr. Giuda said they are not asking for conditional approval tonight. He said they are asking that the Board go with the law of NH and the law of the ordinance, which is what he would like to explain before Jenn McCourt explains the plan. He said they would ask the Board to consider the matter because they would like to move forward for approval, meet all the conditions that the Board puts forward, and move forward and not waste time. He said at the end of the process, if the court's decision has not yet been made, they would then ask for a conditional approval. Mr. Giuda said they would have Jenn McCourt speak with the Board's approval.

Steve Jackson referred to page 17, Section 11.6, of the *Land Development Regulations*, which states that all conditions must be met within 90 days of a conditional approval. He asked if it was thought that they are within the 90-day window. Stan Prescott said the Board should decide if they will hear any more information. He said he is not going to vote on a blank check before the ZBA acts and tells the Board of any conditions. Mr. Giuda said he would like to make the case as to why they would like to proceed. He cited two court cases, *Simpson Development Corp v City of Lebanon* and *Sklar Realty, Inc v Town of Merrimack and Agway, Inc*. After reading from *Sklar vs Merrimack*, Mr. Giuda pointed out that the Supreme Court says that you should move forward and avoid the wasteful requirement to start all over again. He also read from Section 11.6 of the *Land Development Regulations*, saying that the regulations say that the Board can do conditional approvals. He pointed out that if the applicant never meets the conditions, the approval lapses.

Steve Jackson asked how the Board can address this if the ZBA ruled on it previously. Mr. Giuda said they are two different things. Mr. Jackson gave a hypothetical example of a situation where the ZBA denied the application and asked how the Board could talk about it while it was before the court. Mr. Giuda said it easily could be done because no decision is actually made on it where it is in court. He said he believed they will prevail and would like to continue the process. Mr. Giuda said that the law allows and encourages this action; the town's regulations say that it can be done, and that is all that they are asking. He said he has found no precedent that discourages this action.

Tom Dow said that the ZBA has ruled. Mr. Giuda explained that when there is an appeal, there is no final decision. Mr. Dow said the Board does not have enough information and they have not yet accepted the application as complete, which they cannot do before having the approval of the ZBA. Mr. Giuda said that the regulations

say that the Board should give conditional approval, as does the highest court in the state. Mr. Dow said they have not stopped the process; they are waiting for ZBA conditions. Mr. Giuda said they need to make the distinction on who puts conditions on site plans. He said that the ZBA has taken on the Planning Board role of conditions with special exceptions. He said it seems that there are some Planning Board powers being assumed elsewhere. He asked to allow Mrs. McCourt to show the revised plans and consider the Planning Board issues while the ZBA considers just the zoning issue. Stan Prescott said that they need to determine the tank sizes in their zoning issue. He said the tanks need to be approved. He said without that information, the Board will not know the number of trucks coming in or what is going on. Mr. Giuda said they are providing the same plan that the Board has seen before and they are asking the Board to look at the plan and say yes or no to the different components. Mr. Prescott said they do not have the approval for the sizes of the tanks yet. Mr. Giuda said there is a difference between a request for a special exception and a request for a site plan review. He said the Board's job is to do site plan review. He pointed out that the town's regulations allow the Board to give conditional approval.

Stan Prescott said they stopped giving conditional approvals about three years ago because they were never getting taken care of. Steve Jackson said they have the right but do not like to give them. Mr. Giuda said that conditional approvals are a common thing and that the Supreme Court says you should not waste resources and start over. He said they are asking that the Board look at the site plan itself and not consider the zoning issue. Dustin Bowles said they have to consider the zoning issue because this is only allowed by special exception and that has not been determined yet. Mr. Giuda said the conditional approval would be contingent on the two special exceptions. He said nothing would happen if those conditions are not met, and he said they should not stop the process. Steve Jackson asked if they are fighting to have the case sent back to the ZBA to be reheard. Mr. Giuda said they are fighting the decision. Mr. Jackson asked to clarify that the court then had the right to send it back to the ZBA or overturn the decision. Mr. Giuda said the court has the right to do anything that they want.

Mr. Jackson said that there may be conditions that are part of that decision, either by the court or the ZBA that the Board would have to take into consideration prior to giving any kind of approval, conditional or otherwise. Mr. Giuda asked what that would be. Mr. Jackson said

smell, filtration system, tanks, and ventilation. He said he is real hesitant to give conditional approval based on the court or Zoning decisions. Mr. Giuda said this application is about the site plan review, not inside the building. He asked that they not waste time by having them start over again. He said the plan has not changed and the applicant is asking to go forward. Dustin Bowles said this is the first time since he has been on the Board that the Board has been hung up on a conditional approval through a decision that has to be made through Zoning. He said that most of the things that they get hung up on with conditional approvals are things that are within the regulations and that have to be bartered back and forth with developers. Mr. Giuda said that the Board could give a conditional approval and would have to have a final hearing before anything could be done by the applicant. Bob Ordway suggested that the Board hear more discussion, make recommendations, and when done, unofficially agree that this is a good idea. Mr. Giuda said this is a public hearing and they would like a formal decision of what the Board likes, does not like, what they want to see, and he would like to continue the process. He said if it comes to a stage where they ask for a conditional approval then they would hope that the Board would vote on it but he does not feel that they are at that stage right now. Tom Dow said this is not a discussion phase, there have been state hearings, the Board has seen this application several times before, and he cannot see how things are going to change.

Dustin Bowles said they are at the point where the Board is ready to accept the application as complete but in order to accept it as complete it has to meet certain requirements. Brandon Giuda said that it meets the requirements of a major site development. Henry Huntington asked if all items on the checklist have been checked off. Stan Prescott referred to page 15, Submission and Acceptance of Application, in the *Land Development Regulations*, Section 11.1 (g), noting that all special exceptions have not been secured from the ZBA. He said that the Board has told the applicant that they think the concept is good. Brandon Giuda stated that there is some disparity in the regulations, noting that they allow other boards' approvals to be outstanding while the Board conditionally approves it. Stan Prescott explained that the Board has stayed away from conditional approvals because things were not getting done. Mr. Giuda said that conditional approvals have been given by the Board, noting that this is a case where there would be one decision that would be outstanding.

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He said it is not like this case is under the radar screen and there would be no way for the Board to know if the condition was not met. He said they would like the Board to allow them to move forward and that the Board would know if conditions were not met should a conditional approval be given. Roy Merrill said that there is no disparity in the regulations. He said the applicant does not have Zoning approval. Mr. Merrill said until the court overturns that, it does not matter as there is a decision and there is no special exception so it is a moot point. Mr. Merrill said he thinks it would be foolish if the Planning Board considered this. Mr. Giuda said the Board can allow this with outstanding things from other boards. He said there is no decision in place when a case is appealed to Superior Court. Mr. Merrill said the ZBA made a decision and the ordinance says that nothing can be done unless the Board has that approval. Ned Lizotte said because there is no approval, he feels this is putting the cart before the horse and this would be a mixed message. He said one should be resolved before anything further is done and that would just be for clarity purposes.

Mr. Giuda said he would disagree with that and he said that is the difference between Zoning and Planning. He said that the regulations allow it and the Supreme Court recommends it so that there is not a waste of resources, otherwise this stops, the applicant would have to reapply, re-notify abutters, and start all over with the Planning Board. Tom Dow said that they might have to anyway because this has been pushed out so long, at least re-notify the abutters. Several members stated that this could continue as long as they want because the application has not yet been accepted as complete, therefore the time period for a decision has not begun. Dustin Bowles said that he does not feel that the Board can accept the application as complete and give a conditional approval but if they wanted to allow discussion and the process to continue he would be in agreement with that. Tom Dow said that he would agree.

Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to next month; seconded by Steve Jackson in reference to Article 11.1 (g) of the Land Development Regulations and not having approval for the special exception, therefore not having a complete application. Mr. Prescott agreed to amend the motion to include that reference. Henry Huntington said he understands why the motion to continue and he supports that. He said that the applicants are present and asked if the Board owes them the courtesy to show the Board what is new on the plans. He said there have been many other cases where the Board has allowed the applicant to come in and discuss the plan before it is accepted as complete. He said he does not want to hear the whole thing, only what is new. Dustin Bowles said he would agree but his point was not to accept the application as complete. Stan Prescott said he had no problem with that and also does not want to hear the whole thing but only what is new. He amended the motion to read as follows: motion to continue this application to next month based on Article 11.1 (g) of the Land Development Regulations and not having approval for the special exception, therefore not having a complete application, and to hear only new information; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Chairman Dow reminded Mr. Giuda that the Board will allow discussion and only wants new information that has not been heard in prior meetings. Mr. Giuda said they would like detailed feedback. Roy Merrill said that the Board is going down a slippery slope because abutters were notified and this is not discussion. Henry Huntington said the Board does this all of the time. Tom Dow said this is a public hearing, not just discussion, with new information.

Jenn McCourt of McCourt Engineering noted that there is a recently approved site plan for this parcel. She said she has turned the building almost 90° so that the traffic will come down

into the area to the new driveway location, changed the configuration of the tanks, included a berm for containment, enlarged the compost area by 10' for DES (now 60' x 100'), added a small building on the side of the main building, and added a dumpster location. She said she has heard several comments about traffic during this hearing so she would like to have any input on traffic that the Board may have to offer. Stan Prescott said they would be looking at the entrance coming in off Route 106 up to the project. Mrs. McCourt said it is a Class V road maintained by the Town of Loudon. Mr. Prescott said that it needs to be looked at for pavement condition and width. He said it is not wide enough. Mr. Giuda asked if Mr. Prescott meant with relation to the traffic to just this site. Mr. Prescott said for the whole site. Mrs. McCourt said there is a significant amount of traffic to the dump. Mr. Prescott said he feels that the road is quite adequate for the dump but he is not sure about for trucks. Mrs. McCourt said that it would be the same trucks that are currently going into the lagoon at the dump. Dustin Bowles said this will be adding trucks and impact to the road. Steve Jackson said the Board needs some idea of how they will mitigate that impact. Brandon Giuda said it might not necessarily be to mitigate but show if there will be an adverse impact.

Jenn McCourt talked about changes to the site itself. She said it will remain in the hole as originally proposed. Steve Jackson read about the road to the site from past minutes and asked if it will be improved to town standards. Mrs. McCourt said it will be a gravel driveway. She noted that there are gravel trucks in and out of the site now and that the SDS load would be less than the current load once the gravel removal is complete. Tom Dow confirmed that changes were that the building was turned and there is a slight roadway change. Mrs. McCourt said it is showed as going down the hill further and coming back in to this area. She said it is a little less than 6% slope. Mr. Dow said there are two changes. Mrs. McCourt noted that there is also the 10' enlargement of the compost area.

Stan Prescott asked to review the above-ground tanks. Mrs. McCourt said there will be three 20,000-gallon tanks instead of two 30,000-gallon tanks. Mr. Prescott asked about the filtrate underground tanks. Mrs. McCourt said they have gone to concrete tanks of the same size as on the original plans. Bill Gosse said that there will be four 10,000 tanks. He explained that there will be two sets of two 10,000 gallon connected tanks. Darlene Johnson stated that the gallons are the same and it is just a different configuration. Mr. Prescott asked if the dewaterer is a tank. Mr. Gosse said it is a piece of equipment, not a tank. Mr. Prescott asked about the size of the underground septage tank. Mr. Gosse said it would be a 1500-gallon tank for grit removal. Mr. Prescott asked about the tanks toward the right side of the building. Mr. Gosse said those would be pump stations and are not intended to be holding tanks but pass-through tanks. He said that the septage underground tank that is shown is a runoff tank for the dewaterer. Mr. Prescott said all of the tanks should be labeled for size. Mr. Gosse said that they are still working with DES and that they will do that once sizes are definite. Mr. Gosse asked if the Board wants them marked as pump stations. Mr. Prescott said they should be as clear as they can be with labeling.

Tom Dow asked if the typical pavement detail is describing what is going under the compost area. Mrs. McCourt said it is for the compost area, the loading area, and the parking area.

Mr. Giuda said a change that may not be noted is that the tanks are vented with charcoal filters. Tom Dow said that was noted at the state hearing. He asked if the one-foot berm was for containment. Mrs. McCourt said that was correct and that it was there in case anything happened to those tanks and it is what the state requested. Dustin Bowles asked if it takes into account the maximum gallons that would need to be contained. Mr. Gosse said it was designed for one tank. Mr. Bowles asked if those tanks are con-

nected. Mrs. McCourt said that they are not. Mr. Dow said it should be noted as a containment berm. Dustin Bowles asked for a typical as to the construction of the berm. Mrs. McCourt said it was earthen. Mr. Gosse said that the material would be clay. Mr. Bowles said a cross section would be good and the more information, the better. Stan Prescott asked if some tanks would be connected. Jenn McCourt pointed out the piping and flow of the process. Mr. Gosse showed the ones that will be valved. It was asked if they would be check valves. Mr. Gosse said that they would basically be ball valves. He said they will have technical plans once they get a little further into the process and the plumbing aspect. Stan Prescott asked if the tanks are connected at this point. Mr. Gosse said they are connected in that it can travel through a main line and feed into individual tanks. Tom Dow noted that there are no details about the containment berm around the compost area. Mrs. McCourt said that would generally be a separate submission as building plans. Mr. Dow said he would like to see that on these plans. He said it should be noted as to what is around the compost area and what makes it up. Steve Jackson said it would be nice to see what the tanks look like. Mr. Gosse said they would provide tank spec sheets.

Henry Huntington said he feels that one of the bigger issues is the road. Stan Prescott said the sight distance is a concern. Mr. Giuda asked to clarify to which road they were referring. Mr. Huntington said he was talking about Dump Road. Discussion ensued about the road, the flare of the site entrance, the paved apron, and condition of the road. Mr. Prescott said that on two recent trips to the dump he has seen two potential problems with the traffic in and out of the site. He stated that one time was when a truck was going in and another was coming out, creating a near miss, and the other time was when the driver never looked as they came out of the site. Mr. Giuda said that answered what they need to be looking at.

**Application #07-04, Debra Rattee — Major Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 7.** Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant's representative to table until the October meeting because they are still waiting for state wetlands approval. Tracy Sweeney of Richard Bartlett & Associates said that the application is with the state and that they hope to have the permit for next month's meeting. *Tom Moore made a motion to continue this application to October 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.* This will be the only notification.

**Application #07-10, Peter & Gary, LLC — Minor Subdivision, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 38, Lot 8.** Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant's representative to table until the October meeting because they are still waiting for state subdivision approval. *Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to October 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at*

*the Community Building; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.* This will be the only notification.

**New Business:**

**Application #07-12, Debra Rattee — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on School Street, in the RR District. Map 46, Lot 39 and Map 47, Lot 44.** Don Boyer was present as an abutter. Tracy Sweeney of Richard Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. He explained that this application is for a lot line adjustment that would be increasing Map 46, Lot 39 by 7.61 acres to a total of 9.90 acres. Tom Dow said that there was a prior lot line adjustment done on this parcel. Mr. Sweeney showed the last move and explained that this adjustment is putting the barn back with the house. He pointed out that the new lot line is near the power line easement. Tom Dow asked if they are widening the right-of-way known as Rainbow Drive. Mr. Sweeney said that was correct. He said that they are increasing the School Street end of the right-of-way by 61.2 feet to a width of 105.94 feet. Mr. Dow asked what the width of the right-of-way would be at the bottom. Mr. Sweeney said it would be approximately 80 feet. Stan Prescott said that in actuality, the new lines are shown as dotted and they should be solid and the old vacated lines should be shown as dotted. Mr. Sweeney pointed out the note of the vacated lines and said that looking at 11" x 17" plans adds difficulty. Board members reviewed the plans and changes. Stan Prescott asked that the plans show the boundary of the southerly lot line of 47/44 and 38/77 as it projects south from School Street.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Mr. Dow said that Mr. Bowles had made a good point during the discussion in that should this piece get subdivided again, they might be looking at some upgrading. Dustin Bowles said if this new lot was sold, it could not be subdivided without upgrading Rainbow Drive. Mr. Sweeney said that his client well understands the status of Rainbow Drive. Mr. Bowles stated that the frontage of the lot being created with this plan is on School Street. Stan Prescott said that one of the barns has been taken down.

Clarifications requested by the Board are: 1) show lot line as it heads southerly off School Street at the east end of the parcel; 2) show property corner where it comes into Lot 46-30 at the northeast corner; 3) on the east end, some kind of monumentation at 112.32 ft and something that defines 463.08; and 4) set corner on the easterly end, northwest corner.

Chairman Dow asked if the Board wants to see the applicant next month with the changes. Stan Prescott said he would like to see them done. He said a lot line adjustment can be done in one meeting. Henry Huntington asked to confirm what sort of changes the Board is asking for. Mr. Prescott said the changes are for monumentation and lines to show where the lots go. Tom Moore

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said that Tom Dow would be signing the plan and if Mr. Dow is all right with the changes then there is no need for the applicant to come back. Tom Dow said they are not making any alterations. Mr. Prescott said the plan should show Ms. Rattee's lot that is located at the bottom right of the plan and its lot number.

Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor. Chairman Dow said he is willing to be sure that all changes are made as requested. Tom Moore made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment with the identifying corrections made before the signing of the plan; seconded by Henry Huntington. Dustin Bowles noted that clarification is all that is being done, not changes. All were in favor. PASSED

**Application #07-13, Wayne Thistle — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Thistle Hill Road, in the RR District. Map 12, Lots 59, 41, and 41-1.** Web Stout of FWS Land Surveying represented the applicant. Mr. Stout explained the proposed lot line adjustment. He said that this would make Lot 41-1 so that the applicant could put a duplex on it if that is what he decided to do. Mr. Stout stated that the lot meets the 250' of frontage and three acre requirements and the 180' x 240' box on each of the three lots.

Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public

hearing; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor. Steve Jackson asked about the buildable area of the new lot. Mr. Stout said it will increase by approximately 15,000 SF to 1.9 acres. It was verified that the frontage and lot size is different for a two-family dwelling but the buildable area is the same as a single family dwelling.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment as presented; seconded by Dustin Bowles. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. PASSED

**Application #07-14, New England Flower Farms/Pleasant View Gardens — Amended Site Plan, Located on Pleasant Street, in the RR District. Map 6, Lot 3.** Henry Huntington recused himself from this application. Jeff Green of JLG Enterprises represented the applicant. There were no abutters present.

Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept this application as complete and move to public hearing; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor. Mr. Green stated that they had been in for discussion last month and he recapped the two changes that are being proposed to another site plan that was done over the last couple of years. He showed the existing conditions plan that covers the area being discussed. Mr. Green explained the existing building, pad, and loading dock. He showed an overview for the same site and explained that there would be a 16,860 SF production building in place of the existing building. Mr. Green stated that buildings are allowed to be 10% of the total acreage of 98 acres and impermeable is allowed to be 20%. He said the existing building is 7.5% coverage and paving is 1.4% for a total of just under 9%, which is well under the 20% allowed. Mr. Green said that the building will be 7.75% and the pavement will be 1.3% of the entire lot, for a total 9.05% after the changes, noting that this is a very minimal change. He said they are only covering areas that are already covered on the site. Mr. Green said that the only change in grade would be inside the building. He said that the outside grades are pretty much going to stay as they are.

Mr. Green said that the only lighting being added is at the entrance doors. He showed the grading plan and explained that the paved area and gravel are still in the same area and that the dock is being moved to the end of the building. Mr. Green said that the grading stayed as it was and that the drainage is not changing. Steve Jackson asked if there were any additional parking spaces or roadway changes. Mr. Green said that the size of the building is a very slight change, explaining that it will be longer but not wider, and the road will not change. He explained that the former ramp will be part of the loading dock and said that the production building will not increase traffic and may even lessen it.

Mr. Green explained the proposed connector building between two existing greenhouses. He said it fits the grading that is already there, noting that there is an 11' difference in elevation from

one building to the other. He said they have kept the paved areas and that there will be overhead doors to allow traffic through the connector. Mr. Green said they are not proposing any changes to grades outside of the building and that the grade will be carried into the building. He said they are not changing any pavement or drainage.

Stan Prescott asked that the culvert elevations and sizes be labeled. Steve Jackson stated that the roof of the new building will be quite a watershed. Mr. Green said that 50% is already building and the rest is impermeable, noting that everything coming that way will be handled as it is now. He said it would be the same amount of water. Stan Prescott said it could go off at a different rate. He said this is a 98-acre lot and asked what portion of the lot is in current use. Jeff Green said 56 acres are in current use. Mr. Prescott asked what that does to the figures when doing the calculations on areas. Mr. Green said he did not figure it that way because the last two site plans were not figured that way. He said they were figured off the 98 acres with the current use shown. Mr. Prescott said that they realistically should be because that cannot be built on unless you pay a penalty. Mr. Green said they cannot build on it but the regulations say 10% of the entire lot.

Steve Jackson said that this is a good use of the existing space. Stan Prescott said that he would agree. Tom Dow referred to the loading dock and asked if the intent is to back trucks into the gravel area. Mr. Green said that was correct. Mr. Dow asked if they thought they would be paving it. Henry Huntington said there is no plan to pave the loading dock area and that the others are not paved. Mr. Dow stated that there are no real changes with regard to hours, employees, traffic, or lighting. Stan Prescott asked Mr. Green to explain what is meant by a wall-pack. Mr. Green said that it is a light that flows down rather than out. Dustin Bowles said that a lighting detail sheet should be done. Mr. Dow agreed to do one. Tom Dow asked if the building would look like the newer green building. Henry Huntington said it would be country wheat in color, which is the same as the main building now.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Steve Jackson asked how many employees there are at the peak season. Mr. Huntington said that there would be approximately 175 employees at that site, many of whom arrive by multi-passenger vans. The chairman noted that the Board is asking for culvert sizes and lighting detail. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the application with culvert sizes and lighting detail added; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. PASSED

Henry Huntington rejoined the Board.

**Board Discussion:**

Donna reported that Tony Puntin has requested a pre-construction meeting for Loudon Woods Estates, as well as any future subdivisions. The purpose of the meeting is to get everyone on the same page as to the procedures to be followed, escrow and bond procedures, inspections, and other related matters. Donna was asked to get date information from Mr. Puntin and notify the Board of the meeting.

**Report of the ZBA:**

Donna reported that there is one application before the ZBA this month, a special exception for a reduced setback for a garage on Lower Ridge Road. There is also a request for an extension of a building permit on Thistle Hill Road, a request for discussion on putting a home occupation on Map 38, Lot 8, and a request for discussion on allowing a two family home in Lazy Pines. The ZBA will present their draft Rules of Procedure for review.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

Tom Dow reported that as a result of recent litigation, town counsel has arranged a joint meeting of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Board of Selectmen to discuss what the boards need to do to address the growth management ordinance. The meeting is set for Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Dow said that there was discussion about consumer fireworks and one hawker & peddler permit. He said that the flood study that was recently submitted by MDP Realty was also discussed. Memos about the flood study were handed out to each Board member and Mr. Dow gave a brief overview of the study. Donna reported on the meeting that she and Dustin Bowles attended at Louis Berger Group on September 11th and subsequent communications with NH Office of Energy and Planning and FEMA through Hancock Associates who performed the study. The flood study was submitted to satisfy Zoning Ordinance S 507, Item VII, #1. A letter will be drafted to MDP Realty acknowledging receipt of the study and the fulfillment of the Zoning Ordinance requirement.

**Work Session**

A work session to review the proposed changes/update of the Land Development Regulations is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m. was made by Henry Huntington; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White

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## Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — Sept. 27, 2007

### REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of September 27, 2007 to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Loudon Community Building.

### ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Howard Pearl, Roy Merrill, Chairman Dave Powelson, George Saunderson, and Alternate Jonathan Huntington.

Jonathan Huntington was appointed to sit on the Board in the absence of member Ned Lizotte.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

*Jonathan Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2007 regular hearing; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

*Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2007 site walk; seconded by Dave Powelson. All were in favor.*

### DISCUSSION:

**Dan & Paulette Rouse — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. and Mrs. Rouse submitted a letter to the Board to outline the reasons for their request. They stated that they have not been able to sell their current house due to the slow real estate market and that it would cost \$40,000 to do a foundation and site work on the new lot. George Saunderson asked how long of an extension they are requesting. Mrs. Rouse said that they would like an extension of one year because six months would bring them into winter when homes do not sell well. She said they would ask for a year, rather than six months and possibly having to come back. Jon Huntington said that the matter of the Cross Brook Bridge being out and affecting the sale of their current home makes the request more favorable as far as he was concerned. Mrs. Rouse said that the bridge went out on Mother's Day, 2006 and that their realtor said not to market the house while that was out and they were using the alternate road to access their property. Roy Merrill said that he did not see any reason not to extend the permit.

*Howard Pearl made a motion to extend building permit #07-002, Map 12, Lot 54, 39 Thistle Hill Road, for twelve months; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

**Tony Merullo — Home Occupation.** Mr. Merullo stated that he was speaking on behalf of Karen and Lester Maloon who are interested in a piece of property currently owned by Peter & Gary, LLC that is before the Planning Board for a minor subdivision. Mr. Merullo said that he has a purchase and sale agreement on the parcel and he hopes to build a home there for the Maloons. Mr. Merullo said that the Maloons operate an over-the-road trucking business and would like to have a 40' x 60' garage at the residential property for their business. He explained that the garage would be for maintenance and that there would be a parking area for the tractors. Mr. Merullo stated that the trucks leave on Monday and return on Friday. He said there are currently two trucks and two employees and that Mr. Maloon is in the process of obtaining a third truck for himself.

Dave Powelson said that he assumed that Mr. Merullo had been through the requirements of minor and major home occupations. It was noted that they are limited to three non-family employees.

Mr. Merullo pointed out that the Maloons currently live on Creek Water Lane and that they have tried to find another area to move the business as it grows. He said that should the business grow beyond this lot, they would move to a different location in the commercial zone. Mr. Merullo said that the plan is to do that, with this being a stepping-stone. He said that the house and garage would be designed for future personal use. Dave Powelson said that they would have to apply for a Special Exception and demonstrate that they could meet those requirements. He asked if there would be trailers onsite. Mr. Maloon said that there would be 48' trailers onsite. Mr. Merullo explained that there would be a 100' area with 30' to the left and 30' to the right of the 40' garage. He said there would be a 100' x 100' footprint for the area that would include where they would store up to four tractor-trailers. Mr. Merullo pointed out that the trailers are currently left in Concord. He said that they would only be brought home for the weekends and he pointed out that the trucks are not coming and going on a daily basis. He said that are not loading or unloading anything, just parking on weekends.

Roy Merrill stated that he has been working in the area of Creek Water Lane and other than the trucks being parked there, you would never know the business is there. Dave Powelson asked if all of the trucks would be parked inside. Mr. Maloon said they would not be parked inside. He said that the garage would be small enough to use as a residential garage in the future. Tony Merullo said that he fully expects to be developing the entire parcel in time, noting that he has a purchase and sale agreement on it. He said that it is not conducive to his operation to have a huge, unsightly building on the abutting property. He stated that he has been working by the Maloons house for three years and has seen their business grow from one truck to two trucks. He said the Maloons want to stay in town and this would be a good stepping-stone for them, adding that the Maloons run state-of-the-art trucks.

Dave Powelson read the points of S 502.5 of the Zoning Ordinance. Howard Pearl asked what the purpose of the garage would be if not storing trucks in it. Mr. Maloon explained that the garage would be used for maintenance and minor repairs of his trucks during inclement weather. Roy Merrill asked how this business is different from that of Mike Labonte and other contractors. Jon Huntington asked why the Board had turned down the same type of business on Lovejoy Road. It was explained that that was also the Maloons and they had withdrawn the application, not been denied. Mr. Merullo said that was due to an abutter concern and that the Maloons wanted to be friendly and good neighbors so they withdrew the application and the purchase of that property. Referring to S 502.2, he said that this would be like other contractors in the area, noting that this is one half mile from Milligan and

less than a mile from Labonte. Mr. Merullo said the garage and parking area would be at the back corner of the property.

Dave Powelson asked what is currently on the lot. Mr. Merullo said it is vacant, explaining that there is an old landing area for logging. He pointed out that this parcel is about where the power line crosses School Street. Mr. Merullo said there is a subdivision application by the current owners before the Planning Board for the 80+ acres with two acres being subdivided. He said that he would probably ask for a lot line adjustment to increase the lot to three or four acres to create buffers from eventual neighbors once he owns the parcel.

George Saunderson asked if it would be closer to three or four. Mr. Merullo said three and a half. Mr. Saunderson asked about the building size. Mr. Merullo said it would be 40' x 60' maximum and that the building and parking area would be 100' x 100'. Jon Huntington asked about storage of fuel. Mr. Maloon said there would be no fuel onsite, explaining that the trucks would not be working near the home base so there is no need for onsite fuel. Dave Powelson asked if these would be box trailers. Mr. Maloon said they are flat bed with canvas sides.

Jon Huntington asked what was planned for landscaping, noting that it is only raw land right now. Mr. Merullo said they would build the house with a driveway and landscaping. He said that the Board could see the Maloons current house and know that it is not their style to have an unkempt lawn and property. Mr. Maloon said that they care about their property and take measures to keep it nice. Mr. Merullo referred back to the discussion about the use of the garage. He said that it would be used for some light maintenance, probably including oil changes. He said that storage of oil will not be a concern because Mr. Maloon would use the waste oil in a waste oil furnace. Howard Pearl asked about yearly mileage. Mr. Maloon said the company does 350,000 to 400,000 miles per year. There was discussion about oil changes, usage, and heat.

Tony Merullo said that some might have concerns of noise from the trucks. He stated that these are new trucks that have APUs (auxiliary power unit) which are small generators that run and warm the engine and fuel rather than having the diesel engine idling for long periods of time. Dave Powelson said this sounds like it might be a potentially offensive business but Mr. Merullo has described it well. He said the Board would have to see how the application comes in. Jon Huntington said he does not feel that it fits the requirements of home occupations with a trucking company in a residential area and that he feels that it belongs on Route 106. Mr. Merullo suggested that the Board might see the trucks and feel differently. He said that he feels this business meets the criteria, particularly where they are addressing the matters of noise and pollution. Mr. Maloon explained that because of new emission laws it is purely vapor that is emitted from the trucks, not smoke. Dave Powelson said he thinks this business could be a bit of a stretch but they could bring in an application.

Mr. Merullo said that the lot being discussed has a 2007 building permit and he is looking for ZBA input regarding extending the permit forward. He said it will take a little time for the project to get going. Mr. Merullo said he would like to get a feeling as to how the Board is proceeding with building permit extensions. Dave Powelson said he does not think that the Board has extended any permits for commercial developers, only individual residents and have not extended for more than a year. He said he is not sure what the total limits might be or how far they would stretch them. Mr. Merullo said that one year is certainly useful. He said that he has seen it happen for residents, one earlier in this meeting, and has seen it happen in the past. Mr. Powelson asked if he has had a bridge wash out on his road. Mr. Merullo pointed out that that was a year and a half ago. Mr. Powelson said that was correct but it tied them up a whole summer. Mr. Merullo asked if the bridge had been put back in place last fall. Mr. Powelson said that was correct and that they had missed one summer and now the market seems to be tighter. Mr. Merullo said he would agree and that would be one of the reasons that he is concerned about extensions. He said that it would appear that the board still has not looked favorably at extending building permits for developers. Mr. Powelson said he did not think that they have but he could apply for an extension. Roy Merrill said that he thinks they have done it in the past, maybe not in the last year. Tony Merullo said he has a couple of houses that are not selling and that he had anticipated selling those to build others. Mr. Powelson said that he understands that that puts Mr. Merullo in an awkward spot. Mr. Merullo said that he would be facing losing the building permits. He said that in reading and understanding the Growth Management Ordinance, he knows that the town has spoken and limited the permits to approximately 30 per year. He said if he loses his two, then the town would only get 28 new homes, which is not the spirit of the ordinance. George Saunderson said he thinks that is right but in a hypothetical situation, if none were built for three years and then ninety were built in one year that would not be in the spirit either. Mr. Saunderson asked that Mr. Merullo give the town time and they might be able to work it out for everyone.

Mr. Merullo asked if the best way to proceed would be to submit an application for a home occupation and if that was the best way to term this business. He said the Maloons would have an office in the home, no vehicles coming in and out, and no deliveries to the property. Dave Powelson said that there is no concern about an office in the house that would be a minor home occupation or an almost expected home residential use. Roy Merrill said that they allow that for everyone even without a minor home occupation. Howard Pearl noted that they would not have to have anything if there were no trucks. George Saunderson asked if Mr. Merullo would have the lot line adjustment by the time that he submitted the pro-

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posal. Mr. Merullo said he probably would not. He explained that the subdivision is to come before to the Planning Board next month. He said that once that is done, they can go with the ZBA request and work on the lot line adjustment the following month. Mr. Merullo said it would probably be a three meeting process, one planning, one zoning, and back to planning. He said if the ZBA would conditionally approve on the lot line adjustment to enlarge the lot then that would work. Mr. Saunderson confirmed that Mr. Merullo would be all right if it was conditional on the lot line adjustment. Mr. Merullo said absolutely. He said that a lot line adjustment takes a little time because of wetlands, surveying, and topography as well as looking at the feasibility of expanding the lot. Roy Merrill pointed out that if the home occupation did not go through with the ZBA, he would not need the lot line adjustment. Mr. Merullo agreed.

Dave Powelson mentioned that four large trucks seemed like a stretch. Howard Pearl said that he has a tough time separating this from local contractors bringing home trucks with excavators and other equipment. Roy Merrill pointed out that there is one on Currier Road that brings home a tractor-trailer every night. He said that is part of Loudon and that not everyone can have an office job and that is why contractors are listed under the section. Tony Merullo stated that “contractor” can mean an excavating contractor but there are other types of contractors. Dave Powelson pointed out that it does say local contractor and he is not sure this would qualify. Mr. Merullo pointed out that it says “local” but the ordinance reads that permitted uses “include but are not limited to.” Dave Powelson said he thought that the Board had approved Mike Labonte but he was not sure about Milligan, which was sort of a different issue. Roy Merrill said that some local contractors are in and out every day and this is out on Monday and in on Friday, which is better than ten trips a day with equipment and trucks. Dave Powelson said that Mr. Merrill might be right and they would have to see what happens at the hearing.

**Ray Cowan — Lazy Pines.** Mr. Cowan explained that the mobile home park was started forty years ago and has fifty-seven lots that were approved in stages. He said there is a two-story house in the middle on Lot 33 that was built by his folks in 1972 who lived there for ten years. Mr. Cowan said that his son currently lives in the house. He said it is a three bedroom split-level and has individual accesses to the garage and from outside. Mr. Cowan said he that he began to look at putting an apartment in the lower half. He explained that he talked to Bob Fiske about a permit and was told that he could not do it without three acres and 250' of frontage. Mr. Cowan said that Lot 33 has more than 250' of frontage on their road and that the lot is one and a half acres.

Mr. Cowan handed out copies of the park layout to Board members. He explained that the

crosshatched areas are open space that is owned and maintained by the park. He said if he added all of those, he would have almost three and a half acres so he went back to Mr. Fiske with that proposal. He stated that Mr. Fiske talked with the Board of Permit and it was decided that he still did not meet the criteria. Mr. Cowan said he then realized that two of the originally approved lots are no longer being used. He explained that Lot 5 was taken out of use when developing the back section. He said that for many years they had the laundry there, noting that the concrete pad was there up until two years ago. He said the lot was never officially abandoned as far as the town was concerned. Mr. Cowan said that Lot 22 is also vacant. He explained that when they did the leach bed for the final twenty-two lots, it was not advantageous to use Lot 22 as a lot and it remains abandoned. Dave Powelson asked if Lot 22 is unusable. Mr. Cowan said there is no sewer to it at this point.

Mr. Cowan pointed out that the rectangular area to the right of Lots 34-37 and at the upper part of Lots 23 and 22 is not part of the original purchase. He said he now owns it and he could expand into that with two lots and meet all current criteria to do that. Dave Powelson asked about the size of that parcel. Mr. Cowan said it is four and a half acres. He said he is now proposing something different. He said that he went to Bob Fiske about possibly giving up Lots 5 and 22 for the basement apartment. He stated that Mr. Fiske wanted to check with the Planning Board for what was recorded in the plans and apparently, the records are sparse. Mr. Cowan said that there is one plan that shows the lower lots, Lots 1-32, and another that shows Lots 34-57.

Roy Merrill asked how long Lot 22 has been vacant. Mr. Cowan said it has been since the late 70s or early 80s. Mr. Merrill said that it does not exist by today's regulations if it has been vacant for more than eighteen months. Ray Cowan asked if they were saying that they could take away his lot. Dave Powelson explained that the town can take away non-conforming uses if abandoned. He said they would have to ponder whether Lots 22 or 5 were conforming uses. Mr. Merrill referred to Section 602.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. Dave Powelson said that there are also rules of manufactured housing parks and developments. He said he is not sure how close this one may be to meeting the current rules. Roy Merrill said that the four acres may be a possibility but the smaller pieces that do not have trailers cannot have trailers put on them now.

Ray Cowan said he had taken another avenue with a letter to the Planning Board because that is where Bob Fiske said to go next. He explained that he then got a call from the Planning Board chairman who recommended that he go to the ZBA because this was more of a zoning issue. Dave Powelson asked about the size of the lots. Mr. Cowan said that Lot 5 is not usable because it is not big enough and that was the reason that they did not use it. He said the original area required in 1967 was 5000 SF and that lot was

probably 6000 SF. He said that Lot 22 is probably 8500 SF, which was current at the time of that phase. Mr. Cowan said that Lot 5 is not buildable. He stated that he was granted fifty-seven lots and thought that is what he still had. Roy Merrill said he would agree if Mr. Cowan had kept using those lots. Mr. Cowan said he does not see the issue of an apartment since he meets the criteria other than the lot size. He said in order to pursue this it would appear that he would have to come for a variance. He said that in his mind Lazy Pines is a residential community whether they live in an 8' x 50', a 24' x 50', or an apartment, it is still a residential community. Mr. Cowan said that he was willing to give up those two lots so that he could have the apartment.

Dave Powelson said that he was not sure that this could fit into a special exception. Roy Merrill said it would be an area variance. Mr. Powelson asked if Mr. Merrill thought it would be an area variance for a two family on three acres. Mr. Cowan said that the three acres is set for density. He said that the density for Lazy Pines would be down one from what was permitted if he was granted the variance. Mr. Powelson asked how many acres Mr. Cowan has in total. Mr. Cowan said there are twenty-five acres in what is seen on the plan and there are four and a half in the separate parcel. George Saunderson asked about the size of the house lot. Mr. Cowan said that the house lot is one and a half acres. Dave Powelson said that he thinks that the house itself is non-conforming. Roy Merrill said that the house is part of the park. Ray Cowan said it is all one. He said that the lot that the house is on was Lot 33 and then in the 80s he presented the plan for the rest of the lots. Mr. Powelson said that the current regulations would require all manufactured homes. Mr. Cowan said the house is a modular. Howard Pearl read the definition of manufactured housing.

Dave Powelson said that they have a proposal where Mr. Cowan would like to have an apartment and that he is not sure that he sees where the Board could fit it into the regulations, or anyway that they could do it short of a variance. He said that variances are possible but are sort of hard to come by. Roy Merrill asked if it would require two variances where Mr. Powelson is saying that it is not conforming with a trailer park. Mr. Powelson said that it would not conform to the regulations for a manufactured housing park and it would not conform to the regulations for multiple family dwellings. He said he would have to check that and see what is required for multi family. Howard Pearl said this is a unique situation where they have allowed an adjusted amount of housing in a small area. George Saunderson asked if would make anything worse. There was discussion of park location and density. Mr. Powelson said that it is Mr. Cowan's right to apply for a variance but he is not sure that they are looking at it particularly favorably at this point. Mr. Cowan said that he could expand onto the four and a half acres as a fallback. There was discussion of the two parcels, deeds, current regula-

tions, what Mr. Cowan has in mind for the additional parcel, and access to that parcel. Mr. Cowan stated that what bothers him is that all zoning is for the protection of heirs and the rights of others and that he cannot see any reason why an apartment in that house and giving up two lots is going to affect anything but make it better for the Town of Loudon. He said that he is frustrated by the fact that he has a dwelling that meets the setback requirements and is structurally set up to do what he wants but he cannot legally do it.

Dave Powelson said that another option would be that Mr. Cowan could change the ordinance by petition to allow two-family dwellings in houses in manufactured housing parks. Roy Merrill noted that a lot of people have two acres and would like to put an apartment in their house but they cannot. Mr. Cowan said that he doubts that anyone has the same situation as him. Mr. Powelson said he does not see any simple way to help other than a variance or change in ordinance. Mr. Cowan said that variances are allowed. Mr. Powelson said that it would be something that Mr. Cowan could try for and that he would have to demonstrate the fairly stringent criteria. Mr. Cowan said that the issue appears to be to present an application for a variance, asking if it would be two variances. Dave Powelson said that manufactured housing parks only allow manufactured housing and there is the lot size and other requirements for a multi-family dwelling. Mr. Cowan confirmed that the Board is saying that this situation would be pre-existing and non-conforming.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Case #07-16, Pete & Heidi Hanson —** Chairman Powelson stated that this public hearing has been rescheduled to the October 25, 2007 meeting due to an inadvertent error in abutter notification.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE:**

The draft Rules of Procedure were presented to the public for review and comment. There were no questions from the Board or public. *Howard Pearl made a motion to approve the Rules of Procedure as presented; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor. Chairman Powelson reminded members that the amended rules change the meeting time to 7:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

George Saunderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
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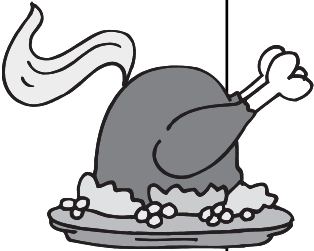
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<b>11</b> VETERANS DAY  	<b>12</b> SCHOOL CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	<b>13</b> 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA Coaches Mtg., Clinic & Equip. Handout @ MVMS gym	<b>14</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Vols. @ LES LYAA/ICB 7th & 8th Grade Basketball Tryouts. See page 14 for more information. 7th Grade Field Trip to Salmon Hatchery	<b>15</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>16</b> LEDGER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE	<b>17</b> 9–12•Girl Scout Bake Sale @ Library Pickup day for Scouting for Food LYAA/ICB Second Annual Tip-Off Classic Dance 6pm•Potluck @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church 7pm•Diane Muiсе Concert @ Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church
<b>18</b> 2–4pm•Open House at MVMS and MVHS	<b>19</b> 6:30pm • Communications Council Meeting @ Com. Bldg.	<b>20</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>21</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•MVMS PTO @ MVMS Library 7pm•American Legion & Auxilliary Meeting	<b>22</b> THANKSGIVING  	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9–12am•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg. 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 2–7pm•Blood Drive @ Safety Building 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•LYAA @ Library	<b>28</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Recreation Com. @ Library	<b>29</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library	<b>30</b> LES PTA Movie Night	

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